

Nigeria, a country on the coast of West Africa, bordered by the Bight of Benin and the Gulf of Guinea in south. Nigeria is bordered by Benin, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger, it shares maritime borders with Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, and São Tomé and Príncipe. Nigeria's main rivers are the Niger, where it got its name from, and the Benue, the main tributary of the Niger.

Official Name	Federal Republic of Nigeria
ISO Country Code	ng
Time	Local Time = <u>UTC</u> +1h
Country Calling Code	+234
Area	924 000 sq. km. (356 700 sq. mi.)
Population	183.5 million (UN estimate 2015)
Language	English
Capital City	Abuja
Other Cities	Lagos, Kano, Ibadan, Port Harcourt, Benin City, Kaduna
Climate	Temperatures 22-36°C, annual rainfall ranges from 381 cm. along the coast to 64 cm. or less in the far north.
Natural resources	Petroleum, natural gas, tin, columbite, iron ore, coal, limestone, lead, zinc.
Agriculture products	Cocoa, peanuts, palm oil, corn, rice, sorghum, millet, cassava (tapioca), yams, rubber; cattle, sheep, goats, pigs; timber; fish.
Currency	Naira (NGN)

Cashew growing regions

Cashew was introduced as an erosion controlling-plant in the Eastern part of Nigeria in the 16th centuries. The potentials of cashew as a crop were recognized in the 20th centuries.

Commercial cultivations started in Nigeria in 1950s at Oghe, Oji, Udi and Mbala by the Old Eastern Nigeria Development Corporation (ENDC) and Iwo, Eruwa and Upper Ogun by the Old Western Nigeria Development Corporation (WNDC).

Cashew is cultivated in all agro-ecological zones of Nigeria. Thus, it tolerates wide rainfall conditions of between 600 mm and 3, 000 mm per annum.

In Nigeria, commercial plantations of the crop are found in 27 states: Abia, Anambra, Enugu, Imo, Edo, Oyo, Kogi, Benue, Ondo, Ogun, Osun, Kwara, Lagos, Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Borno, Cross River, Ebonyi, Ekiti, Kaduna, Gombe, Kebbi, Nassarawa, and plateau, Taraba, Niger, Zamfara and Federal Capital Territory.



Weather and ideal conditions for cashew to grow

Cashew thrives under harsh environmental conditions that are unfavourable to other crops.

It is cultivated at altitude of between 170m and 1000m above sea level, but does not tolerate frost.

It flourishes within rainfall ranges of 500mm-4000mm per annum and temperature of 270C-400C.

It tolerates infertile soils. Ideal soil requirement is deep, friable, well-drained sandy loam without hard pans.

Ports

Lagos Port Complex (port of Lagos) is located at the Apapa area of Lagos, South West Nigeria. Lagos Port Complex occupies a total land area of over 120 Hectares, a firm, flat terrain, sand filled and concrete paved land area.

The geographical location is within UTM Zone 31. The Port operational area consist of Berthing areas, Cargo handling areas, Stacking areas and Storage facilities.

Delta Port is unique and has enormous capacity yearning for development. Because of the immense potentials that abound in the port, thus it is adjudged to be the port of the future, it provides advantages that set it apart, and place it on a class of its own. Those selling points are: shorter distance for haulages of cargoes for catchment states of Anambra, IMO, Enugu, Delta, Edo, Kogi, Ondo, Benue, etc when compared with other operational ports.

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Cashew Associations in Nigeria

Government and Non-Government Agencies

Ministry of Commerce & Industry – To get Import & Export Commercial License for company’s commercial activities, and also to secure the Industry license

Ministry Finance - To register the company for tax

Ministry of Agriculture – To obtain the phytosanitary certificate for export purpose.

Ministry of Justice - For legal registration of company.

Municipal committee - For publication of company registration in National Bulletin

NIPC – Nigerian Investment promotion council – To obtain Investment code, information about requirements, facilities and benefits of investment in Nigeria, and to submit your project.

NCAN – National Cashew Association of Nigeria – To assist on cashew-specific investments, value chain linkage and sartorial advocacy.

CAC– Corporate Affairs Commission – T o ensure compliance with Nigerian corporate sector laws.

Non-governmental agencies actives in the cashew sector

Africa Farmers Extension Network – Association provides consultancy to local Nigerian cashew farmers associations, in global farming practices and linkage to markets.

CEKARD Associates – Centre of knowledge and agricultural rural development; works with cashew farmers, local traders, exporters and processors.

NNF – New Nigeria Foundation – works to empower Nigerian rural cashew farmers, traders, and domestic processors.

NCAN: The National Cashew Association of Nigeria (NCAN) is the umbrella body charged with regulating the Nigerian Cashew Industry for the benefit of all stakeholders be it Cashew Farmers, Traders, Processors Exporters and Service Providers

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NEPC- The Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) was established through the promulgation of the Nigerian Export Promotion Decree No. 26 of 1976 and formally inaugurated in March, 1977. Its aim is to make the world a market place for Nigerian non-oil products.

