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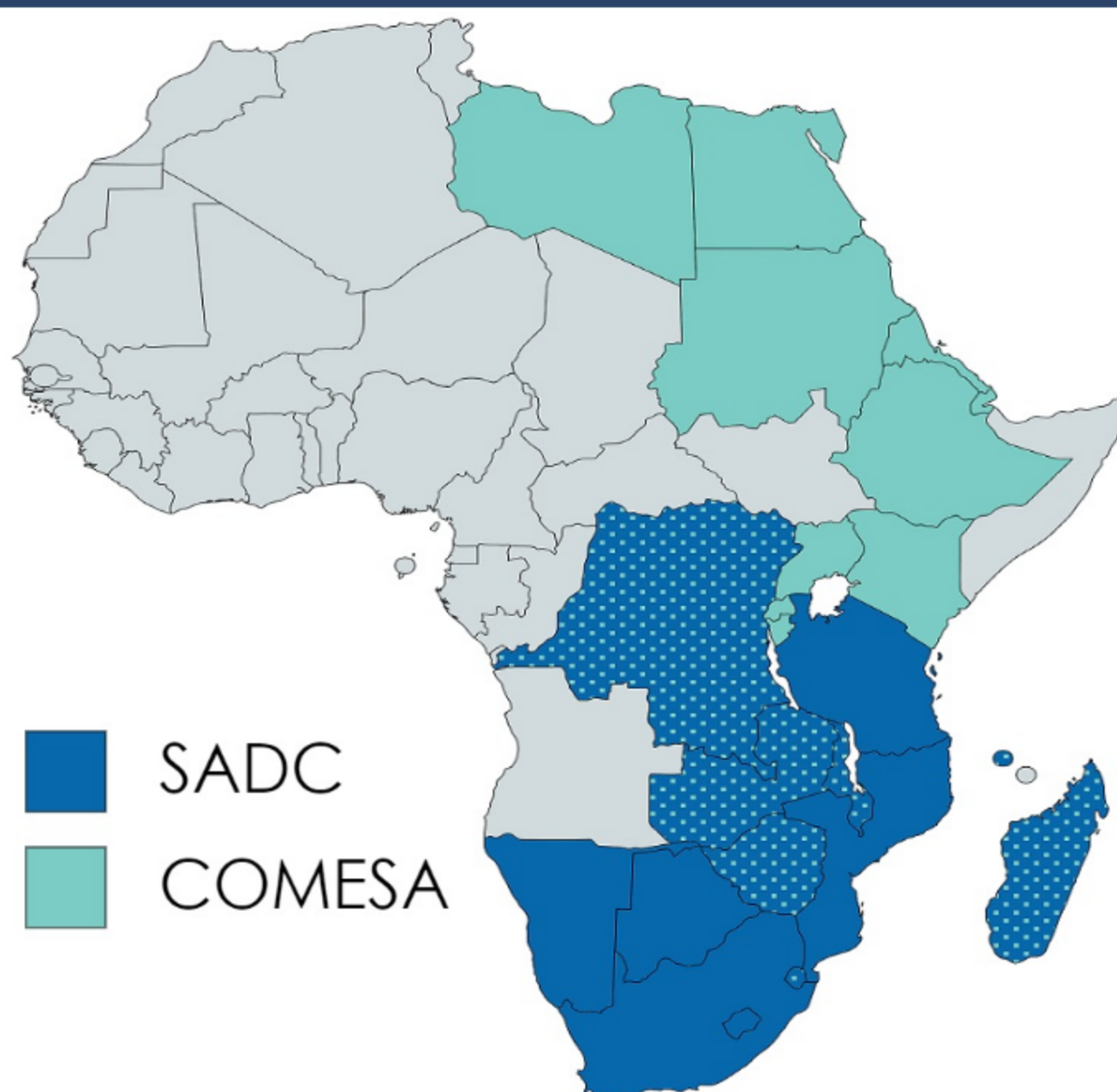


Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



1 Regional Economic Communities

Mauritius is a member of COMESA and SADC. It is one of the few Island nations located around the African Coast. It is currently negotiating the Tripartite Free Trade Area and the African Continental Free Trade Area.



COMESA has 21 member states following the entry of Tunisia and Somalia in 2018. 16 countries are part of the COMESA FTA. Swaziland has preferential access under derogations but is exempt from reciprocating preferences due to its membership of SACU. The DRC, Eritrea and Ethiopia are in the process of joining the FTA.

SADC is a Regional Economic Community with 16 member states, of which 9 are also members of COMESA. 13 SADC members are in a Free Trade Agreement (FTA); Comoros, DRC and Angola are yet to join the FTA.

