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Re: International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Reports for October - December 2022 is Unavailable due to Cyber Attack in October Last year.

The Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics (VBoS) regrets to inform all its users that IMTS Report for October, November, and December 2022 will not be available in the current publication. This is due to a cyber-attack in October last year, resulting in the loss of data. However, summary estimates will be produced in due course with assistance from the South Pacific Community.

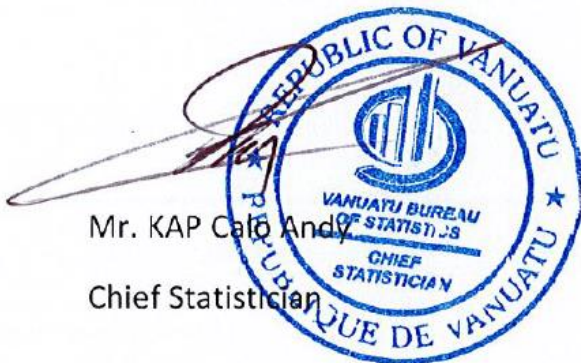
VBoS is advising all its users that in this report you will be expecting to see no values in all tables for the months of October to December 2022.

Currently the IMTS Reports for this year is now up to date from January to July 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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International Merchandise Trade Statistics – Monthly Provisional Highlights

The VNSO is pleased to announce the releases on its Provisional monthly Highlights for January 2023 to July 2023 based on feedbacks from consultations from stakeholders. The new format content in these monthly provisional highlights is as below:

Concepts	Definition
1.National Sustainability Development Plan (NSDP) Indicators	The NSDP serves as the Country's highest level policy framework. The indicators provide a system to monitor progress. To report on trade related NSDP indicators some adaptations has been made. This include ENV E.3.1 reporting value, not volume ECO.1.5.2 and ECO.1.6.2 reporting on Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement, ECO 1.7.1 reporting on level of export production of major commodities.
2.Trade Balance of Major Partner Countries	Balance of Trade is the value of a country's exports and the value of a country's imports for a given period. The Major Partner Countries are: Australia, China, Fiji, France, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America.
3.Trade Balance of Pacific Islands, excluding Melanesian islands, Australia and New Zealand	The Pacific islands included are: American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, French Polynesia, Tuvalu and Wallis and Futuna.
4. Trade by Trade Agreement Melanesian Spearhead Group	The Melanesian Free Trade Agreement (MFTA) aims to achieve regional integration of economics in the MSG. It comprises 4 Countries namely, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
5. Major Principal Exports	Major Exports are commodities that account for the majority of the total export value. The commodity group focus is Beef, Cocoa, Coconut Oil, Copra and Kava. Focus is a time series analysis of current monthly exports from 2018 to 2023.
6. Top 5 New Major Exports	The traditional VNSO tables report on 13 major commodities. The rest of the commodities are grouped as "other products" This investigates the main commodities within "other products".
7. Major Principal Imports	Major imports are commodities that account for the majority of the total import value. The commodity group focus is Alcoholic drinks, Articles of Iron and Steel, Medicaments, Petroleum oils and Rice. Focus is a timeseries analysis of current monthly imports from 2018 to 2023

8. Top 5 New Major Imports	The traditional VNSO tables report on 47 major import commodities. The rest of the commodities are grouped as "other Imports". This investigates the main commodities within "other imports".
9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD)	The Pacific has a growing reputation as having one of the world's highest NCD rates. These major NCD, is share four behavioural risk factors; tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol. This investigates some of the dietary risk factors including Bakery Products, Canned Meats, Confectionary, Cordial and Noodles.
10. Imports of Food and Products Targeted as those that can be Potentially Produced Domestically	Import substitution is the idea that: blocking imports of manufactured goods can help an economy by increasing the demand for domestically produced goods. The imports of foods and products targeted include: Canned Mackerel, Canned Tunas, Chicken and Chicken eggs.

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International Merchandise Trade Statistics - January 2023 Highlights

1. National Sustainable Development Plan Indicators (NSDP)

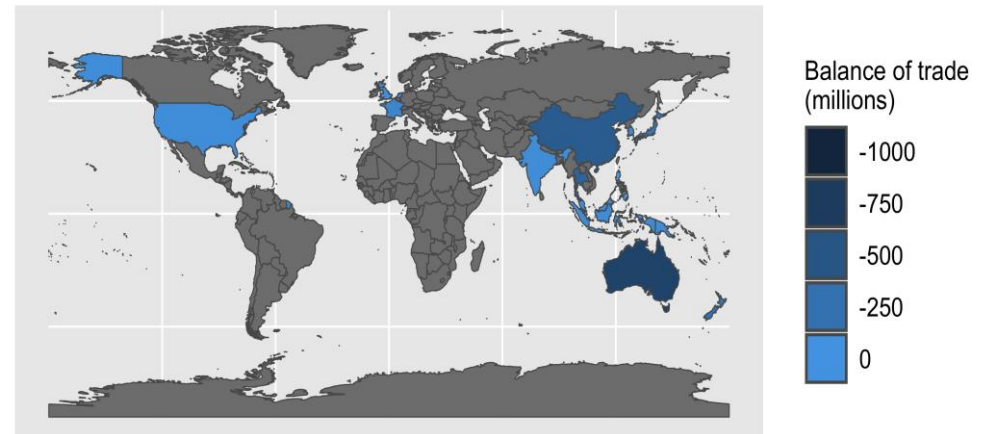
Policy Objectives	SMART Indicators	Indicator Value
ENV 1.3: Reduce reliance on food imports through import substitution for food products that can be produced domestically	ENV 1.3.1 Total annual volume of imports of food and products targeted by DARD as those that can be produced domestically (including 'value-added products')	25
ECO 1.5: Increase access to markets for Vanuatu exports	ECO 1.5.2 Trade by trade agreement (value)	223
	ECO 1.5.3 Balance of trade by major partner countries	-3,568
ECO 1.7: Stimulate economic diversification to spread the benefits of growth and increase economic stability	ECO 1.7.1 Level of production of major commodities to include cocoa and copra	155
ECO 4.3: Increase production and processing of niche commodities, and value addition to commodities in which Vanuatu enjoys a comparative advantage	ECO 4.3.2 Ratio of processed export commodities (including coconut, kava, cocoa, coffee) to raw exports	7

Total value of imports targeted by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) as those that can be produced domestically is VT 25 million (ENV 1.3.1). The products imported included Oranges (VT 3 million), Potatoes (VT 6 million), Onions and Shallots (VT 13 million), and Carrots and Turnips (VT 2 million). (Refer to Table 16)

The total value of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement is VT 223 million (ECO 1.5.2). This Trade-by-Trade agreement included total exports of VT 3 million and total imports of VT 220 million. (Refer to Table 11). The Balance of Trade by Major Partner Countries is VT -3,568 million (ECO 1.5.3). (Refer to Table 8).

Level of production of major commodities is VT 155 million (ECO 1.7.1). The major commodities included Copra (VT 108 million), Kava (VT 26 million), Coconut Oil (VT 15 million) and Wood (VT 8 million). The ratio of processed export commodities including coconut, kava, cocoa, and coffee to raw exports is 7 (ECO 4.3.2). Total value of processed exports is VT 129 million and total value of raw exports is VT 19 million. (Refer to Table 6)

2. Trade Balance by Major Partner Countries

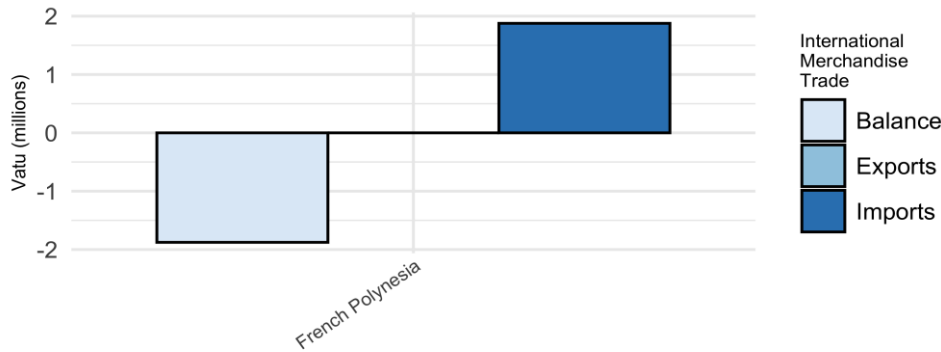


Balance of trade by major partner countries is VT -3,568 million. The main countries that account for this Balance are Singapore (VT -1,073 million), Australia (VT -668 million), China (VT -429 million), Thailand (VT -358 million) and New Zealand (VT -232 million). These countries represent 77% of the total Balance by Major Partner Countries (VT -2,760 million). (Refer to Table 8)

Major imports from Singapore were Mineral Products (VT 1,051 million), and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 14 million). Major imports from Australia were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 143 million); and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 135 million). Major imports from China were Base Metals (VT 130 million), and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 133 million). Major imports from Thailand were Vehicles and Transport Equipment (VT 257 million), and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 46 million). Major imports from New Zealand were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 37 million), and Base Metals (VT 42 million).



3. Trade Balance of Pacific Islands (excluding Melanesian Islands, Australia and New Zealand)



The total Trade Balance of the Pacific Islands excluding Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand is VT -2 million. This was driven by imports of Medicaments from French Polynesia (VT 2 million). (Refer to Table 9)

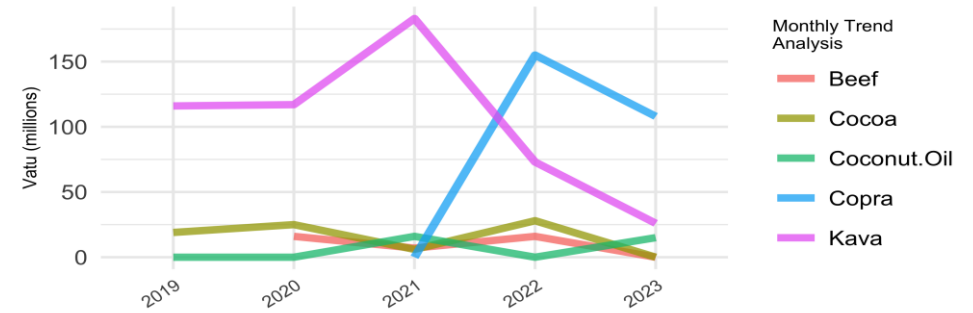
4. Trade by Trade Agreement- Melanesian Spearhead Group

SITC Description	FIJI EXPORTS	FIJI IMPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS IMPORTS	Total
Basic	0	1					1
Manufactured Products							
Beverages & Tobacco		12					12
Chemical Products	0	8			3		11
Food & Live Animals	0	146		33		19	198
Machines & Transport Equipment	0				0		0
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	0	1					1
Oils, Fats & Waxes		0					0
Grand Total	0	168		33	3	19	223

The major imports from Fiji are Pasta (VT 21 million), and Bread, Cakes, Pastry and Biscuits (VT 59 million). The major imports from Papua New Guinea are Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 29 million), and from the Solomon Islands is also Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 19 million).

The major export to Solomon Islands is Pharmaceuticals (VT 3 million).

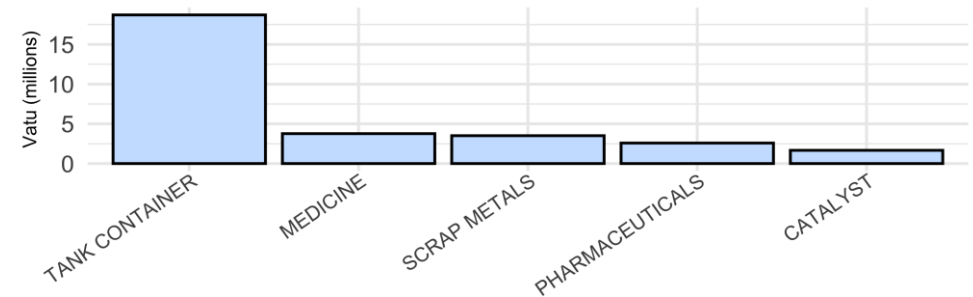
5. Principle Exports



The level of production of the top five Major Principal Exports is VT 148 million. The Principal Exports identified included, Copra (VT 108 million), Kava (VT 26 million) and Coconut Oil (VT 15 million). (Refer to Table 6)

The principal country of destination for Copra is the Philippines (VT 108 million). Kava is exported mainly to China (VT 15 million), and United States of America (VT 9 million) and Coconut Oil is Malaysia (VT 10 million).

