

Ivory Coast

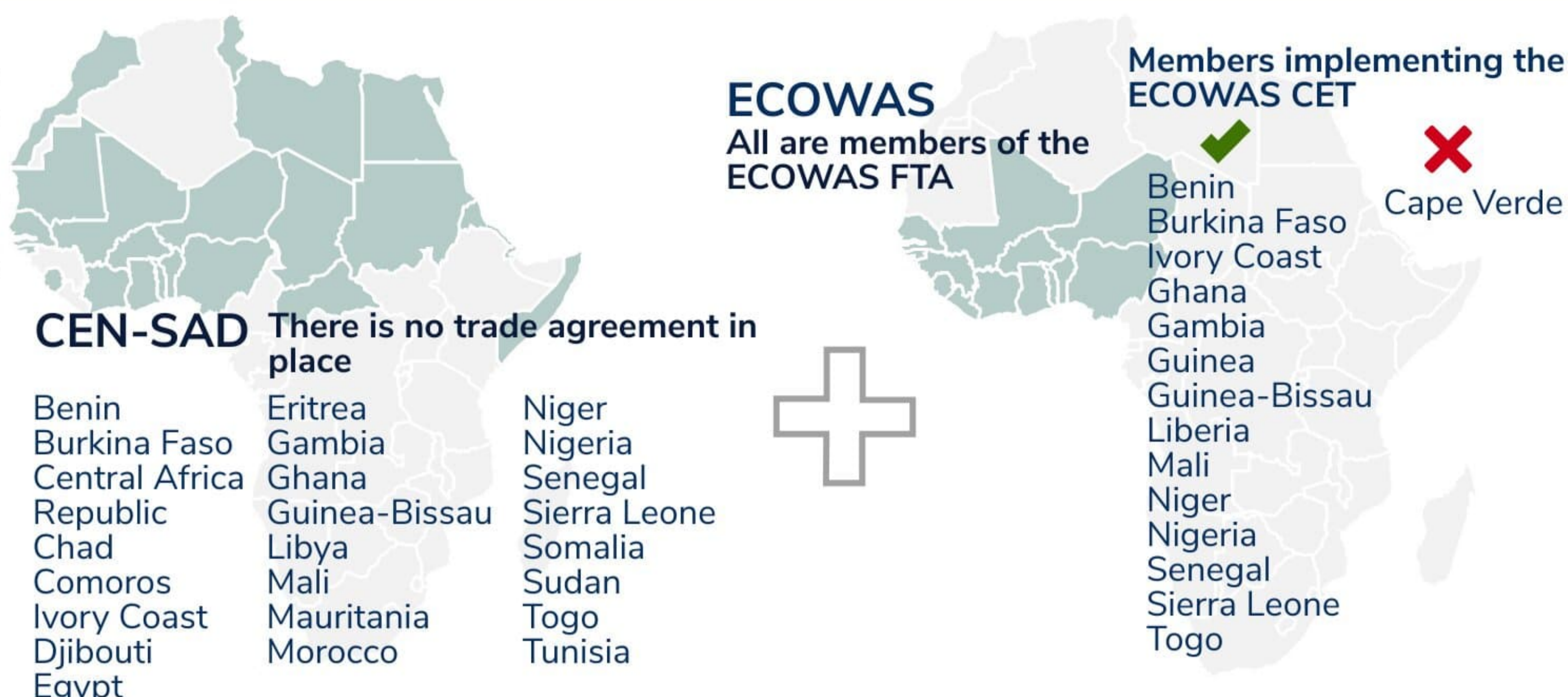
intra-Africa trade & tariff profile 2019



1. Introduction

Ivory Coast is part of two Regional Economic Communities (RECs) - the Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) and the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD).

- ECOWAS has 15 member states. All member states are part of the ECOWAS Free Trade Area (FTA), 14 of which are in the process of implementing the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET). Qualifying imports from approved ECOWAS producers are imported into Benin duty-free, and Benin does apply the ECOWAS CET on imports from outside the REC.
- CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states aspiring to establish an Economic Union which includes the free movement of goods, services and commodities. There is currently no free trade agreement in place.



