

# CONGO



## Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



### 1 Regional Economic Communities

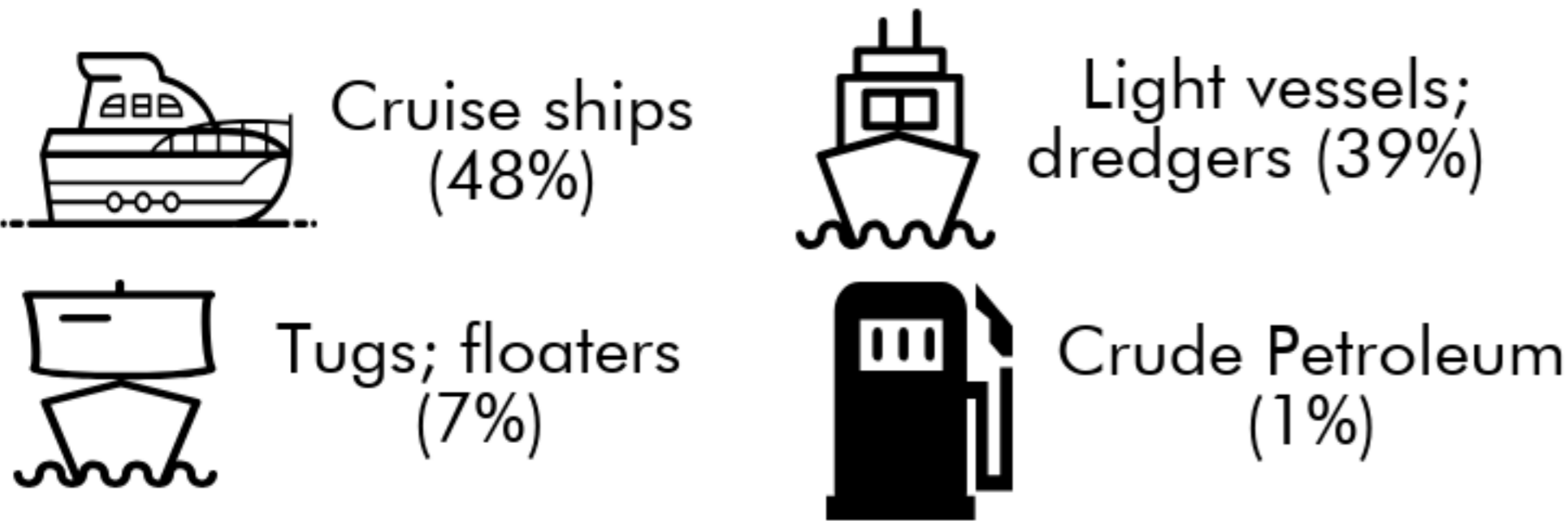
Congo belongs to only one regional economic community in Africa. It is a member of ECCAS. It is currently negotiating the Tripartite Free Trade Area and recently signed the AfCFTA.



