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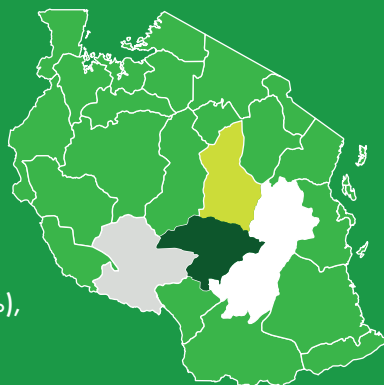


SESAME PROFILE FOR TANZANIA

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1. Introduction

Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.) is an important oilseed crop in Tanzania (organically produced), contributing significantly to the country's agricultural sector and rural livelihoods. In 2021, Tanzania ranked fourth country among the major sesame producers in the world. It is one of Tanzania's leading export crops. Major sesame-producing regions include Lindi (20.9%), Songwe (18.3%), Dodoma (17.1%), Ruvuma (10.3%) and Mtwara (8.1%). Sesame production in Tanzania has been increasing over the years due to growing demand in both domestic and export markets



Varieties:

Both local and improved varieties are cultivated. However, the best recommended variety is Lindi 02 due to its high yielding, white in appearance, early maturity and high oil content.

2. Production Trends

Three years estimated coconut production trend

S/N	Year	Metric Tons
1.	2020/2021	236,162
2.	2021/2022	79,170.43
3.	2022/2023	266,694

Source:Ministry of Agriculture Tanzania, 2024

3. Investment Opportunities

The coconut sector in Tanzania offers several promising investment opportunities:



Research and Development:

Investing in research institutions to develop drought-resistant, high-yielding and disease-resistant sesame varieties. In addition, promoting the adoption of mechanized farming and digital solutions for farm management, weather prediction and market access.



Export Market Development:

Establishing export hubs in key sesame-producing regions to streamline logistics and facilitation of certifications process such as organic and fair-trade labels to meet global market standards and promoting Tanzanian sesame brands internationally as high-quality products.



Improved Seeds and Input Supply:

Investing in the production and distribution of improved sesame seed varieties such as Lindi 02 to boost yields and Supply of agricultural inputs like fertilizers, pesticides and mechanized farming equipment.



Large-Scale Farming:

Establishing large-scale sesame farms to capitalize on the high demand for export-quality sesame.



Processing and Value Addition:

Investment in value addition through processing sesame into oil paste, or snacks for local and international markets has high potential.



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4. Why Invest in Sesame in Tanzania?



High Global Demand: Sesame seeds are in high demand globally, particularly in China, Japan, India and the Middle East.



Strategic Location: Tanzania's proximity to major international markets and its access to ports like Dar es Salaam and Mtwara offer logistical advantages.



Government Support: The Tanzanian government is committed supporting agriculture through favorable policies, subsidies and infrastructure development.



Profitability: Sesame farming offers high returns on investment due to its low input costs and high market prices.