2. Intra-Africa trade

For 2019, 23% of Ivory Coast's world exports & 23% of world imports were to and from the rest of Africa. Intra-Africa exports amounted to US\$2.9 billion (1% increase compared to 2018) & intra-Africa imports to US\$2.4 billion (4% less than in 2018).

53% of total intra-Africa trade are with fellow ECOWAS countries Nigeria, Burkina Faso & Mali. Apart from South Africa, Morocco & Mauritania, Ivory Coast mainly trades with other members of ECOWAS. The main export products include petroleum oils, unwrought gold, palm oil, beauty products & electrical energy.

58% of intra-Africa imports are sourced from Nigeria, mainly crude petroleum oils. Other imports products include fish, cement, fertilisers, goods vehicles, petroleum gas, medicines & cigarettes sourced from Morocco, Senegal & Mauritania.

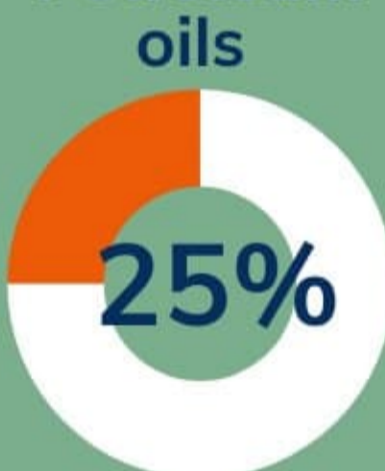
Main destination markets

Mali, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Ghana & Togo



Exports

Petroleum oils



68% of Ivory Coast's world exports of petroleum oils

Unwrought gold



37% of Ivory Coast's world unwrought gold exports

Palm oil



92% of Ivory Coast's world exports of palm oil

Beauty products



97% of Ivory Coast's world beauty product exports

Electrical energy



All electrical energy exports

Ivory Coast's intra-Africa trade 2019

intra-Africa imports as % of world imports of designated products

Crude petroleum oil (56%)	91%
Frozen fish (14%)	65%
Fertiliser (3%)	85%
Cement (2%)	29%
Goods vehicles (1%)	24%
Petroleum gas (1%)	18%
Medicines (1%)	8%
Cigarettes (1%)	98%
Paper packaging (1%)	59%
Other (20%)	

Main source markets



Imports



% change in exports to & imports from main African trade partners (2018 to 2019)



Trade balance with designated trade partners 2018 & 2019



3. Intra-Africa tariffs & non-tariff cost of trade
Qualifying goods from ECOWAS member states enter Ivory Coast duty-free, while imports from CEN-SAD countries, which are not ECOWAS member states (including Egypt, Morocco, Somalia & Tunisia) and the rest of Africa are levied the MFN applied duty which is the ECOWAS CET. The ECOWAS CET has five tariff bands - duty-free, 5%, 10%, 20% & 35%.

MFN duty categories & % of national tariff lines in each category

Duty-free 2%
medicaments; crude petroleum oils; mineral and chemical fertilisers; printed books; newsprint in roll or sheets; newspapers or journals; human blood; articles of apparel and clothing accessories

5% duties 37%
live beef animals; harvesting machinery; live poultry; copper wire; flat-rolled alloy steel; passenger motor vehicles; motor cycles; sugar or beets seeds; barley seeds