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

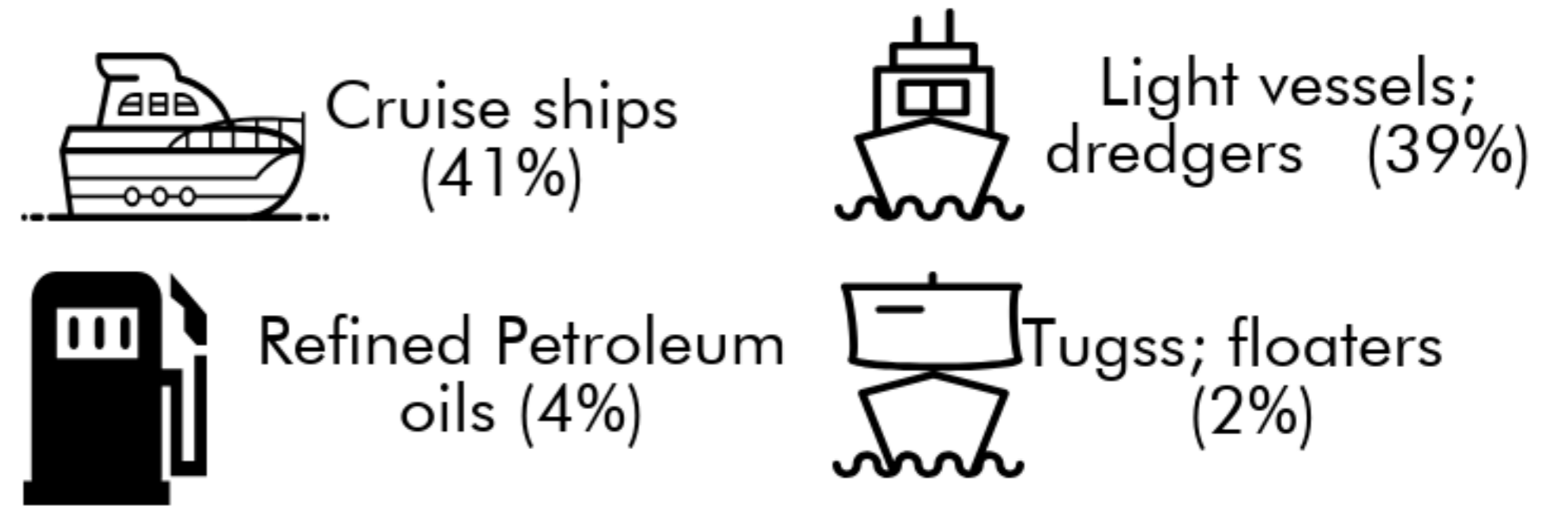
### EXPORTS

**24%** of Congo's total