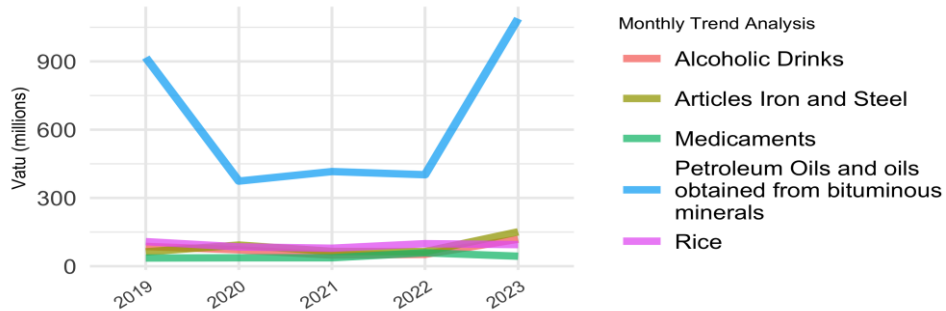
6. Top 5 New Major Exports



Total value of Tank Container VT 19 million, Medicine VT 4 million, Scrap Metals VT 4 million, Pharmaceuticals VT 3 million, and Catalyst VT 2 million.



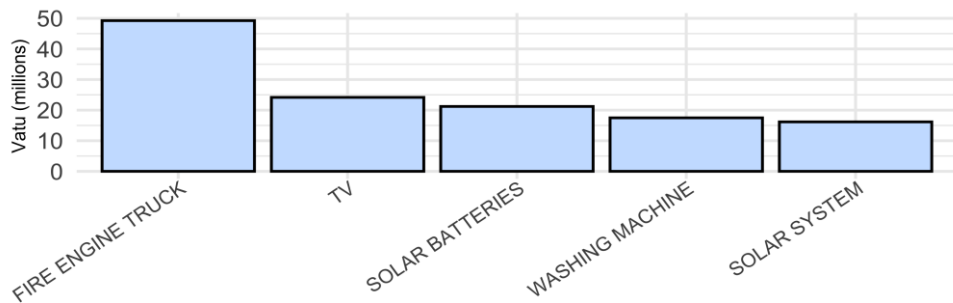
7. Principle Imports



Total value of top five Principal imports is VT 1,498 million. The Principal Imports included Alcoholic Drinks (VT 119 million), Articles of Iron and Steel (VT 151 million), Medicaments (VT 44 million), Petroleum Oils (VT 1,088 million), and Rice (VT 95 million). (Refer to Table 7)

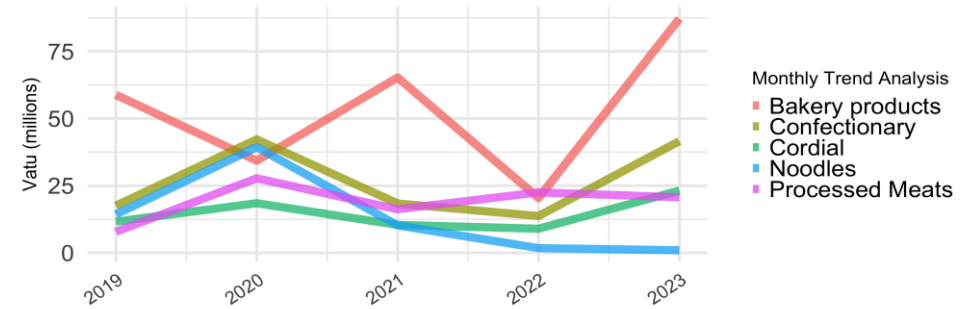
The main country of origin for Alcoholic Drinks is Australia (VT 55 million). The main country of origin for Articles of Iron and Steel is China (VT 102 million), and Medicaments is Australia (VT 11 million). The main country of origin for Petroleum Oils is Singapore (VT 1,051 million), and Rice is Taiwan (VT 73 million).

8. Top 5 New Major Imports



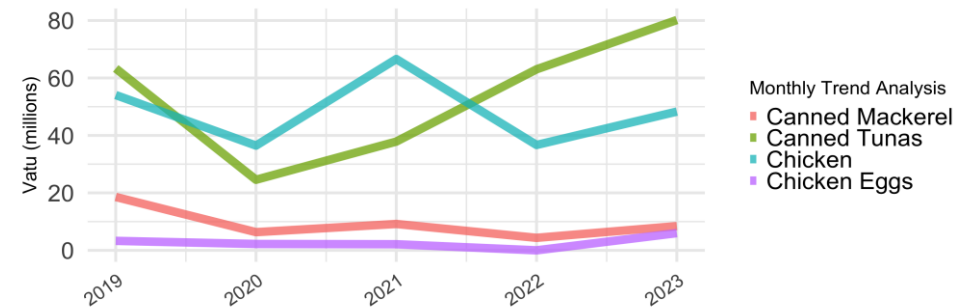
Total value of Fire Engine Truck VT 49 million, TV VT 24 million, Solar Batteries VT 21 million, Washing Machine VT 17 million, and Solar System VT 16 million.

9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Noncommunicable Diseases



Total value of Bakery Products is VT 87 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 60 million). Total value of Confectionary is VT 42 million and are mainly imported from Bangladesh (VT 20 million). Total value of Cordial is VT 23 million and are mainly imported from France (VT 9 million). Total value of Processed Meats is VT 21 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 7 million). Total value of Noodles is VT 1 million and are mainly imported from Italy. (Refer to Table 15)

10. Imports of food and products targeted as those that can be produced domestically



Total value of Canned Tunas is VT 80 million and are mainly imported from Papua New Guinea (VT 29 million). Total value of Chicken is VT 48 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 33 million). Total value of Canned Mackerel is VT 8 million and are mainly imported from China (VT 5 million). Total value of Chicken Eggs VT 6 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 6 million). (Refer to Table 17)



International Merchandise Trade Statistics - February 2023 Highlights

1. National Sustainable Development Plan Indicators (NSDP)

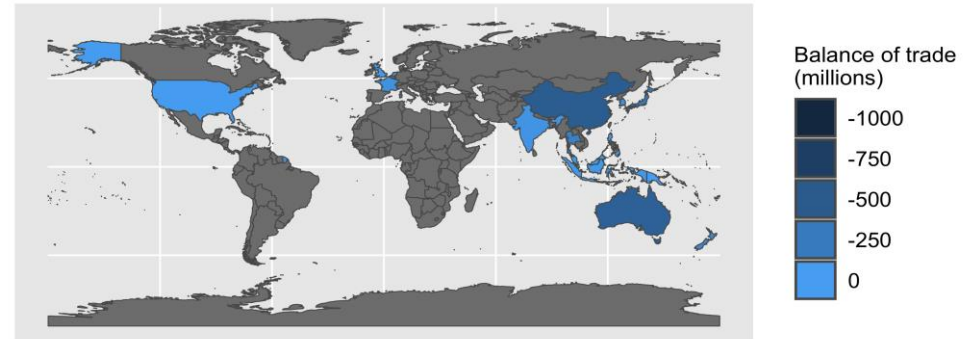
Policy Objectives	SMART Indicators	Indicator Value
ENV 1.3: Reduce reliance on food imports through import substitution for food products that can be produced domestically	ENV 1.3.1 Total annual volume of imports of food and products targeted by DARD as those that can be produced domestically (including 'value-added products')	20
ECO 1.5: Increase access to markets for Vanuatu exports	ECO 1.5.2 Trade by trade agreement (value)	179
	ECO 1.5.3 Balance of trade by major partner countries	-3,281
ECO 1.7: Stimulate economic diversification to spread the benefits of growth and increase economic stability	ECO 1.7.1 Level of production of major commodities to include cocoa and copra	471
ECO 4.3: Increase production and processing of niche commodities, and value addition to commodities in which Vanuatu enjoys a comparative advantage	ECO 4.3.2 Ratio of processed export commodities (including coconut, kava, cocoa, coffee) to raw exports	4

Total value of imports targeted by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) as those that can be produced domestically is VT 20 million (ENV 1.3.1). The products imported included Potatoes (VT 10 million), Onions and Shallots (VT 5 million), Oranges (VT 3 million) and Carrots and Turnips (VT 2 million), (*Refer to Table 16*)

The total value of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement is VT 179 million (ECO 1.5.2). This Trade-by-Trade agreement included total exports of VT 13 million and total imports of VT 165 million. (*Refer to Table 11*). The Balance of Trade by Major Partner Countries is VT -3,281 million (ECO 1.5.3). (*Refer to Table 8*)

Level of production of major commodities is VT 471 million (ECO 1.7.1). The major commodities included: Kava (VT 454 million), Beef (VT 9 million) and Cocoa (VT 7 million) The ratio of processed export commodities including coconut, kava, cocoa, and coffee to raw exports is 4 (ECO 4.3.2). Total value of processed exports is VT 365 million and the total value of raw exports is VT 96 million. (*Refer to Table 6*)

2. Trade Balance by Major Partner Countries

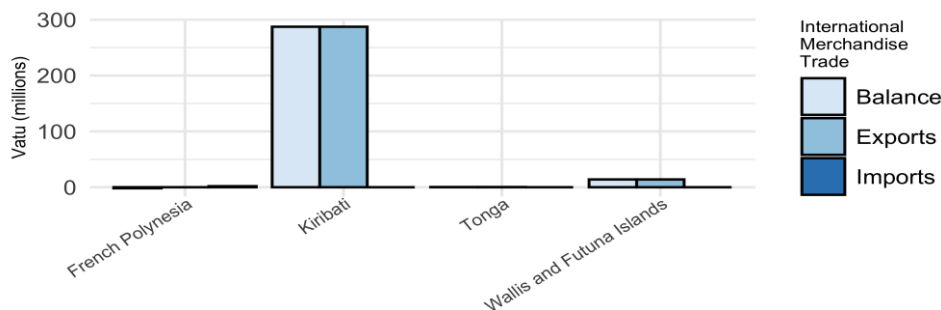


Balance of trade by major partner countries is VT -3,281 million. The main countries that account for this Balance are Singapore (VT -1,088 million), China (VT -476 million), Australia (VT -439 million), Japan (VT -257 million) and Fiji (VT -203 million), These countries represent 75% of the total Balance by Major Partner Countries (VT -2,463 million). (*Refer to Table 8*)

Major imports from Singapore were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 105 million), and Mineral Products (VT 1,111 million). Major imports from China were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 153 million), and Base Metals (VT 103 million). Major imports from Australia were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 109 million); and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 114 million). Major imports from Japan were Vehicles and Transport Equipment (VT 156 million); and Medicaments (VT 40 million). Major imports from Fiji were Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 65 million), and Chemicals and Allied Products (VT 43 million).



3. Trade Balance of Pacific Islands (excluding Melanesian Islands, Australia and New Zealand)



Total Trade Balance of Pacific Islands excluding Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand is VT 300 million. This was driven by exports of Kava to Kiribati (VT 286 million) and Car Parts to Wallis and Futuna Islands (VT 14 million), and imports of Perfume from French Polynesia (VT 1 million). (Refer to Table 9)

4. Trade by Trade Agreement- Melanesian Spearhead Group

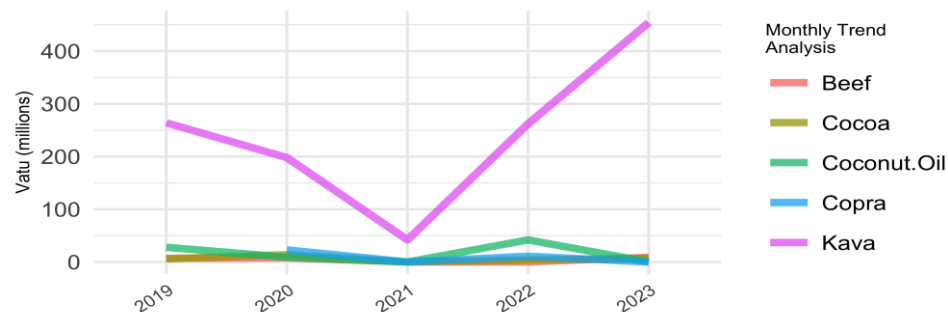
SITC Description	FIJI EXPORTS	FIJI IMPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS IMPORTS	Total
Basic	0	6					6
Manufactured Products							
Beverages & Tobacco		24					24
Chemical Products	0	28			0		29
Food & Live Animals	0	70	9	2			32
Machines & Transport Equipment	0	2			0		2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	3	1			0		4
Oils, Fats & Waxes	1	0					1
Grand Total	4	131	9	2	0	32	179

The major export to Papua New Guinea is Beef (VT 9 million). The major export to Fiji is Tamanu Oil (VT 1 million).