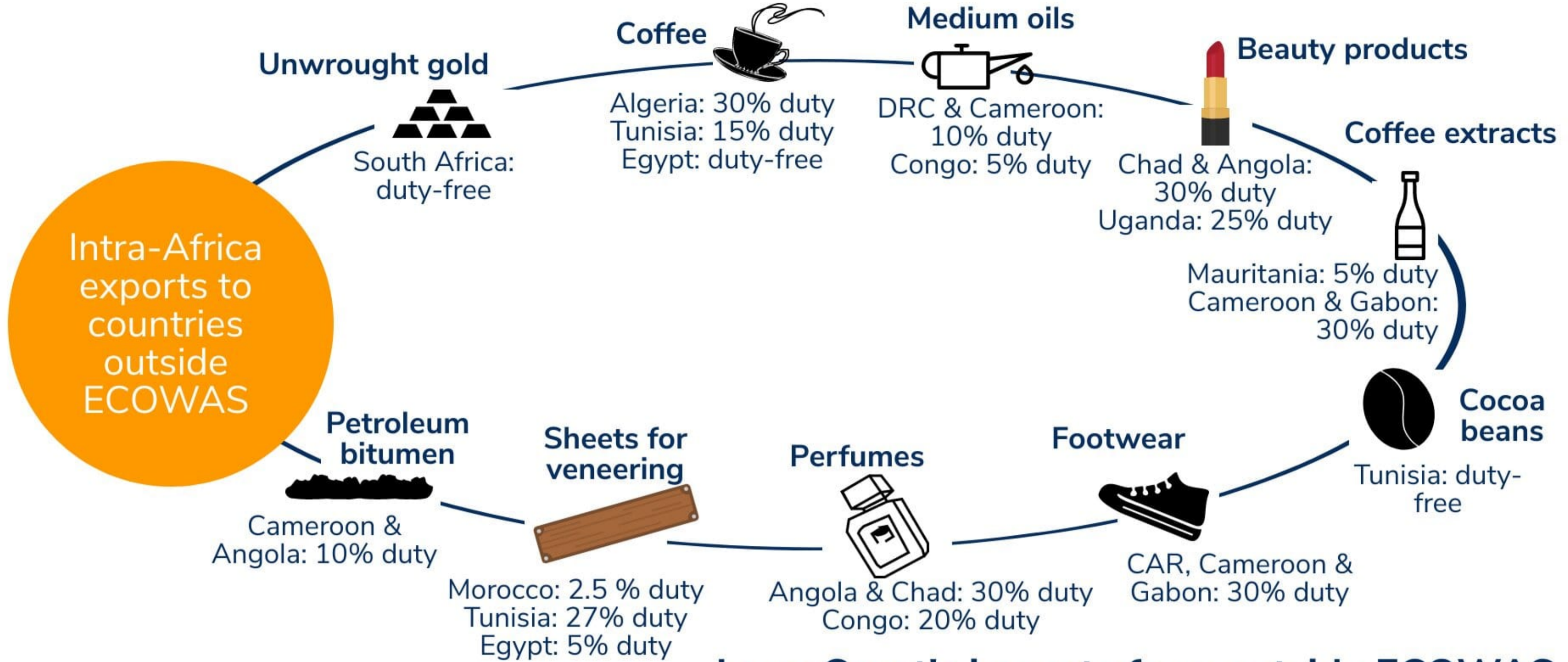
10% duties 23%
iron, non-alloy or stainless steel wire; fresh fish; animal drawn vehicles; rice; woven cotton fabrics; vegetable oils and fats; cotton yarn; telephone sets; coffee; grand pianos

20% duties 36%
fish fillets; fruit juices; male suits and shirts; copper wire; flour; fresh grapes; sanitary towels; milk and cream; stoves; curtains; lettuce; woven fabrics

35% duties 2%
soap; buttermilk; meat and edible offals; groundnuts; oil; sheep or goat meat; bread; pastry; cakes; chocolates

