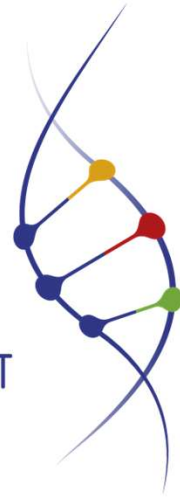


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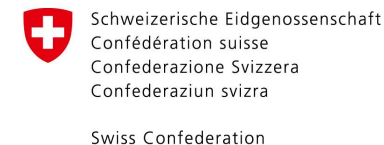
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Webinar for National Users 17 Jan 2025

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ABS Clearing-House "El workshop de la gente" 18 Oct 2024

How the ABS Clearing-House supports actions to implement the Protocol

27 October 2024 - Centro de Eventos Valle del Pacifico, Cali, Colombia - Room: Malpelo (CG 1) - Plaza 1

COP16 Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House Workshop

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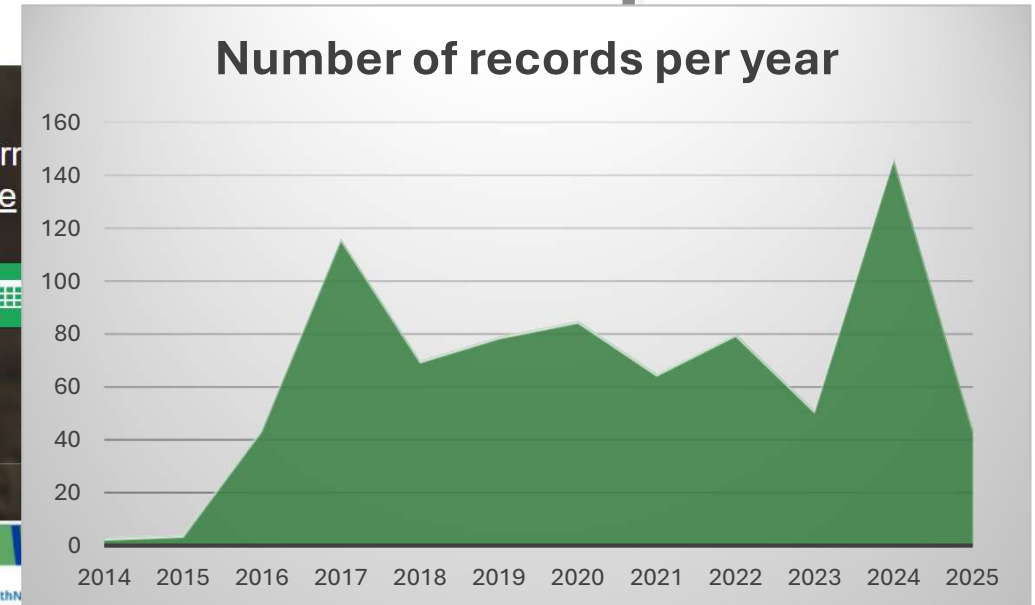
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Side event - COP-MOP5

