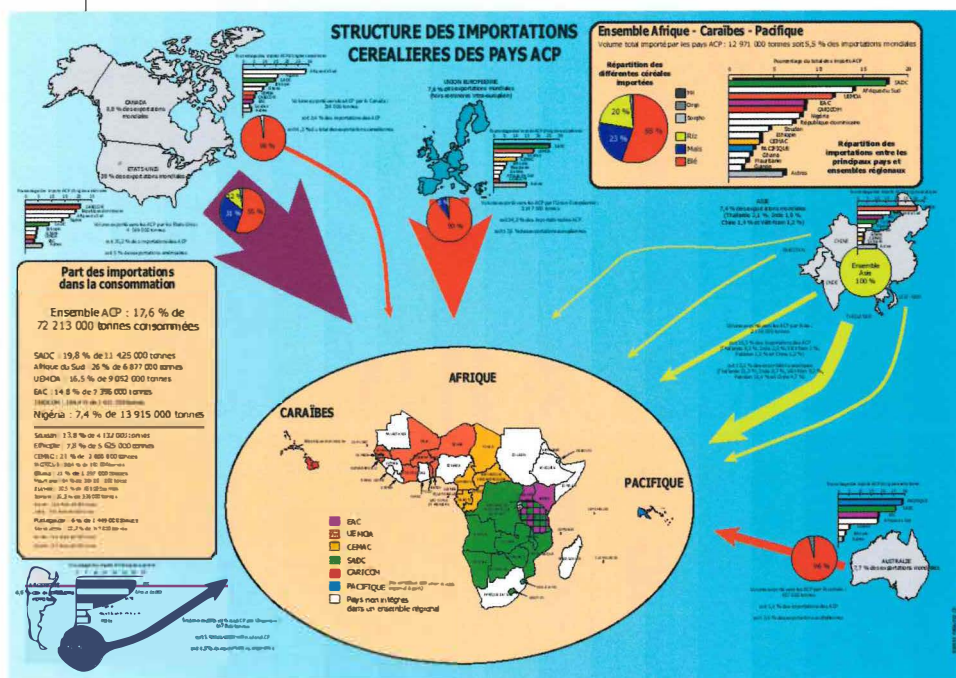


Complementarity and competition among the farming systems of European Union and ACP countries

The study of complementarity and competition among the farming systems of countries in the European Union and Africa-Caribbean-Pacific zone set out to support French decision-makers, notably the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, through an appraisal of the common interests of EU and ACP countries. The study will support an analysis of possible fields of cooperation between the EU and ACP countries and provide decision-makers with information of use in assessing the merits of alliances within the context of international trade talks.



ACP zone
cereal import
structure

Objectives

- To review the main agricultural issues.
- To identify issues on which the

interests of EU and ACP countries converge and those on which there is disagreement.

Sorghum
fields



Method

The study is split into three parts:

- an introduction, comprising notes on the different issues surrounding Lomé, the WTO and the CAP and macro-economic budget notes concerning trade between EU and ACP countries;
- specific sheets on 17 agricultural products or groups of products;
- an overall summary setting out sub-regional issues, the level of competition between farming systems in EU and ACP countries and the possible strategies for alliances within international bodies.

Publications

A confidential version of the notes on the issues, product sheets and summary is available, the study having been ordered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Product and sub-region maps are also available.

There have been several publications concerning the study:

- an article in the journal OCL, vol. 8, issue 3, May-June 2001;
- a chapter of the book *Economie et stratégies agricoles*, 2002, Club Demeter;
- an article in the journal *Notes et études économiques du Ministère de l'agriculture*, first quarter 2002.

Achievements

The final version of the study includes:

- notes on the issues and macro-economic budget notes;
- 15 product sheets and the corresponding maps;
- an overall summary, submitted to the French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the European Commission in Brussels in December 2001.

The prospects

This work has provided an overview of farming systems in ACP countries and of the subjects of discord between the EU and those countries. It should help in guiding research work and drawing up likely scenarios, which will be tested through simulations produced using models.

This work is also an opportunity for scientific activities within CIRAD, where several sheets have already been distributed and discussed.



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