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Development investments in the cashew sector

Reasons → Outcomes → Lessons

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Umbrella program

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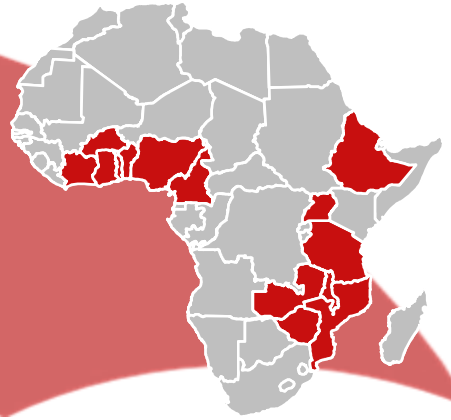

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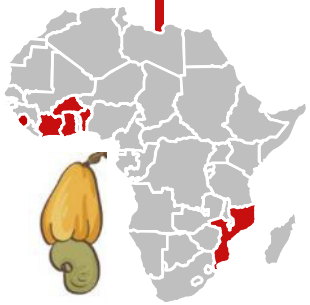
COMPACI – Cotton

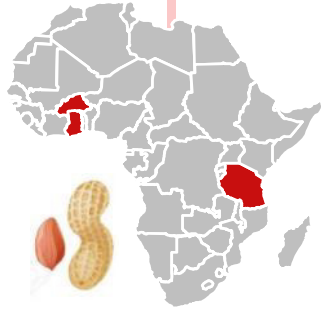
ComCashew – Cashew



CARI – Rice

SSAB – Cocoa

CAGI –Groundnut



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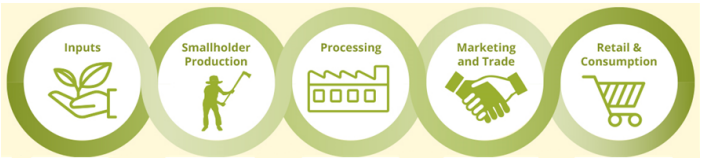
ComCashew is a multi-stakeholder partnership investing in the cashew sector since 2009 and :

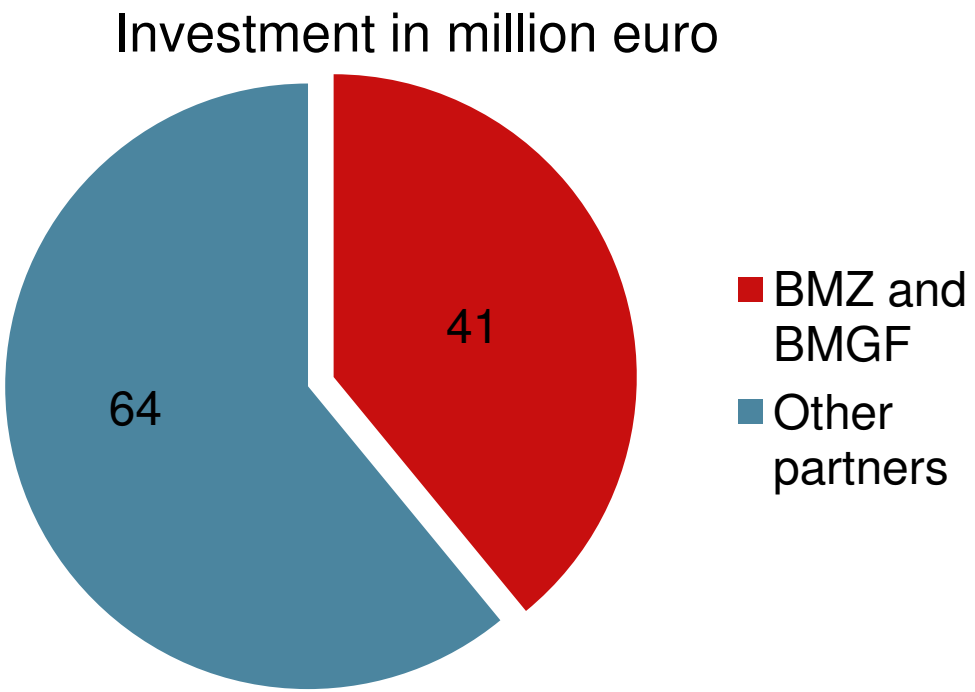
- Working in **6 countries** – Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Mozambique and Sierra Leone

- Promoting the entire **cashew value chain**



- Collaborating with more than **100** public and private partners

Since 2009, ComCashew and partners have invested > € 105 million in the cashew sector



What are the reasons for investments?

What are the outcomes?

What are lessons learnt?