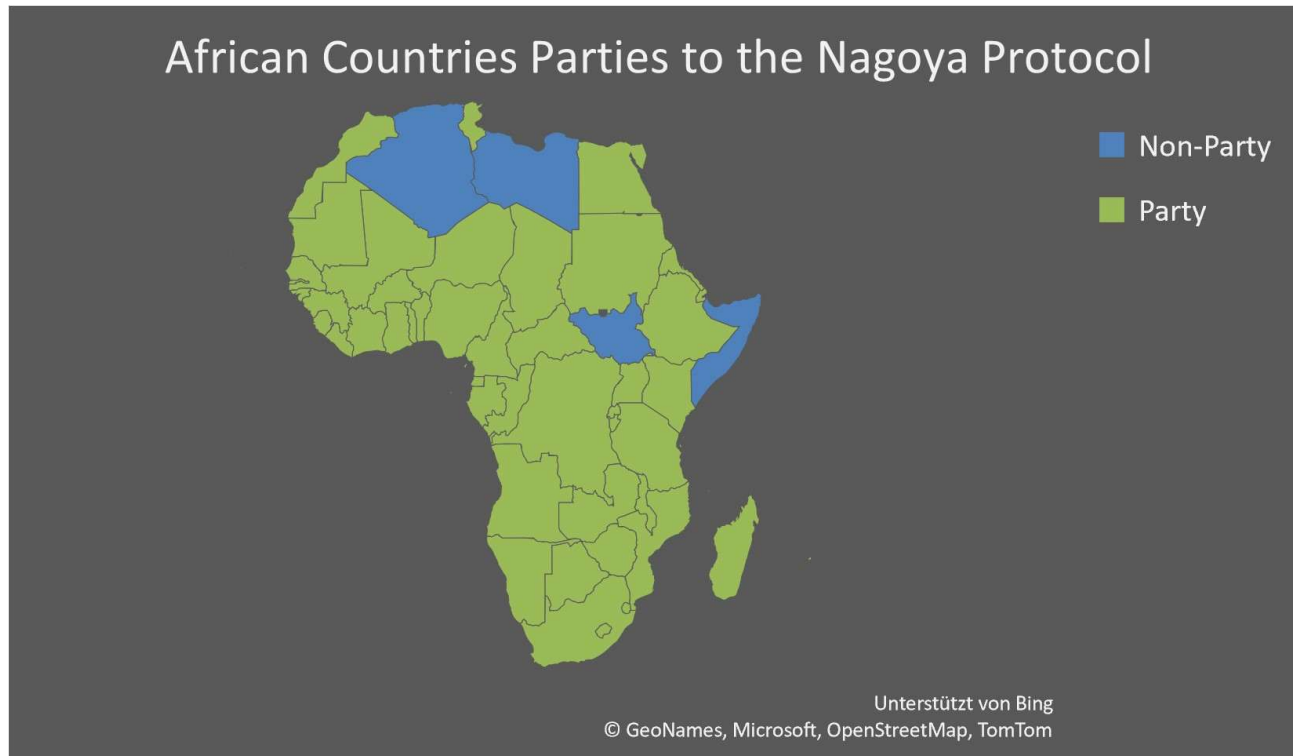
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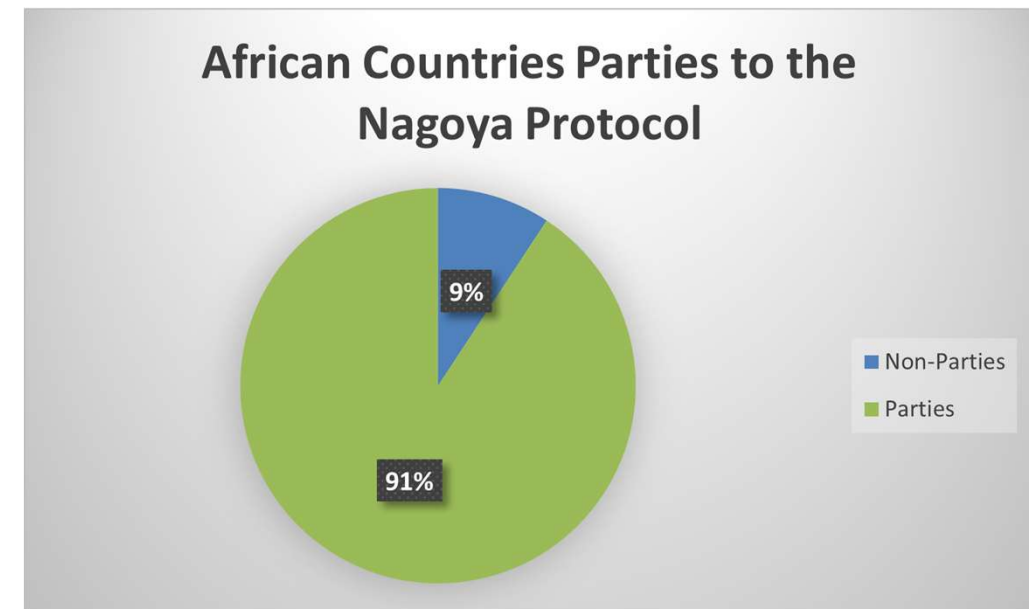


