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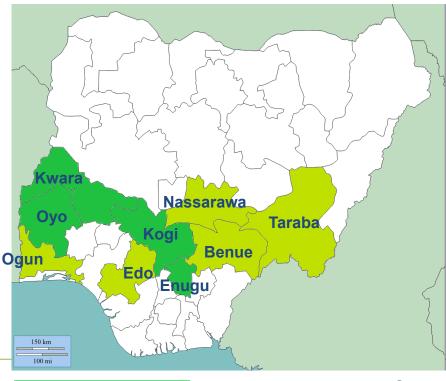
Cashew Processing in Africa: How to Scale Up Sustainably



NIGERIA CASHEW



- Nigeria accounts for approx. 7% of Global crop with total production estimated to be 250,000mt of Raw Cashew Nuts
- Less than 20% of the total production is being processed locally.
- The crop majorly is exported to India and Vietnam.
- 2 major crop types
 - Kogi
 - Ogbomosho
- Typical differences
 - Nut count
 - Peelability



Major Production

Minor Production





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Factors Impacting true Potential

- Low levels of investments/ lack of encouragement for Cashew processing investments
- High cost of operations compared to India/Vietnam
 - Higher cost of infra (utilities, transporation)
 - Higher interest and carrying cost how can we resolve the issue of carrying inventory for 8-9 months in Africa, when Asia carries inventories for 3 months or less?
- Low incentive among gatherers/ farmers to improve the quality
- Effectiveness of Export Incentive policy
- Lack of ancillary industries
 - Repair & Maintenance
 - Machine fabrication/ packing materials
 - Shells utilization/ CNSL plants to resin conversions
- Promotion of Cashew consumption / lack of local demand





Next Stages: Scaling Up

- Growth of local processing in Africa
- Increased Awareness towards health benefits of cashew consumption
- Cashew as an ingredient
- Current logistics challenges from Asia present a beautiful opportunity to Cashew producing countries of Africa to bridge the gap.
 - Can the African Cashew processing countries replace Vietnam in becoming preferred supplier to US/EU markets?
 - With Origin switch option to customers can multi-origin Cashew processors become a risk diversified supplier to US/EU markets?
- Sustainable supply of Cashews to Aware consumer
 - Digitalized Cashew supply chains from farm to shelf.