

# The context of palm oil in Africa

- ❖ Over 20 producing countries.
- ❖ Unique: wild groves & artisanal processing.
- ❖ Smallholders account for approx. 70% of production.
- ❖ Net importer of palm oil.
- ❖ Bulk of production feeds domestic markets.
- ❖ Governments have immense influence on the adoption/mainstreaming of sustainability .
- ❖ **New frontier for palm oil expansion.**



# Africa Palm Oil Production

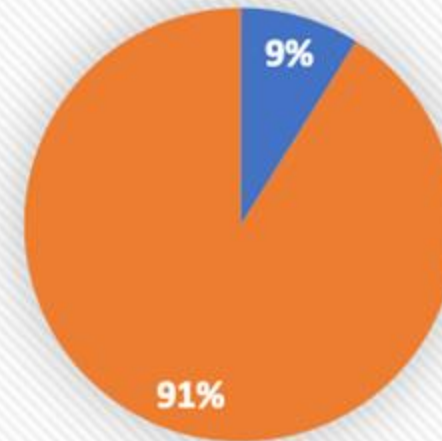


**Africa Palm Oil Production**  
(Est. Total = 3.4 million MT)



■ RSPO Certified ■ Non-RSPO

**Africa Oil Palm Production Area**  
(Est. Total = 4,142,925)



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## Challenges

- ❖ Balancing socio-economic aspirations (reducing imports, self sufficiency, job creation,...) and the need for forest conservation ( for biodiversity, climate change mitigation).
- ❖ Land tenure / use rights / legality
- ❖ Smallholder support and inclusion.

## Opportunities

- ❖ Leveraging multi-stakeholder initiatives [e.g. Central Africa Forest Initiative (CAFI), TFA Africa Palm Oil Initiative (Africa Sustainable Commodities Initiative), etc.].
- ❖ Ongoing collaboration between governments and the private sector
- ❖ Availability of arable land, favourable soil and climatic conditions
- ❖ Availability of labour
- ❖ Market opportunity due to increasing demand
- ❖ Available green-financing

