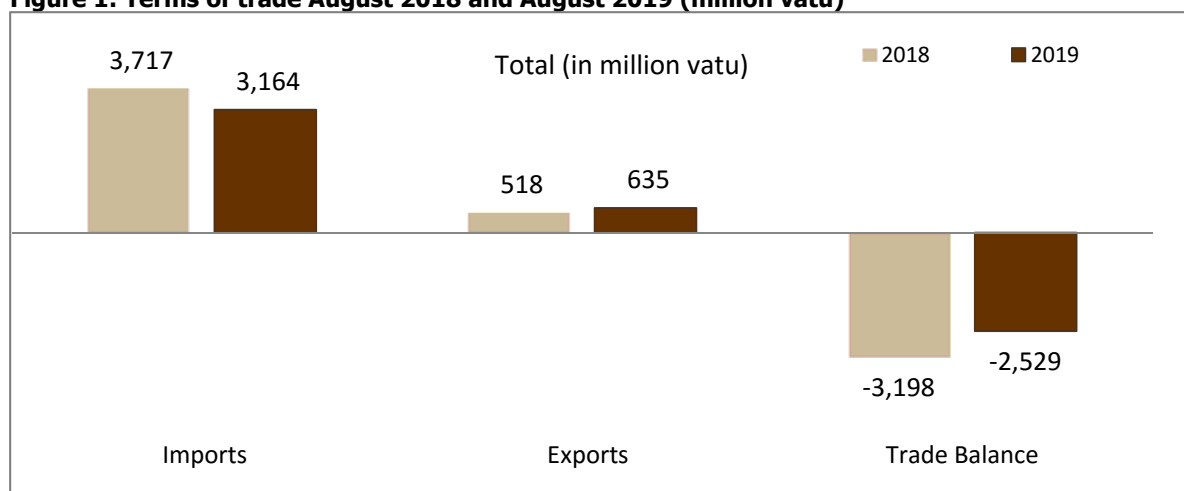


## STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

### AUGUST 2019 PROVISIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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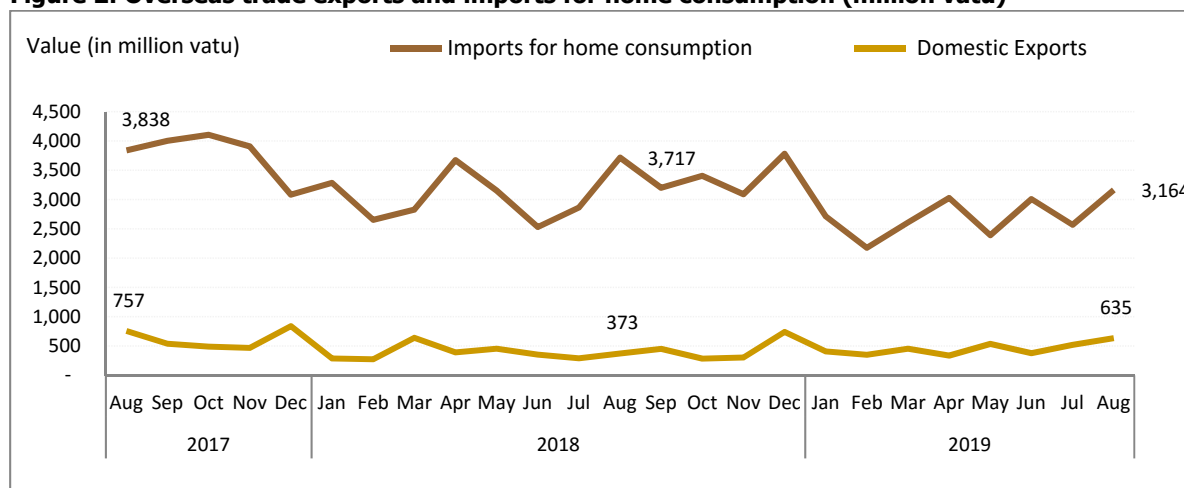
**Figure 1: Terms of trade August 2018 and August 2019 (million vatu)**



Merchandise trade provisional figures for August 2019 recorded a deficit balance of VT 2,529 million. The total value of imports VT 3,164 million exceeded that of exports VT 635 million. It showed a slight improvement by 21% or VT 669 million compared to August 2018.