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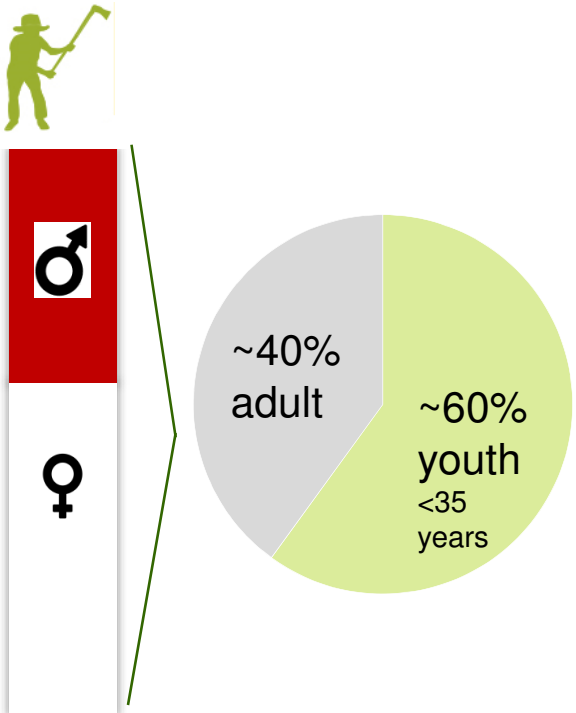
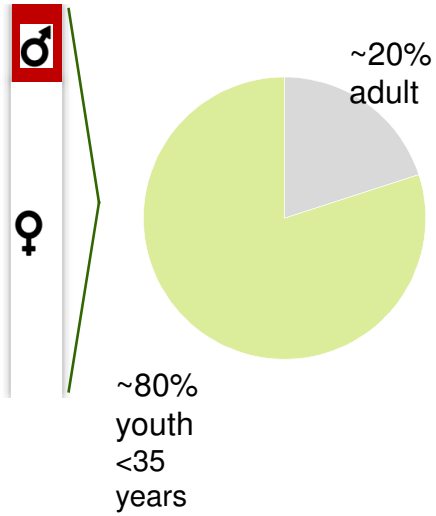
Cashew creates perspectives

ComCashew has contributed to the creation of 445.000 jobs, mainly in rural areas, offering new perspectives for youth and women

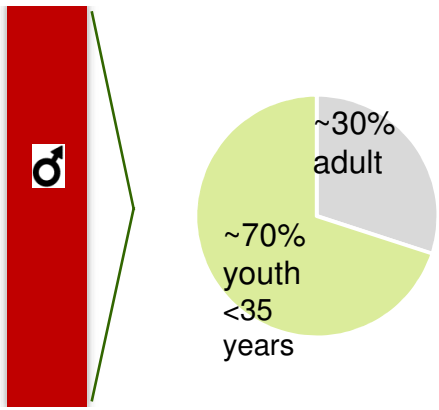
About 332.000 jobs in Production



92.000 jobs in Processing

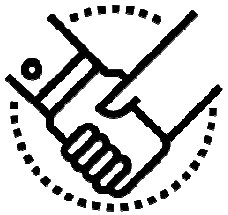


21.000 jobs in Trade

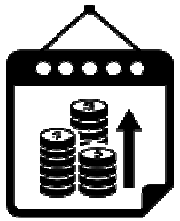


Cashew pays…

23 Mio. € added net **income for farmers** per year



20 Mio. € added **income** through processing per year



40+ Mio € new **taxes (RCN)** annually for selected cashew producing countries

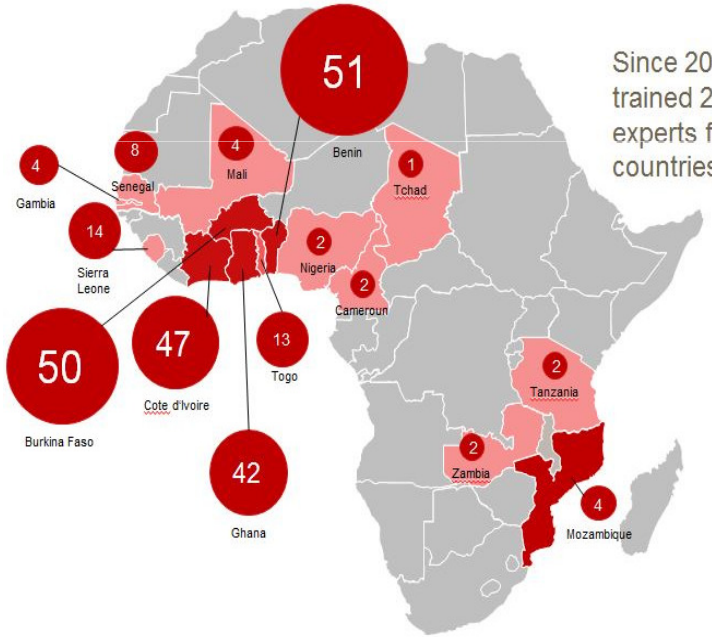
Cashew educates

Knowledge transfer to farmers

More than **420.000** farmers trained in Good Agricultural Practices

22% women

Cashew expert network: Master Training Program



Since 2014, ComCashew trained 246 cashew sector experts from 15 African countries in the MTP

Cashew brings actors together

- Regional multi-actor partnership
- Institutionalisation of Public-Private Partnerships :
  - Since 2011 ComCashew has commissioned **32 matching grant** projects at **11 Mio. €**

