Madagascar: Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile 2020 tralac

Regional Economic Communities

Madagascar is a member of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the Development Southern African Community (SADC). The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) entered into force on 30 May 2019. Madagascar signed the AfCFTA but has not yet ratified the Agreement.

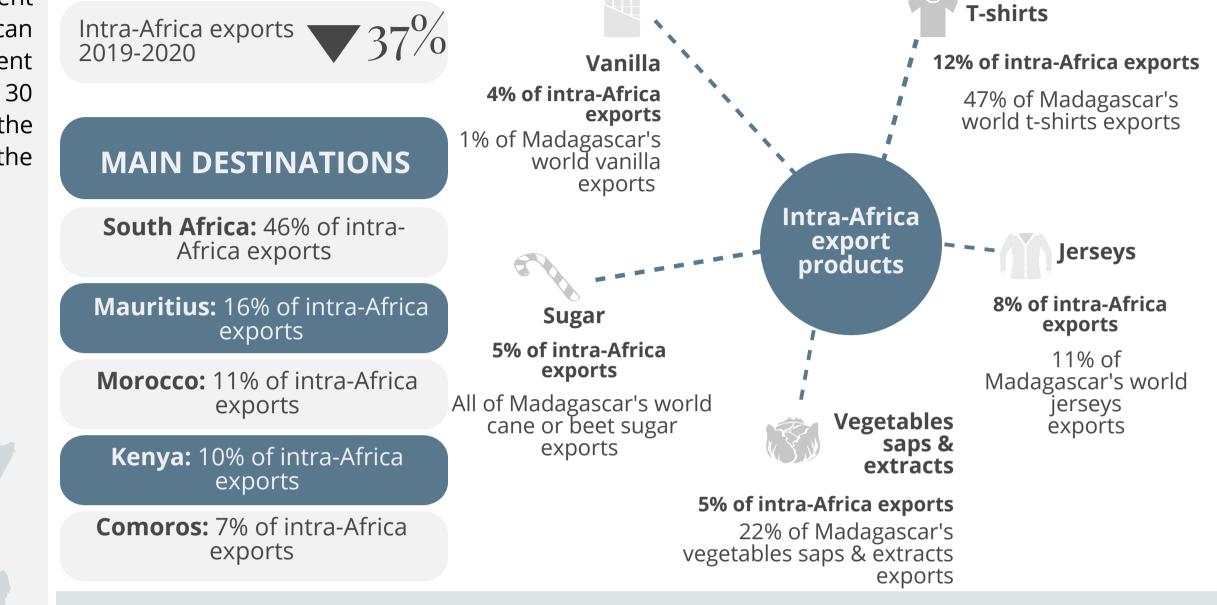
COMESA



COMESA has 21 member states, 17 of which are part of the COMESA Free Trade Area – the DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia are all in the process of accession

Intra-Africa exports

For 2020, 7% of Madagascar's world exports were to the rest of Africa. Except for Morocco, Madagascar's main African destination markets are other COMESA and SADC countries. The value of 2020 intra-Africa exports is US\$127 million. The main export products are t-shirts, jerseys, vegetable saps and extracts, and sugar.



Intra-Africa imports

For 2020, 12% of Madagascar's world imports were intra-Africa imports. Apart from Morocco, Madagascar's intra-Africa imports are mainly from the rest of COMESA and SADC. Between 2019 and 2020, intra-Africa imports declined by 13%. Wheat flour is the main import product.