Pan-African Workshop - Supporting an Enabling Environment for ABS and Biotrade

African Parties to the Nagoya Protocol



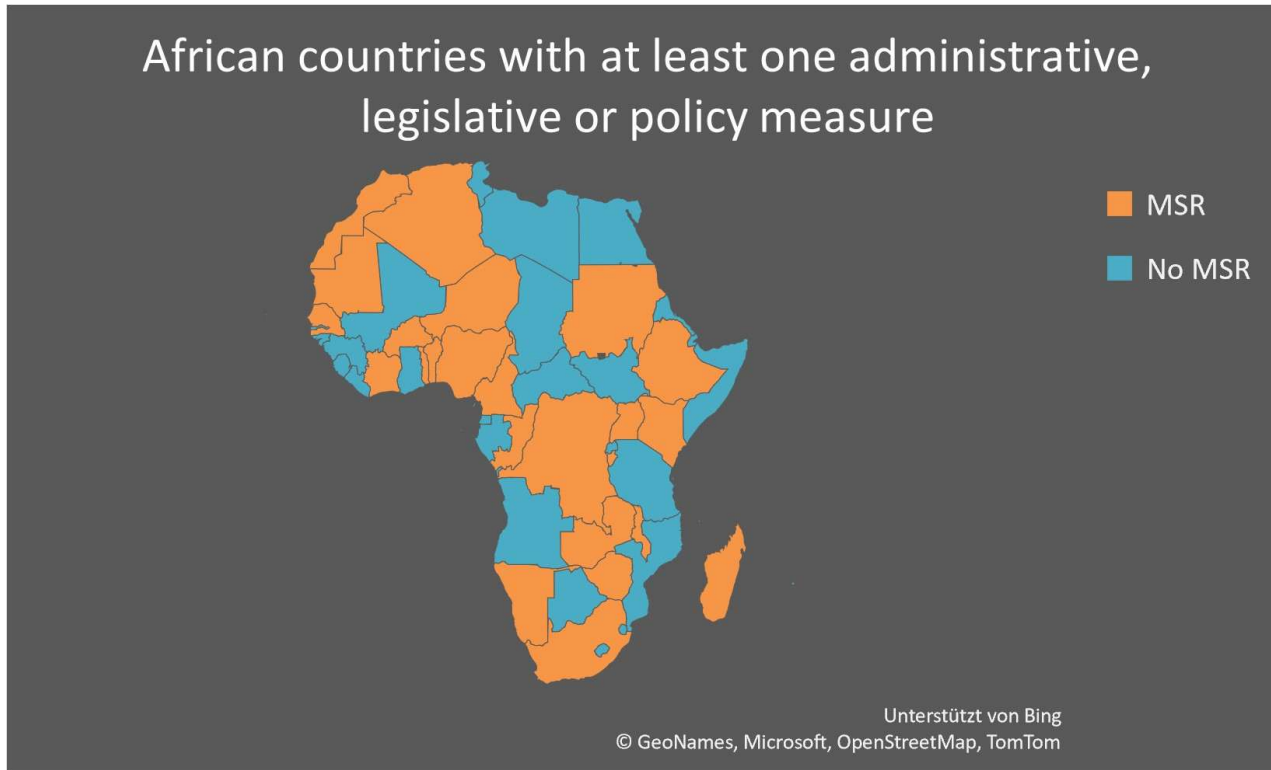
African **non-parties** to the Nagoya Protocol:
Algeria, Libya, (Western Sahara), Cabo Verde, South Sudan, Somalia



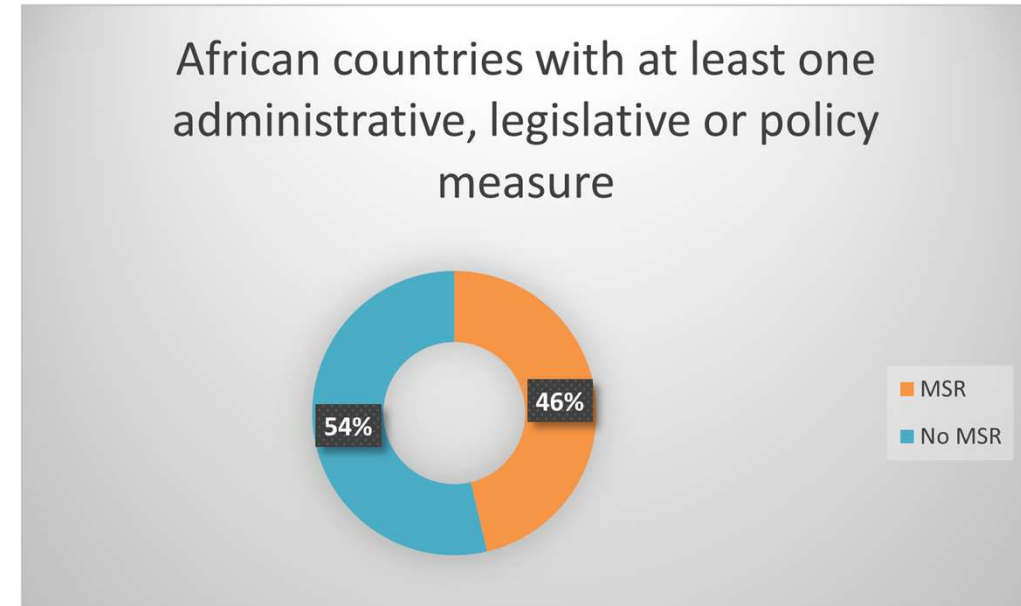
Of 54 African countries, **49 are parties** to the Nagoya Protocol