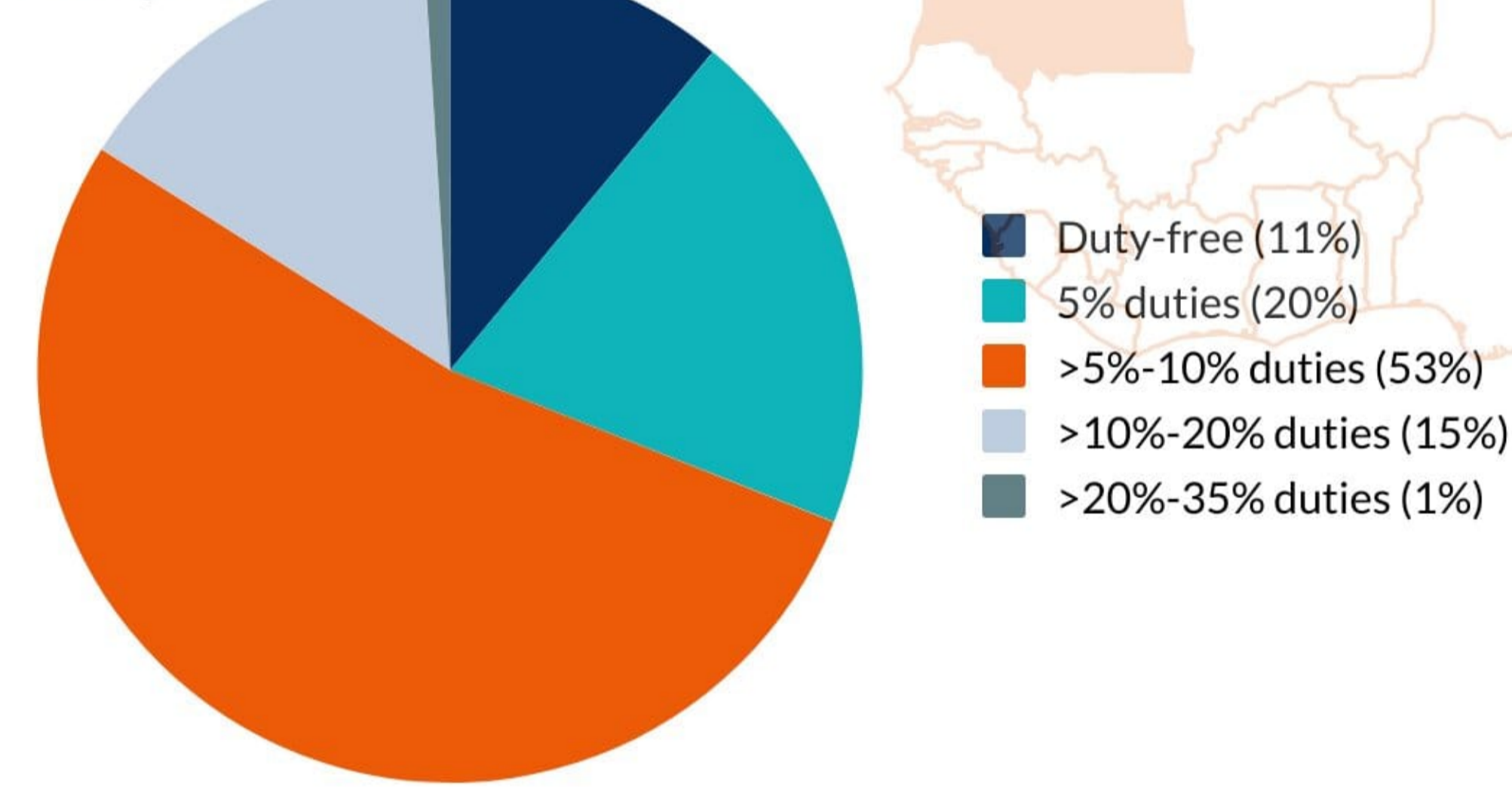
5% of world & 24% of intra-Africa exports are to African countries not members of ECOWAS. 59% of these exports are to South Africa & 10% to Algeria. However, exports to South Africa are mainly unwrought gold. Other exports to non-ECOWAS countries include coffee, coffee extracts, medium oils, beauty products & footwear. Almost all these exports are levied duties of 5% and higher in the respective destination markets.

6% of world & 26% of intra-Africa imports are sourced from African countries outside ECOWAS - 33% from Morocco, 24% Mauritania, 16% South Africa & 10% Tunisia. The main products imported are various types of frozen fish which are levied 10% duties. Other imports include fertilisers, cartons, cement, trailers, plasters & polypropylene. Hardly any of the main import products are imported duty-free.