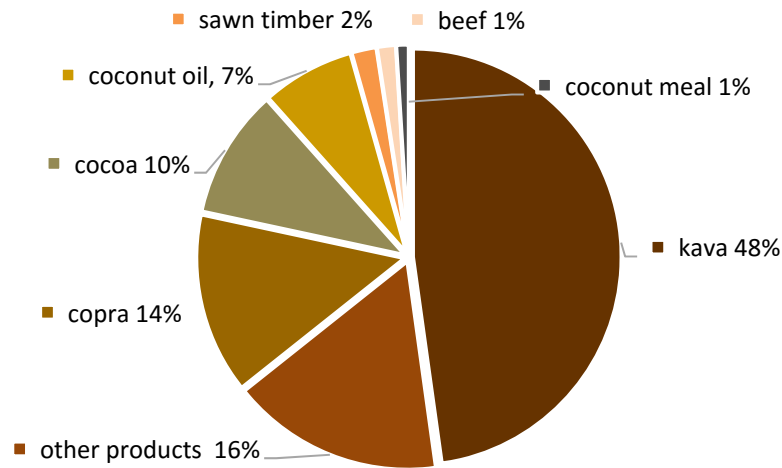
Domestic export earnings (excluding re-exports) for, August 2019 stood at VT 635 million, showing an increase of 70% or VT 263 million over August 2018.