exports (US\$ 1.9 billion) are intra-Africa

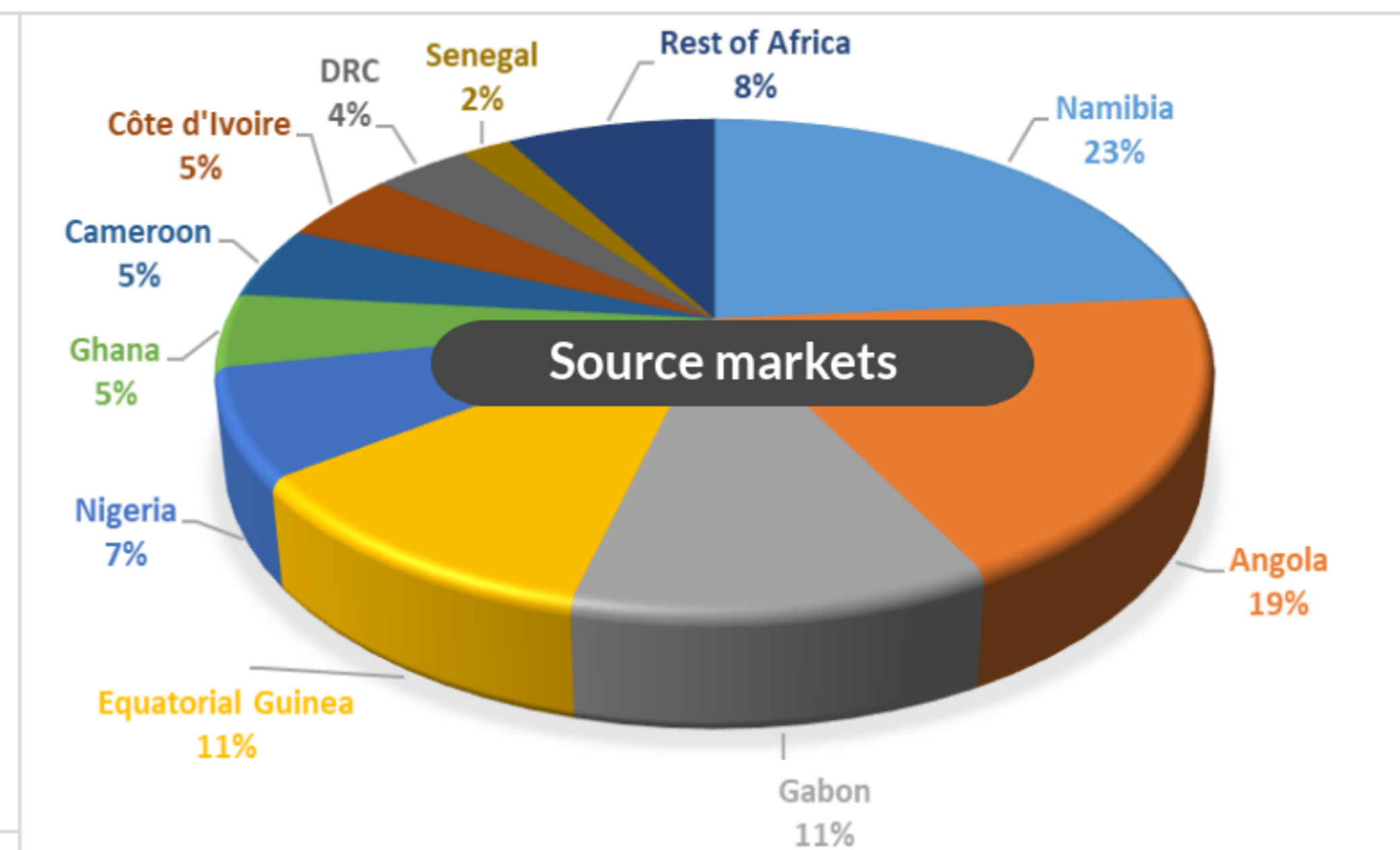
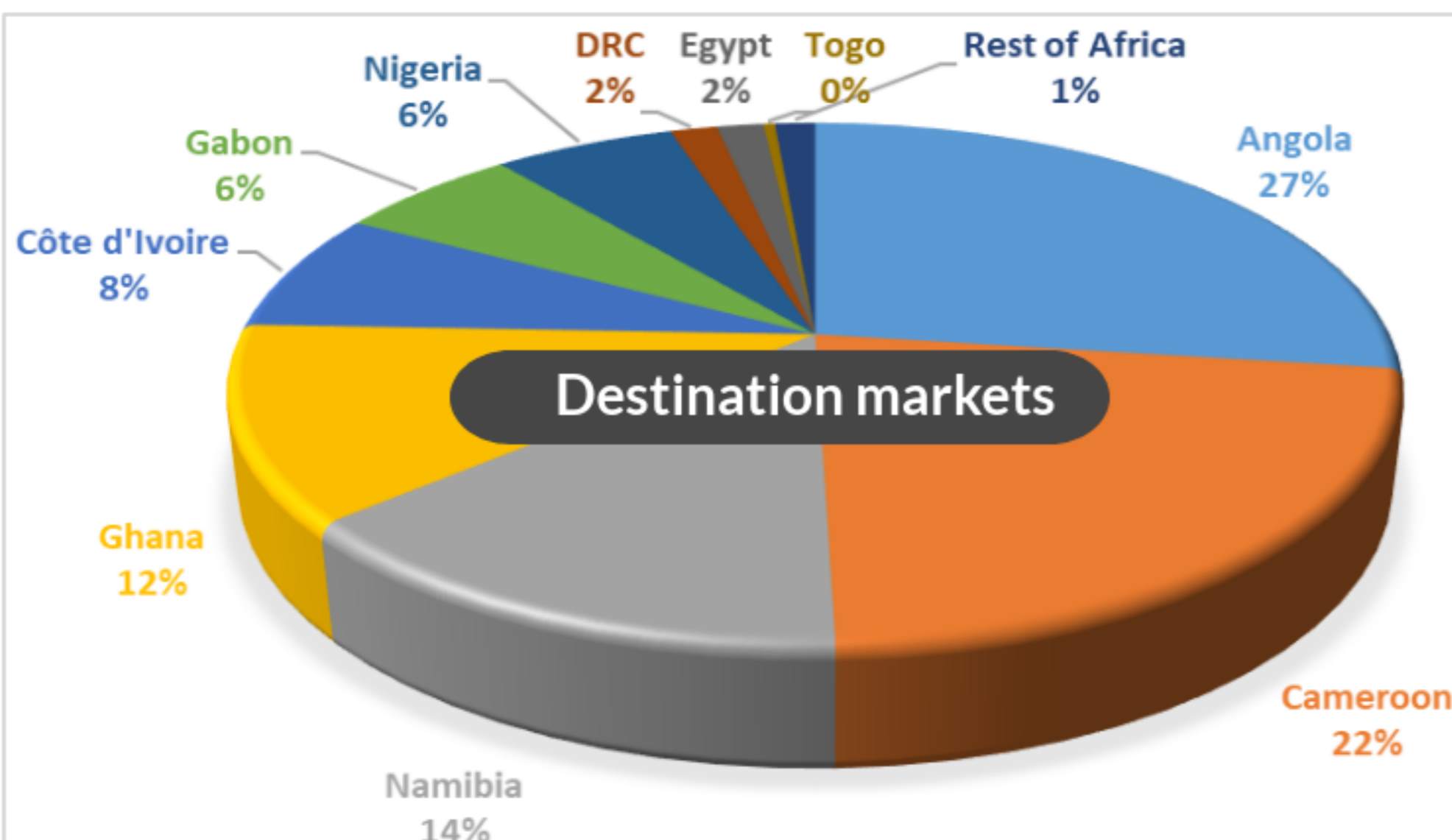


