

# IVORY COAST

## Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



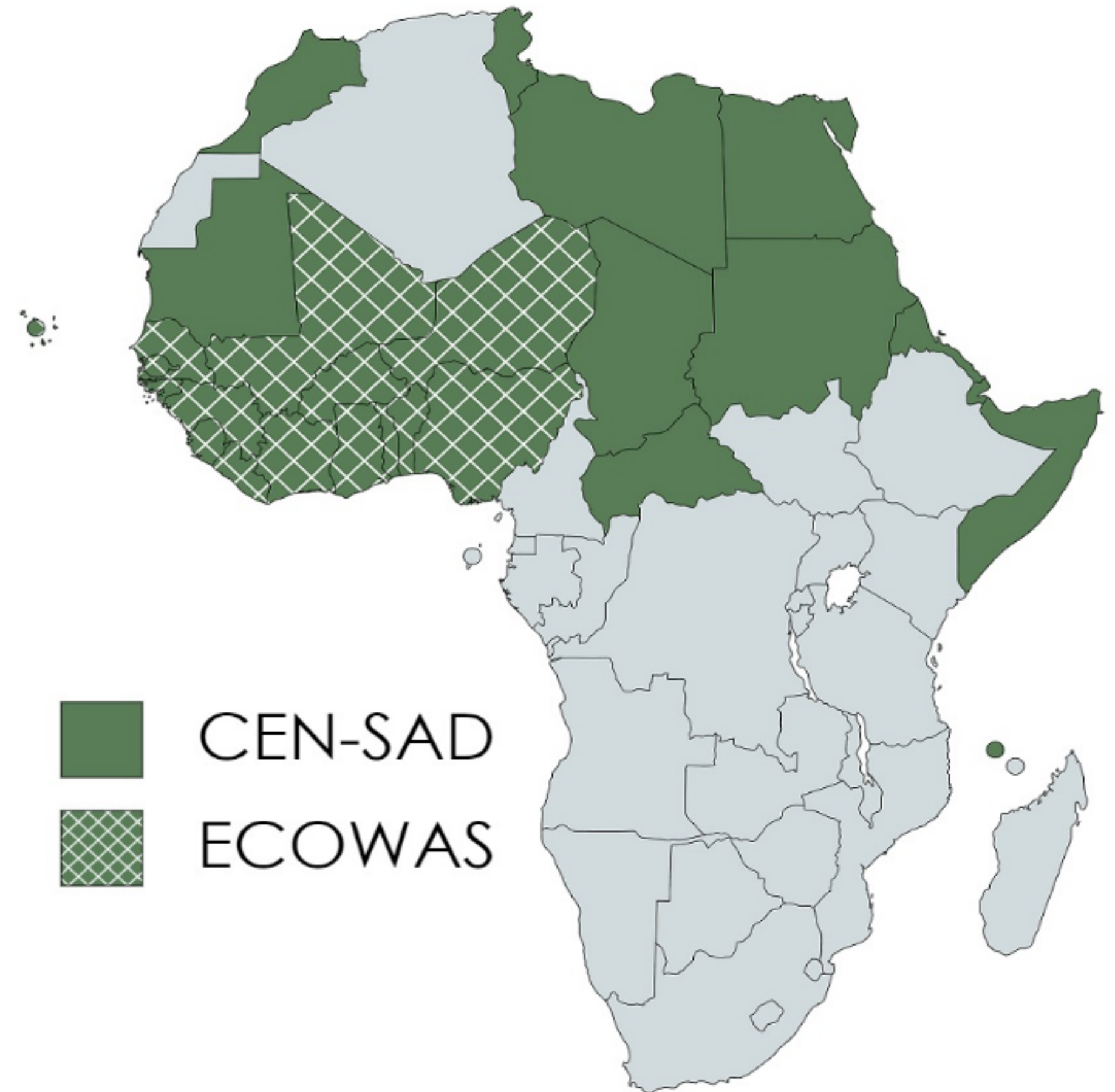
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Regional Economic Communities

Ivory Coast is a member of both the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)

CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states aspiring to the establishment of an Economic Union which includes the free movement of goods. Although CEN-SAD was revived in 2013 with a revision of the CEN-SAD Treaty there is still no free trade agreement in place.

