

# CAPE VERDE



## Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



### 1 Regional Economic Communities

Cape Verde is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)



All 15 ECOWAS countries are part of the ECOWAS Free Trade Area and all, but Cape Verde, are in the process of implementing the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET). In 2017 Mauritania and ECOWAS signed an Association Agreement for the re-admission of Mauritania to the REC by 2019; Morocco's application to join ECOWAS has been granted 'in principle', but is awaiting final approval and Tunisia has recently obtained ECOWAS observer status.

### EXPORTS

1%

of Cape Verde's total exports are intra-Africa

Preserved fish (79%)

Meat flours/pellets (20%)

Leather (1%)

Saddles-harnesses (0%)

### IMPORTS

4%

of Cape Verde's total imports are intra-Africa

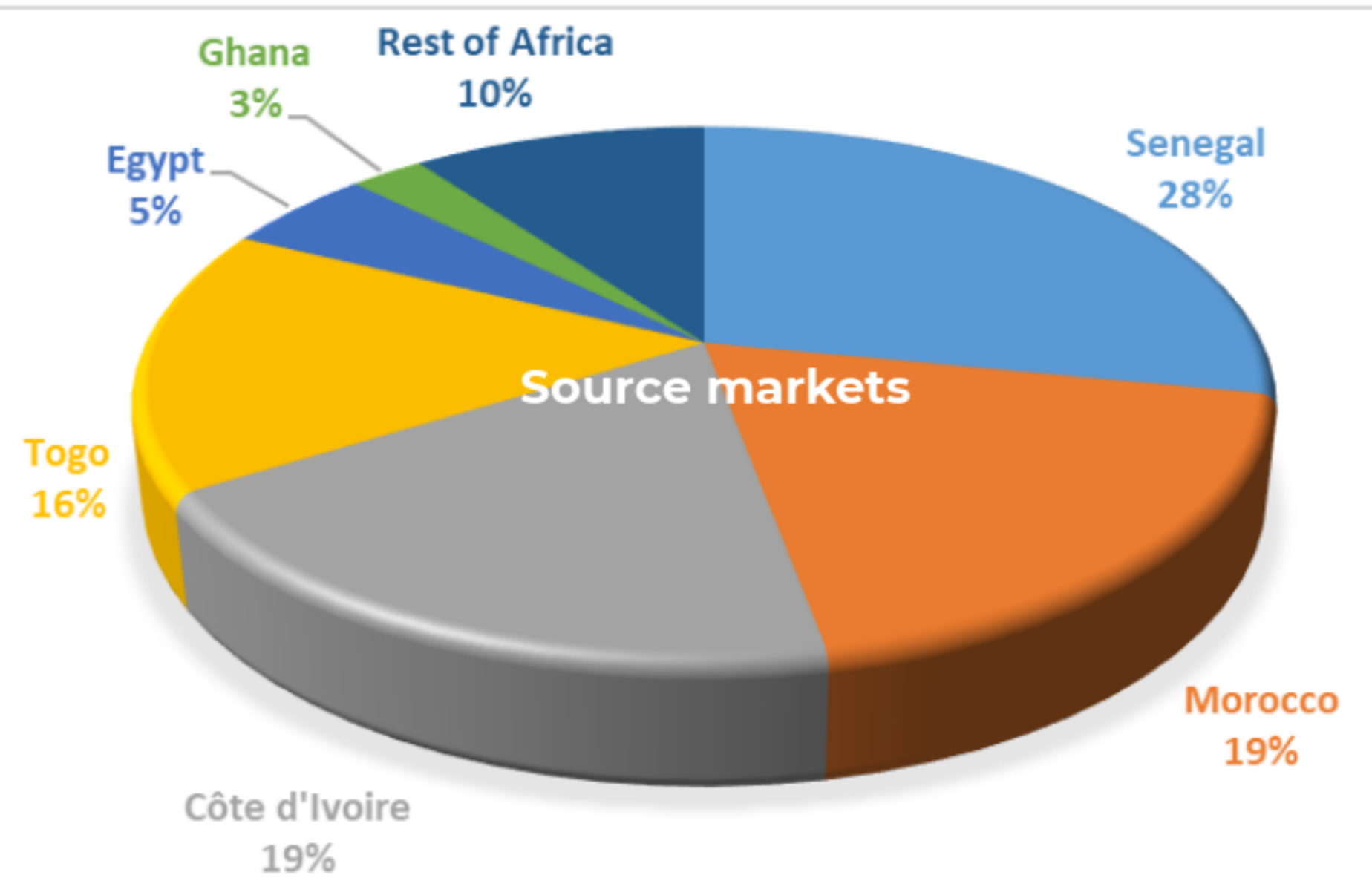
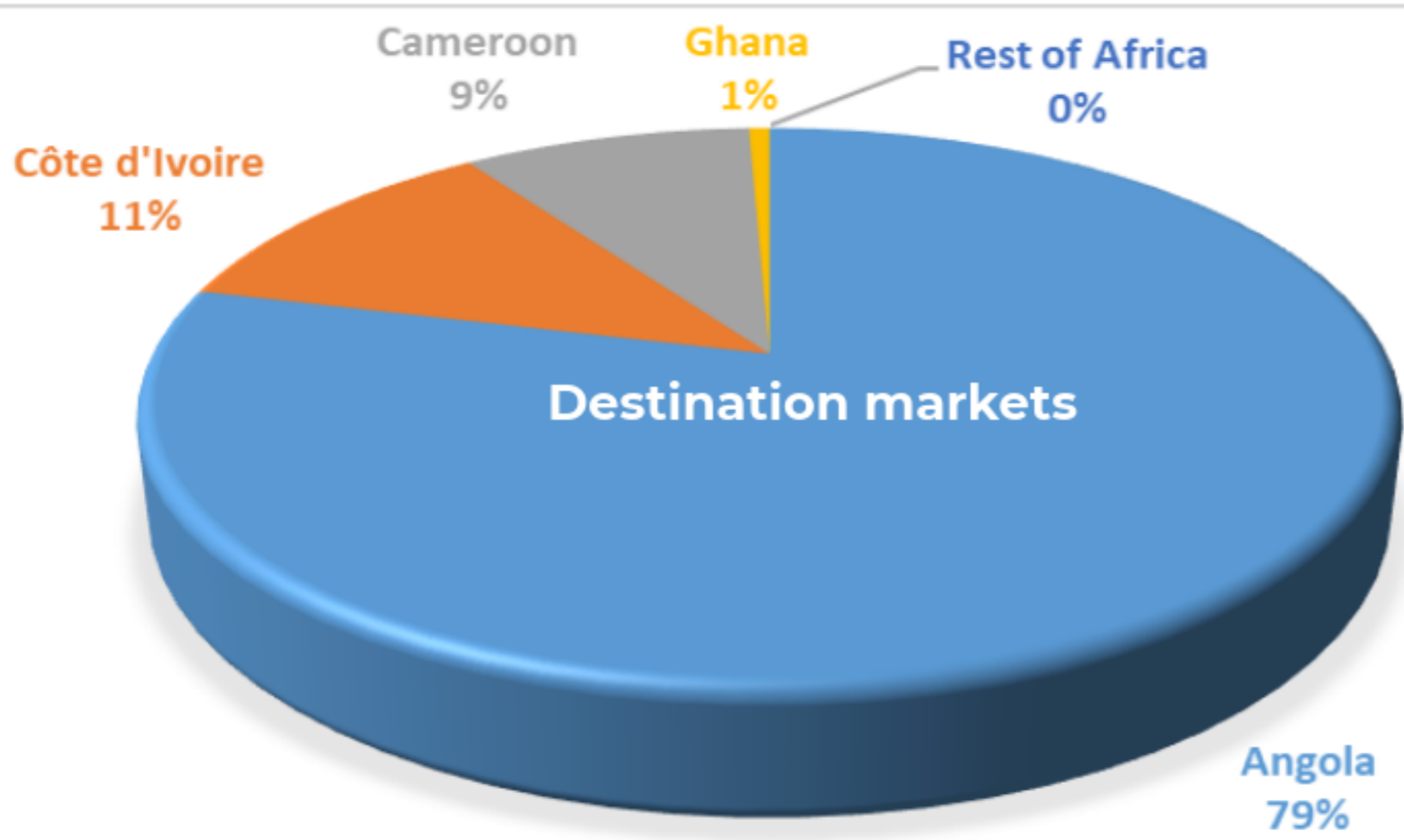
Petroleum Oils (40%)