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Cashew processing Factories

Olam Nig. Ltd. Ilorin

Matnad Industries Ltd

Abod Success Nig. Ltd

Embiks Investment

FoodPro

EDGIL (new start up)

Abig Ventures

A.C.E.T. (Nig.) Ltd

KD Foods Ltd

Asia Commodities Ltd

Century Export Ltd

Collosus Investment

Eastern Farm Industries Ltd

ED&F Man Nig. Ltd

Elephant Group Ltd

Emekacajan Industrial Co. Ltd
Ido – Enkay Nig. Ltd
JOF Enterprises Ltd
Kashford
LBM Oversens Nig. Ltd
Pargan Nig. Ltd
Valency International Pte/Viva Kwel Nig. Ltd

Logistics, shipping companies and shipping lines

Admiral Marine Shipping Nigeria Limited
Aero Atlantic Limited
Ancel Shipping Services Limited
Betchimarine Nigeria Limited
Blue Funnel Nigeria Lagos
Bonny Shipping and Marine Services.
Chrismatel Shipping
Cloverleaf Shipping Limited
Comet Shipping Agencies Nigeria Limited
Continental Shipyard Limited
Donab Maritime Limited
Ebentina International Limited
Express Cargo (Liners) Shipping
Fablo Ventures Limited
FijiCrowd Technologies Ltd
Fortune Global Shipping & Logistics Limited
G.L.O Synergy Integrated Services
Genesis Worldwide Shipping
Gilola International Agencies Limited
Globe Shipping Line Nigeria Limited
GMT Shipping Nigeria Limited
Golden Shipping Company Nigeria Limited
Hamadah Shipping Services Limited
Heedbern Shipping Nig. Ltd
Imperial Blue Nigeria Limited
Interglobal Shipping Company Limited
Leostar Shipping
Mas Global Express And Logistics
NAL Comet
Nedlink Logistics International Limited
Ordia And Sons Cargo

PIL Nigeria Ltd
Reliance Freight Services
Rowdy International Ltd
Saeed Marine Services Limited
Safmarine Nigeria.
Sailbond Shipping
Saro Transcontinental Ltd
Seawave Shipping Company Limited
Ship Afrika International
Sifax Group
Survive Marine And Logistics Services Limited
Tiger Shipping Company Limited
Tokke Maritime Services Limited
UASC Agencies Nigeria
Universal Shipping & Logistics Solutions Limited
Value Handlers Int. Ltd
Whiteworld Shipping Limited
Zenith Shipping Company Limited

Shipping lines

CMA CGM NIGERIA SHIPPING LIMITED
DIAMOND AIR GLOBAL SERVICES LTD
First- First Freight & International Agencies
Sea Favor Shipping NIG Ltd

Banking and financial service providers

The Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL)

The Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) – a new innovative mechanism targeted at de-risking lending to the agricultural sector, is designed to provide the singular transformational and one bullet solution to break the seeming jinx in Nigeria’s agricultural lending and development.

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in August 2010, engaged the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) to develop the NIRSAL.

NIRSAL is an approach that tackles both the agricultural value chains and the agricultural financing valuechain.

The goal of NIRSAL is to trigger an agricultural industrialization process through increased production and processing of the greater part of what is produced to boost economic earnings across the value chain.

The Fund for Agricultural Finance in Nigeria (FAFIN) is an innovative agriculture-focused investment fund that provides tailored capital and technical assistance solutions to commercially-viable small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and Intermediaries across the agricultural sector in Nigeria using quasi-equity, equity and debt instruments to structure investments. The Fund invests in such enterprises as part of its mission to catalyze agriculture-led inclusive economic growth in Nigeria, and increase the amount of commercial capital available for agriculture in the country.

<http://www.fafinnigeria.com/>

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The Rural Finance Institution Building Programme (RUFIN)

The Rural Finance Institution Building Programme (RUFIN) is a Loan Agreement of US\$27.2 million between the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Federal Government of Nigeria. The central objective of the programme is to develop and strengthen Micro Finance Banks (MFBs), other member-based Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs), by enhancing the access of the rural populace to the services of these institutions in order to expand and improve agricultural productivity and Micro-Small Rural Enterprises.

First Bank of Nigeria

<https://www.firstbanknigeria.com/products/business/loans/agricultural-financing/commercial-agriculture-credit-scheme/>

<http://agronigeria.com.ng/about-agronigeria/>

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Area, Production and Exports of RCN in Nigeria

The Road map for cashew industry development in Nigeria 2016-2020 is focused on increasing Nigeria's cashew production from 160,000 tonnes to 500,000 tonnes and processing about 70% of our total cashew production.

In 2016 Nigeria is estimated to produce 175,000 tonnes of raw cashew nut. In 2015 Nigeria exported around 140,000 tonnes of RCN mainly to Vietnam and India.

The area under cashew in Nigeria currently stood at around 400,000 ha. The National Cashew Association of Nigeria said it had planted 250,000 cashew trees in Oyo, Osun, Cross-River, Kwara and Abia States from May till date. More trees would be planted in 10 other states, including Enugu, Imo, Delta, Edo, Kogi, Niger, Nassarawa and Zamfara, in 2017.

