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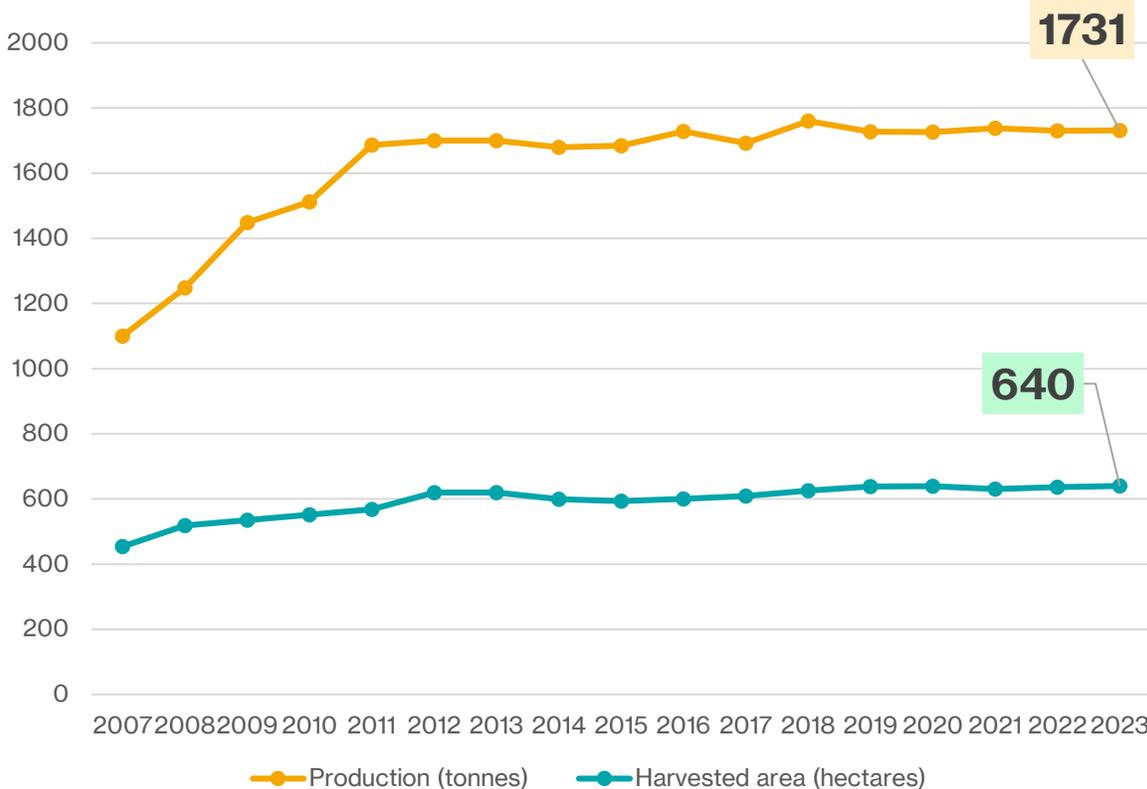
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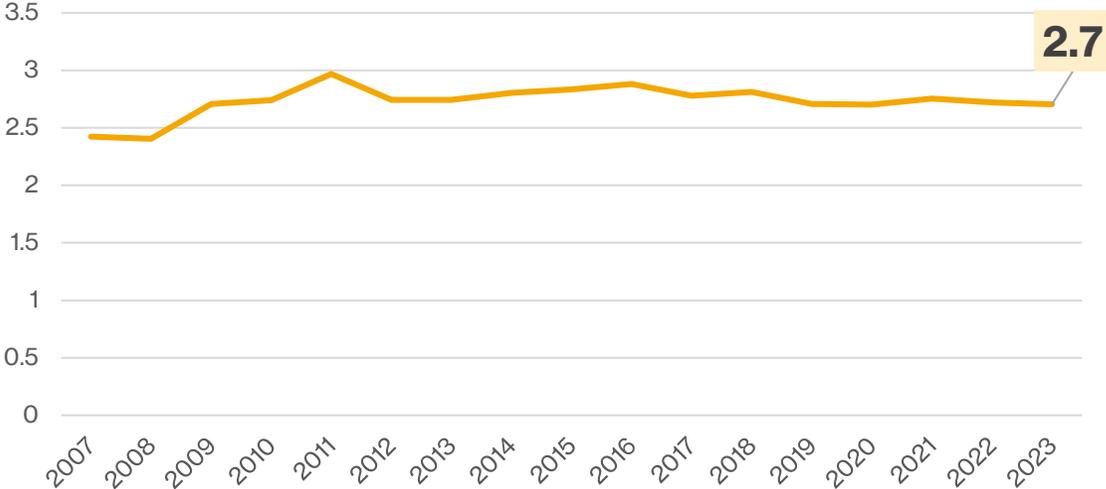
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Overall Indicators

Paddy production and harvested area



Yield (tonnes per hectare)



Self-sufficiency rate

Gabon still produces only 0.01% of its rice demand.

