Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire (also known as the Ivory Coast), in western Africa on the Gulf of Guinea, is a little larger than New Mexico. Its neighbors are Liberia, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. The country consists of a coastal strip in the south, dense forests in the interior, and savannas in the north.

For more than three decades after its independence from France, Ivory Coast was known for its religious and ethnic harmony, as well as its well-developed economy. The Western African country was hailed as a model of stability. But an armed rebellion in 2002 split the nation into two. Since then, peace deals have alternated with renewed violence as the country has slowly edged its way towards a political resolution of the conflict. Despite the instability, Ivory Coast is the world's largest exporter of cocoa beans and its citizens enjoy a relatively high level of income, compared to other countries in the region.

Ivory Coast was rated recently by the international Monetary Fund (IMF) as Africa’s fastest growing economy with Gross domestic Product expected to grow by over 8 percent this year. The cashew boom will also lead to more jobs and money flowing into the Ivorian economy.

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<th>Official Name</th>
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<td>ISO Country Code</td>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>322,463 km² (69th) 124,502 sq mi</td>
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<td>Population</td>
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<td>Capital City</td>
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<td>Other Cities</td>
<td>Bouaké, Daloa, Gagnoa, Korhogo, Man, San Pedro.</td>
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<td>Climate</td>
<td>Tropical, semiarid in far north.</td>
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<td>Natural resources</td>
<td>Petroleum, natural gas, diamonds, manganese, iron ore, cobalt, bauxite, copper, gold, nickel, tantalum, silica sand, clay, cocoa beans, coffee, palm oil, hydropower.</td>
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<td>Agriculture products</td>
<td>main export goods are coffee and cocoa beans, other products are: bananas, palm kernels, corn, rice, manioc (tapioca), sweet potatoes, sugar, cotton, rubber and timber.</td>
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**Cashew growing areas**

Bafing (Touba)
Denguélé (Odienné)
Lacs(Yamoussoukro, Toumodi, Tiebissou),
Marahoué (Bouaflé, Sinfrá, Zuenoula)
Moyen Comoé (Agnibilékro),
N’Zi Comoé (Bongouanou, Daoukro, Dimbokro, M’Bahïakro, Bocanda),
Savanes (Korhogo, Ferké, Tengrela, Boundiali),
Bandama Valley (Bouaké, Dabakala, Béoumi, Katiola, Sakassou),
Worodougou (Sélguela, Mankono)
Zanzan areas (Bondoukou, Bouna, Tanda).
**Harvesting Season**
Harvest season is normally spread from March to June. During this period, the fruits that have matured fall by themselves. The harvesting procedure consists of going regularly around the orchard and collecting the fruits and detaching the nuts from the apples by a mild twist.

**Major ports**
- Abidjan
- San Pedro
- Bunco bay
- Sassandra
- locodjo

**Agencies**
The **CCA (Conseil du coton et de l’Anacarde - www.conseilcotonanacarde.ci)** is a parastatal organization that regulates cashew marketing and value chain-related activities, with a view to developing the sector. The CCA also promote local processing of cashew, and organizes a biannual conference, SIETTA - the Cashew Processing Equipment and Technology Trade Fair. Inaugurated in 2014 the goal of SIETTA is to promote cashew processing equipment and technologies to domestic and international investors, and to encourage local consumption of cashew products.

**ANADER (Agence Nationale d’Appui au Développement Rural)** is a specialized structure in the cashew sector. The agency’s mission is to develop rural communities’ livelihoods; its activities cover the entire country through regional agencies and extension officers’ networks. ANADER has signed a MoU with CCA and FIRCA (Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherché et du Conseil Agricole) to support cashew value chain actors in rural areas.

In addition to the public sector, NGOs and private sector organizations such as African Cashew Initiative are also working to improve the cashew sector development.

**The GIC-CI (Groupement des industriels du Cajou en Côte d’Ivoire (GIC-CI))** is the national cashew processors’ association, with a mission to promote cashew processing, and contribute to government efforts to increase cashew processing to more than 30% by 2020. Cote d’Ivoire currently processes only 25,000 MT of raw cashew, or less than 10% of the total production of the country

**Ministry of Agriculture**
This Ministry is technically in charge of the cashew sector and is the regulatory authority of all the other following organizations. From many years, the exports of the cashew nuts have been put under the system of the DUS (Droit Unique de Sortie). The DUS is a levy collected for the Public Revenue with a value of CFA 10 / kg of nuts exported.
ARECA
Established in September 2002, ARECA is in charge of the organization of the cotton and cashew sectors. ARECA is partially funded by a CFA 2 levy per kg of exported raw nuts. ARECA has elaborated some officials texts related to the organization of the cashew sector. The main regulations are related to the following subject. The organizational framework of the cashew sector.

ARECA’s responsibilities: OTIFA creation, activity and responsibilities. Nature and amount of the levies on the exports of raw nuts (fixed on an annual basis). Raw nuts market and export regulations and Regulations for the exporter’s approval.

FIRCA (Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles).
The FIRCA is in charge of funding research programs on agronomy and forestry and of the support to professional agricultural organizations. The World Bank has funded the feasibility study of the implementation of the FIRCA.

The FIRCA was established in 2002 and received funds from all agricultural sectors. For the cashew sector, FIRCA is supposed to receive CFA 2 / kg of exported raw nuts.

