

Common Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) Production Areas in Africa

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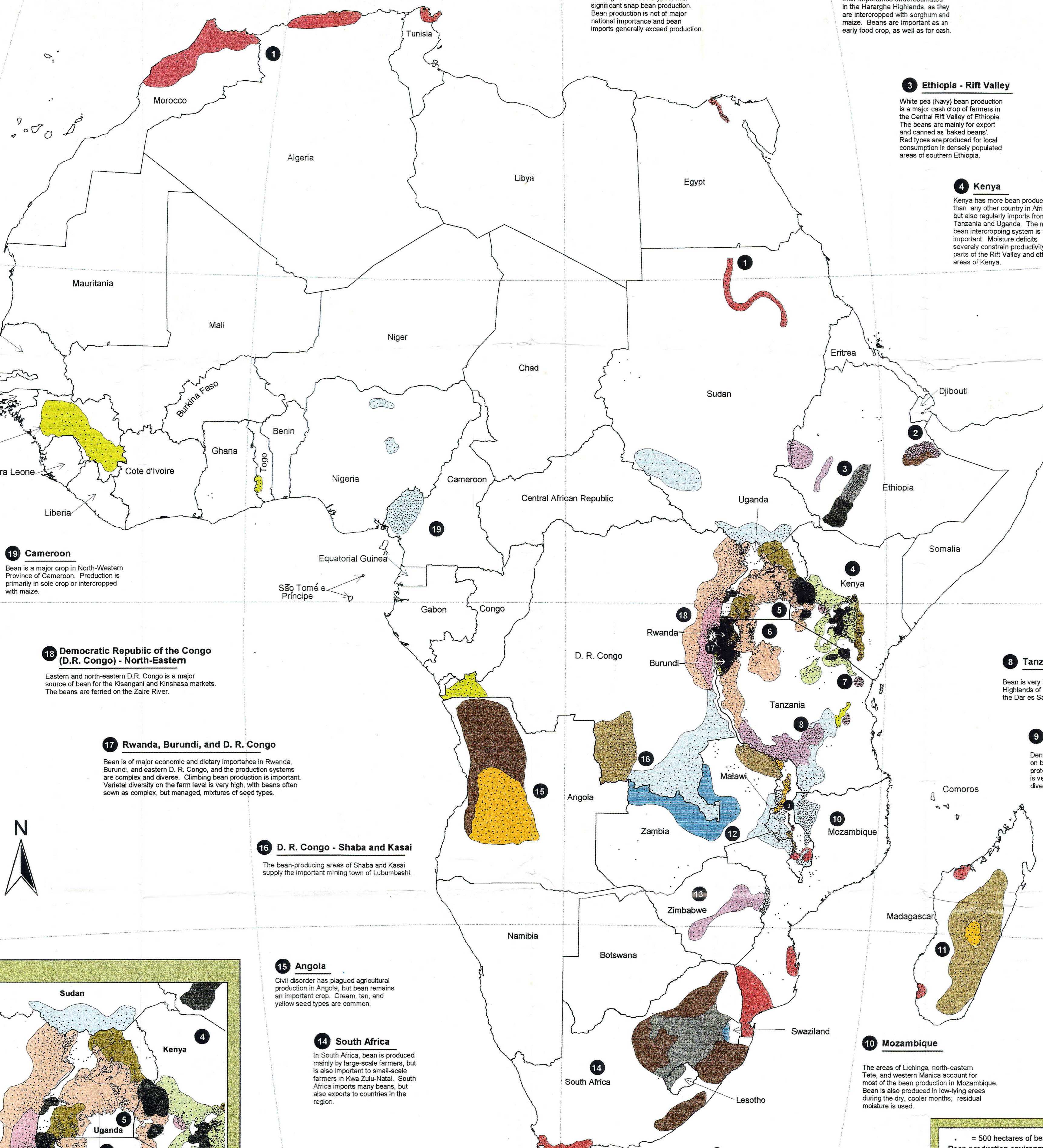
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1 North Africa

Beans produced in North Africa are large white seed types, with significant snap bean production. Bean production is not of major national importance and bean imports generally exceed production.

2 Ethiopia - Eastern

Beans are often overlooked, and their importance underestimated in the Hararge Highlands, as they are intercropped with sorghum and maize. Beans are important as an early food crop, as well as for cash.

3 Ethiopia - Rift Valley

White pea (Navy) bean production is a major cash crop of farmers in the Central Rift Valley of Ethiopia. The beans are mainly for export and canned as 'baked beans'. Red types are produced for local consumption in densely populated areas of southern Ethiopia.

4 Kenya

Kenya has more bean production than any other country in Africa, but also regularly imports from Tanzania and Uganda. The maize-bean intercropping system is very important. Moisture deficits severely constrain productivity in parts of the Rift Valley and other areas of Kenya.

5 Uganda

Bean is an important crop in many of the biologically diverse farming systems of Uganda. Production is primarily for domestic production but export to neighbouring countries is significant.

6 Tanzania - Kagera

Kagera Region of Tanzania supplies the towns east of Lake Victoria, as well as cross-border barter trade. Most beans are produced, intercropped with banana.

7 Tanzania - Northern

Bean production systems in northern Tanzania are diverse. Bean is a major component of the sophisticated farming systems around Mt. Kilimanjaro. Bean is also important in the Usambara Mountains. The Arusha area is noted as a source of good quality seed for the European market.

8 Tanzania - Southern

Bean is very important in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania, which supplies the Dar es Salaam market.

9 Malawi

Densely populated Malawi relies on bean as a major source of protein. Maize-bean intercropping is very important, and bean genetic diversity is high.

10 Mozambique

The areas of Lichinga, north-eastern Tete, and western Manica account for most of the bean production in Mozambique. Bean is also produced in low-lying areas during the dry, cooler months; residual moisture is used.

11 Madagascar

Bean in the Central Plateau of Madagascar is often constrained by low soil fertility and Al toxicity. The large, white seed type prevails. Production for export is important in the Toliary and Mahajanga areas. Local consumption of snap beans is also significant.

12 Zambia

Nationally, bean is not a major crop, except in the north-east, and is an important part of the diets in the copper-mining areas.

13 Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe, most of the beans are produced in the highland areas. Varietal diversity is relatively low. Production is by large- and small-scale farmers.

14 South Africa

In South Africa, bean is produced mainly by large-scale farmers, but is also important to small-scale farmers in Kwa Zulu-Natal. South Africa imports many beans, but also exports to countries in the region.

15 Angola

Civil disorder has plagued agricultural production in Angola, but bean remains an important crop. Cream, tan, and yellow seed types are common.

16 D. R. Congo - Shaba and Kasai

The bean-producing areas of Shaba and Kasai supply the important mining town of Lubumbashi.

17 Rwanda, Burundi, and D. R. Congo

Bean is of major economic and dietary importance in Rwanda, Burundi, and eastern D. R. Congo, and the production systems are complex and diverse. Climbing bean production is important. Varietal diversity on the farm level is very high, with beans often sown as complex, but managed, mixtures of seed types.

18 Democratic Republic of the Congo (D.R. Congo) - North-Eastern

Eastern and north-eastern D.R. Congo is a major source of bean for the Kisangani and Kinshasa markets. The beans are ferried on the Zaire River.

19 Cameroon

Bean is a major crop in North-Western Province of Cameroon. Production is primarily in sole crop or intercropped with maize.