The major imports from the Solomon Islands is Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 32 million) and Papua New Guinea is Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 2 million). The major imports from

Fiji are Non-Alcoholic Drinks Including Mineral Water (VT 24 million) and Wheat or Meslin Flour (VT 16 million).

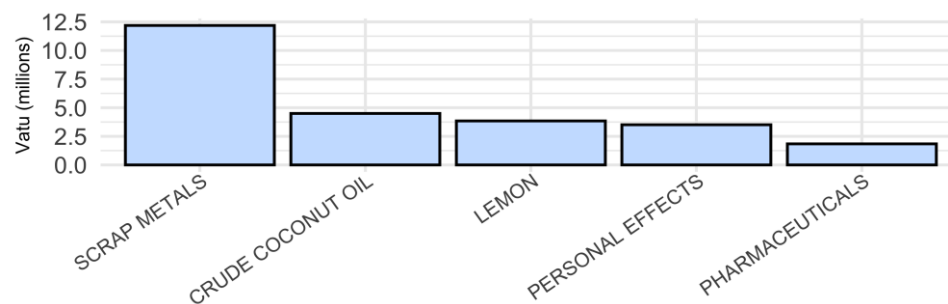
5. Principle Exports



The level of production of the top five Major Principal Exports is VT 471 million. The Principal Exports identified included: Kava (VT 454 million), Beef (VT 9 million), and Cocoa (VT 7 million). (Refer to Table 6)

The main country of destination for Kava is Kiribati (VT 286 million), the United States (VT 56 million), and China (VT 40 million). The major country destination for Beef was Papua New Guinea (VT 9 million) and Cocoa is Malaysia (VT 7 million).

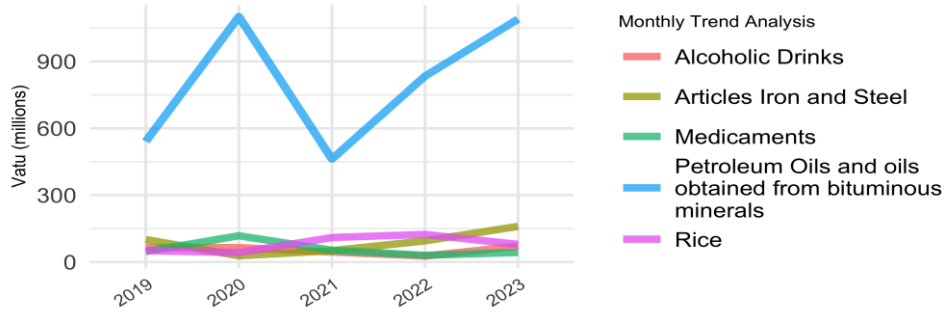
6. Top 5 New Major Exports



Total value of Scrap Metals (VT 12 million,) Crude Coconut Oil (VT 4 million), Lemon (VT 4 million), Personal Effects (VT 4 million), and Pharmaceuticals (VT 2 million).



7. Principle Imports



Total value of the top five Principal imports is (VT 1,443 million). The Principal Imports included Petroleum Oils (VT 1,090 million), Articles of Iron and Steel (VT 160 million), Rice (VT 79 million), Alcoholic Drinks (VT 71 million) and Medicaments (VT 43 million). (Refer to Table 7)

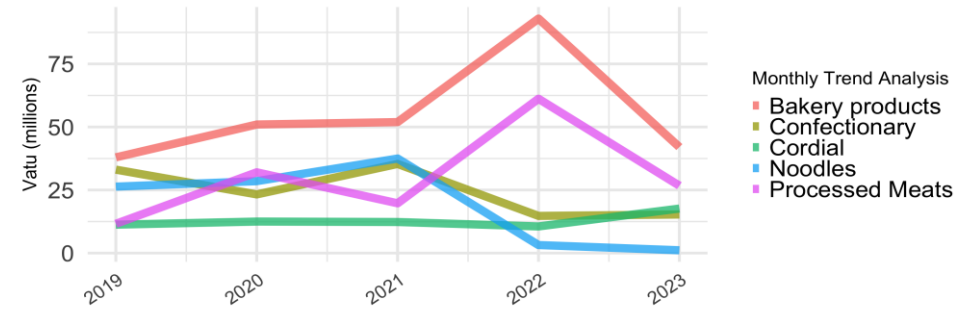
The main country of origin for Petroleum Oils is Singapore (VT 1,052 million), The main country of origin for Articles of Iron and Steel is China (VT 71 million). The main country of origin for Rice is China (VT 55 million). The main country of origin for Alcoholic Drinks is Australia (VT 28 million), and Medicaments is India (VT 7 million).

8. Top 5 New Major Imports



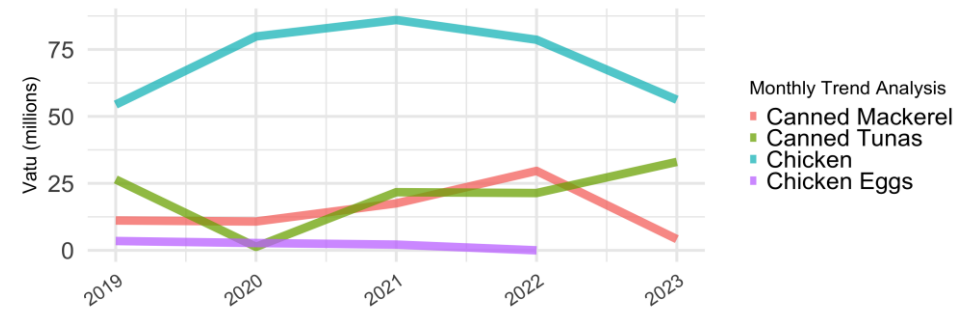
Total value of Medical Instruments VT 40 million, Beds VT 38 million, Building Kitset VT 29 million, Solar Power VT 26 million, and TV Screens VT 18 million.

9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Noncommunicable Diseases



Total value of Bakery Products is (VT 42 million) and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 14 million). Total value of Processed Meats is (VT 28 million) and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 17 million). Total value of Cordial is (VT 18 million) and are mainly imported from Bangladesh (VT 5 million). Total value of the Confectionary is (VT 8 million) and are mainly imported from Indonesia (VT 6 million). Total value of Noodles is (VT 1 million) and are mainly imported from Singapore. (Refer to Table 15)

10. Imports of food and products targeted as those that can be produced domestically



Total value of Chicken is VT 56 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 38 million). Total value of Canned Tunas is VT 33 million and are mainly imported from Solomon Islands (VT 32 million). Total value of Canned Mackerel is VT 4 million and are mainly imported from China (VT 4 million). (Refer to Table 17)



International Merchandise Trade Statistics - March 2023 Highlights

1. National Sustainable Development Plan Indicators (NSDP)

Policy Objectives	SMART Indicators	Indicator Value
ENV 1.3: Reduce reliance on food imports through import substitution for food products that can be produced domestically	ENV 1.3.1 Total annual volume of imports of food and products targeted by DARD as those that can be produced domestically (including 'value-added products)	16
ECO 1.5: Increase access to markets for Vanuatu exports	ECO 1.5.2 Trade by trade agreement (value)	328
	ECO 1.5.3 Balance of trade by major partner countries	-3,587
ECO 1.7: Stimulate economic diversification to spread the benefits of growth and increase economic stability	ECO 1.7.1 Level of production of major commodities to include cocoa and copra	368
ECO 4.3: Increase production and processing of niche commodities, and value addition to commodities in which Vanuatu enjoys a comparative advantage	ECO 4.3.2 Ratio of processed export commodities (including coconut, kava, cocoa, coffee) to raw exports	3

Total value of imports targeted by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) as those that can be produced domestically is VT 16 million (ENV 1.3.1). The products imported included Potatoes (VT 3 million), Onions and Shallots (VT 7 million), Carrots and Turnips (VT 1 million), and Oranges (VT 4 million). (Refer to Table 16)

The total value of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement is VT 328 million (ECO 1.5.2). This Trade-by-Trade agreement included total exports of VT 21 million and total imports of VT 307 million. (Refer to Table 11). The Balance of Trade by Major Partner Countries is VT -3,587 million (ECO 1.5.3). (Refer to Table 8)

Level of production of major commodities is VT 368 million (ECO 1.7.1). The major commodities included Kava (VT 300 million), Coconut Oil (VT 31 million), and Wood (VT 16 million). Beef (VT 9 million), Copra (VT 7 million) and Cocoa (VT 4 million). The ratio of processed export commodities including coconut, kava, cocoa, and coffee to raw exports is 3 (ECO 4.3.2). Total value of processed exports is VT 256 million and total value of raw exports is VT 86 million. (Refer to Table 6)

2. Trade Balance by Major Partner Countries

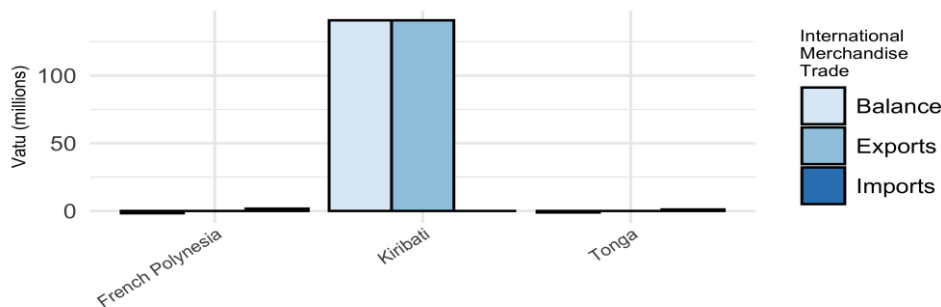


Balance of trade by major partner countries is VT -3,587 million. The main countries that account for this Balance are Singapore (VT -1,075 million), Australia (VT -501 million), Fiji (VT -431 million), New Zealand (VT -400 million), and Thailand (VT -344 million). These countries represent 77% of the total Balance by Major Partner Countries (VT -2,751 million). (Refer to Table 8)

Major imports from Singapore were Mineral Products (VT 1,081 million); and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 31 million). Major imports from Australia were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 78 million); and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 145 million). Major imports from Fiji were Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 193 million), and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 62 million). Major imports from New Zealand were Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 45 million), and Machinery and Electrical Appliances (VT 95 million). and Mineral Products (VT 29 million). Major imports from Thailand were Vehicles and Transport Equipment (VT 292 million),



3. Trade Balance of Pacific Islands (excluding Melanesian Islands, Australia and New Zealand)



Total Trade Balance of Pacific Islands excluding Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand is VT 138 million. This was driven by exports of Kava to Kiribati (VT 141 million), and imports of Medicaments from French Polynesia (VT 2 million), and TV Equipment from Tonga (VT 1 million). (Refer to Table 9)

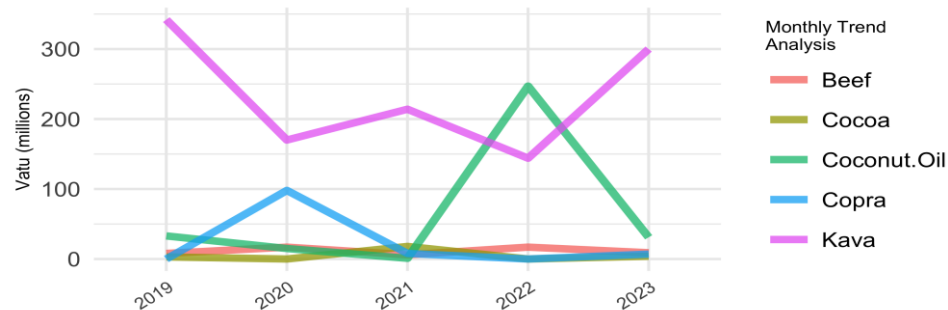
4. Trade by Trade Agreement- Melanesian Spearhead Group

SITC Description	FIJI EXPORTS	FIJI IMPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS IMPORTS	Total
Basic Manufactured Products	0	23					23
Beverages & Tobacco		24				1	25
Chemical Products	0	23	0		6		29
Crude Materials Except Fuels	0						0
Food & Live Animals		214	2	9	9	8	242
Machines & Transport Equipment	0	3			0		3
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	3	3					6
Oils, Fats & Waxes	0	0					0
Grand Total	3	289	2	9	16	9	328

The major imports from Fiji are Prepared or Preserved Meat (VT 28 million), and Bread, Cakes, Pastry and Biscuits (VT 46 million). The major imports from Papua New Guinea is Prepared or Preserved Meat (VT 9 million), and from the Solomon Islands is also Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 8 million).

The major export to Fiji is GPS Equipment (VT 3 million), to Papua New Guinea, is Yeast (VT 2 million), and to Solomon Islands is Beef (VT 9 million).

