

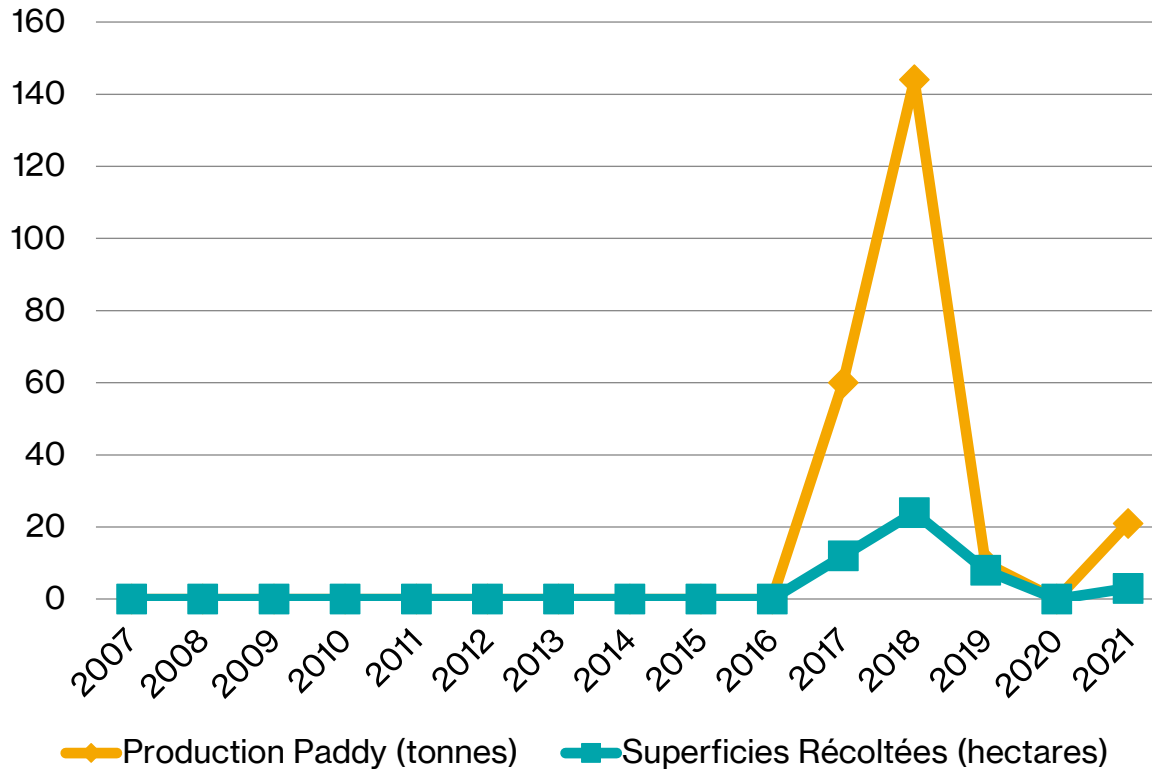
Gabon

Country presentation at the
9th GM of CARD



Overall Indicators

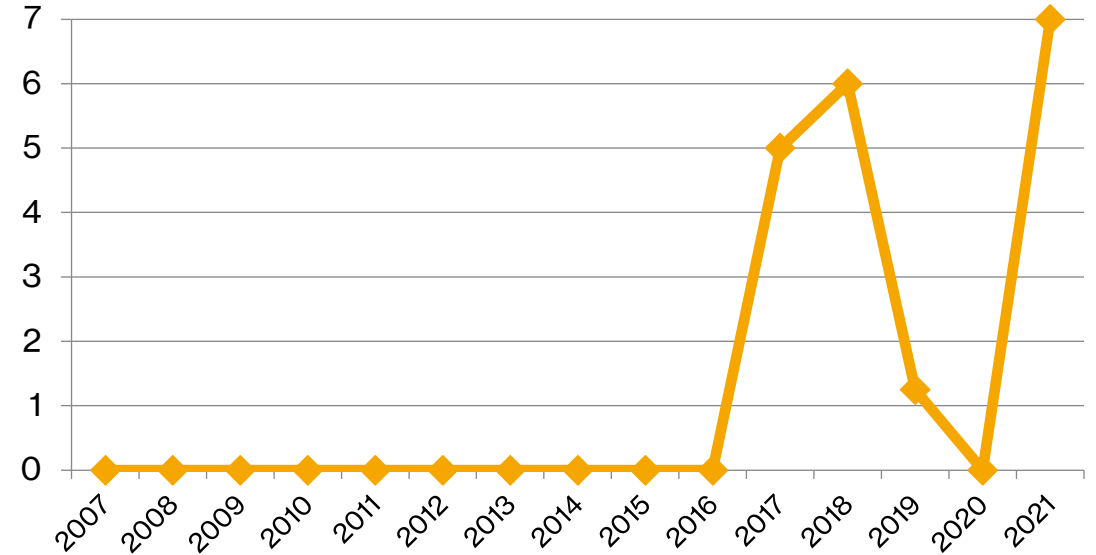
Paddy production and harvested area



	2007	2018	2030 target
Production (tonnes)	0	144	420
Areas (hectares)	0	8	60

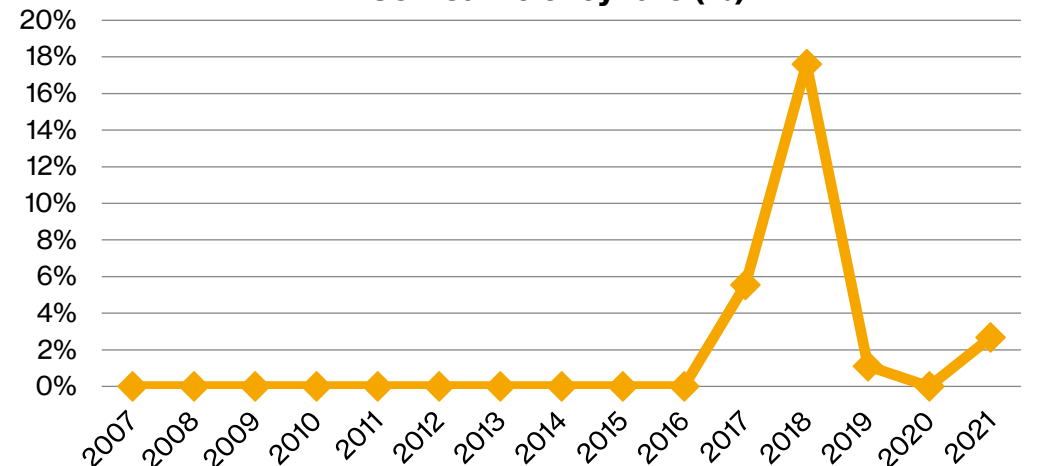
Source: AUM, 2023

Yields (t/ha)



Source: AUM, 2023

Self-sufficiency rate (%)



Source: AUM, 2023

Identified priority areas and concept notes

1. Priority areas

- 1) Developing perimeters and setting up agro-industrial complexes
- 2) Capacity-building for RVC stakeholders through training and by facilitating their access to inputs
- 3) Supporting the competitiveness of local rice by promoting high-performance seeds, access to inputs and mechanisation of production.
- 4) Governance and structuring of the rice sector.

2. Ideas for future projects

- 1) Strengthening rice research programmes;
- 2) Setting up a structured seed industry and developing the rice value chain.
- 3) Improving agricultural land tenure to encourage the development of private rice-growing initiatives;
- 4) Implementing exemptions on imports of agricultural equipment, pesticides and inputs, to create a favourable environment for the development of intensive rice-growing;
- 5) Definition and implementation of a labelling system for locally produced rice;
- 6) Definition and implementation of a system for regulating and setting prices.

New projects launched after the start of CARD phase 2

National programme on plant breeding and improvement and seed production (PNSAV-PS)

Projects	Project 1: Setting up a seed system and training rice producers	Project 2: Developing double haploid lines under upland and irrigated conditions for their adaptability to Gabonese conditions.
Duration	5 years (2019-2024)	5 years (2019-2024)
Intervention area	Kougouleu, Estuaire province	Kougouleu, Estuaire province
Nature of the project	Technical assistance	Technical Assistance
Implementing partners	KAFACI	KAFACI
Amount	USD 14, 000	USD 22,000
Objectives	To contribute to the production of quality rice seed and the distribution of certified seed.	To create a formal seed system and help set up the committee for certification and listing in the national catalogue