**Figure 2: Overseas trade exports and imports for home consumption (million vatu)**



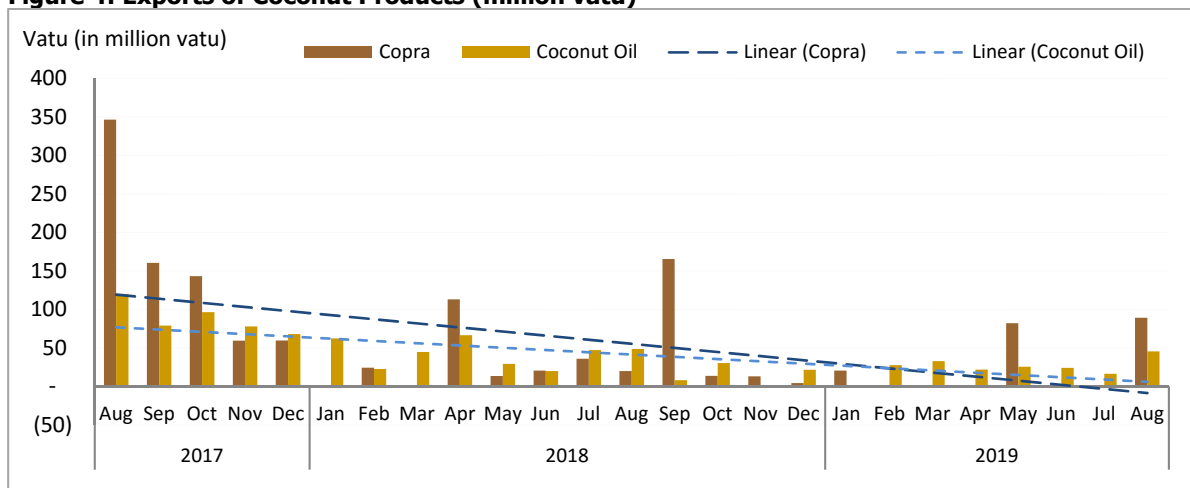
**EXPORTS**

**Figure 3: Share of main domestic products total value**



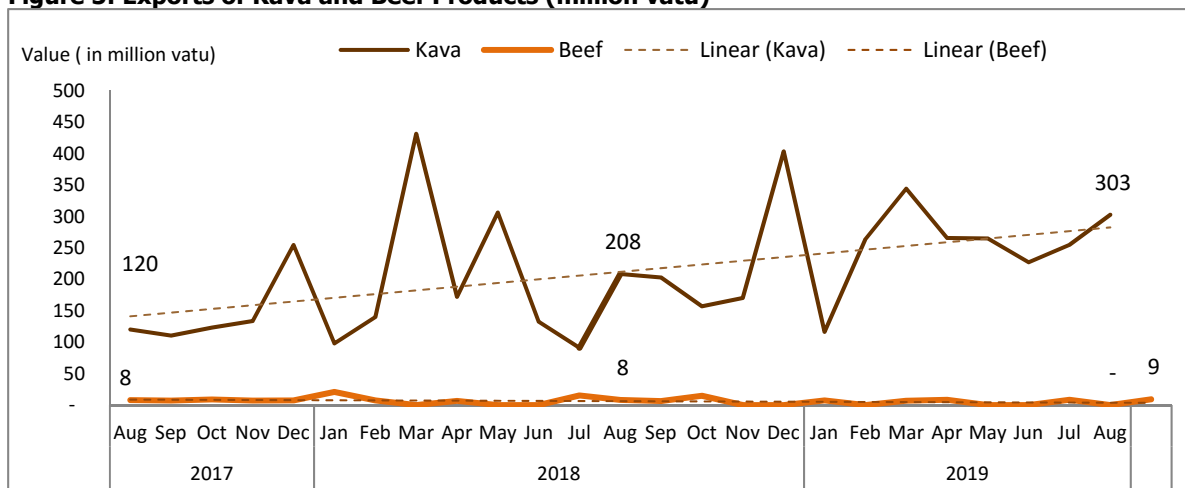
In August 2019, for the main export commodities; kava constituted the largest share in value at VT 303 million or 48%, followed by copra at 14%, cocoa at 10%, coconut oil at 7%, sawn timber at 2% and other products at 16%. Other products consisted of vegetable products (noni juice, citrus fruits, tamanu oil), scrap metals, water samples and medicaments.

**Figure 4: Exports of Coconut Products (million vatu)**



Coconut product exports in total value amounted to VT 141 million in August 2019 compared to VT 72 million over August 2018, thus representing an increase of 95% or VT 69 million. The main contributor to the exports of coconut products share for August 2019 is attributed by copra exports.

**Figure 5: Exports of Kava and Beef Products (million vatu)**

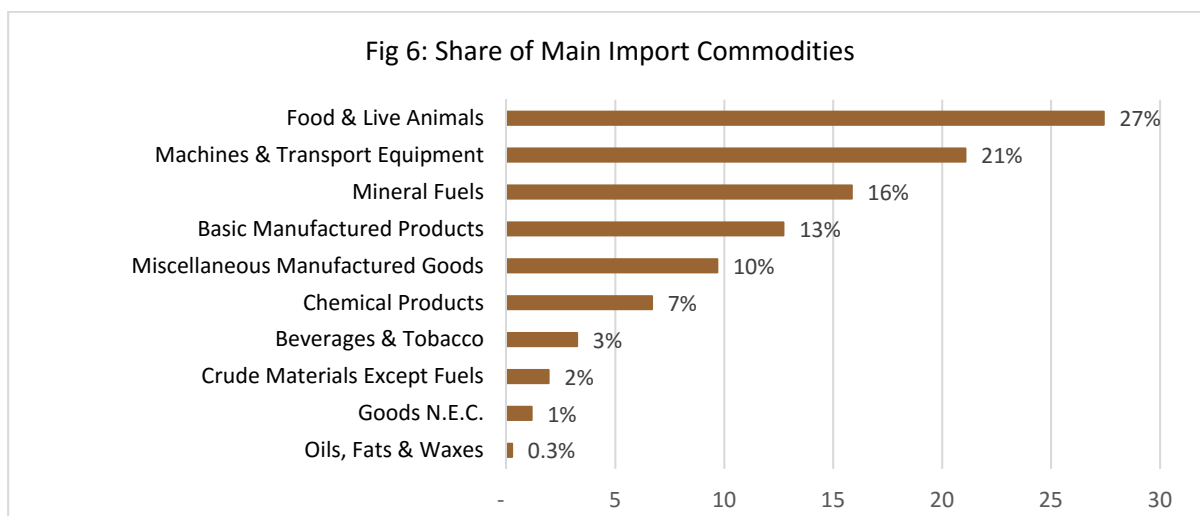


Kava exports increased by 45% or VT 94 million from VT 208 million in August 2018 to VT 303 million in August 2019. Beef exports in total value amounted to VT 9 million in August 2019 compared to VT 6 million in August 2018, showing an increase of 48% or VT 3 million. Most of the kava was mainly exported to Kiribati, United States of America, China, Fiji and New Zealand