EXPORTS

21%

of Mauritius' total exports (US\$443m) are intra-Africa



Sugar (10%)



Men/ boys' suits (9%)



T-shirts & vests (8%)



packaging material (5%)

IMPORTS

14%

of Mauritius' total imports (US\$747m) are intra-Africa



Frozen fish (11%)



Coal (11%)

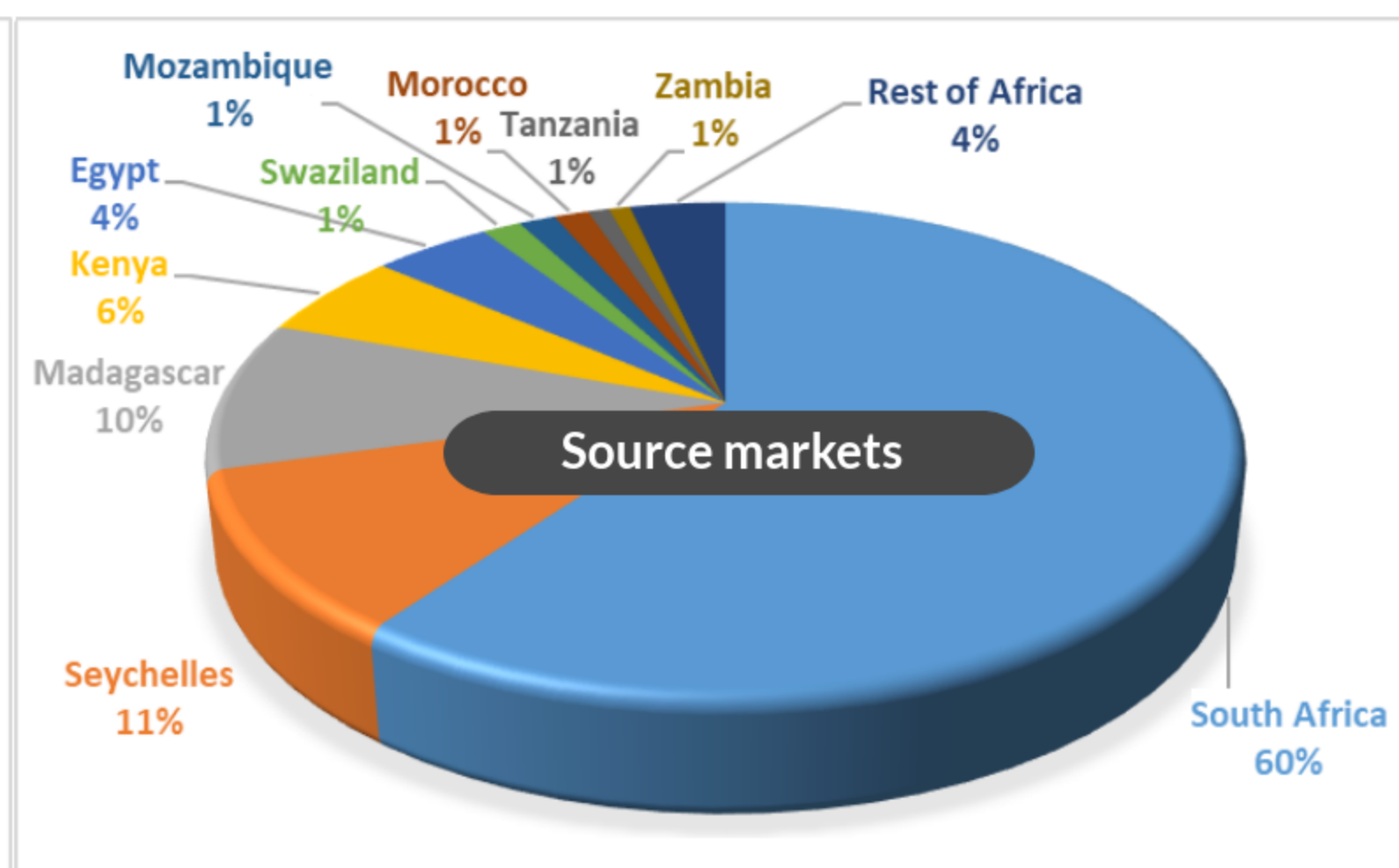
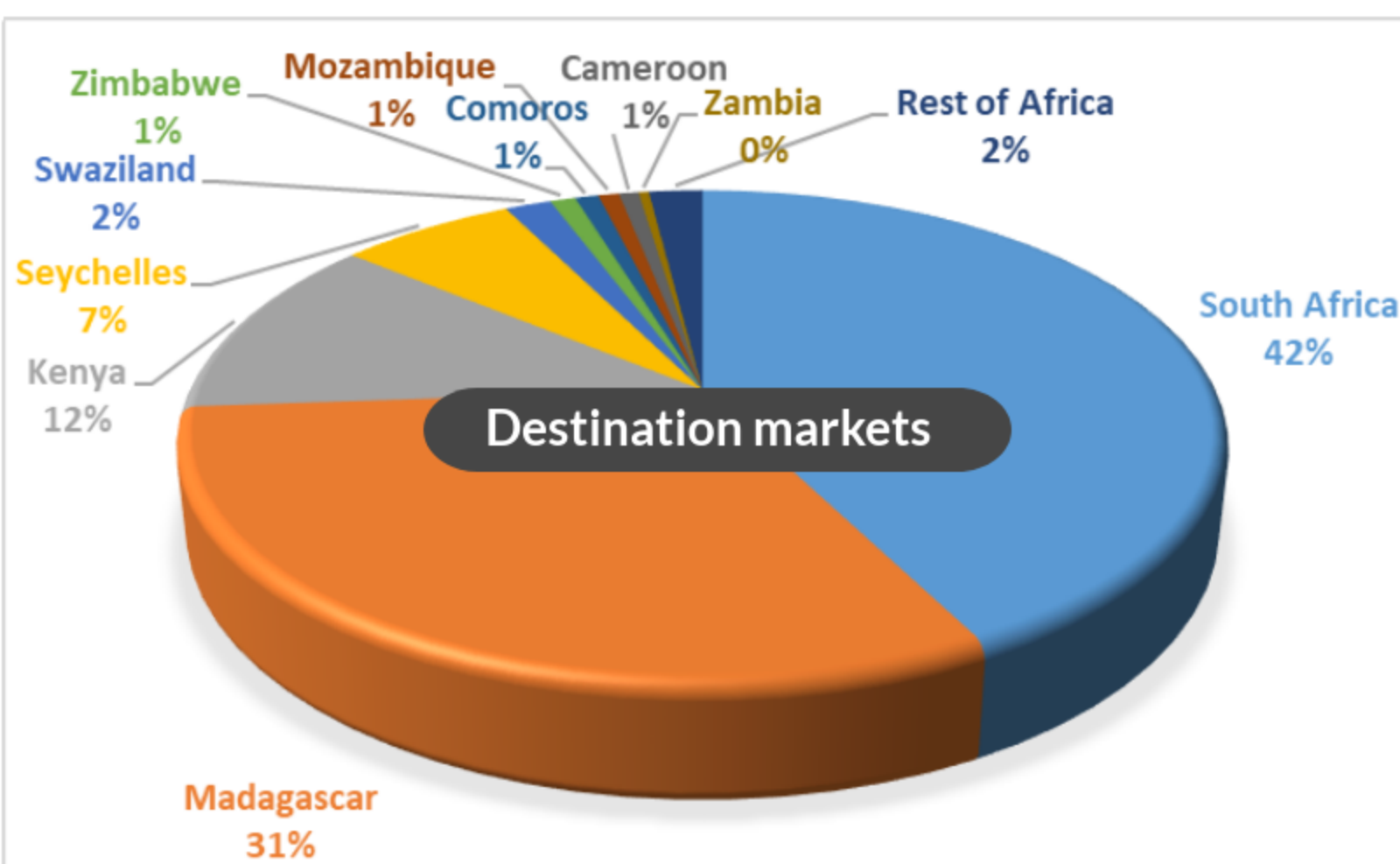