Orientation/ Specificities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduce certified varieties or lines that are under evaluation and developed by international research centres (KAFACI, AfricaRice, etc.) and partner National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) such as ISRA [Institute for Agricultural Research] CNRA [National Agronomic Research Centre], INERA [National Institute for the Environment and Agricultural Research], INRAB [Benin National Institute of Agricultural Research] and IER [Rural Economy Institute]; ● Create and develop new high-yielding varieties that are adapted to the soil and pedoclimate conditions and meet the requirements of the main stakeholders in the value chain for the various crops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carry out OYT and PYT trials (yield and biotic stress) and select promising high-yielding lines through a taste test; ● Evaluate the best breeding lines at the national level; ● Make cross-breedings using KAFACI lines as donors.

Value chain development through private sector participation

AGROBUSINESS AUM Cooperative

Who are they

Cooperative specialising in agriculture, fish farming, processing, training of coop members and mutual aid. It was set up in 2017.

What do they do?

The "Agrobusiness AUM" agricultural cooperative set up shop in Tchibanga town (Nyanga Province) and currently farms an area of 5 ha. It is lightly mechanised and the lowland rice variety grown is NERICA-L33.

The rice produced by this cooperative is not sold in supermarkets because it does not yet have a certification label from the *Agence Gabonaise des Normes* [Gabon Bureau of Standards] (AGANOR).

Impacts

In 7 years of activity, Agrobusiness AUM has demonstrated that rice growing is possible in Gabon, given the favourable conditions (rainfall) and satisfactory yields of up to 7 tonnes per hectare.

The aim of this initiative is to encourage rice production locally and even throughout the country.

Public sector support

Provision of a 120 ha rice-growing area at Tchinanga, in Nyanga province



Photo



Nyali Ricefield(Tchibanga)



Harvesting



Drying



Hulling



Rice paddy



Weighing

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Thank you for your attention