As a comparison, of the 33 countries of Central and South-America and the Caribbean, 20 are parties (61%) to the Nagoya Protocol.

African countries with ABS measures

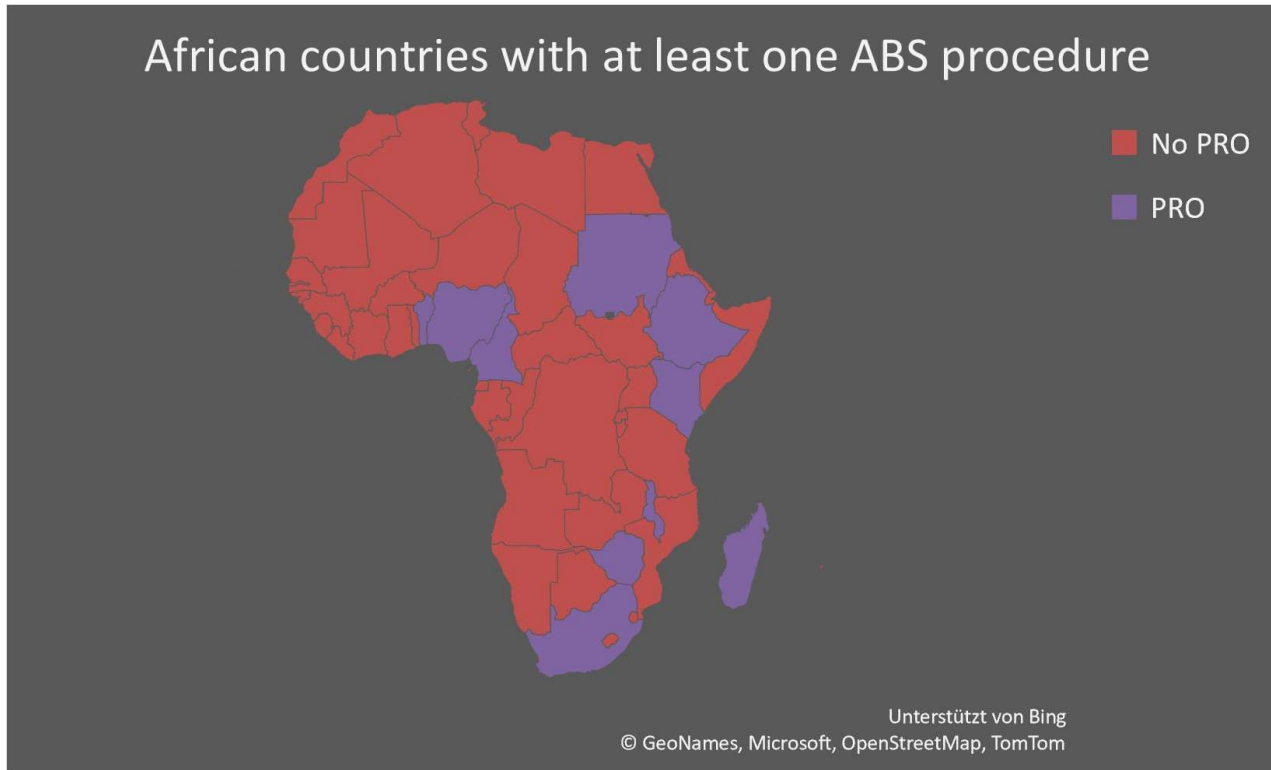


Of 54 African countries, **25** have registered **at least one legislative, administrative or policy measure (MSR)**, of which **14 post-Nagoya (2014 entry into force)**

