

New initiatives in Cote d'Ivoire

- **Collaboration with Ajinomoto (private sector in Japan). Evaluation of an Ajinomoto byproduct for use as cheap fertilizer, aiming to scaling out of the sellout of the byproduct in Cote d'Ivoire. This collaboration will be included in a new project funded by MAFF from 2019**
- Rice Value Chain Resource Center – a model for mainstreaming knowledge products and services of AfricaRice to farmers across the rice value chain
- A pan-African breeder and foundation seed capital at M'bé to ensure adequate and quality provision of breeder and foundation seeds to governments and seed enterprises
- A Support System for Accelerating Rice Self-Sufficiency in Africa (SSARSSA)

Linkage with the current JICA project in Cote d'Ivoire (PRORIL)

AfricaRice scientists visited the sites of PRORIL in Yamoussoukro and Japanese experts in the projects also visited the AfricaRice research station in M'be near Bouake. Some discussions for further collaborations were made as well as fields/facilities visits. Apart from such information exchange, AfricaRice provided the project breeder seed of WITA 9 to use as the basis for the multiplication of seed in the project.

Rice statistics for SSA and Cote d'Ivoire

	Sub-Saharan Africa	Cote d'Ivoire
Milled rice consumption in 2018	33,354,000 t	2,800,000 t
Milled rice production in 2018	18,426,000 t	1,450,000 t
Milled rice import in 2018	15,280,000 t	1,450,000 t
Area under rice cultivation in 2018	12,612,000 ha	875,000 ha

Source: USDA



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Projects covering Cote d'Ivoire [all general projects covering SSA countries include Cote d'Ivoire, such as Japan (MOFA) earmarked project "Developing tailor-made varieties adaptable to African environments and strengthening the rice value-chain"]

Project	Donor	Period
1 Development of inland valleys in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana (CIPA)	EU-IFAD	2017-2021
2 Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) 11 countries, including Cote d'Ivoire	AfDB	2018-2020
3 Projet Appui Technique - UEMOA-PACER: institutional capacity development	UEMOA	2014-2019
4 Stress-tolerant rice for poor farmers in Africa and South Asia (Phase 3)	Gates Foundation	2014-2019
5 Enhancement of high-yielding rice germplasm and breeding capacity of rice producing countries in Africa by the Africa Rice Development Partnership	KAFACI-RDA	2016-2019
6 Support to genetic resources management activities at Africa Rice Center (Attributed)	GIZ	Annual
7 Genebank Platform	Crop Trust	Annual
Continental Investment Plan for Rice Self Sufficiency in Africa (CIPRISSA)	AfDB	2017-2020

Cote d'Ivoire: Permanent headquarters of AfricaRice

- AfricaRice-Abidjan: Headquarters (DG's Office, Center Directors, Support staff)
- AfricaRice-M'be: Main Research Station (700-ha research complex at M'be, which has all the main rice-growing environments)

AfricaRice Headquarters returns to Cote d'Ivoire

- Resumption of activities after 12 years
- 58.46% (114) of total staff in Cote d'Ivoire (49 staff in Abidjan and 65 staff in Bouaké)
- Sep 2015: Management & support services begin operations from new HQ building in Abidjan (offered by Ivorian Gov.)
- July 2016-early 2018:
 - All laboratories (Biotechnology, Phytopathology, Soil and Grain Quality) have been relocated from Benin to M'be and are functional
 - The genebank materials transferred and are being installed in the new genebank

- Almost all research staff transferred from Benin to M'be
- Transfers of staff and equipment from other sub-stations to M'be to centralize some research activities such as biotechnology for better and more efficient research implementation

AfricaRice activities in Cote d'Ivoire

- Research activities of four programs: (i) Genetic Diversity and Improvement (pre-breeding and breeding); (ii) Sustainable Productivity Enhancement (agronomy and post-harvest); (iii) Policy, Innovation Systems and Impact Assessment (social science); (iv) Rice Development Sector program (technology dissemination)
- Research activities of RICE CRP flagship projects
- Capacity development of national research partners and of rice value chain actors.