

France's Economic Policy Effects on Benin's Palm Oil Industry

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oi Statement of Problem

France's continued control over Benin's production of palm oil via the UEMOA and the privatization of the palm oil industry has left Beninese female entrepreneurs and farmers with lack of compensation for their back-breaking efforts.



02 Policy Context

- ❖ The palm oil industry in Benin under French rule.
- ❖ The French colonial government launched the palm oil industry in the 1950s.
- ❖ Benin was granted autonomy in 1958, and was granted independence on August 1, 1960.



03 Policy Formation

- UEMOA stands for the Western Monetary and Economic Union
- Founded January 10, 1994
- Enacted August 1, 1990 after ratification
- Government - Corporate relations

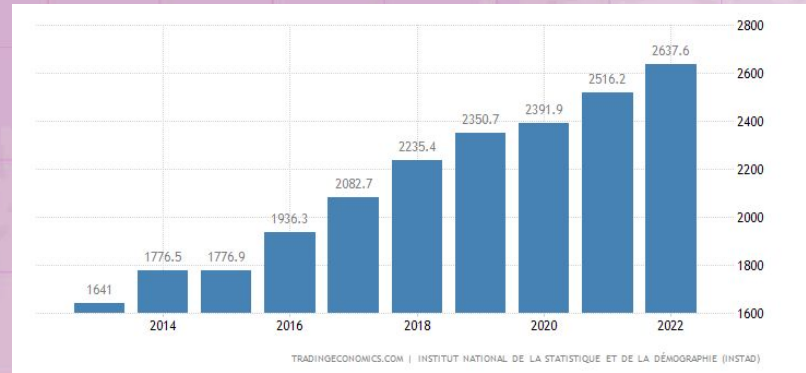


04 Policy Analysis

Percentage of domestic palm oil market supplied by small scale processors

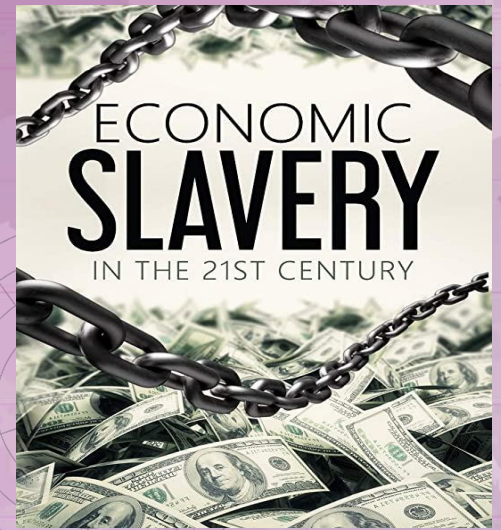
Country	%
Benin	83
Côte d'Ivoire	58
Ghana	60-80
Nigeria	80
Liberia	50

Source: World Rainforest Movement 2010, CTA¹, SmallStarter²



05 Policy Implications

- Corporations use of pesticides
- Rainfall reduced
- Large plantations and corporations are threatening Benin's palm oil production by small processors
- Purpose of resources
- UEMOA Monetary Policy causes Economic Slavery



06 Recommendations

- Proper policies reduce the amount of imported palm oil into Benin
- Policies enacted to protect the domestic sector from foreign palm oil companies
- Plant in another season
- Create irrigation systems



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