CNRA (National Centre for Agricultural Research)
CNRA, National Agricultural Research Center of the Ivory Coast was created in 1998 following the dissolution of several research organizations (IDEFOR, IDESSA, CIRT) to better coordinate agricultural research in order to get results. CNRA and includes several locations spread throughout the Ivorian territory. Each site consists of a set of research stations attached administratively to a DREG Regional Directorate.

http://www.cnra.ci
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Afreco (African Commercial Exchanges)
Ivorian company for the exports of cashew nut, coffee, cocoa and other products, it started in 1972 and has permanent representatives in the regions of Korhogo, Ferké and Katiola. At present, it is the most important exporter of cashew nut in Ivory Coast.

Non-governmental organization
RONGEAD & INADES
RONGEAD is a nonprofit organization in Côte d’Ivoire which helps facilitate small producers in Africa to gain better access to markets. In Côte d’Ivoire we transmit information on the cashew market via SMS, radios, and 6 field trainers. The project, initially financed by EU is called:
"Creation of a proactive network of shared knowledge of the world market for cashew value chain in Côte d'Ivoire."
RONGEAD is regularly in contact with 9,000 producers of cashews in five regions of the country, and send 8,000 SMS every week providing up to date information on market global information, prices and trends. In addition the field trainers are crossing the country to be in direct contact with the producers. They explain the information, they adapt to every village, and they helping them to take good decision, sometimes collectives sales.

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ADEFICA Association pour le Développement de la Filière Cajou Africain (Association for the Development of the African Cashew Network)

ANOPACI Agence Nationale des Organisations Professionnelles Agricoles de Côte d'Ivoire (National Association of Agricultural Trade Organizations of Côte d’Ivoire)

APACI Association Nationale des Producteurs d’Anacarde de Côte d’Ivoire (National Association of Cashew Growers of Côte d’Ivoire)

APEX-CI Association pour la Promotion des Exportations de Côte d'Ivoire (Association for the Promotion of Côte d’Ivoire’s Exports)

CEPICI Centre de Promotion des Invests en Côte d’Ivoire (Centre for the Promotion of Investments in Côte d’Ivoire)

CFAF Communauté Financière Africaine Franc (Franc of the African Financial Community)

ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development

FENOPACI Fédération Nationale des Organisations Professionnelles Paysannes Agricoles Productrices d’Anacarde de Cote d’Ivoire (National Federation of Professional Cashew – growing Organisations in Côte d’Ivoire)

FESACI Fédération des Syndicats Autonomes de Côte d’Ivoire (Federation of Autonomous Trade Unions of Côte d’Ivoire)

INTERCAJOU Inter - profession de la Filière Cajou (Intertrade Association of the Cashew Sector)
Cashew processing factories

Agri-Business Company  
SITA-SA, Sarl  
Caju Industrie S  
Africajou  
Olam  
Copabo  
Bandaman Cajou  
Pamo  
ROMAF  
Africa Negoce  
Cajou de Fassou  
EBLA  
Bandaman Cajou  
Anacarde Dore  
Wossiehie

Logistics Companies

Côte d'Ivoire Logistique  
Bolloré Africa Logistics  
DHL Ivory Coast  
SIMAT (Société Ivoirienne de Manutention et de Transit)  
Global Transit  
JA Logistics  
Supermaritime Group  
SEA-Invest

Shipping services

Elohim Shipping Limited  
GROUPE-IMANA  
Ivoire Packing Shipping Services  
CGMPS CARGO LTD  
OSIAN TRANSIT AND SECURITY CI (OTS)  
TRANSIT AFRIC COTE D'IVOIRE  
Adk Groupe Sarl
Shipping lines
ETABLISSEMENT SREN
GETMA Ivory Coast
Flying Eagle Shipping Limited
SIMAT
CMA CGM COTE D'IVOIRE
Africa Trans-Logistics International - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Alov Air and Sea Ltd - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Elohim Shipping Limited - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Sren-shipping - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
FCL (Fret Consignation Logistique) - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Goshmelo Shipping & Trading Ltd - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Ivoire Packing Shipping Services - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Platinum Shipping & Logistics Limited (PSL) - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Ryanmar Shipping & Logistics Ltd - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Setoa Cote d'Ivoire - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
Trans-Mer - Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
welog Ivory Coast - Abidjan Airport, Ivory Coast,

Top Exporters list - IVC
Olam Ivoire
CAP
DINCOM-CI
Export Trading Corporation
Omni Value
UFACOCI
Inter Agro CI
Tree Nuts Exports CI
Rising Sun International
Sai SA Ivoiry
Pan Global
Asia Commodities
SAFDCOM
Agrarian

Banking/Financial Institutions
Export-import Bank of Korea Cote D’ivoire
Email: info@eibk-ci.com

Bangue Nationale D’investissement
Email: info@bni.ci
African Development Bank Group

ECOWAS Bank - Economic Community of West African States

Société Ivoirienne de Banque - SIB

BGFI BANK CÔTE D’IVOIR

NGO - financing cashew
http://www.fairmatchsupport.nl/en/knowledge/links

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Presence in Benin, Burkina Faso, IVC, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique

Area, Production and Productivity of RCN – Ivory Coast

Ivory Coast in 2015 overtakes India as top producer of RCN when it produces in excess of 700,000 tons. In 2016 also IVC is likely to maintain the top position, despite slight fall in RCN production, which is expected at around 675,000 tons.

Currently the cashew nut area is close to one million hectare in IVC. Yields increased considerably since 2008 and averages 550 kg per ha.
Export of RCN into India

Ivory Coast is the top exporter as well as producer of RCN in the world. India’s share of RCN exports from IVC in 2006 was about 85%. In the last decade (2006-2015) India’s share averages 60%. But so far in the first seven months of 2016 India’s share declined to the lowest to 38%. The previous lowest was 46% witnessed in 2013.