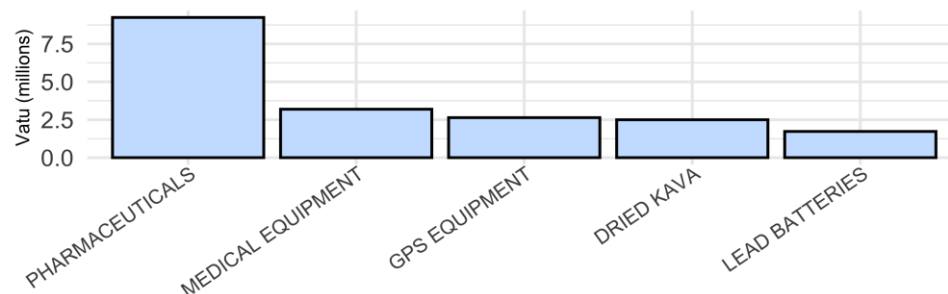
5. Principle Exports



The level of production of the top five Major Principal Exports is VT 352 million. The Principal Exports identified included; Kava (VT 300 million), Coconut Oil (VT 31 million), Beef (VT 9 million), Copra (VT 7 million), and Cocoa (VT 4 million), (Refer to Table 6)

The main country of destination for Kava is Kiribati (VT 139 million), China (VT 99 million), and New Caledonia (VT 31 million). Malaysia is the main country destination for Coconut Oil (VT 31 million) Copra (VT 7 million) and Cocoa (VT 3 million), The main country destination for Beef (VT 9 million) is the Solomon Islands.

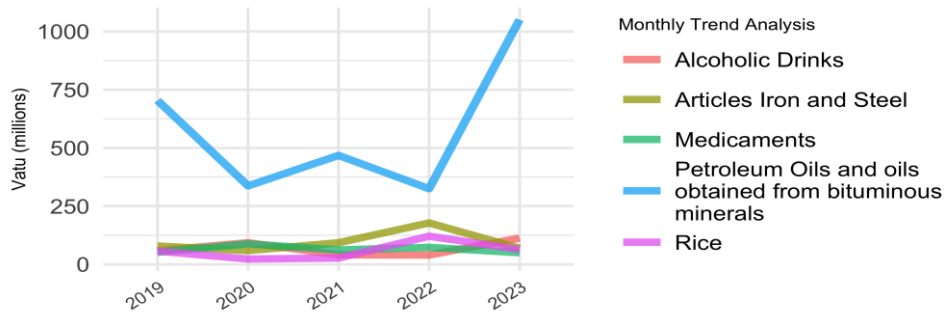
6. Top 5 New Major Exports



Total value of Pharmaceuticals VT 9 million, Medical Equipment VT 3 million, GPS Equipment VT 3 million, Dried Kava VT 3 million, and Lead Batteries VT 2 million.



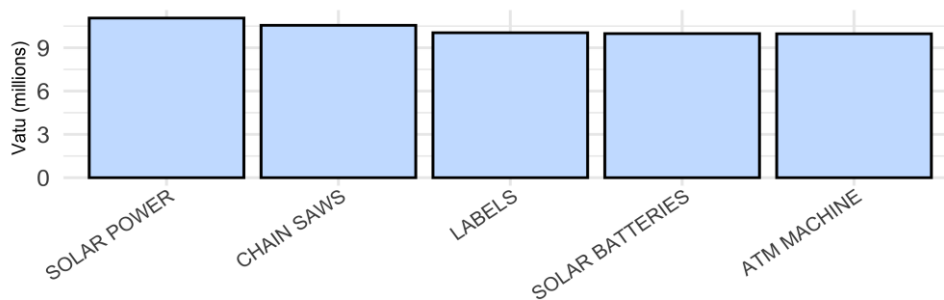
7. Principle Imports



Total value of top five Principal imports is VT 1,347 million. The Principal Imports included Petroleum Oils (VT 1,051 million), Alcoholic Drinks (VT 113 million), Articles of Iron and Steel (VT 69 million), Rice (VT 64 million), and Medicaments (VT 50 million). (Refer to Table 7)

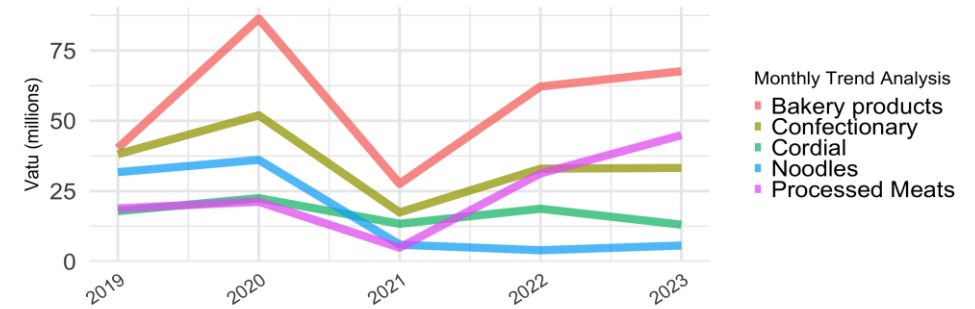
The main country of origin for Petroleum Oils is Singapore (VT 1,022 million), The main country of origin for Alcoholic Drinks is Australia (VT 42 million). The main country of origin for Articles of Iron and Steel is China (VT 30 million), Rice is Taiwan (VT 31 million) and Medicaments is New Zealand (VT 13 million)

8. Top 5 New Major Imports



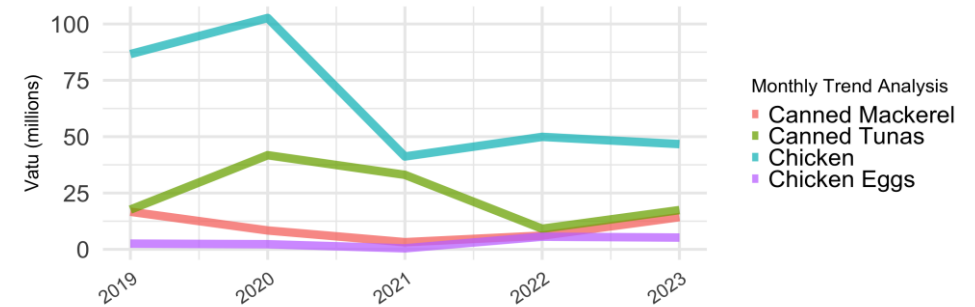
Total value of Solar Power VT 11 million, Chain Saws VT 11 million, Labels VT 10 million, Solar Batteries VT 10 million, and ATM Machine VT 10 million.

9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Noncommunicable Diseases



Total value of Bakery Products is VT 68 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 50 million). Total value of Processed Meats is VT 45 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 21 million). Total value of Confectionary is VT 28 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 18 million). Total value of Cordial is VT 13 million and are mainly imported from Malaysia (VT 3 million). Total value of Noodles is VT 6 million and are mainly imported from New Zealand (VT 3 million). (Refer to Table 15)

10. Imports of food and products targeted as those that can be produced domestically



Total value of Chicken is VT 47 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 29 million). Total value of Canned Tunas is VT 17 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 10 million). Total value of Canned Mackerel is VT 14 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 14 million). Total value of Chicken Eggs VT 5 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 5 million). (Refer to Table 17)



International Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2023 Highlights

1. National Sustainable Development Plan Indicators (NSDP)

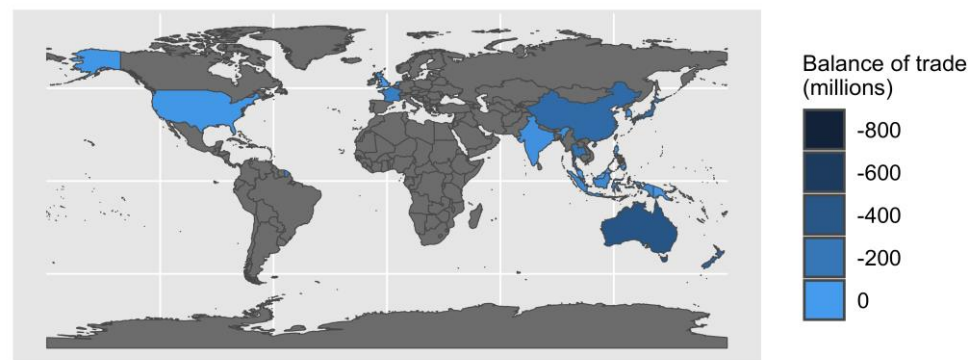
Policy Objectives	SMART Indicators	Indicator Value
ENV 1.3: Reduce reliance on food imports through import substitution for food products that can be produced domestically	ENV 1.3.1 Total annual volume of imports of food and products targeted by DARD as those that can be produced domestically (including 'value-added products)	6
ECO 1.5: Increase access to markets for Vanuatu exports	ECO 1.5.2 Trade by trade agreement (value)	498
	ECO 1.5.3 Balance of trade by major partner countries	-3,291
ECO 1.7: Stimulate economic diversification to spread the benefits of growth and increase economic stability	ECO 1.7.1 Level of production of major commodities to include cocoa and copra	435
ECO 4.3: Increase production and processing of niche commodities, and value addition to commodities in which Vanuatu enjoys a comparative advantage	ECO 4.3.2 Ratio of processed export commodities (including coconut, kava, cocoa, coffee) to raw exports	3

Total value of imports targeted by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) as those that can be produced domestically is VT 6 million (ENV 1.3.1). The products imported included Potatoes (VT 4 million), and Tomatoes (VT 1 million). (Refer to Table 16)

The total value of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement is VT 498 million (ECO 1.5.2). This Trade-by-Trade agreement included total exports of VT 71 million and total imports of VT 426 million. (Refer to Table 11) The Balance of Trade by Major Partner Countries is VT -3,291 million (ECO 1.5.3). (Refer to Table 8)

Level of production of major commodities is VT 435 million (ECO 1.7.1). The major commodities included; Kava (VT 373 million), Wood (VT 17 million), Copra (VT 15 million), Coconut Oil (VT 12 million), Beef (VT 9 million), Cocoa (VT 8 million), and Coffee (VT 1 million). The ratio of processed export commodities including coconut, kava, cocoa, and coffee to raw exports is 3 (ECO 4.3.2). Total value of processed exports is VT 294 million and total value of raw exports is VT 116 million. (Refer to Table 6)

2. Trade Balance by Major Partner Countries

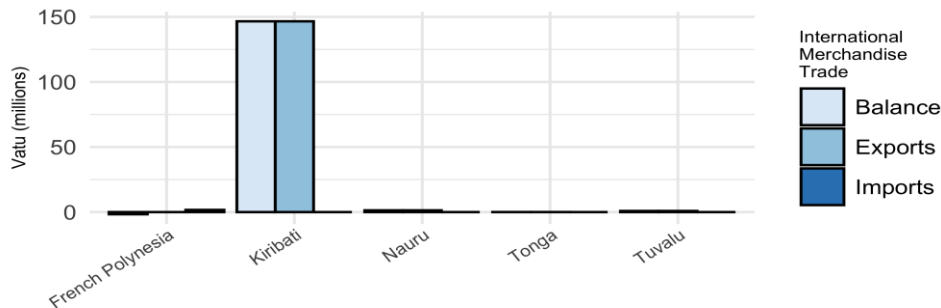


Balance of trade by major partner countries is VT -3,291 million. The main countries that account for this Balance are Singapore (VT -840 million), Fiji (VT -432 million), Australia (VT -413 million), New Zealand (VT -316 million) and China (VT -269 million), These countries represent 69% of the total Balance by Major Partner Countries (VT -2,270 million). (Refer to Table 8)

Major imports from Singapore were Mineral Products (VT 781 million); and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 18 million). Major imports from Fiji were Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 293 million), and Vegetable Products (VT 35 million), Major imports from Australia were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 106 million); and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 107 million). Major imports from New Zealand were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 113 million), and Wood & Plaiting Materials (VT 54 million). Major imports from China were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 59 million), and Base Metals (VT 51 million)..