Petroleum oil (10%)



Cigars & Cigarettes (8%)

2 Intra-Africa trade



The majority of Mauritius' intra-Africa imports originate from SADC and COMESA where they are accorded preferential access. Mauritius imports only 3% (US\$25 million) of its intra-Africa imports from non-SADC or non-COMESA African countries.

The majority of Mauritius imports originate from SADC and COMESA states.

Only 3% originates from rest of Africa

MFN applied duties

Mauritius is only one of few countries in Africa with low MFN applied rates for most goods. Clothing attracts the highest applied tariffs

Duty free imports

More than 90% of imports originating from Africa enter Mauritius duty free; with only 100 product lines attracting tariffs

High ad valorem duties



Men's/ Boys' suits (56%)



Women's/ girls' suits (38%)



Trunks/ suitcases (30%)



Mattress support (30%)

Duty free imports



Frozen fish (excluding fillets)



Coal



Petroleum



Cigars & Cigarettes

Mauritius' top intra-Africa imports (excluding SADC & COMESA) and MFN applied tariffs (2017)

		2017 (US\$ millions)	%Share	Average tariff	Max tariff
HS code	All products	25		1%	2%
1604	Prepared or preserved fish;	8	30%	0%	0%
7102	Diamonds	6	22%	0%	0%
5201	Cotton, neither carded nor combed	2	8%	0%	0%
2711	Petroleum gas	2	7%	0%	0%
4407	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise	1	6%	0%	0%
0804	Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes	1	3%	0%	0%
1509	Olive oil...	1	2%	0%	0%
3004	Medicaments...	0	2%	0%	0%
0406	Cheese and curd	0	1%	0%	0%
0303	Frozen fish (excluding fish fillets)	0	1%	0%	0%
	Other	5	18%		

Very little intra-Africa trade occurs outside of COMESA and SADC.

Most products enter Mauritius duty free with exception of clothing among a few others.

Source: UN ITC TradeMap; World Bank WITS database