Source: FAO STAT, 2023

Progress of CARD activities since GM9

Progress on the NRDS development process

Activities and Progress

Development phase

1. Formulation of the NRDS: Organisation of four weeks of work between 2021 and 2024
2. Validation & launch of the NRDS: Technical validation workshop held on 13 September 2024
3. Development of Concept Notes (CN): 4 concept notes developed during the last working week held from 9 to 12 September 2024
4. Fundraising:
 - Active participation of the FAO in the last two weeks of work
 - Discussions with the private sector (rice importers) on local rice production

Progress on the M&E phase of the NRDS

Activities and Progress

Follow-up phase

5. Setting monitoring data: 13 RICE indicators
(4 Resilience, 2 Industrialisation, 4 Competitiveness, 3 Empowerment) set in September 2024
6. Preparation of the ARSRM
7. 1st Annual rice sector review meeting (ARSRM): Scheduled for December 2026
8. Fund mobilisation:
 - Round table organised in November 2024 (JICA, FAO, AfDB, Brazilian Embassy)
 - Discussions with the AfDB to include rice in their investment plan for Gabon
 - Submission of the CN on rice intensification in Gabon to the Minister's office for review

Implementation of the NRDS and lessons learned

Presentation of the main projects launched since GM9

Project title: Establishment of a seed system and training of rice producers (National Programme for Variety Selection and Improvement - Seed Production (PNSAV-PS))

Period: 2019-2024

Target area: Kougouleu (Estuaire province, Komo-Mondah department)

Implementation plan and partners: KAFACI technical assistance

Objective: To contribute to the production of high-quality rice seed and the distribution of certified seed.

Specific features:

- ❑ Introduce approved varieties or lines currently under evaluation developed by international research centres (KAFACI, AfricaRice, etc.) and partner National Agricultural Research Systems such as ISRA, CNRA, INERA, INRAB and IER.
- ❑ Create and develop new high-yield varieties adapted to soil and climate conditions and meeting the requirements of the main actors in the value chain.

Results achieved:

- ❑ Selection of five rice varieties adapted to local conditions.
- ❑ 3 rice varieties (Mboyi, Cheyi, Moukafaci) approved (Decree No. 0007/MAEDR/CAB.M)

Challenges:

- ❑ Train and facilitate the establishment of agricultural multipliers and private producers of seeds, paddy and milled rice
- ❑ Seek efficient synergy between actors in the sector, while defining the role and responsibilities of each,
- ❑ Mobilise the financial resources needed to fund the NRDS

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Good practices and challenges in implementing the NRDS

<Challenges>

- Difficulty in mobilising funding, technology dissemination system, lack of information, rice sector study, CN content not convincing, lack of data
- Difficulties in positioning rice as a priority sector (among priority sectors)
- Involvement of authorities in advocacy for rice cultivation.

<Good practices>

- Integration of partners (FAO, JICA, KAFACI) from the outset of the process
- Organisation of a mini round table of PTFs in November 2024 with a view to financing the NRDS
- Discussion with PTFs (AfDB) for NRDS funding. (To be combined following the round table, discussion with PTFs) Approval of three varieties of rice made in Gabon
- Contract farming with the private sector for rice production thanks to the validation of the NRDS in the country

Action plan between now and the end of 2026

Action 1: Action: Continue the momentum of the Donors' Round Table through a structured mechanism structured mechanism for monitoring and mobilising funding for the implementation of the NRDS (2026 Action Plan)

Following on from the 1st Donors' Round Table, Gabon is continuing its structured approach to resource mobilisation through:

- The organisation of a **follow-up Round Table** to assess commitments, funding mobilised and remaining gaps;
- Conducting **targeted bilateral visits to PTFs** to further technical and financial discussions on priority concept notes;
- Strengthening **budget advocacy** for the gradual integration of NRDS priorities into the Finance Act;
- Improving **the alignment and coordination of partners** around a prioritised and costed operational framework.

→ **These actions constitute a structured monitoring mechanism, ensuring a logical and progressive follow-up to the first Round Table and a funded and measurable implementation of the NRDS.**

Action 2: Conduct studies on priority projects in the rice sector

- Develop the terms of reference for studies of priority projects in the rice sector.
- Recruit a consultant to conduct the studies.
- Conduct studies



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