3. Trade Balance of Pacific Islands (excluding Melanesian Islands, Australia and New Zealand)



Total Trade Balance of Pacific Islands excluding Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand is VT 147 million. This was driven by exports of Kava to Kiribati (VT 139 million), Pharmaceuticals to Nauru (VT 1 million), Pharmaceuticals to Tuvalu (VT 1 million), and imports of Medicaments from French Polynesia at (VT 1 million). (Refer to Table 9)

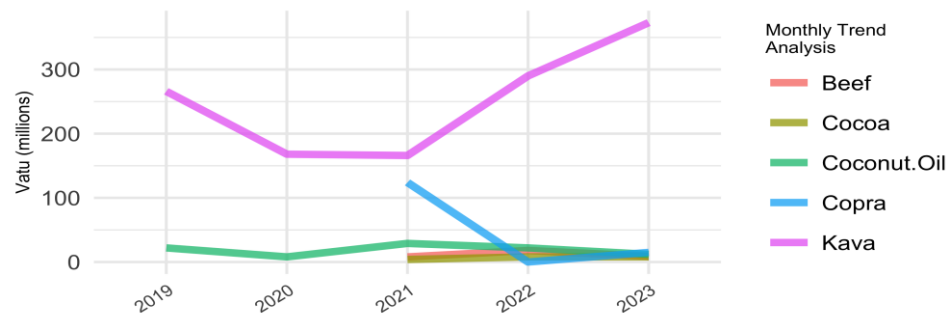
4. Trade by Trade Agreement- Melanesian Spearhead Group

SITC Description	FIJI EXPORTS	FIJI IMPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS IMPORTS	Total
Basic Manufactured Products	0	30					30
Beverages & Tobacco		28					28
Chemical Products	0	20	0		0		20
Crude Materials Except Fuels	56						56
Food & Live Animals	1	274	9	27			41
Goods N.E.C.					0		0
Machines & Transport Equipment	3	3			0		6
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	0	3			0		4
Oils, Fats & Waxes	0	0					0
Grand Total	61	358	10	27	1	41	498

The major imports from Fiji are Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 62 million), and Bread, Cakes, Pastry and Biscuits (VT 100 million). The major imports from Papua New Guinea are Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 27 million), and from the Solomon Islands is also Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 41 million).

The major export to Fiji is Kava (VT 56 million), and to Papua New Guinea is Beef (VT 9 million).

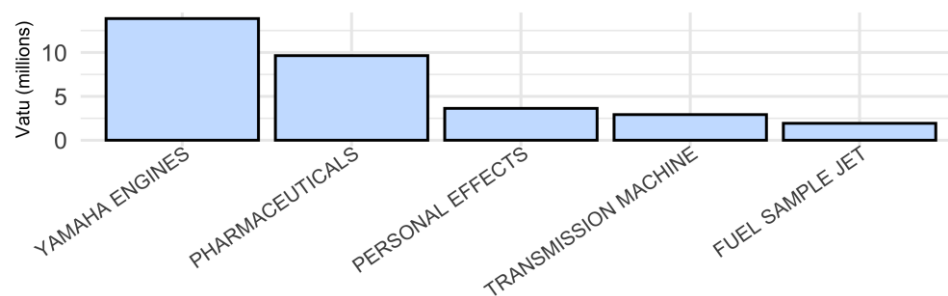
5. Principle Exports



The level of production of the top five Major Principal Exports is VT 417 million. The Principal Exports identified included; Kava (VT 373 million). Copra (VT 15 million), Coconut Oil (VT 12 million), Beef (VT 9 million) and Cocoa (VT 8 million) (Refer to Table 6).

The country destinations for Kava are mainly Kiribati (VT 139 million), Fiji (VT 56 million), and Australia (VT 47 million). Malaysia is the main country destination for Copra (VT 15 million), Coconut Oil (VT 12 million) and Cocoa (VT 8 million). The main country destination for Beef is Papua New Guinea (VT 9 million).

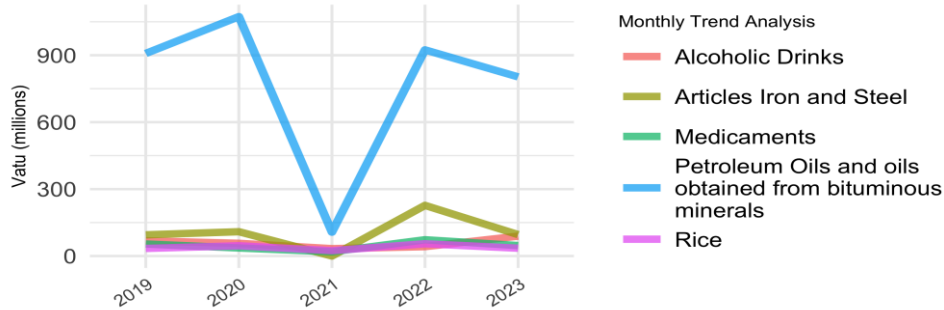
6. Top 5 New Major Exports



Total value of Yamaha Engines VT 14 million, Pharmaceuticals VT 10 million, Personal Effects VT 4 million, Transmission Machine VT 3 million, and Fuel Sample Jet VT 2 million.



7. Principle Imports

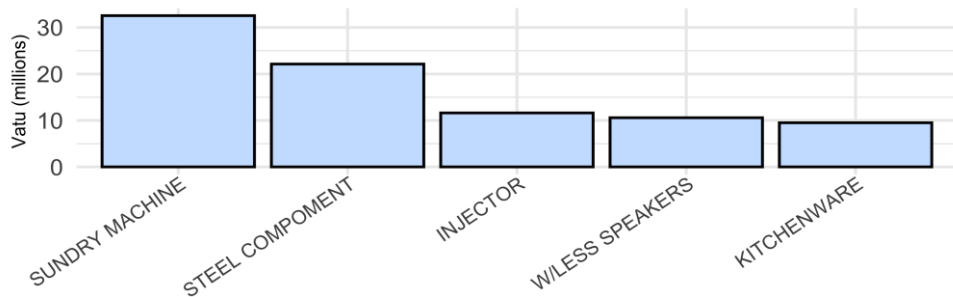


Total value of top five Principal imports is VT 1,070 million. The Principal Imports included; Petroleum Oils (VT 803 million), Articles of Iron and Steel (VT 96 million), Alcoholic Drinks (VT 89 million), Medicaments (VT 47 million), and Rice (VT 35 million).

(Refer to Table 7)

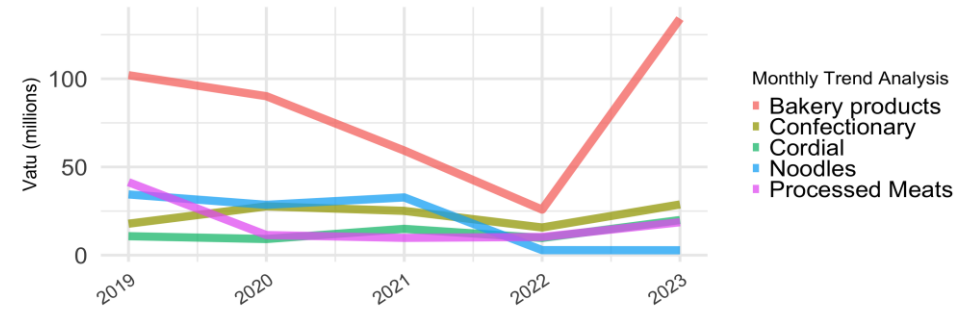
The main country of origin for Petroleum Oils is Singapore (VT 780 million), The main country of origin for Articles of Iron and Steel is China (VT 20 million), The main country of origin for Alcoholic Drinks (VT 39 million) and Medicaments (VT 12 million) is Australia and the main country of origin for Rice is Taiwan (VT 28 million).

8. Top 5 New Major Imports



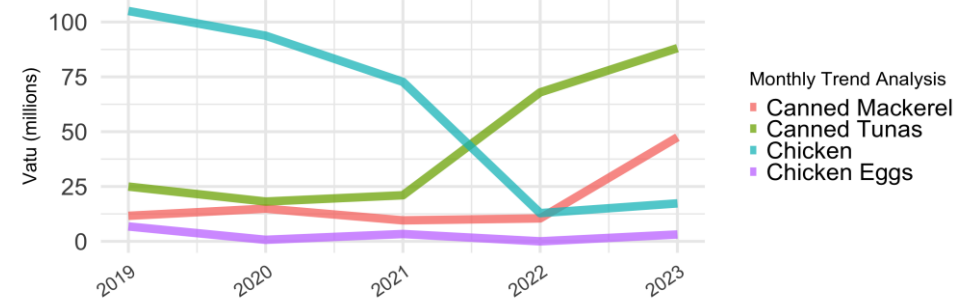
Total value of Sundry Machine VT 33 million, Steel Component VT 22 million, Injector VT 12 million, Wireless Speakers VT 11 million, and Kitchenware VT 10 million.

9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Noncommunicable Diseases



Total value of Bakery Products is VT 134 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 102 million). The total value of Cordial is VT 41 million and is mainly imported from Singapore (VT 5 million). Total value of Processed Meats is VT 19 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 7 million). Total value of Confectionary is VT 18 million and is mainly imported from Australia (VT 5 million). Total value of Noodles is VT 3 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 2 million). (Refer to Table 15)

10. Imports of food and products targeted as those that can be produced domestically



Total value of Canned Tunas is VT 88 million and are mainly imported from Solomon Islands (VT 41 million). Total value of Canned Mackerel is VT 47 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 45 million). Total value of Chicken is VT 17 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 12 million). The total value of Chicken Eggs is VT 3 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 3 million). (Refer to Table 17)

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International Merchandise Trade Statistics - May 2023 Highlights

1. National Sustainable Development Plan Indicators (NSDP)

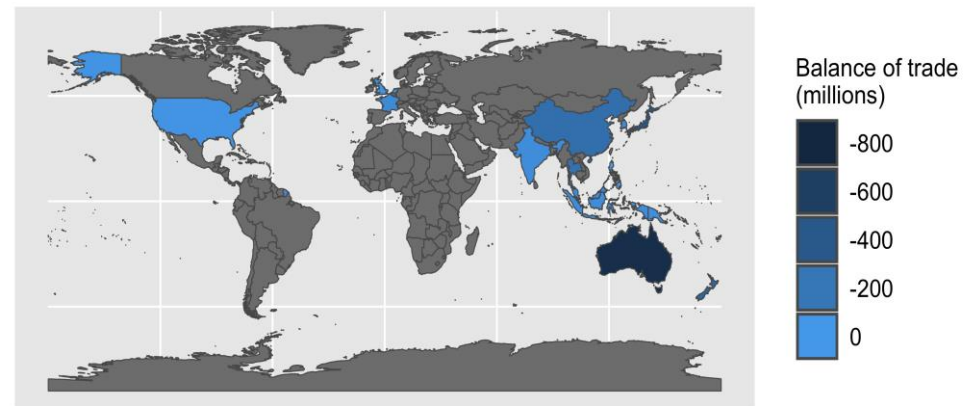
Policy Objectives	SMART Indicators	Indicator Value
ENV 1.3: Reduce reliance on food imports through import substitution for food products that can be produced domestically	ENV 1.3.1 Total annual volume of imports of food and products targeted by DARD as those that can be produced domestically (including 'value-added products')	4
ECO 1.5: Increase access to markets for Vanuatu exports	ECO 1.5.2 Trade by trade agreement (value)	393
	ECO 1.5.3 Balance of trade by major partner countries	-3,601
ECO 1.7: Stimulate economic diversification to spread the benefits of growth and increase economic stability	ECO 1.7.1 Level of production of major commodities to include cocoa and copra	540
ECO 4.3: Increase production and processing of niche commodities, and value addition to commodities in which Vanuatu enjoys a comparative advantage	ECO 4.3.2 Ratio of processed export commodities (including coconut, kava, cocoa, coffee) to raw exports	2

Total value of imports targeted by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) as those that can be produced domestically is VT 4 million (ENV 1.3.1). The products imported included Onions and Shallots (VT 3 million). (Refer Table 16)

The total value of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement is VT 393 million (ECO 1.5.2). This Trade-by-Trade agreement included total exports of VT 31 million and total imports of VT 363 million. (Refer Table 11). The Balance of Trade by Major Partner Countries is VT -3,601 million (ECO 1.5.3). (Refer Table 8)

Level of production of major commodities is VT 540 million (ECO 1.7.1). The major commodities included; Kava (VT 376 million), Wood (VT 58 million). Copra (VT 51 million), Coconut Oil (VT 29 million), Cocoa (VT 25 million) and Coffee (VT 2 million), The ratio of processed export commodities including coconut, kava, cocoa, and coffee to raw exports is 2. (ECO 4.3.2). Total value of processed exports is VT 331 million and the total value of raw exports is VT 151 million. (Refer Table 6)

2. Trade Balance by Major Partner Countries

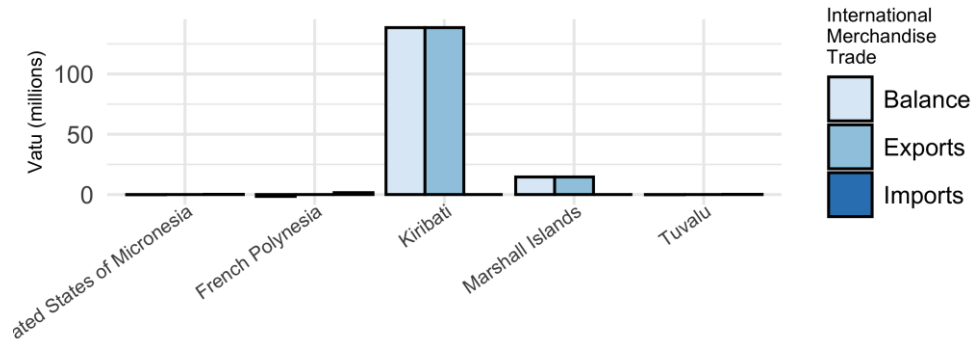


Balance of trade by major partner countries is VT -3,601 million. The main countries that account for this Balance are Singapore (VT -882 million), Australia (VT -735 million), Japan (VT -410 million), Fiji (VT -325 million), and New Zealand (VT -305 million). These countries represent 74% of the total Balance by Major Partner Countries (VT -2,657 million). (Refer Table 8)

Major imports from Singapore were Mineral Products (VT 854 million); and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 44 million). Major imports from Australia were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 217 million); and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 128 million). Major imports from Japan were Vehicles and Transport Equipment (VT 307 million), and Medical Equipment (VT 111 million). Major imports from Fiji were Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 193 million), and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 35 million). Major imports from New Zealand were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 89 million), and Wood & Plaiting Materials (VT 67 million).