## IMPORTS

In terms of share of commodity groups to total imports receipts, food and live animals represented the largest value (C.I.F) of VT 867 million or 27% of the total imports for home consumption in August 2019, followed by machines and transport equipment at 21%, mineral fuels at 16%, basic manufactured products at 13%, miscellaneous manufactured goods at 10%, chemical products at 7%, beverages and tobacco at 3%, crude materials except fuels at 2%, goods not classified elsewhere at 1% and oils, fats and waxes at less than 1%.

**Figure 6: Share of main import commodities total value**



Compared to August 2018, food and live animals increased at 40% or VT 249 million in August 2019. However, the rest of the commodity groups decreased: crude materials except fuels by (73%), basic manufactured products by (32%), Mineral fuels by (28%), machines and transport equipment by (23%), goods not classified elsewhere by (15%), beverages and tobacco by (14%), miscellaneous manufactured goods at (6%), chemical products at (5%), and oils, fats and waxes at (3%).

### DATA SOURCE AND REVISIONS

The Vanuatu National Statistics Office receives import and export statistics data on quantity and value from the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue's ASYCUDA World merchandise trade processing system.

The Vanuatu National Statistics Office will be releasing Provisional International Merchandise Trade Statistics highlighted in the monthly releases. On occasion, revisions are made to import and export entries after publication. Where revisions are necessary, these are highlighted in the statistical tables. The Vanuatu National Statistics Office makes every possible effort to check the data and resolve inconsistencies and anomalies with the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue prior to publishing of actual figures in Quarterly or annual Statistical Indicator report.

### CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

- **Imports for Home Consumption** are goods, materials or articles purchased in other countries and brought into Vanuatu and cleared through customs procedures for home consumption. Imports for home consumption are valued on a C.I.F. (cost, insurance, freight) basis. This means that for each commodity, the value recorded includes the factory price, the cost of packaging, the freight cost from overseas to Vanuatu ports and the insurance.
- **Exports** are expressed in F.O.B. (free on board) prices. It means the total value includes the production cost and the transport cost to the Vanuatu port of export.
- **Imports for re-export** refers to imports destined to be re-exported without having undergone any transformation, or only minor ones. This is especially the case of duty free goods and fuel "imported" into the country and sold to non-resident airline operators or ships.
- **Re-exports** are goods, materials or articles exported in the same condition as they were imported, and imported goods, which have undergone operations such as repair, repacking, or bottling which leave them essentially unchanged before exporting.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Table 1: Summary of Merchandise trade  
 Table 2: Principal domestic exports, value  
 Table 3: Principal domestic exports, quantity  
 Table 4: Imports cleared for home consumption, value

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**Table 1 Summary of Overseas Trade**  
**Tableau 1 Récapitulatif du commerce extérieur**

