

São Tomé and Príncipe



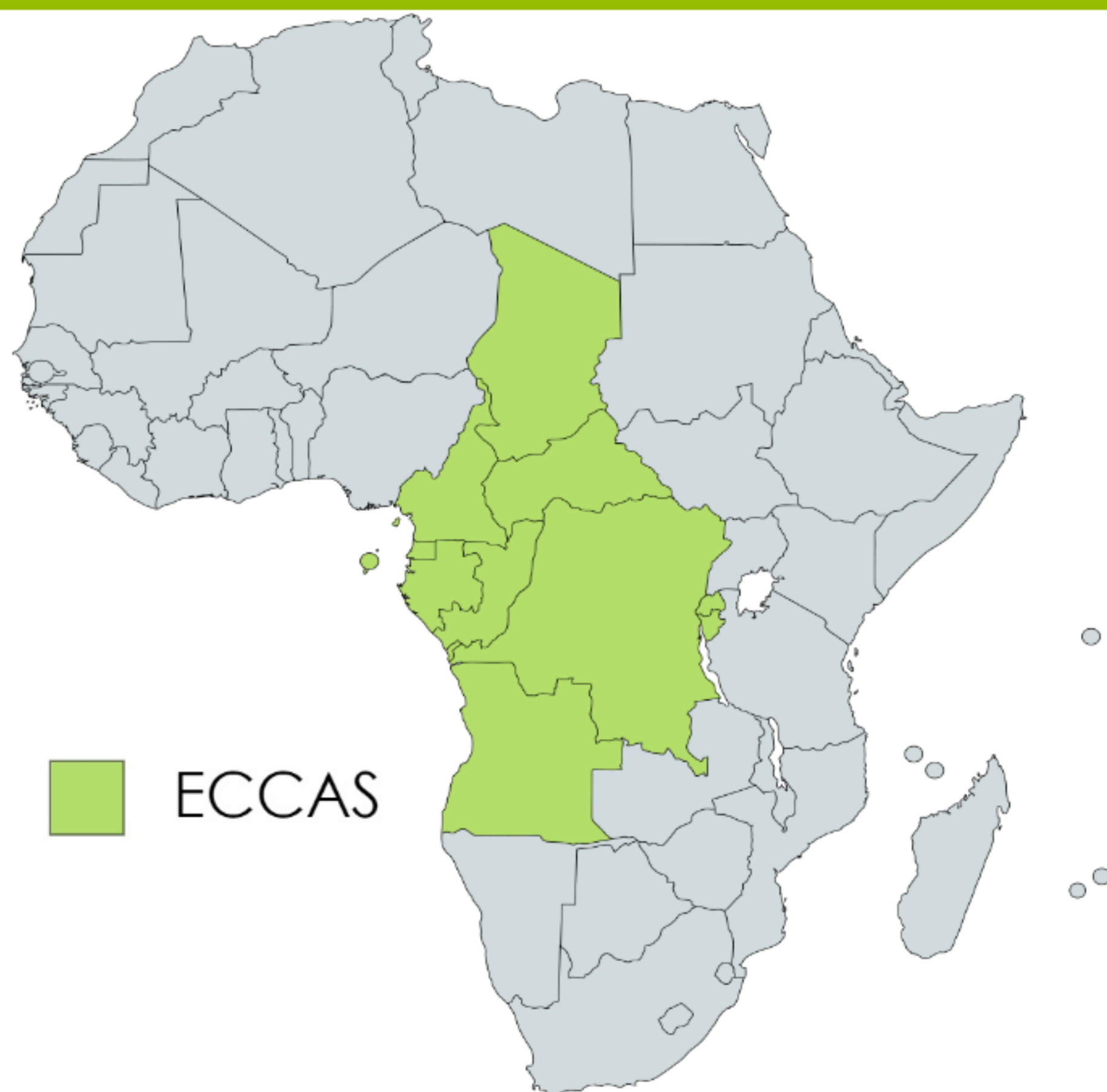
Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



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Regional Economic Communities

São Tomé and Príncipe is a member of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)



The ECCAS member states are Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and São Tomé and Príncipe. Although the legal instruments of the ECCAS Free Trade Area (FTA) were signed in 2004 the FTA is not yet in force; only three of the member states (Cameroon, Congo and Gabon) have adopted the ECCAS Preferential Tariff for intra-ECCAS trade.

EXPORTS

3%

of total exports are intra-Africa



Coconuts, Brazil nuts and Cashews (56%)



Second-hand goods (6%)



Passenger vehicles (6%)



Other oil seeds (6%)

IMPORTS

24%

of total imports are intra-Africa



Petroleum oils (not Crude) (73%)



Passenger vehicles (5%)



Machines and mechanical appliances (7%)