3. Trade Balance of Pacific Islands (excluding Melanesian Islands, Australia and New Zealand)



Total Trade Balance of Pacific Islands excluding Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand is VT 151 million. This was driven by exports of Kava to Kiribati (VT 139 million) and Car parts to Marshall Islands (VT 15 million), and imports of medicaments from French Polynesia (VT 2 million). (Refer to Table 9)

4. Trade by Trade Agreement- Melanesian Spearhead Group

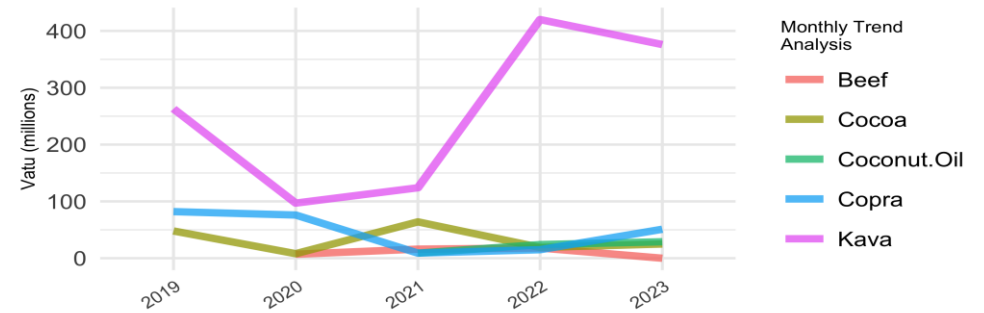
SITC Description	FIJI EXPORTS	FIJI IMPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS IMPORTS	Total
Basic Manufactured Products	0	25			0		26
Beverages & Tobacco		2					2
Chemical Products	0	19			3		22
Crude Materials Except Fuels	16				0		16
Food & Live Animals	2	196		39		58	294
Goods N.E.C.					0		0
Machines & Transport Equipment	5	17			0		22
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	3	7			0		10
Grand Total	26	266		39	4	58	393

The major imports from Fiji are Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 30 million), and Bread, Cakes, Pastry and Biscuits (VT 83 million). The major imports from Papua New Guinea is

Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 39 million), and from the Solomon Islands is also Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 58 million).

The major export to Fiji is Kava (VT 16 million), and to the Solomon Islands is Medicaments (VT 2 million).

5. Principle Exports



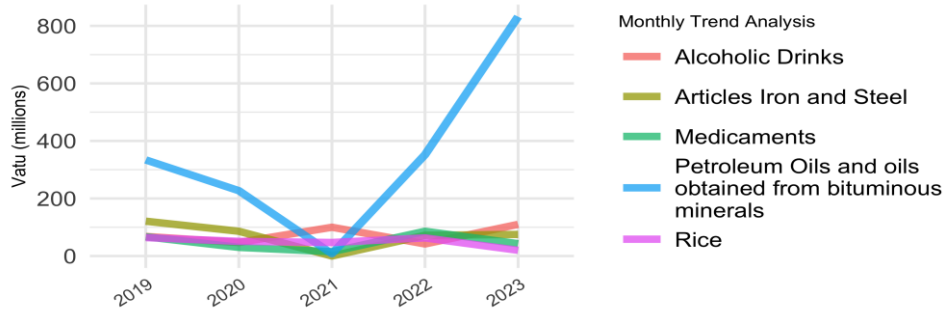
The level of production of the top five Major Principal Exports is VT 480 million. The Principal Exports identified included Cocoa (VT 25 million), Coconut Oil (VT 29 million), Copra (VT 51 million), Kava (VT 376 million) and Beef (VT less than a million) (Refer Table 8)

The major country destination for Cocoa is Malaysia (VT 24 million), Coconut Oil is Taiwan (VT 20 million), and Copra is Philippines (VT 51 million). Kava is exported mainly to China (VT 115 million), Kiribati (VT 139 million), and New Caledonia (VT 66 million).

6. Top 5 New Major Exports



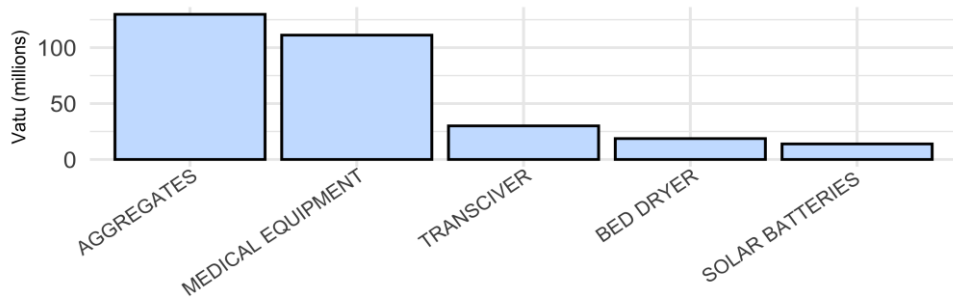
7. Principle Imports



Total value of top five Principal imports is (VT 1,081 million). The Principal Imports included; Petroleum Oils (VT 832 million), Alcoholic Drinks (VT 110 million), Articles of Iron and Steel (VT 75 million), Medicaments (VT 43 million), and Rice (VT 20 million). (Refer to Table 7)

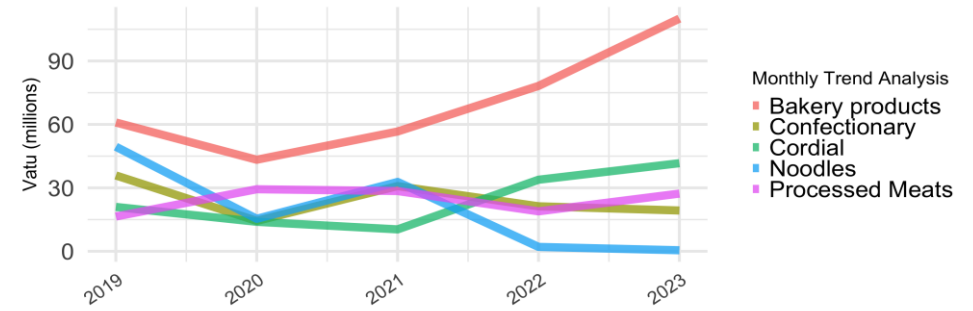
The main country of origin for Petroleum Oils is Singapore (VT 795 million), The main country of origin for Alcoholic Drinks is France (VT 53 million). The main country of origin for Articles of Iron and Steel is China (VT 30 million). The main country of origin for Medicaments is Australia (VT 10 million) and Rice is China (VT 11 million).

8. Top 5 New Major Imports



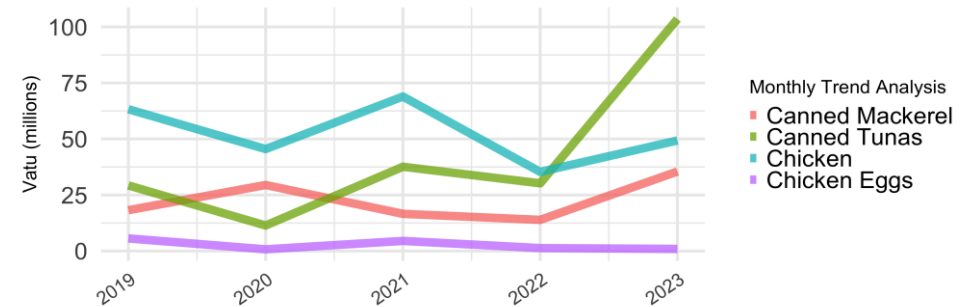
Total value of Aggregates VT 130 million, Medical Equipment VT 111 million, Transceiver VT 30 million, Bed Dryer VT 19 million, and Solar Batteries VT 14 million.

9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Noncommunicable Diseases



Total value of Bakery Products is VT 110 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 83 million). Total value of Cordial is VT 42 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 13 million). Total value of Processed Meats is VT 27 million and are mainly imported from China (VT 13 million). Total value of Confectionary is VT 14 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 7 million). (Refer to Table 15)

10. Imports of food and products targeted as those that can be produced domestically



Total value of Canned Tunas is VT 104 million and are mainly imported from Solomon Islands (VT 58 million). Total value of Chicken is VT 49 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 39 million). Total value of Canned Mackerel is VT 35 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 30 million). Total value of Chicken Eggs VT 1 million and are mainly imported from New Zealand (VT 1 million). (Refer Table 17)



International Merchandise Trade Statistics - June 2023 Highlights

1. National Sustainable Development Plan Indicators (NSDP)

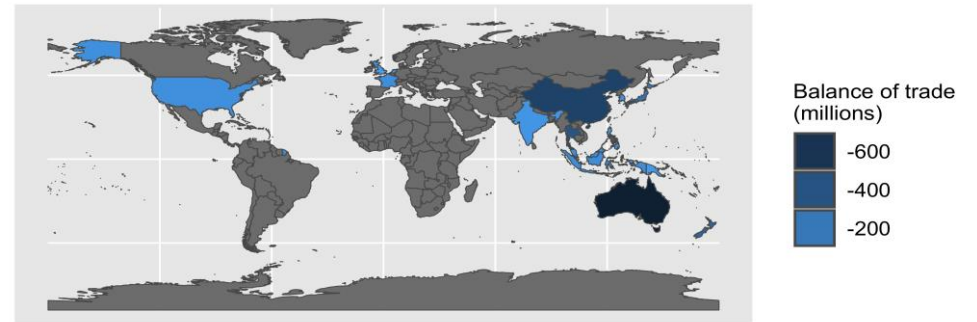
Policy Objectives	SMART Indicators	Indicator Value
ENV 1.3: Reduce reliance on food imports through import substitution for food products that can be produced domestically	ENV 1.3.1 Total annual volume of imports of food and products targeted by DARD as those that can be produced domestically (including 'value-added products)	9
ECO 1.5: Increase access to markets for Vanuatu exports	ECO 1.5.2 Trade by trade agreement (value)	396
	ECO 1.5.3 Balance of trade by major partner countries	-3,623
ECO 1.7: Stimulate economic diversification to spread the benefits of growth and increase economic stability	ECO 1.7.1 Level of production of major commodities to include cocoa and copra	442
ECO 4.3: Increase production and processing of niche commodities, and value addition to commodities in which Vanuatu enjoys a comparative advantage	ECO 4.3.2 Ratio of processed export commodities (including coconut, kava, cocoa, coffee) to raw exports	1

Total value of imports targeted by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) as those that can be produced domestically is VT 9 million (ENV 1.3.1). The products imported included Potatoes (VT 7 million). (Refer to Table 16)

The total value of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement is VT 396 million (ECO 1.5.2). This Trade-by-Trade agreement included total exports of VT 86 million and total imports of VT 309 million. (Refer to Table 11). Balance of Trade by Major Partner Countries is VT -3,623 million (ECO 1.5.3). (Refer to Table 8)

Level of production of major commodities is VT 442 million (ECO 1.7.1). The major commodities included; Kava (VT 334 million) and Wood (VT 57 million), Cocoa (VT 41 million), Coconut Oil (VT 7 million), Coffee (VT 2 million), The ratio of processed export commodities including coconut, kava, cocoa, and coffee to raw exports is 1 (ECO 4.3.2). Total value of processed exports is VT 226 million and total value of raw exports is VT 159 million. (Refer to Table 6)

2. Trade Balance by Major Partner Countries

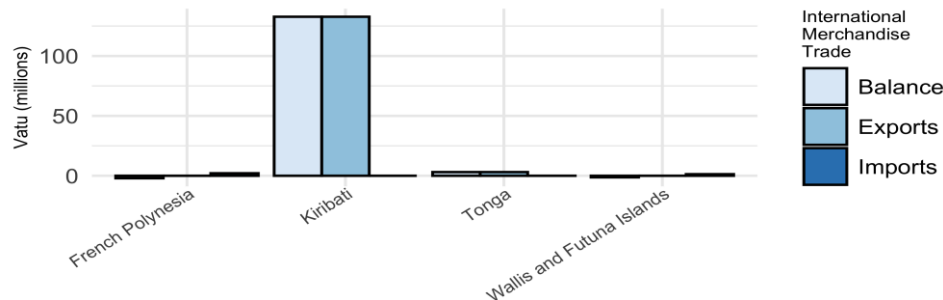


Balance of trade by major partner countries is VT -3,623 million. The main countries that account for this Balance are Australia (VT -761 million), Singapore (VT -591 million) China (VT -505 million), Thailand (VT -381 million) and New Zealand (VT -290 million), These countries represent 70% of the total Balance by Major Partner Countries (VT -2,528 million). (Refer to Table 8)

Major imports from Australia were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 204 million); and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 182 million). Major imports from Singapore were Mineral Products (VT 487 million); and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 91 million). Major imports from China were Vegetable Products (VT 127 million), and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 161 million). Major imports from New Zealand were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 89 million), and Chemical Products (VT 36 million). Major imports from Thailand were Vehicles and Transport Equipment (VT 302 million), and Textiles (VT 39 million).