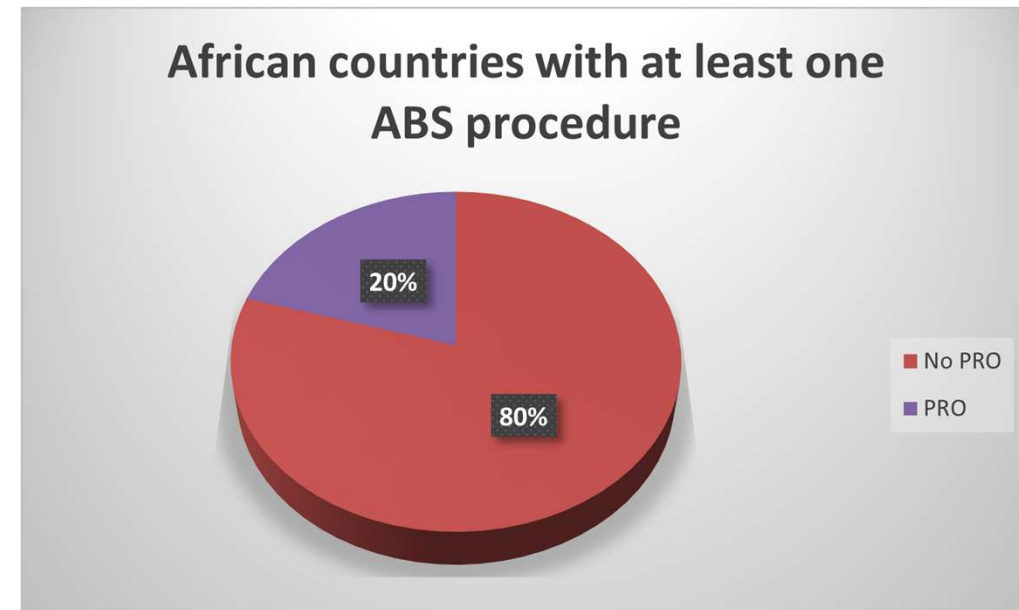


Among the measures there are: policies, strategies, action plans, laws, regulatory or administrative measures, national or domestic guidelines, explanatory informations, community protocols and procedures, customary laws, and « others »

African countries with ABS procedures



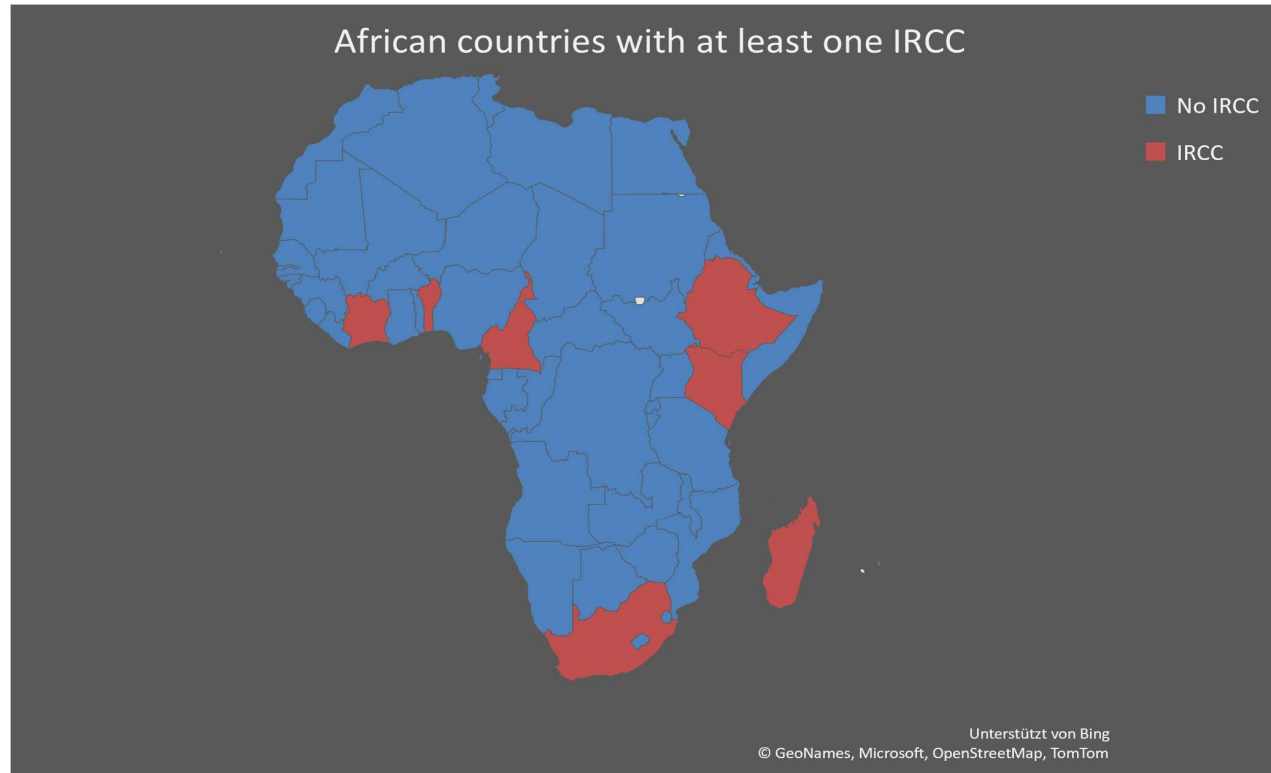
Of 54 African countries, **11** have registered **at least one procedure (PRO)**, all of which parties to the NP