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

23%

of Ivory Coast's total exports are intra-Africa



Petroleum oils (15%)



Gold (13%)



Electric energy (6%)



Palm oil (6%)

IMPORTS

20%

of Ivory Coast's total imports are intra-Africa



Crude Petroleum oils (41%)



Frozen fish (16%)



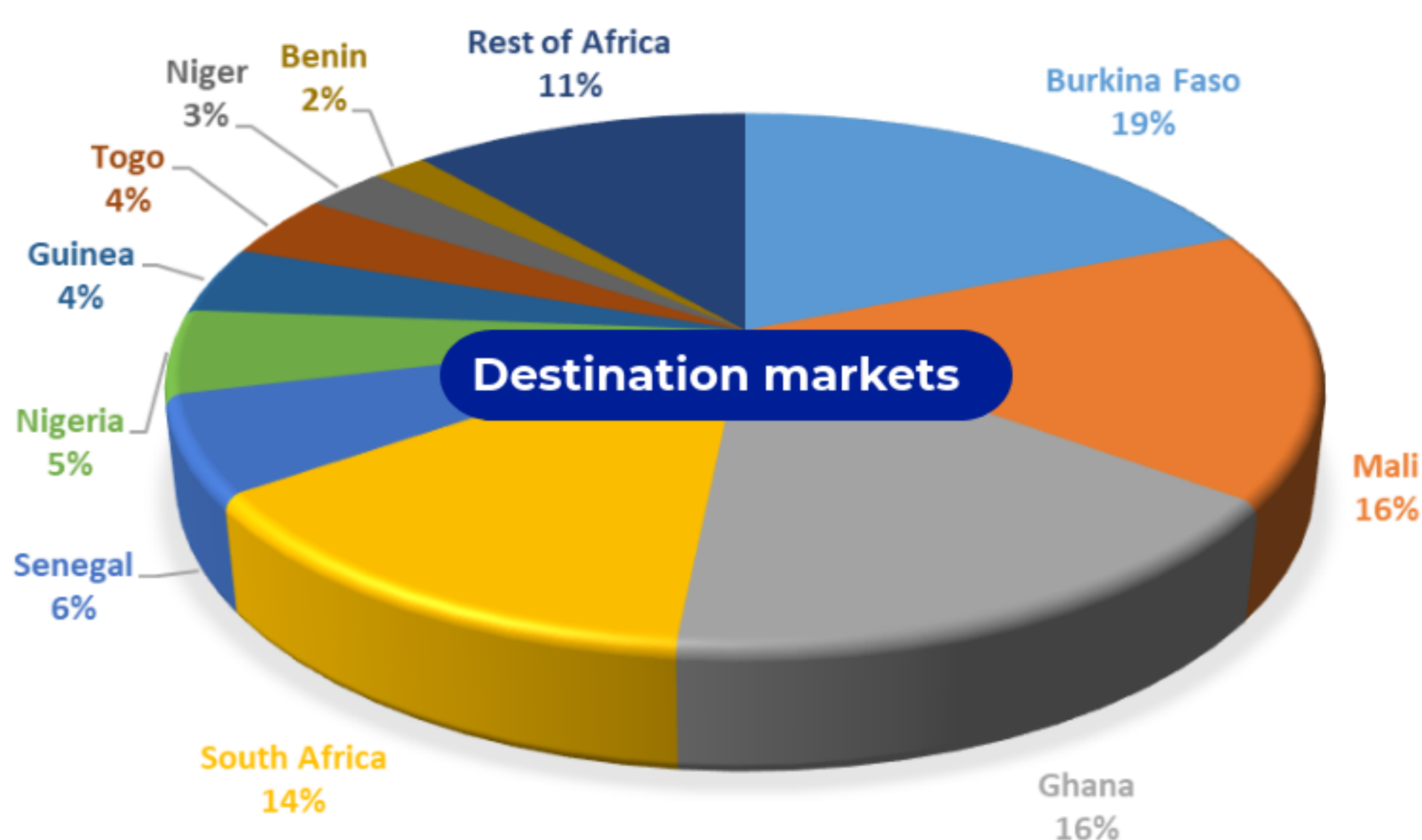
Petroleum oils (excl. crude) (11%)