3. Trade Balance of Pacific Islands (excluding Melanesian Islands, Australia and New Zealand)



Total Trade Balance of Pacific Islands excluding Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand is VT 132 million. This was driven by exports of Kava to Kiribati (VT 138 million) and exports of Machine Parts to Tonga (VT 3 million) and imports of Medicaments from French Polynesia (VT 2 million), and Audio Equipment from Wallis and Futuna Islands (VT 1 million). (Refer to Table 9)

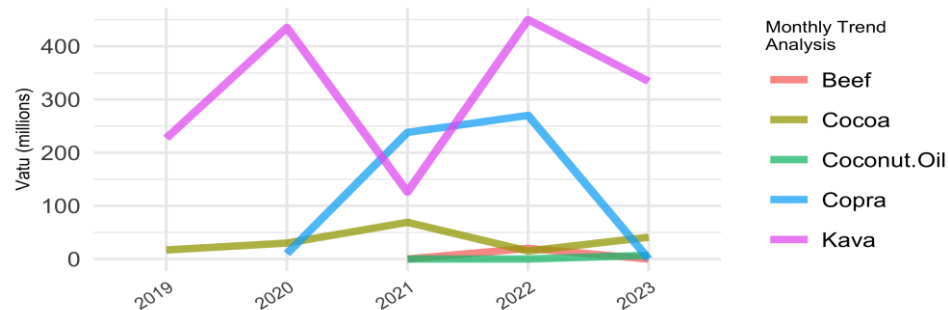
4. Trade by Trade Agreement- Melanesian Spearhead Group

SITC Description	FIJI EXPORTS	FIJI IMPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS IMPORTS	Total
Basic Manufactured Products		25			1		26
Chemical Products	0	27			1		28
Crude Materials Except Fuels	76					5	80
Food & Live Animals	2	173		35			36
Goods N.E.C.					0		0
Machines & Transport Equipment	0	2			1		2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	0	8			5		13
Grand Total	78	234		35	8	40	396

The major imports from Fiji are Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 40 million), and Bread, Cakes, Pastry and Biscuits (VT 64 million). The major imports from Papua New Guinea are Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 36 million), also from the Solomon Islands Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 34 million).

The major export to Fiji is Kava (VT 76 million), and to Solomon Islands is Plastic Cutleries (VT 3 million).

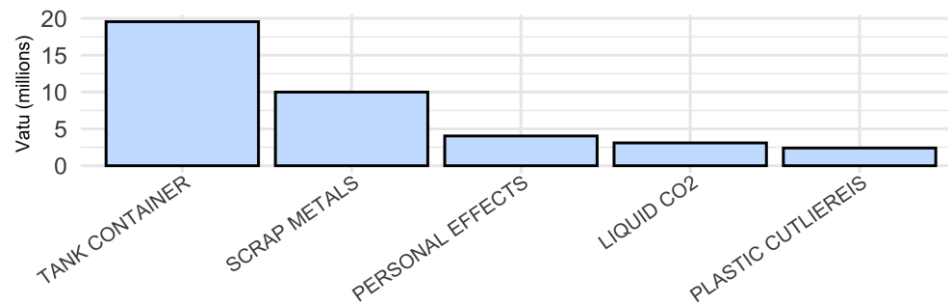
5. Principle Exports



The level of production of the top five Major Principal Exports is VT 382 million. The Principal Exports identified included; Kava (VT 334 million), Cocoa (VT 41 million), and Coconut Oil (VT 7 million). There were no shipments for Beef and Copra this month. (Refer to Table 6)

The major country destination for Kava is mainly Kiribati (VT 132 million), followed by China (VT 96 million), and Fiji (VT 76 million). The main country destination for Cocoa is Indonesia (VT 41 million), and the main country destination for Coconut Oil is Singapore (VT 7 million).

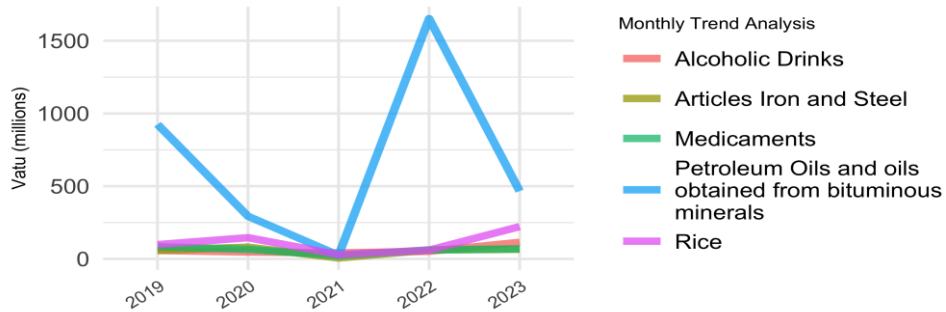
6. Top 5 New Major Exports



Total value of Tank Container VT 20 million, Scrap Metals VT 10 million, Personal Effects VT 4 million, Liquid CO2 VT 3 million, and Plastic Cutleries VT 2 million.



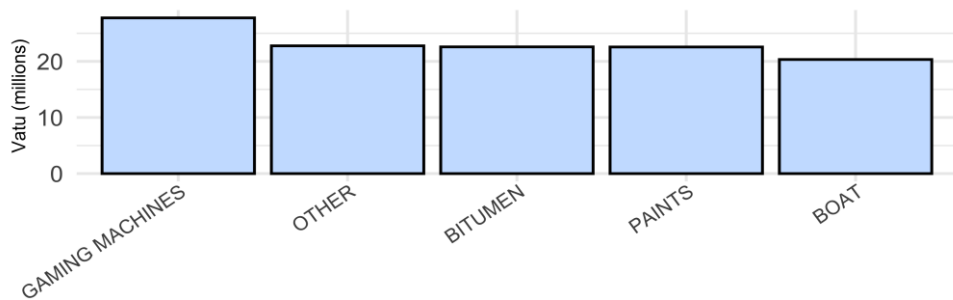
7. Principle Imports



Total value of top five Principal imports is VT 937 million. The Principal Imports included; Petroleum Oils (VT 466 million), Rice (VT 222 million), Alcoholic Drinks (VT 114 million), Medicaments (VT 69 million) and Articles of Iron and Steel (VT 66 million), (Refer to Table 7)

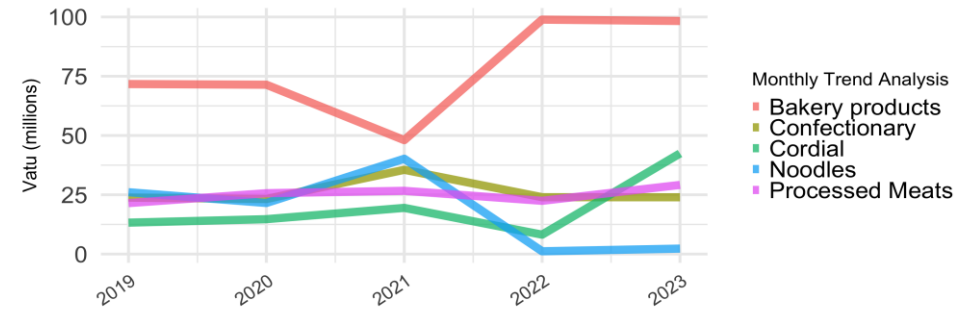
The main country of origin for Petroleum Oils is Singapore (VT 461 million). The main country of origin for Rice is China (VT 127 million). The main country of origin for Alcoholic Drinks is Australia (VT 50 million). The main country of origin for Medicaments is India (VT 26 million) and for Articles of Iron and Steel is China (VT 32 million).

8. Top 5 New Major Imports



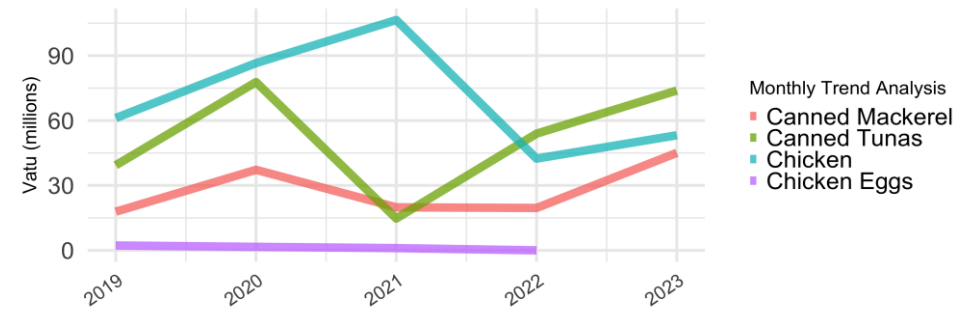
Total value of Gaming Machines VT 28 million, Other VT 23 million, Bitumen VT 23 million, Paints VT 23 million, and Boat VT 20 million.

9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Noncommunicable Diseases



Total value of Bakery Products is VT 98 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 65 million). Total value of Processed Meats is VT 29 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 11 million). Total value of Confectionary is VT 15 million and are mainly imported from Malaysia (VT 7 million). Total value of Cordial is VT 43 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 18 million). Total value of Noodles is VT 2 million and are mainly imported from Singapore (VT 1 million). (Refer to Table 15)

10. Imports of food and products targeted as those that can be produced domestically



Total value of Canned Tunas is VT 74 million and are mainly imported from Solomon Islands (VT 36 million). Total value of Chicken is VT 53 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 40 million). Total value of Canned Mackerel is VT 45 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 40 million). (Refer to Table 17)



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1. National Sustainable Development Plan Indicators (NSDP)

Policy Objectives	SMART Indicators	Indicator Value
ENV 1.3: Reduce reliance on food imports through import substitution for food products that can be produced domestically	ENV 1.3.1 Total annual volume of imports of food and products targeted by DARD as those that can be produced domestically (including 'value-added products)	16
ECO 1.5: Increase access to markets for Vanuatu exports	ECO 1.5.2 Trade by trade agreement (value)	316
	ECO 1.5.3 Balance of trade by major partner countries	-3,900
ECO 1.7: Stimulate economic diversification to spread the benefits of growth and increase economic stability	ECO 1.7.1 Level of production of major commodities to include cocoa and copra	482
ECO 4.3: Increase production and processing of niche commodities, and value addition to commodities in which Vanuatu enjoys a comparative advantage	ECO 4.3.2 Ratio of processed export commodities (including coconut, kava, cocoa, coffee) to raw exports	7

Total value of imports targeted by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) as those that can be produced domestically is VT 16 million (ENV 1.3.1). The products imported included Potatoes (VT 9 million), Onions and Shallots (VT 1 million), Carrots and Turnips (VT 2 million), and Oranges (VT 3 million). (Refer to Table 16)

The total value of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) agreement is VT 318 million (ECO 1.5.2). This Trade-by-Trade agreement included total exports of VT 30 million and total imports of VT 286 million. (Refer to Table 11). Balance of Trade by Major Partner Countries is VT -3,900 million (ECO 1.5.3). (Refer to Table 8)