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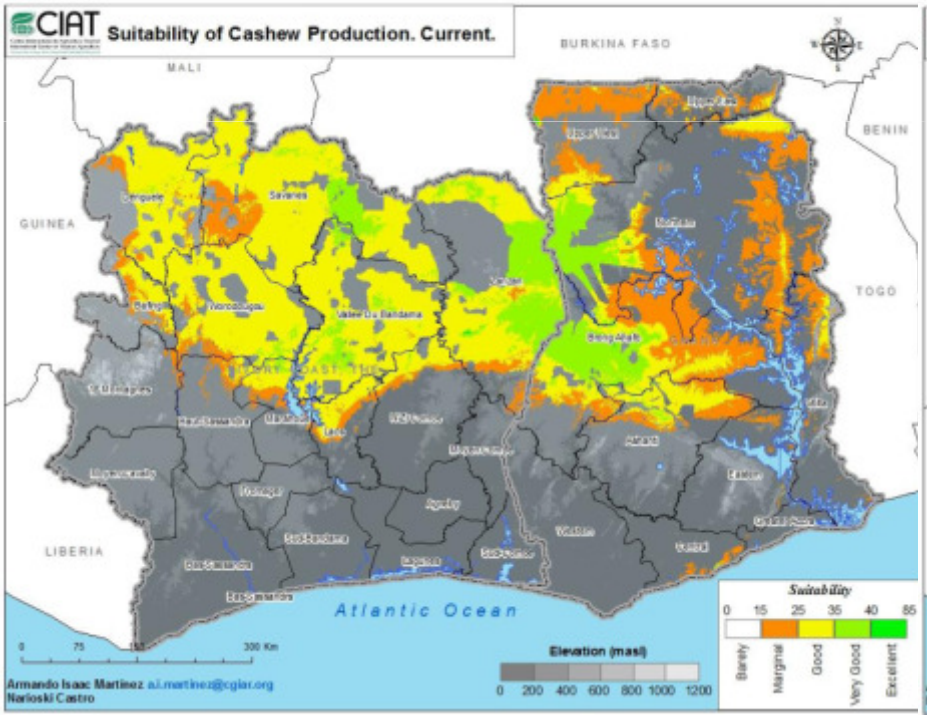
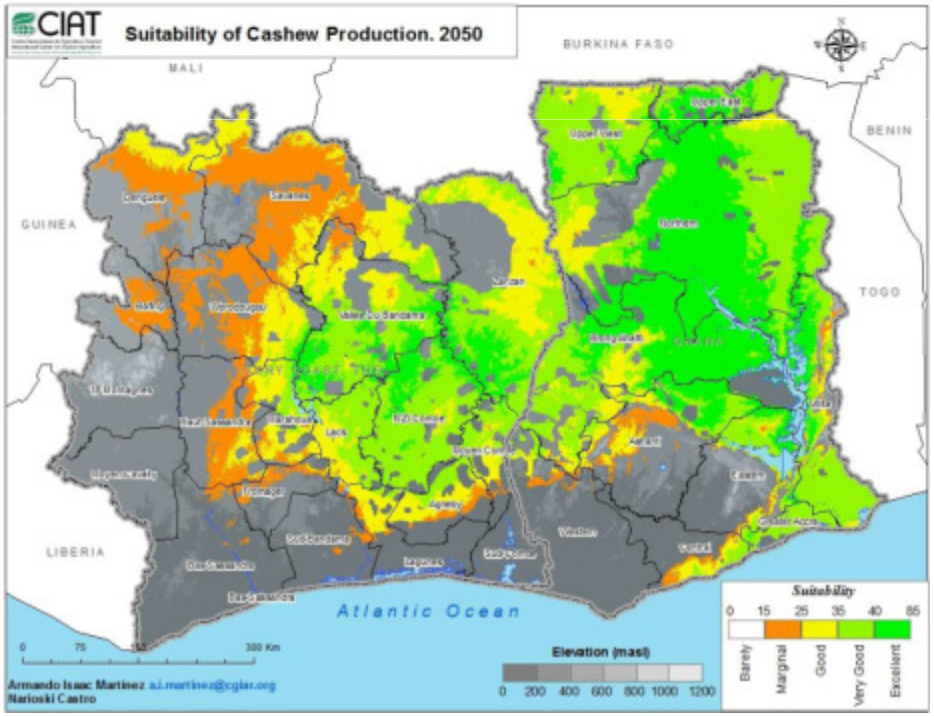
Cashew helps to adapt to climate change

Climate change is expected to increase cashew's importance as an income source and mitigate risks on food crops

Current Situation in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire[2]



Suitability in 2050[2]



Green areas indicate best suitability for cashew

[1]Source: Roudier, P. et al., The impact of future climate change on West African crop yields : what does the recent literature say? Global Environ. Change (2011), doi:10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2011.04.007
[2]Source: "Predicting the impact of climate change on cashew growing regions in Ghana and Ivory Coast", International Center for Tropical Agriculture on behalf of BMGF, 2010.

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Cashew contributes to sustainable development in Africa

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