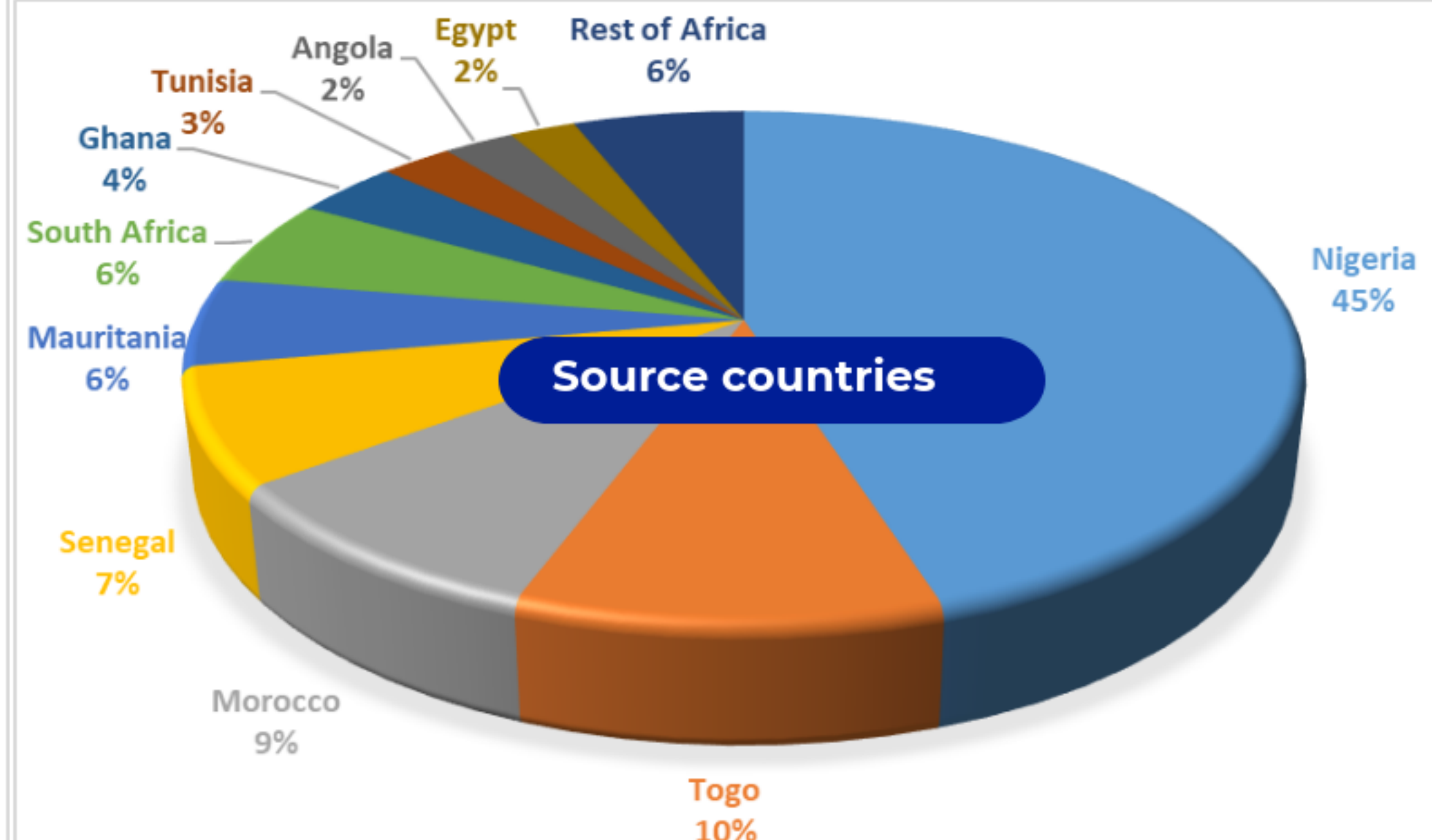
Cigars & Cigarettes (2%)

2 Intra-Africa trade

Destination markets



Source countries





All of the goods imported by Ivory Coast from other ECOWAS member states enter duty-free. However, imports from countries that are member of CEN-SAD are subject to duties, unless they are also members of ECOWAS.

African imports from outside ECOWAS are levied MFN applied duties

#### High simple average MFN applied duties

**Wheat & Maize flour**  
**Oils (soya-bean, ground-nut, palm, sunflower-seed, coconut)**  
**Sugar confectionery**  
**Cigars & Tobacco**

#### Duty free imports include

**Farming and gardening tools (HS82, HS83, HS84)**  
**Fertilizers (HS31)**  
**Printed books (HS49)**

### Highest ad valorem import duties



Wheat (35%)



Maize flour (35%)



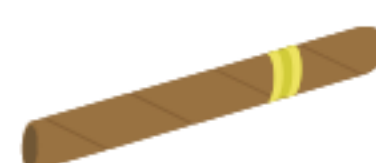
Oils (soya-bean, ground-nut, palm, sunflower-seed, coconut) (35%)



Sugar confectionary (35%)



Chewing gum (35%)



Cigar & Tobacco (35%)

#### Imports from Africa excluding ECOWAS countries and MFN tariffs

		2017 (US\$ millions)	%Share	Average tariff	Max tariff
<b>HS 4</b>	<b>All products</b>	<b>304</b>		<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>
0303	Frozen fish (excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304)	158	52%	11%	11%
8704	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, incl. chassis with engine and cab	25	8%	6%	6%
2711	Petroleum gas and other gaseous hydrocarbons	20	7%	4%	4%
3902	Polymers of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms	13	4%	5%	5%
7213	Bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils	7	2%	5%	5%
8901	Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges and similar vessels	6	2%	5%	5%
0808	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh	5	2%	20%	20%
8703	Motor cars and vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	5	2%	14%	14%
2710	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude);	5	1%	9%	9%
7208	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width >= 600 mm, hot-rolled,	3	1%	6%	6%
	<b>Other products</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>19%</b>		

Source: UN ITC TradeMap & MacMap databases

The main imports for Ivory Coast from non-REC countries include frozen fish; vehicles; petroleum oils; iron & steel and cruise ships among others.

These products are levied an applied duty of between 5% and 20%.  
The highest MFN rates applied are 35%.

The AfCFTA provides an opportunity for Ivory Coast to diversify its product base and expand its market beyond ECOWAS.