

# RCN Crop 2018: Review and Outlook

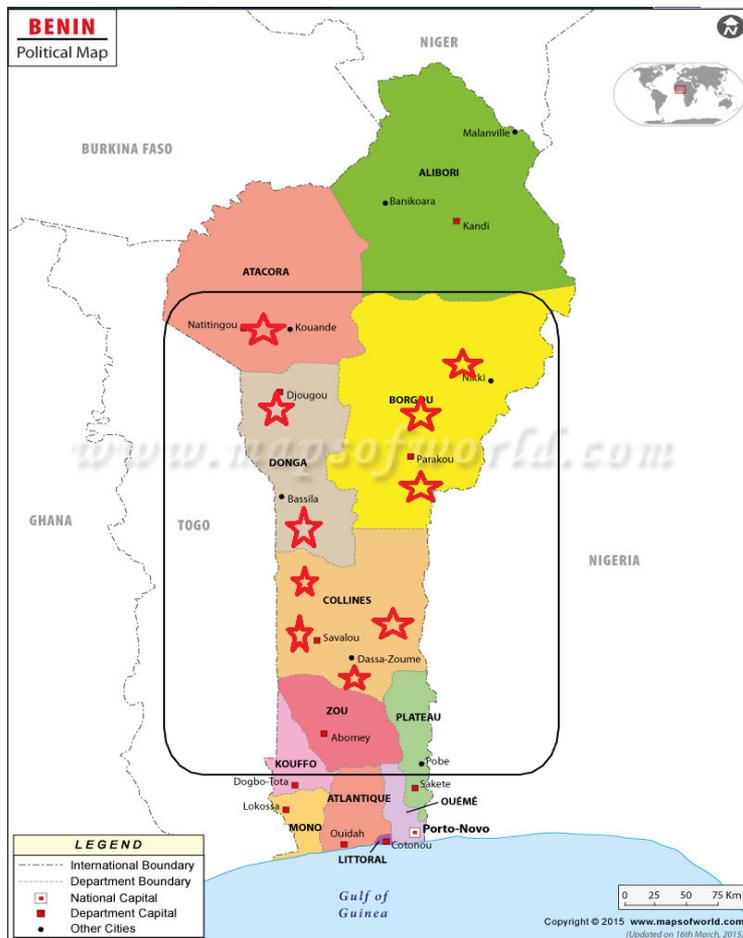
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# Cashew growing areas



- Central region

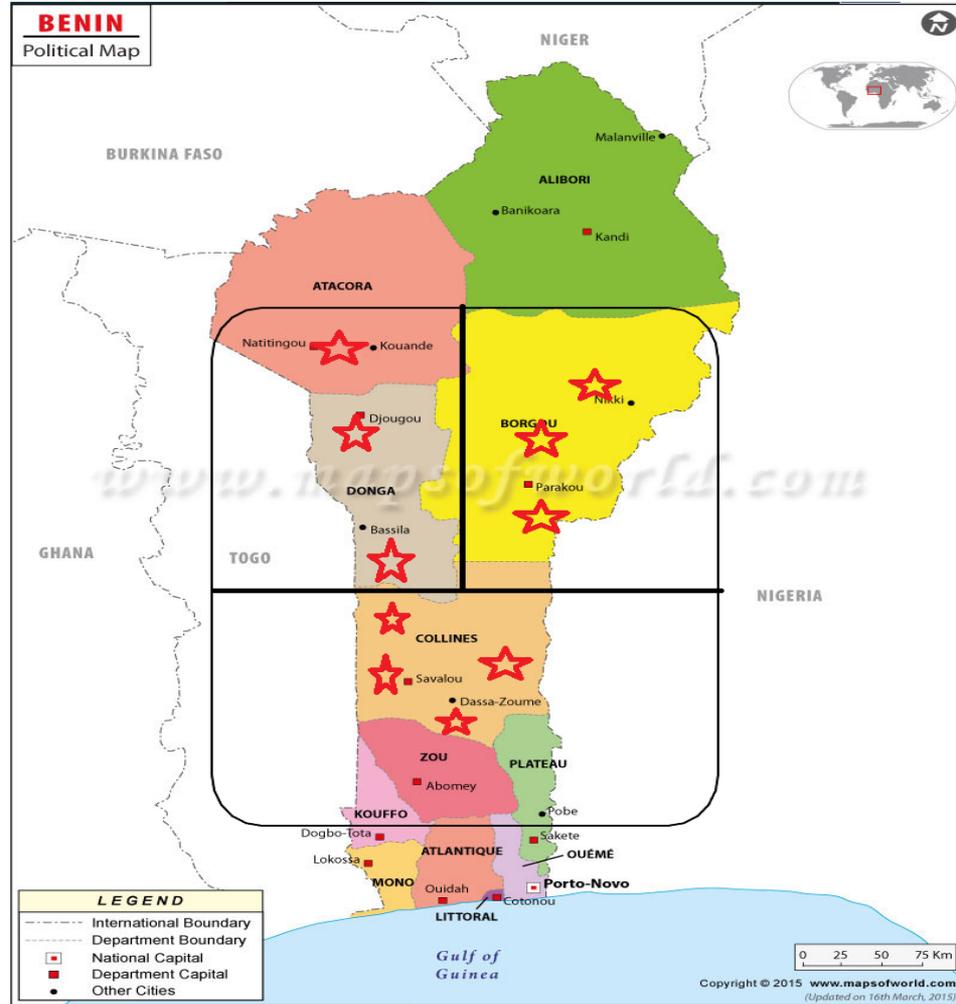
Dassa  
Savalou  
Bante  
Glazoue  
Save

- North Region

Parakou  
Nikki  
Ndali  
Bassila  
Djougou  
Nattitango

# Regions and crop

- Central Region 40,000
- Parakou 45,000
- Djougou 40,000



# Benin cashew campaign 2018

- **Benin cashew season -March to May**
- **Campaign opening date is fixed by Govt of Benin. Normally campaign starts in March. This year March 15nth**
- **Benin crop is estimated 125,000 Mt-2017**

	Mt
Trading	80,000
Processing	15,000
Cross border	30,000

# Benin cashew campaign 2018

- ▶ Cashew Crop 2018:- Cashew flowering is normal and some areas cashew harvesting started.
- ▶ The initial crop is very few quantity and the arrivals will continue, the main crop will start around February Mid
- ▶ The crop size we can't predict now, seeing the flowering, the crop size will be normal.
- ▶ Cashew Quality :-presently the cashew quality looks normal but the real quality we can know first week of March only.
- ▶ Price 2018 :-The price for the initial few quantities available like 5-10 kg is 500 -700CFA per kg, but the quantity is very less.
- ▶ Market :-The Cotonou market is normal, no much activities
- ▶ Campaign 2018:- Ministry of commerce declared the farm gate price 500 CFA, campaign opening date March 15 th.



# Primary Processing Challenges in Africa

- High Volumes in short season
- Huge working capital requirement/ Credit campaign Structure
- Lack of spare part availability
- High logistic cost
- Fully dependent on local raw material
- High inventory carrying cost
- High packing material and other spares carrying cost
- No scheduled wage structure
- Lack of stable government policies
- Dependence on expat manpower
- Little or no movement of low quality grades
- High processing cost
- Warehouse, storage space and drying yard challenges



# Government policies

- Fixation of Cashew campaign opening date
- Fixing the raw cashew farm gate price
- Regulatory Measures
- Export duties
- Preferential Buying Period for processors
- Encourage Plantation