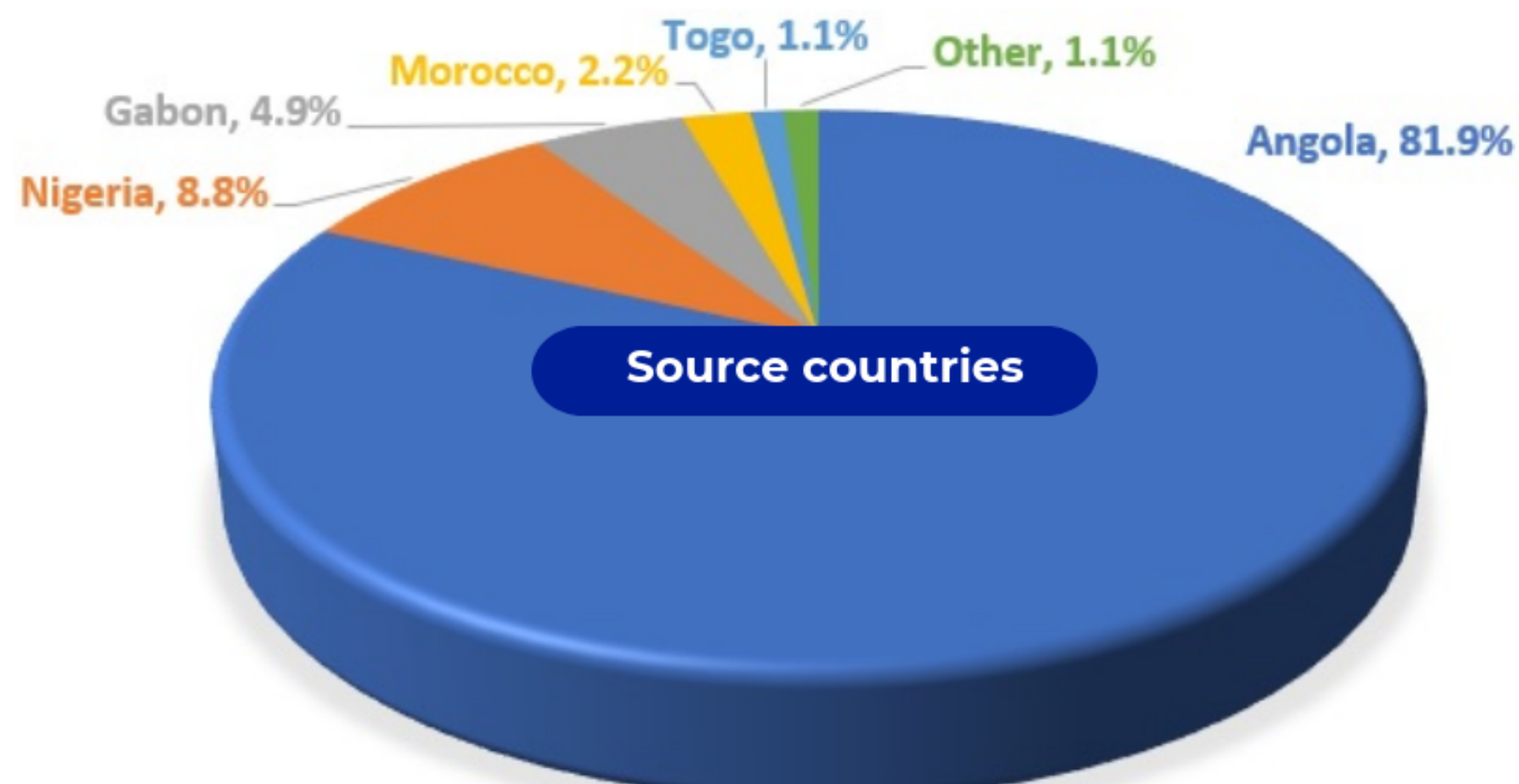
Cement (3%)

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Intra-Africa trade

Destination markets



Source countries







São Tomé and Príncipe is part of one REC; however, the free-trade agreement of ECCAS is not yet in place. São Tomé and Príncipe is also not a member of the WTO, but applies a general rate of duty on imports from the rest of Africa. The general rate of duty has four tariff bands – 0%, 5%, 10% and 20%.

African imports are levied the general rate of duty	High average applied duties include	Duty free imports include
	Birds' eggs (20%) Coconut (20%) Fresh and dried nuts (20%) Fresh and dried fruit (20%) Wine and spirits (20%)	Milk and cream Wheat flour Natural sand Wood and wood products (including fuel wood, wood charcoal, wood flour, sleepers and veneer and laminated wood sheets)

20% ad valorem import duties

-  Eggs not in shell
-  Fresh orchids and buds
-  Dessicated coconut
-  Strawberries
-  Watermelon
-  Coffee
-  Wine

20% ad valorem import duties

-  Iron and steel structures
-  Wigs and false beards
-  Vehicle parts
-  Plastic tableware
-  Sweet biscuits
-  Woven fabrics
-  Printed books

Imports from Africa

HS Code	Product descriptions	US\$m 2017	Applicable tariff
999999	Commodities not elsewhere specified	26.05	5% if petroleum, diesel and oil; 10% if butane gas
847920	Machinery for the extraction or preparation of animal or fixed vegetable fats or oils	2.57	10%
252329	Portland cement	1.07	5%
150790	Soya-bean oil	0.56	5%
870332	Diesel passenger vehicles with engine capacity of between 1500cm ³ and 2500 cm ³	0.55	10%-20% depending on the tariff line
870323	Passenger vehicles with spark ignition engines with capacity between 1500cm ³ and 3000cm ³	0.47	10%-20% depending on the tariff line
870333	Diesel passenger vehicles with engine capacity greater than 2500cm ³	0.44	10%-20% depending on the tariff line
170111	Raw cane sugar	0.30	5%
240220	Cigarettes, containing tobacco	0.22	20%
870324	Passenger vehicles with spark ignition engines with capacity greater than 3000cm ³	0.21	10%-20% depending on the tariff line

Of the top 20 imports 5 products are imported at an import duty of 5% (petroleum products, Portland cement, soya-bean oil, raw cane sugar, non-alcoholic beverages and white Portland cement), while most of the imports are levied a 10% tariff. 6 products face 20% duties, these include various passenger vehicles, cigarettes and motorcycles.

Source: ITC TradeMap (2018) and ITC MacMap (2018)