Intra-Africa imports

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

68%

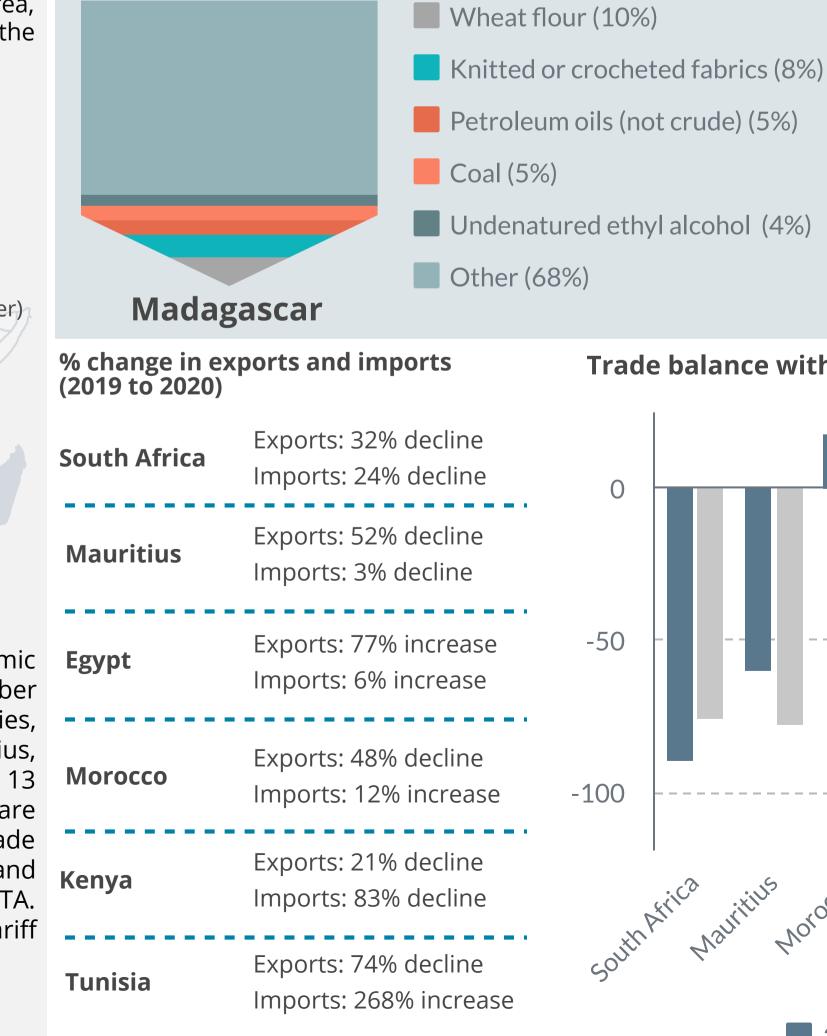
46%

SADC





SADC is a Regional Economic Community with 16 member states - all the SACU countries, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mauritius, Mozambique and Malawi. 13 SADC member states are members of the SADC Free Trade Arrangement (FTA). Comoros and DRC are yet to join the FTA. Angola has submitted its tariff offer to join the FTA.