**In Million Vatu**  
**En millions de Vatu**

Year / Quarter/ Month	EXPORTS F.O.B / EXPORTATION FAB					IMPORTS C.I.F / IMPORTATIONS CAF							Année	Trimestre / Mois
	Domestic Exports Exportation des produits locaux			Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports for Home Consumption / Importations destinées à la Consommation intérieure			Imports for Re- exports	Total Imports	Trade Balance	Balance Ratio		
	Luganville	Port Vila	Total	Ré- exportations	Total des Exportations (E)	Luganville	Port Vila	Total	Importations pour ré- exportations	Total des Importations (I)	Déficit Commercial (E)-(I)	Taux de Couverture (E)/(I)		
2014	4,274	1,826	6,100	-	6,100	4,587	25,610	30,197	237	30,435	(24,335)	0.2	2014	
2015	2,971	1,278	4,249	-	4,249	6,298	33,500	39,798	190	39,989	(35,740)	0.1	2015	
2016	3,940	1,506	5,446	-	5,446	5,722	34,251	39,973	1,435	41,408	(35,962)	0.1	2016	
2017	4,219	1,689	5,909	597	6,506	5,957	33,102	39,060	816	39,876	(33,370)	0.2	2017	
2018	2,850	1,991	4,841	2,105	6,946	6,792	31,391	38,183	418	38,602	(31,656)	0.2	2018	
2017 1st	986	232	1,218	-	1,218	1,050	7,166	8,216	60	8,276	(7,059)	0.1	2017 1er	
2nd	1,101	107	1,208	-	1,208	1,348	7,681	9,029	39	9,068	(7,860)	0.1	2ème	
3rd	1,176	509	1,685	129	1,814	1,425	9,296	10,721	42	10,762	(8,949)	0.2	3ème	
4th	957	842	1,798	469	2,267	2,135	8,959	11,095	674	11,769	(9,502)	0.2	4ème	
2018 1st	494	707	1,201	487	1,688	1,359	7,408	8,767	211	8,978	(7,290)	0.2	2018 1er	
2nd	821	377	1,198	636	1,834	1,958	7,401	9,359	207	9,566	(7,732)	0.2	2ème	
3rd	843	271	1,114	466	1,580	1,741	8,039	9,779	-	9,779	(8,200)	0.2	3ème	
4th	692	636	1,328	516	1,844	1,734	8,543	10,278	-	10,278	(8,434)	0.2	4ème	
2019 1st	603	608	1,212	-	1,212	1,163	6,336	7,499	-	7,499	(6,287)	0.2	2019 1er	
2nd	815	437	1,252	-	1,252	1,515	6,913	8,428	-	8,428	(7,176)	0.1	2ème	
2018 Jan	175	113	287	173	460	477	2,808	3,286	22	3,308	(2,847)	0.1	2018 Jan	
Feb	136	139	274	137	412	255	2,399	2,654	2	2,656	(2,244)	0.2	Fév	
Mar	184	456	640	176	816	627	2,201	2,828	187	3,015	(2,199)	0.3	Mar	
Apr	327	63	390	165	555	1,065	2,608	3,673	104	3,776	(3,221)	0.1	Avr	
May	308	147	455	162	617	499	2,656	3,154	61	3,215	(2,598)	0.2	Mai	
Jun	186	167	354	308	662	394	2,138	2,532	43	2,575	(1,913)	0.3	Jun	
Jul	215	74	289	109	398	488	2,376	2,864	-	2,864	(2,466)	0.1	Jul	
Aug	269	103	373	146	518	586	3,131	3,717	-	3,717	(3,198)	0.1	Aoû	
Sep	359	93	452	212	663	667	2,532	3,199	-	3,199	(2,536)	0.2	Sep	
Oct	135	149	284	182	466	509	2,895	3,404	-	3,404	(2,938)	0.1	Oct	
Nov	189	114	303	194	497	415	2,675	3,091	-	3,091	(2,593)	0.2	Nov	
Dec	367	373	741	140	880	810	2,973	3,783	-	3,783	(2,902)	0.2	Déc	
2019 Jan	124	285	409	-	409	294	2,421	2,714	-	2,714	(2,306)	0.2	2019 Jan	
Feb	264	86	350	-	350	455	1,721	2,176	-	2,176	(1,826)	0.2	Fév	
Mar	216	238	453	-	453	414	2,195	2,609	-	2,609	(2,156)	0.2	Mar	
Apr [p]	218	119	338	-	338	416	2,612	3,028	-	3,028	(2,690)	0.1	Avr [p]	
May [p]	356	181	537	-	537	462	1,929	2,391	-	2,391	(1,853)	0.2	May [p]	
Jun [p]	240	136	377	-	377	637	2,372	3,009	-	3,009	(2,633)	0.1	Jui [p]	
Jul [p]	271	248	520	-	520	362	2,206	2,568	-	2,568	(2,048)	0.2	Juil [p]	
Aug [p]	445	190	635	-	635	618	2,546	3,164	-	3,164	(2,529)	0.2	Aoû [p]	

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**Table 2 Principal Domestic Exports, in Value**  
**Tableau 2 Principales exportations de produits locaux, en valeur**