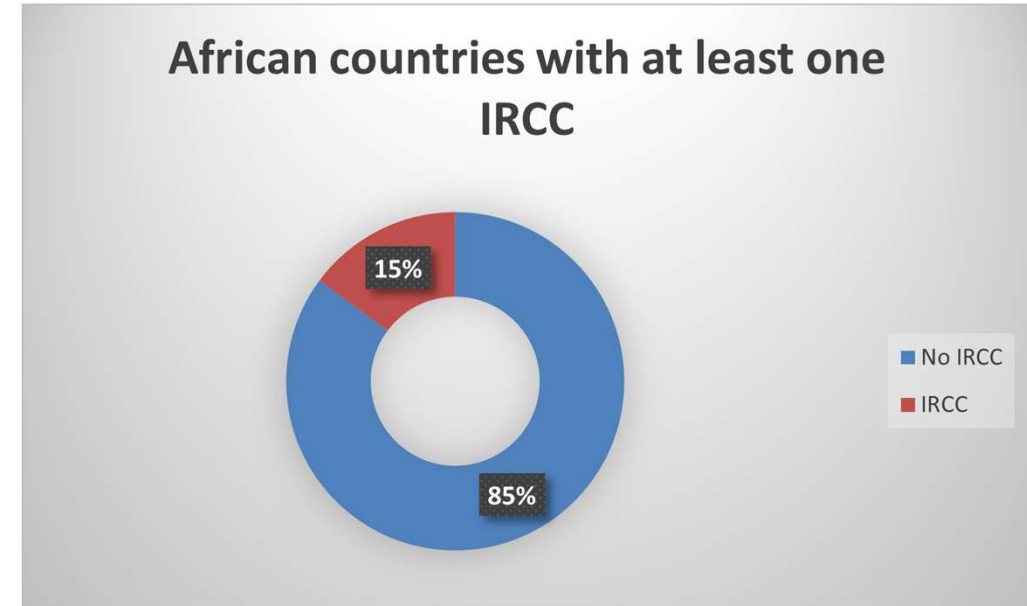
African countries with ABS procedures are:
Benin, Cameroon, Comoros, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe

All of these countries have measures, but not all that have measures have procedures.