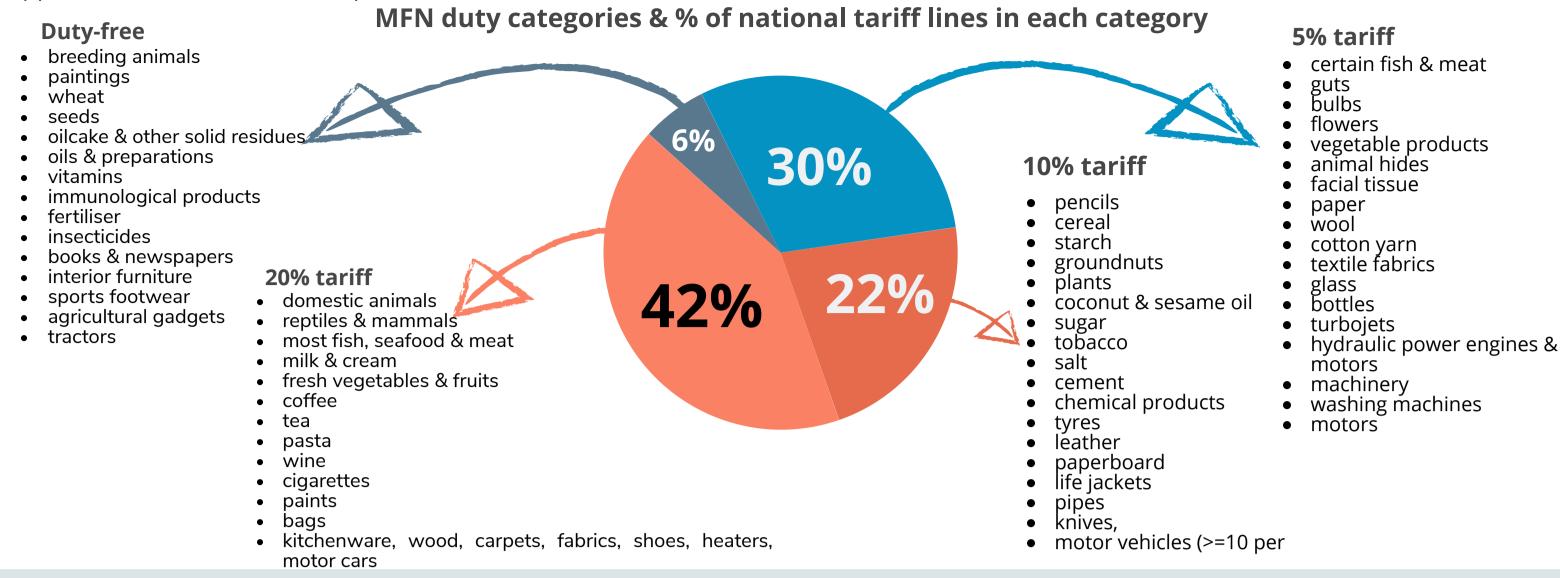


6% Petroleum oils (not crude) (5%) 100% 98% Undenatured ethyl alcohol (4%) **Trade balance with designated countries (US\$m)** TUNISION AFRICO South Africa Nauritius Norocco sevenelles

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Intra-Africa tariffs

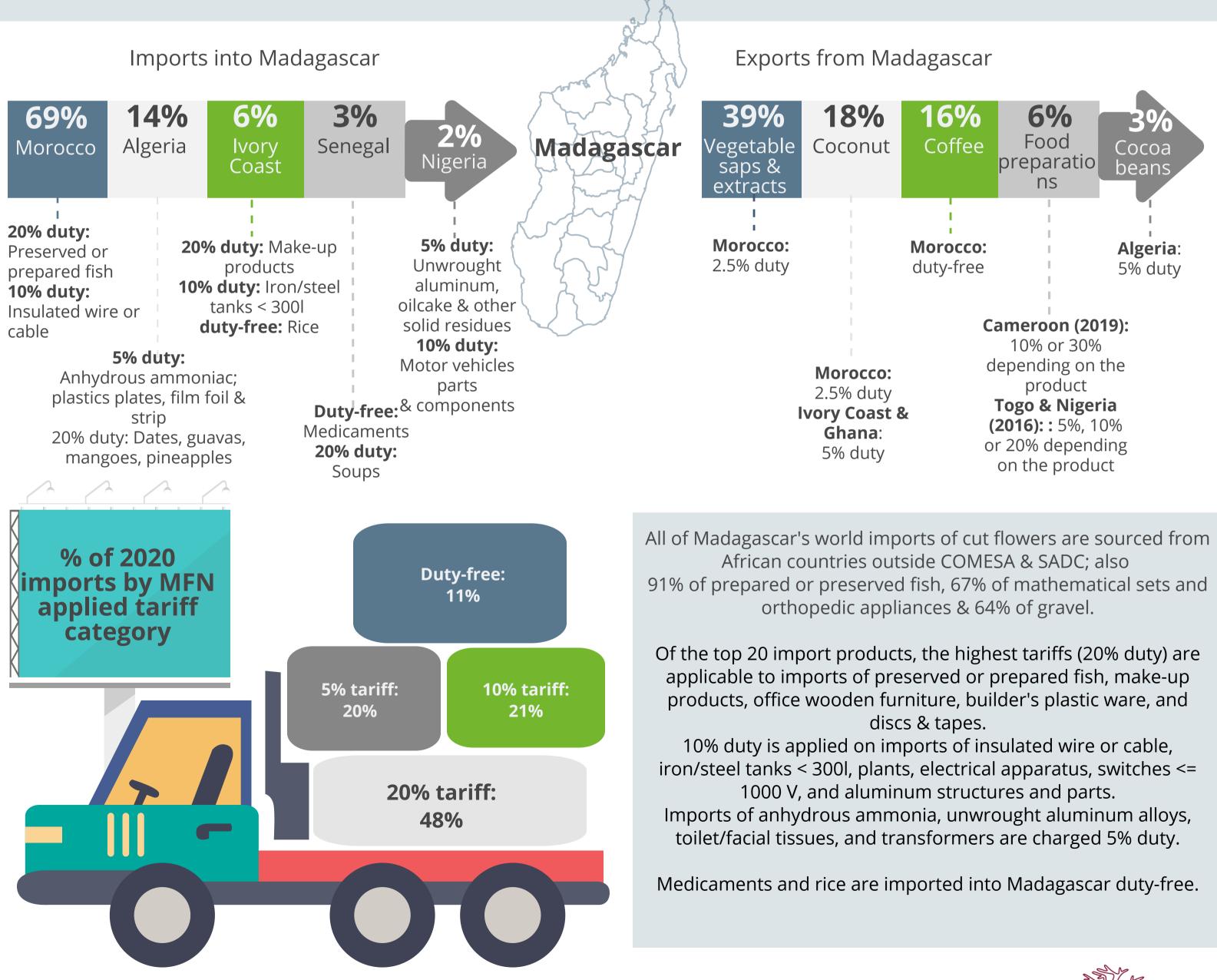
Most of the goods imported into Madagascar from other SADC and COMESA member states enter duty-free. Furthermore, imports from Mauritius, Seychelles & Comoros are granted preferential access in the Madagascar market under the Commission of the Indian Ocean (COI) Agreement. DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia & Somalia are all in the process of accession to the COMESA FTA. Accordingly, the Madagascar MFN applied rate is still levied on imports from these countries.