Level of production of major commodities is VT 482 million (ECO 1.7.1). The major commodities included; Kava (VT 411 million), Cocoa (VT 23 million), Coconut Oil (VT 21 million), Wood (VT 15 million). Beef (VT 9 million) and Coffee (VT 2 million). There were no records on Copra this month. (The ratio of processed export commodities including coconut, kava, cocoa, and coffee to raw exports is 7 (ECO 4.3.2). Total value of processed exports is VT 399 million and total value of raw exports is VT 60 million. (Refer to Table 6)

2. Trade Balance by Major Partner Countries

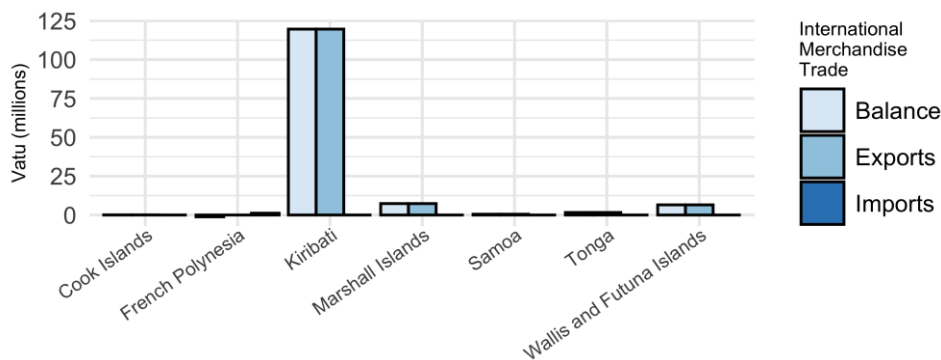


Balance of trade by major partner countries is VT -3,900 million. The main countries that account for this Balance are Singapore (VT -1,435 million), Australia (VT -479 million), China (VT -388 million), Japan (VT -363 million), New Zealand (VT -338 million), and These countries represent 77% of the total Balance by Major Partner Countries (VT -3,003 million). (Refer to Table 8)

Major imports from Singapore were Mineral Products (VT 1,381 million); and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 34 million). Major imports from Australia were Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 82 million); and Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Alcohol, and Tobacco (VT 150 million). Major imports from China were Base Metals (VT 77 million), and Vehicles and Aircraft Articles (VT 67 million). Major imports from Japan were Vehicles and Aircraft Articles (VT 338 million), and Machinery and Electrical Appliances (VT 16 million). Major imports from New Zealand were Base Metals (VT 69 million), and Machinery & Electrical Appliances (VT 60 million).



3. Trade Balance of Pacific Islands (excluding Melanesian Islands, Australia and New Zealand)



Total Trade Balance of the Pacific Islands excluding Melanesia, Australia and New Zealand is VT 135 million. This was driven mainly by exports of Kava to Kiribati (VT 116 million), Vehicles and Transport to the Marshall Islands & Wallis and Futuna (VT 7 million each), and imports of Medicaments from French Polynesia (VT 1 million). (Refer to Table 9)

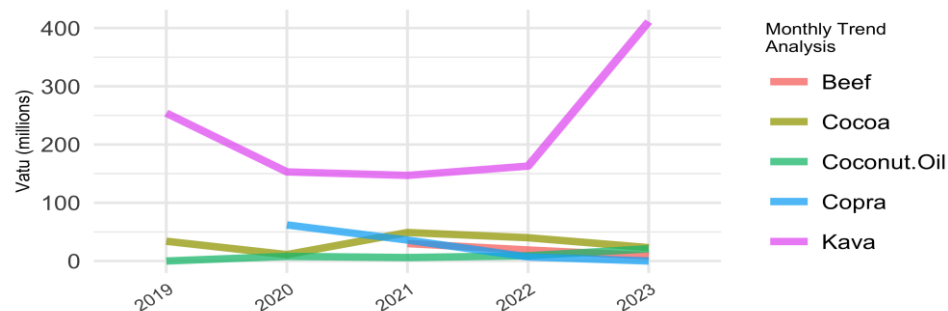
4. Trade by Trade Agreement- Melanesian Spearhead Group

SITC Description	FIJI EXPORTS	FIJI IMPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPORTS	PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPORTS	SOLOMON ISLANDS IMPORTS	Total
Basic	0	15				0	16
Manufactured Products							
Beverages & Tobacco		4					4
Chemical Products	0	22			1		23
Crude Materials Except Fuels	15						15
Food & Live Animals	2	188	9	0		34	234
Machines & Transport Equipment	1	10			0		11
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	0	12				0	12
Oils, Fats & Waxes	3						3
Grand Total	20	252	9	0	1	34	316

The major imports from Fiji are Prepared or Preserved Meat (VT 32 million), and Bread, Cakes, Pastry and Biscuits (VT 71 million). The major imports from Papua New Guinea are Prepared or Preserved Meat less than half a million or (VT 0 million) and also from the Solomon Islands is Prepared or Preserved Fish (VT 34 million). The major export to Fiji is

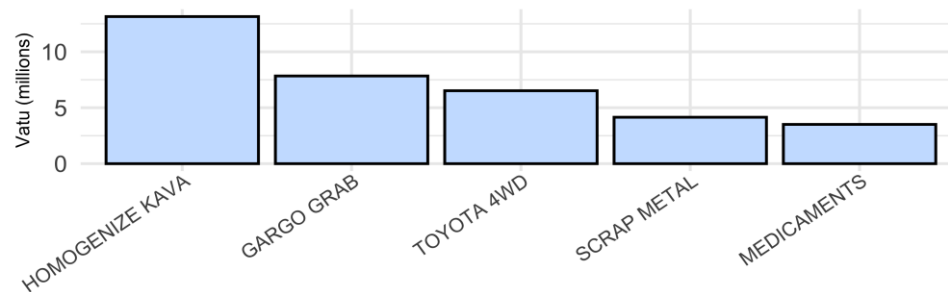
Kava (VT 15 million), to Papua New Guinea is Beef (VT 9 million), and to Solomon Islands is Medicaments (VT 1 million).

5. Principle Exports



The level of production of the top five Major Principal Exports is VT 467 million. The Principal Exports identified included; Kava (VT 411 million), Cocoa (VT 23 million), Coconut Oil (VT 21 million) and Beef (VT 9 million), There were no Copra shipments for this month. (Refer to Table 6). The leading destination country for Kava is the United States of America (VT 207 million), Kiribati (VT 116 million) and New Caledonia (VT 20 million). The main country destination for Cocoa is Indonesia (VT 20 million), and the main country destination for Coconut Oil is Malaysia (VT 11 million). The main country destination for Beef is Papua New Guinea (VT 9 million).

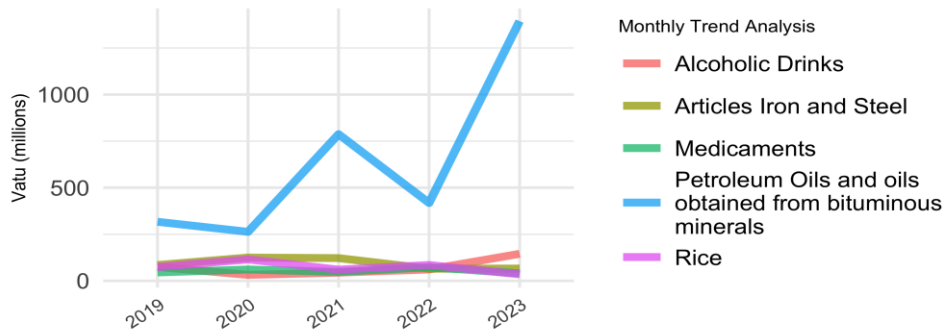
6. Top 5 New Major Exports



Total value of Homogenize Kava VT 13 million, Gargo Grab VT 8 million, Toyota 4WD VT 7 million, Scrap Metal VT 4 million, and Medicaments VT 4 million.



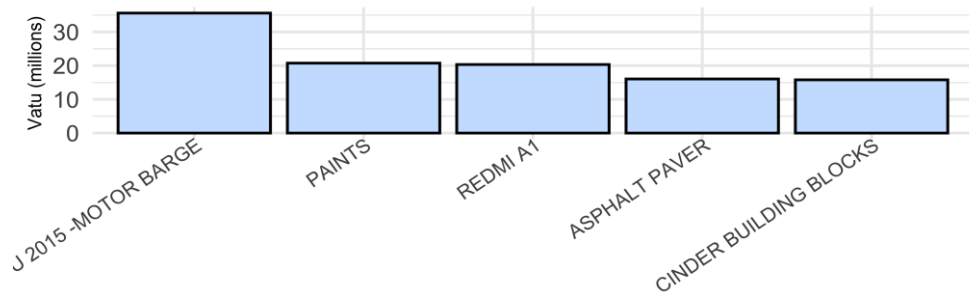
7. Principle Imports



Total value of top five Principal imports is VT 1,681 million. The Principal Imports included; Petroleum Oils (VT 1,394 million), Alcoholic Drinks (VT 145 million), Articles of Iron and Steel (VT 66 million), Medicaments (VT 40 million) and Rice (VT 35 million).

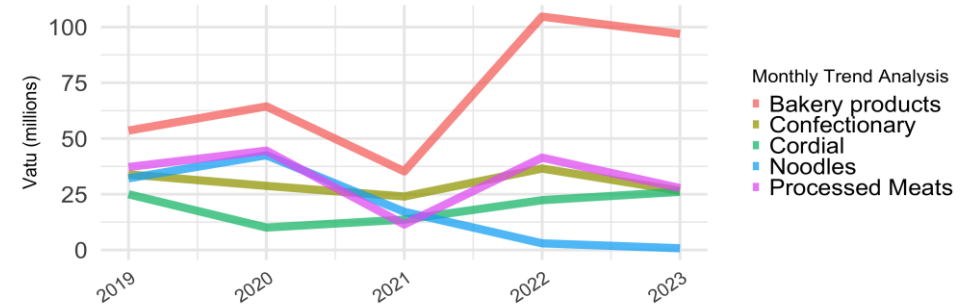
The main country of origin for Petroleum Oils is Singapore (VT 1,381 million), The main country of origin for Alcoholic Drinks is Australia (VT 67 million). The main country of origin for Articles of Iron and Steel is China (VT 38 million), The main country of origin for Medicaments is Australia (VT 10 million) and Rice is Fiji (VT 12 million).

8. Top 5 New Major Imports



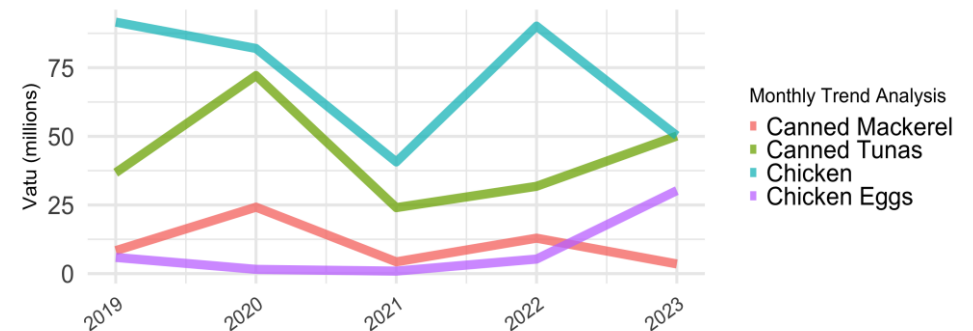
Total value of Motor Barge is VT 36 million, Paints VT 21 million, Redmi (Mobile phone) VT 20 million, Asphalt Paver VT 16 million, and Cinder Building Blocks VT 16 million.

9. Imports of Dietary Risk Factors for Noncommunicable Diseases



Total value of Bakery Products is VT 97 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 73 million). Total value of Processed Meats is VT 28 million and are mainly imported from New Zealand (VT 12 million). Total value of Confectionary is VT 27 million and are mainly imported from France (VT 10 million). Total value of Cordial is VT 26 million and are mainly imported from Malaysia (VT 5 million). Total value of Noodles is VT 1 million and are mainly imported from Taiwan (less than a million). (Refer to Table 15)

10. Imports of food and products targeted as those that can be produced domestically



Total value of Canned Tunas is VT 50 million and are mainly imported from the Solomon Islands (VT 34 million). Total value of Chicken is VT 50 million and are mainly imported from Australia (VT 28 million). Total value of Chicken Eggs VT 30 million and are mainly imported from Fiji (VT 27 million). Total value of Canned Mackerel is VT 4 million and are mainly imported from China (VT 3 million). (Refer to Table 17)