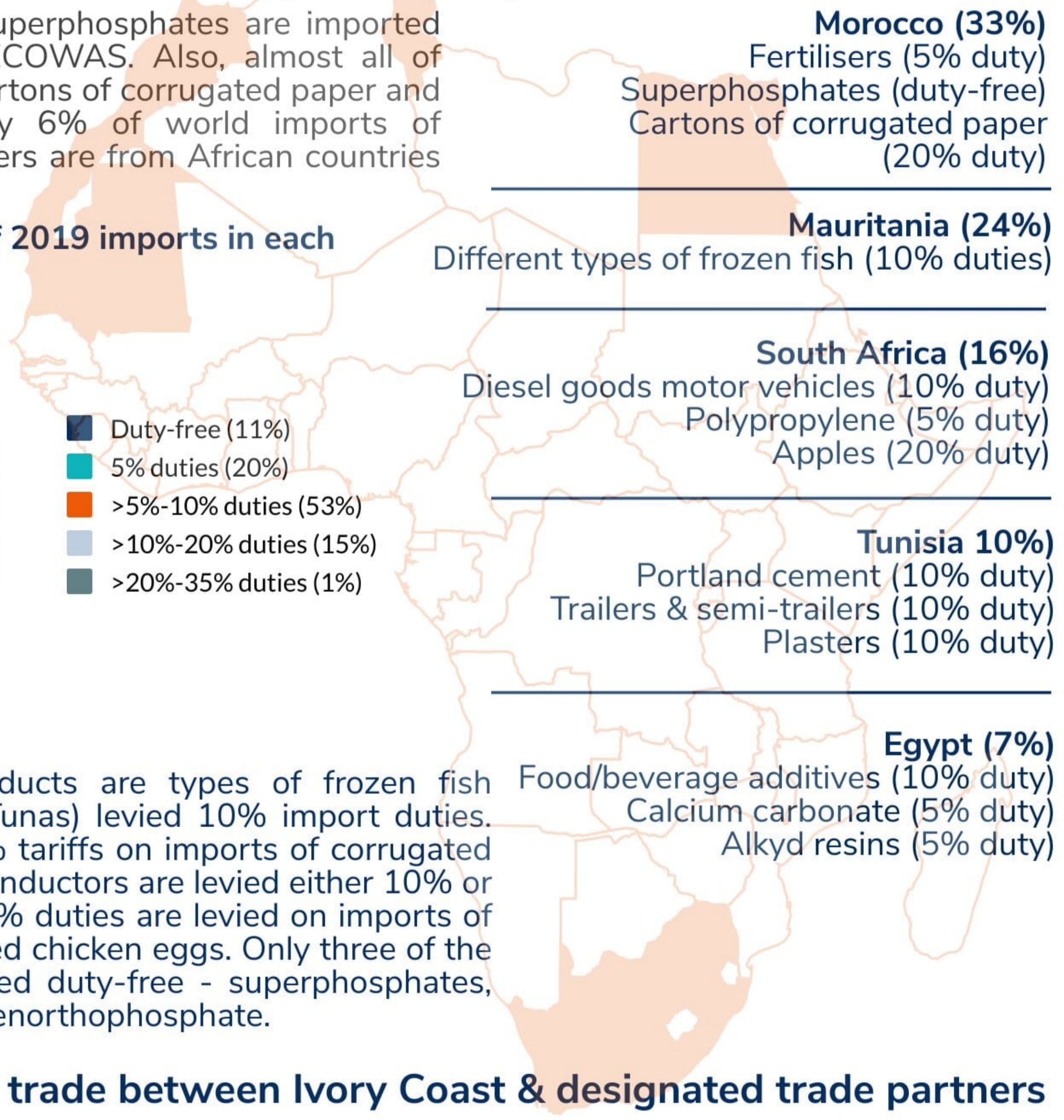
All of Ivory Coast's imports of superphosphates are imported from African countries outside ECOWAS. Also, almost all of the respective world imports of cartons of corrugated paper and fertilisers. On the contrary, only 6% of world imports of medicines & 28% of cement clinkers are from African countries outside ECOWAS.

Categories of MFN duties & % of 2019 imports in each category



Six of the top 20 imports products are types of frozen fish (including Mackerel, Sardines & Tunas) levied 10% import duties. The highest duties levied are 20% tariffs on imports of corrugated paper cartons & apples. Electric conductors are levied either 10% or 20% depending on the voltage. 5% duties are levied on imports of fertilisers, polypropylene & fertilised chicken eggs. Only three of the main import products are imported duty-free - superphosphates, medicines & Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate.

Ivory Coast's imports from outside ECOWAS



The non-tariff cost of bilateral trade between Ivory Coast & designated trade partners

The ESCAP-World Bank trade cost database include the cost of transportation and the time to complete import procedures and obtain necessary information as non-tariff costs affecting bilateral trade between trade partners. The data shows that the cost of trade in agriculture with most countries is higher than the cost of trade in manufactured goods. Trade in agricultural goods between the Ivory Coast and other countries in west Africa is more costly than agricultural goods trade between Ivory Coast and South Africa. Trade in manufactured goods between Ivory Coast & Brazil and Ivory Coast & Algeria are more costly than manufactured goods trade with any other trade partner.