Trade with African countries outside SADC and SACU

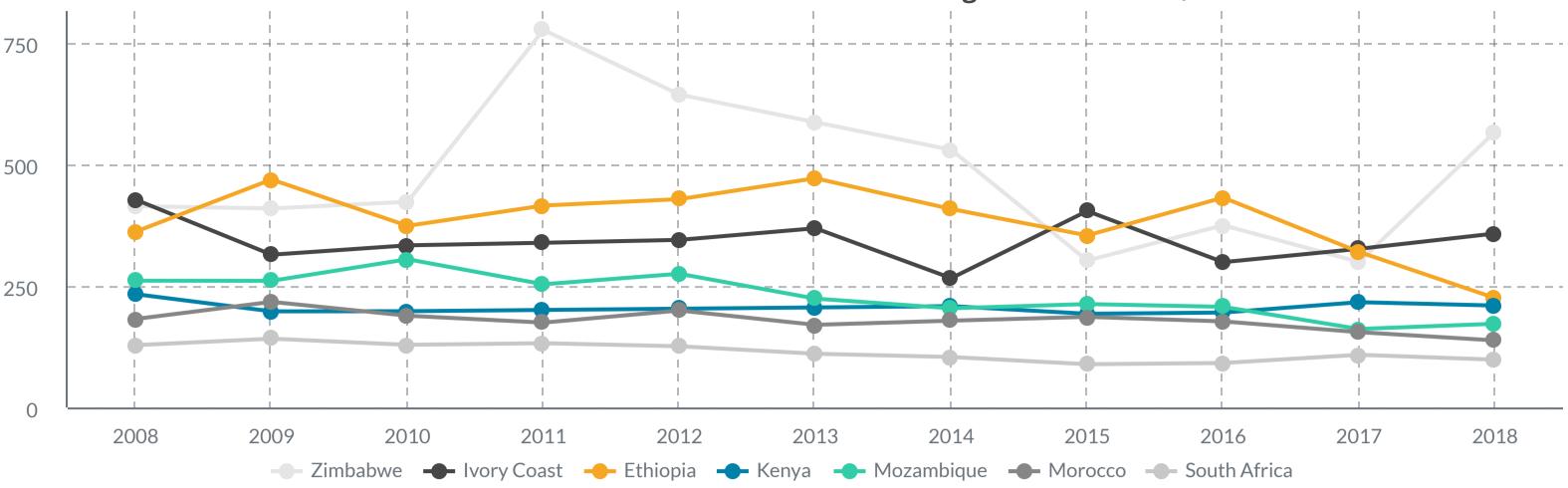
Only 1% of the world and 14% of intra-Africa exports are to African countries not members of COMESA & SADC. 39% of these exports are vegetables saps & extracts, 18% is coconut, and 16% coffee. Other exports include food preparation, cocoa beans, and peppers. In terms of imports, 0.4% of the world and 3% of intra-Africa imports are sourced from African countries outside COMESA & SADC. Imports are mainly prepared or preserved sardines, charitable donations of goods, and anhydrous ammonia. These account for 48% of Madagascar's imports

from African countries not members of COMESA & SADC.



Non-tariff trade costs

The ESCAP-World Bank trade cost database includes 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. Madagascar's trade with Zimbabwe is more costly than trade with north, east and west African countries (including lvory Coast, Ethiopia, Kenya & Morocco). Trade between Madagascar and African countries (including Zimbabwe, Coast, Ethiopia & Kenya) is more costly than trade between Madagascar and the UK, Germany, India, China & France.