### IMPORTS

**37%** of Congo's total imports (US\$1.7 billion) are intra-Africa



### 2 Intra-Africa trade





The majority of Congo's intra-Africa trade is with members of the ECCAS, with the Angola; Cameroon; Gabon and Equatorial Guinea among the top trading partners. There is very limited trade with Southern Africa states in top 10 trading partners with exception of Angola; Namibia and DRC. Non-REC imports account for 73% (US\$ 1.4 billion) of Congo's total intra-Africa imports, mainly because Congo has preferential arrangements with Cameroon and Gabon only

Congo, belongs to ECCAS which is not a FTA, although preferential treatment is accorded to Cameroon and Gabon.

#### MFN applied duties

Highest MFN applied tariff band range is between 20% - 35% for goods entering Congo without preferences.

High tariffs are levied mostly on food products.

#### Duty free imports

3% (US\$ 56 million) of imports originating from non-REC Africa enter Congo duty free

## High ad valorem duties



Dairy products (35%)



Clothing & Textiles (35%)



Meat and vegetable products (35%)



cut flowers (20%)

## Duty free imports



Medicaments



Rabbit, pigeon meat; pig fat



Children's books; journals; newspapers



Prefabricated buildings

### Congo's top intra-Africa imports (excluding Cameroon; Gabon) 2017– US\$million and MFN tariffs

		2017 (US\$ millions)	%Share	Average tariff	Max tariff
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All products</b>	<b>1 417</b>		<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>
8905	Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes	611	43%	7%	7%
8901	Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges and similar vessels	537	38%	5%	5%
2710	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude)	72	5%	6%	6%
0303	Frozen fish (excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304)	31	2%	6%	6%
2403	Manufactured tobacco and manufactured tobacco	21	2%	11%	11%
8431	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of heading 8425 to 8430, n.e.s.	13	1%	6%	6%
8904	Tugs and pusher craft	11	1%	5%	5%
3302	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures	10	1%	15%	15%
1901	Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract	8	1%	10%	10%
8702	Motor vehicles for the transport of >= 10 persons, incl. driver	6	0%	3%	3%
	<b>Other products</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>7%</b>		

Africa provides huge trade and investment opportunities for Congo, which need to be capitalised.

Opportunities exist for both goods (agriculture; manufacturing) and services.

The country should take advantage of the regional integration efforts currently underway in Africa (AfCFTA) to expand its market base in Africa

Source: UN ITC TradeMap & MacMap databases