**In million Vatu**  
**En millions de Vatu**

Quarter/ Year Month	Copra	Coconut oil	Beef veal	Cocoa	Shell	Sawn Timber	Cowhides	Kava	Coffee	Vanilla	Coconut Meal	Root crops	Live Cattle	Live Fish	Alcoholic Drink	Fish	Other products	Total	Année Trimestre / Mois
	Coprah	Huile de coco	Viande bovine	Cacao	Coquillages	Bois débité	Cuir et peaux		Café	Vanille	Farine de coprah	Récolte de racines	Bétail vivant	Poisson vivant	Boissons Alcoolisées	Poisson	Autres produits		
2014	1,485	1,081	441	454	44	425	27	807	28	4	117	0	-	142	3	10	1,032	6,100	2014
2015	749	826	344	330	27	378	18	180	11	0	331	0	-	116	1	-	938	4,249	2015
2016	1,735	579	318	409	21	125	7	1,206	12	0	92	25	-	53	2	14	848	5,446	2016
2017	1,811	814	178	164	5	361	3	1,270	14	0	65	0	-	53	47	28	1,097	5,909	2017
2018	424	401	66	193	-	165	-	2,514	33	1	40	0	-	7	97	-	900	4,841	2018
2017 1st	368	90	79	39	5	72	2	395	4	0	9	-	-	22	-	-	132	1,217	2017 1er
2nd	674	172	40	37	-	96	1	93	2	0	13	0	-	13	-	-	67	1,208	2ème
3rd	507	310	24	54	-	73	-	270	4	-	23	-	-	10	12	14	385	1,685	3ème
4th	262	242	35	34	-	119	-	511	3	0	20	-	-	8	35	14	514	1,799	4ème
2018 1st	24	130	14	11	-	61	-	670	5	0	14	0	-	4	0	-	268	1,201	2018 1er
2nd	147	116	15	56	-	34	-	611	1	-	11	0	-	3	20	-	183	1,199	2ème
3rd	221	104	29	96	-	2	-	502	10	0	10	-	-	-	16	-	123	1,114	3ème
4th	31	52	7	29	-	68	-	731	17	0	4	-	-	-	61	-	326	1,328	4ème
2019 1st	21	60	15	28	5	7	-	724	7	0	6	-	-	-	24	-	315	1,212	2019 1er
2nd	82	71	8	67	-	26	-	758	1	0	17	-	-	-	13	-	208	1,253	2ème
2018 Jan	-	62	7	3	-	17	-	98	1	-	6	-	-	2	0	-	90	287	2018 Jan
Feb	24	23	-	0	-	44	-	140	2	0	4	0	-	1	-	-	36	274	Fév
Mar	-	45	7	8	-	-	-	432	2	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	142	640	Mar
Apr	113	67	-	1	-	8	-	172	0	-	7	-	-	1	1	-	19	390	Avr
May	13	29	-	18	-	-	-	306	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	83	455	Mai
Jun	21	20	15	37	-	26	-	133	0	-	2	0	-	1	18	-	81	354	Jun
Jul	36	47	8	64	-	1	-	91	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	35	289	Jul
Aug	20	49	6	25	-	-	-	208	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	53	373	Aoû
Sep	165	8	15	7	-	1	-	203	1	0	-	-	-	-	16	-	35	452	Sep
Oct	14	30	-	3	-	18	-	157	1	0	4	-	-	-	17	-	40	284	Oct
Nov	13	0	-	23	-	23	-	170	13	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	60	303	Nov
Dec	4	22	7	3	-	27	-	404	3	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	226	741	Déc
2019 Jan	21	-	-	19	-	5	-	116	-	-	1	-	-	-	24	-	223	409	2019 Jan
Feb	-	28	7	6	-	-	-	264	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	42	350	Fév
Mar	0	33	8	3	5	2	-	344	6	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	49	454	Mar
Apr [p]	-	22	-	2	-	-	-	266	1	0	6	-	-	-	-	-	42	339	Avr [p]
May [p]	82	25	-	48	-	13	-	265	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	96	537	May [p]
Jun [p]	-	24	8	17	-	13	-	227	-	0	3	-	-	-	13	-	71	377	Jui [p]
Jul [p]	0	16	-	34	-	27	-	255	1	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	157	520	Juil [p]
Aug [p]	89	46	9	64	-	12	-	303	1	-	6	0	-	-	1	-	105	635	Aoû [p]