African countries with IRCC



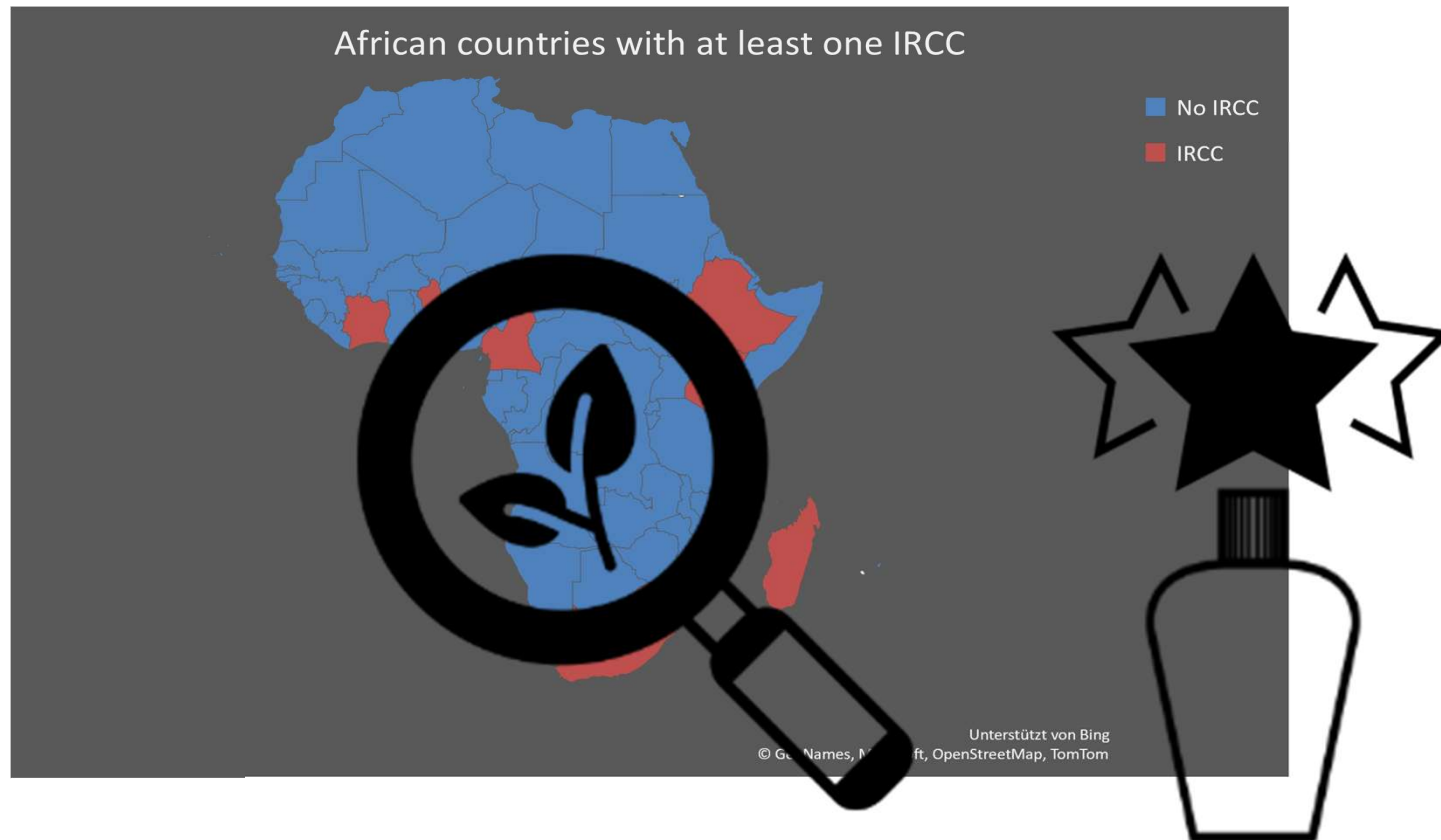
Of 54 African countries, 8 have registered **at least one internationally recognised certificate of compliance (IRCC)**, all of which parties to the NP



African countries with IRCC: **Benin (20), Cameroon (32), Comoros (1), Côte d'Ivoire (1), Ethiopia (6), Kenya (116), Madagascar (3), South Africa (62)**

African countries with IRCC

Are these IRCC commercial or non-commercial?



Countries with IRCC	Non-commercial ABS permit	Commercial ABS permit
Benin (20)	20	0
Cameroon (32)	23	9*
Comoros (1)	0	1
Côte d'Ivoire (1)	1	0
Ethiopia (6)	0	6
Kenya (116)	116	0
Madagascar (3)	1	2
South Africa (62)	31	31