Cigars/Cigarettes (7%)

Automated equipment (7%)

Petroleum gas (6%)

### 2 Intra-Africa trade



The ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme (ETLS) allows for the duty-free, quota-free access of unprocessed, traditional handicraft and industrial products of ECOWAS origin traded by approved ECOWAS producers. Cape Verde prescribes to the ETLS; all qualifying goods sourced from approved producers are imported into Cape Verde duty-free. Goods imported from the rest of Africa are levied MFN applied duty since Cape Verde different to the ECOWAS CET since the country is not implementing the ECOWAS CET as yet. The ECOWAS CET has five tariff bands - 0%, 5%, 10%, 20% and 35%.

**African imports from outside ECOWAS are levied the MFN rates**

**High average applied duties include**

- Seats (50%)**
- Furniture (50%)**
- Fur (50%)**
- Chocolate (50%)**

**Duty free imports include**

- Coconuts; Brazil nuts; Cashew nuts**
- Animal products n.e.s**
- Citrus fruits**
- Vegetable products n.e.s**

**50% ad valorem import duties**

-  **Chocolate**
-  **Mineral Water**
-  **Artificial Fur**
-  **Carpets**
-  **Wigs, Human & synthetic Hair**
-  **Furniture**

**40% ad valorem import duties**

-  **Clothing & Textiles**
-  **Motor vehicles**
-  **Glassware**
-  **Imitation Jewelry**
-  **Video Games**
-  **Festive/ carnival/ entertainment items**

**Imports from Africa excluding ECOWAS countries**

HS code	All products	2017 (US\$ 000)	%share	Simple average (MFN%)
	<b>All products</b>	<b>9 959</b>		<b>15%</b>
2710	Petroleum	1 619	16%	5%
3302	Mixtures of odoriferous substances	1 131	11%	0%
2711	Petroleum gas	731	7%	5%
1701	Cane or beet sugar	690	7%	5%
8704	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	656	7%	15%
9619	Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons	564	6%	--
0901	Coffee	470	5%	20%
4407	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise	470	5%	5%
2505	Natural sands of all kinds	450	5%	--
7214	Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel	415	4%	--
8418	Refrigerators, freezers	192	2%	13%
	<b>Other</b>	<b>2 571</b>	<b>26%</b>	

10% of Cape Verde's intra-Africa imports are from countries outside ECOWAS.

Of the top 10 import products only mixtures of odiferous substances are duty-free.

Average MFN rate applied is 15% on goods imported.

Highest average MFN tariff applied is 50% on value of goods imported

Source: UN ITC TradeMap; WTO Tariff Database