Cost of bilateral trade between South Africa and designated countries; 2010-2018

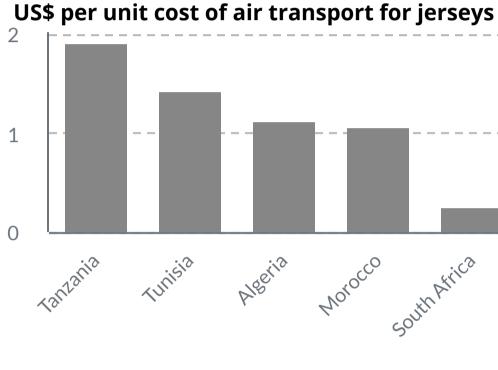
The most expensive product to export to Angola via air transport is voice transmission apparatus (US\$138.9 per unit). Air transport costs for vanilla exports:

- South Africa (US\$9.57 per unit)
- lvory Coast (US\$3.95 per unit)
- Algeria (US\$2.55 per unit)

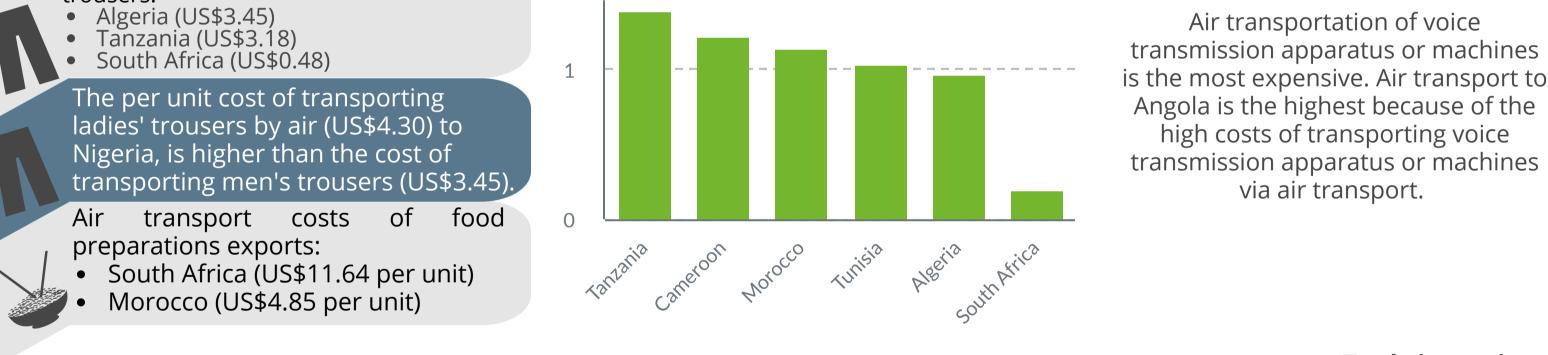
Propane exports:

- Ghana (US\$13.8 per unit)
- Angola (US\$0.62 per unit)
- Namibia (US\$0.049 per unit)

Per unit cost of transporting men's trousers:

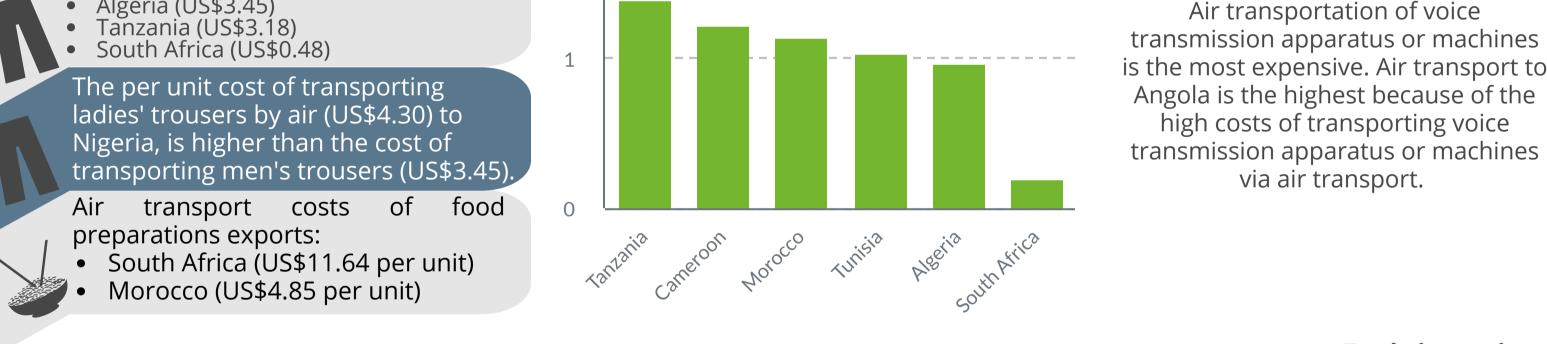


US\$ per unit cost of air transport for t-shirts



Transportation costs

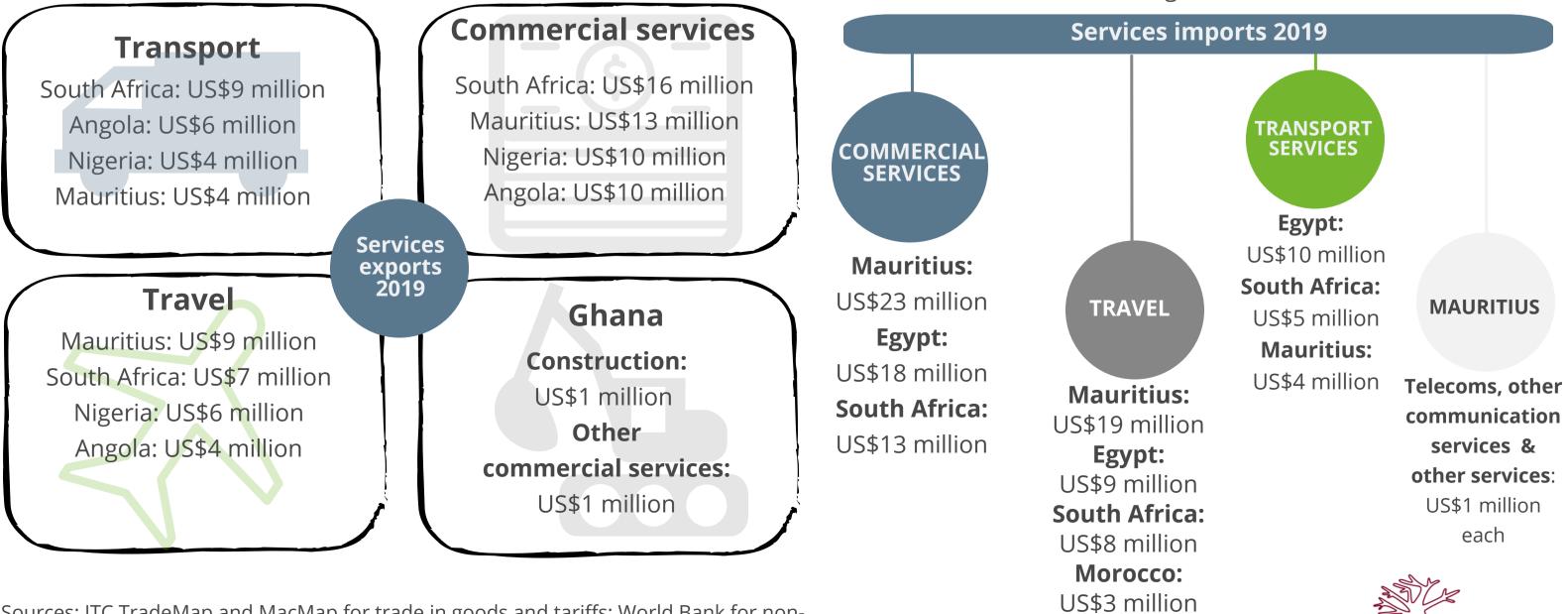
The UNCTAD transport cost database measures the cost of bilateral transport by product. Transport cost is defined as the difference between the Cost, Insurance and Freight value and Free on Board value of goods. Transport cost across all modes of transport (road, rail, air, and sea) is included. The initial data is for 2016, but is in the process of being updated.



Trade in services

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The WTO-OECD Balanced Trade in Services Dataset (BaTiS) is an experimental dataset which contains a complete, consistent and balanced matrix of international trade in services. Statistics cover the period 2005-2019, for over 200 reporters and partners, and 12 EBOPS 2010 categories in addition to total services.



Sources: ITC TradeMap and MacMap for trade in goods and tariffs; World Bank for nontariff trade costs; UNCTAD for transportation costs; and WTO for trade in services