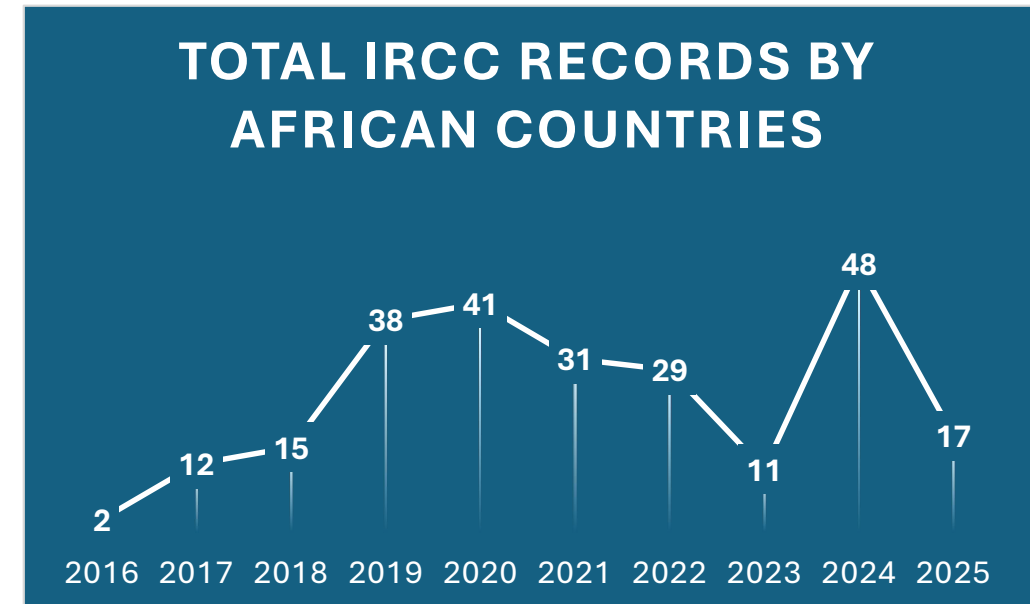
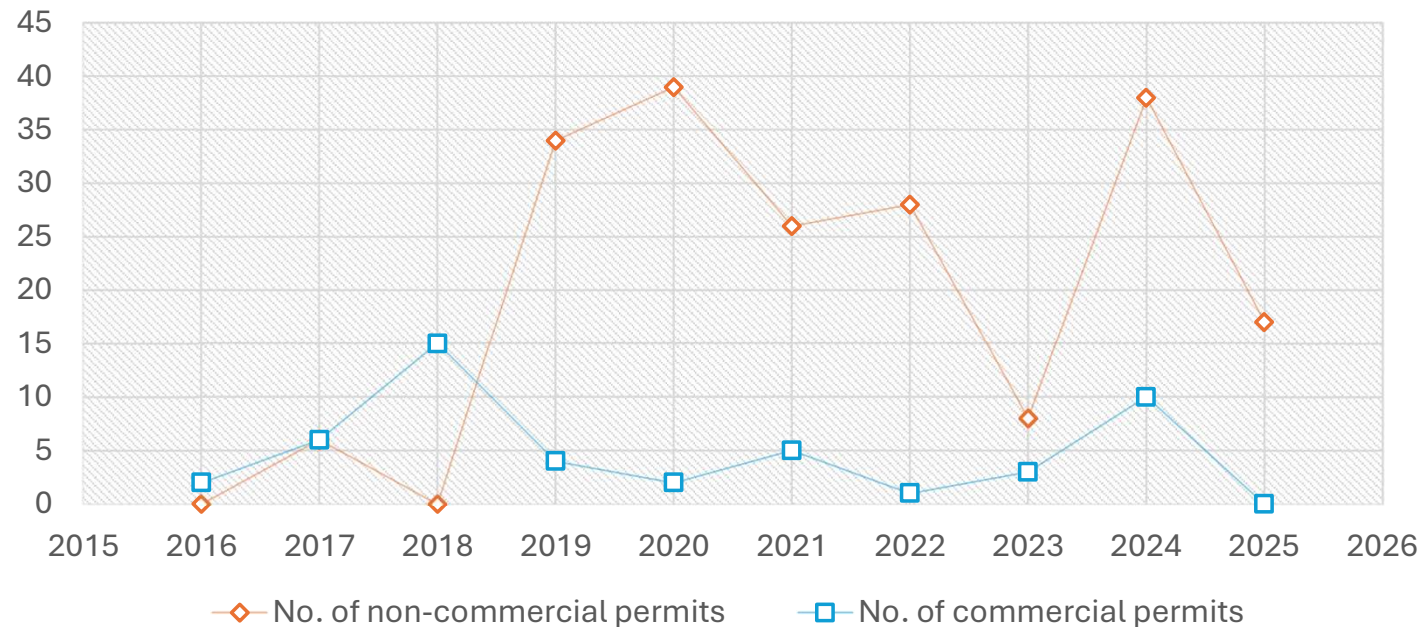
In total **243 IRCC** were recorded by African countries, of which **44 commercial** and **191 non-commercial**

*5 research & development from 2021 included

IRCC records by African countries



Timeline of African IRCC records on Types of permits on total IRCC records by African countries



Regional overview of African countries