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Note: Totals may be slightly different due to roundings / Les totaux pourraient être légèrement différents dues aux décimaux arrondis

**Table 3** Principal Domestic Exports, in Quantity  
**Tableau 3** Principales exportations, en quantité

**In tonnes**  
**En tonnes**

Year / Quarter/M onth	Copra	Coconut oil	Beef veal	Cocoa	Shell	Cowhides	Kava	Coffee	Vanilla	Coconut Meal	Root crops	Live Cattle	Live Fish	Fish	Année Trimestre/M ois
	Coprah	Huile de coco	Viande bovine	Cacao	Coquillages	Cuir et peaux		Café	Vanille	Farine de coprah	Récolte de racines	Bétail vivant	Poisson vivant	Poisson	
2014	25,194	9,208	1,014	2,025	13	287	786	28	1	4,786	1	-	126	28	2014
2015	12,584	6,570	677	1,282	8	203	158	9	-	10,347	0	-	110	-	2015
2016	27,932	6,056	554	2,228	6	89	1,052	12	0	2,741	16	-	64	5	2016
2017	22,443	6,750	329	1,010	2	37	1,150	14	0	2,659	0	-	35	106	2017
2018	6,940	3,669	133	1,059	-	-	811	30	0	1,859	1	-	6	0	2018
2017 1st	4,189	899	144	208	2	20	377	6	0	378	-	-	14	-	2017 1er
2nd	8,293	1,637	71	225	-	17	33	1	0	578	0	-	8	-	2ème
3rd	6,400	2,342	43	378	-	-	246	4	-	821	-	-	8	51	3ème
4th	3,562	1,872	71	200	-	-	494	3	0	881	-	-	5	55	4ème
2018 1st	291	1,061	30	90	-	-	192	5	0	698	1	-	3	-	2018 1er
2nd	1,652	1,094	29	295	-	-	273	0	-	537	0	-	3	0	2ème
3rd	4,535	965	59	547	-	-	145	6	0	437	-	-	-	-	3ème
4th	462	549	15	127	-	-	201	19	0	187	-	-	-	-	4ème
2019 1st	354	672	27	166	2	-	202	6	0	251	-	-	-	-	2019 1er
2nd	2,324	693	14	385	-	-	221	1	0	630	-	-	-	-	2ème
2018 Jan	-	420	15	15	-	-	33	1	-	284	-	-	1	-	2018 Jan
Feb	291	217	-	2	-	-	41	2	0	216	1	-	1	-	Fév
Mar	-	424	15	73	-	-	118	2	-	198	-	-	1	-	Mar
Apr	1,269	631	-	13	-	-	51	0	-	341	-	-	1	-	Avr
May	147	274	-	88	-	-	177	0	-	99	-	-	1	-	Mai
Jun	236	189	29	194	-	-	45	0	-	97	0	-	1	0	Jun
Jul	450	462	17	318	-	-	36	1	-	273	-	-	-	-	Jul
Aug	255	462	13	147	-	-	52	4	-	164	-	-	-	-	Aoû
Sep	3,830	41	28	82	-	-	57	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	Sep
Oct	204	316	-	15	-	-	40	0	0	167	-	-	-	-	Oct
Nov	192	0	-	96	-	-	58	12	0	20	-	-	-	-	Nov
Dec	66	233	15	16	-	-	103	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	Déc
2019 Jan	354	-	-	120	-	-	35	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	2019 Jan
Feb	-	294	13	32	-	-	75	1	-	43	-	-	-	-	Fév
Mar	0	378	14	13	2	-	93	5	0	166	-	-	-	-	Mar
Apr [p]	-	273	-	5	-	-	68	1	0	207	-	-	-	-	Avr [p]
May [p]	2,324	147	-	302	-	-	83	-	-	319	-	-	-	-	May [p]
Jun [p]	-	273	14	78	-	-	70	-	0	105	-	-	-	-	Jui [p]
Jul [p]	-	0	30	157	-	-	76	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Juil [p]
Aug [p]	2,794	651	15	405	-	-	78	1	-	231	10	-	-	-	Aoû [p]

Source: Department of Customs and Inland Revenue / Service des Douanes et Contributions Indirectes

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**Table 4 Imports Cleared for Home Consumption, in Value**  
**Tableau 4 Importations destinées à la consommation intérieure par produit selon la Classification type pour le commerce international, en valeur**

**In million Vatu**  
**En million de Vatu**

Year Quarter/ Month	Food & Live Animals	Beverages & Tobacco	Crude Materials Except Fuels	Mineral Fuels	Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemical Products	Basic Manufactured Products	Machines & Transport Equipment	Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	Goods N.E.C.	Total	Année Trimestre / Mois
	Produits alimentaires et animaux vivants	Boissons et tabacs	Matières brutes non combustibles	Energie fossile	Huiles et graisses animales et végétales	Produits chimiques	Produits manufacturés	Machines et matériels de transports	Produits manufacturés divers	Articles et transactions, N.C.A		
2014	5,904	1,176	470	5,290	107	2,269	3,627	7,960	3,110	285	30,197	2014
2015	8,360	1,096	743	4,238	141	2,396	9,785	9,408	3,577	55	39,798	2015
2016	8,449	1,293	757	3,405	141	2,605	7,355	10,341	5,203	423	39,972	2016
2017	8,059	1,481	732	3,873	165	2,671	6,344	11,362	3,702	670	39,060	2017
2018	8,003	1,313	2,510	4,889	148	2,412	5,073	9,742	3,455	640	38,184	2018
2017 1st	1,531	473	154	590	21	666	1,506	2,244	820	210	8,216	2017 1er
2nd	1,771	321	146	1,424	44	655	1,573	2,152	810	134	9,029	2ème
3rd	2,090	285	247	782	51	644	1,599	3,864	1,008	152	10,721	3ème
4th	2,667	401	185	1,077	50	705	1,667	3,102	1,064	175	11,095	4ème
2018 1st	1,494	304	1,289	1,013	24	506	1,072	2,105	782	177	8,767	2018 1er
2nd	1,846	278	495	1,016	31	669	1,202	2,902	775	146	9,359	2ème
3rd	2,176	375	530	1,072	38	631	1,522	2,378	918	140	9,780	3ème
4th	2,486	356	196	1,788	54	606	1,277	2,358	981	177	10,278	4ème
2019 1st	1,574	253	128	1,308	22	503	1,167	1,695	724	126	7,499	2019 1er
2nd	1,802	299	192	1,288	26	599	1,190	2,246	677	110	8,430	2ème
2018 Jan	458	84	341	512	15	202	488	809	328	48	3,286	2018 Jan
Feb	505	133	264	440	1	145	280	564	228	93	2,654	Fév
Mar	531	86	685	60	8	159	304	732	226	37	2,828	Mar
Apr	492	82	386	318	5	210	308	1,597	253	22	3,673	Avr
May	831	120	33	78	19	257	594	819	312	92	3,154	Mai
Jun	523	76	75	620	8	202	300	486	210	32	2,532	Jun
Jul	723	136	101	43	18	206	402	851	312	72	2,864	Jul
Aug	619	120	226	694	8	222	591	866	327	43	3,717	Août
Sep	834	119	203	335	12	202	529	661	278	25	3,199	Sep
Oct	782	181	96	414	19	215	517	798	338	45	3,404	Oct
Nov	805	98	72	358	22	186	427	727	325	73	3,091	Nov
Dec	899	76	29	1,016	13	205	333	834	318	59	3,783	Déc
2019 Jan	555	98	36	593	6	164	392	577	249	46	2,714	2019 Jan
Feb	463	94	32	303	12	149	369	494	234	27	2,176	Fév
Mar	556	61	60	412	4	190	407	624	241	54	2,609	Mar
Apr [p]	654	99	86	594	7	198	387	794	180	30	3,029	Avr [p]
May [p]	562	98	55	24	8	201	408	744	253	39	2,391	May [p]
Jun [p]	586	102	50	670	11	200	395	708	245	41	3,009	Jui [p]
Jul [p]	679	100	74	49	13	185	375	683	356	54	2,568	Juil [p]
Aug [p]	867	103	61	502	8	211	402	667	306	37	3,164	Août [p]

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