Using this diagram which is based on a generic supply chain, we can explore the work that the TRADE Hub is doing at each stage of emerging commodities supply chains.

TRADE Hub’s research on emerging commodities focuses on bush mango (*Irvingia gabonensis*) and other Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs), such as *Dacryodes edulis*, Okoumé resins (*Aucoumea klaineana*) and *Gnetum africanum* (displayed in the photo below). These commodities are emerging within Central African markets but have the potential of being traded internationally, a phenomenon being examined by the TRADE Hub.

Our work explores the ecological and social impact of new commodity markets at the local, regional and international level, to understand how these affect local wildlife and people. We aim to model future supply and value chain scenarios and potential solutions in our focal region, Central Africa.

**Acronyms**

- **CBI** = Congo Basin Institute
- **IITA** = International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
- **IRET** = Research Institute for Tropical Ecology
- **UoS** = University of Stirling
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**IMPORTERS**

- Identifying the main importer countries and the companies involved in the trade of bush mango (CBI-IITA)

**MEAs**

- We will feed into processes of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, providing the most up-to-date insights for decisions on trade and environment.

- One of the interests of our work is to highlight the contribution of bush mango to the SDGs (CBI-IITA)

**PRIVATE SECTOR**

- We are working towards further integrating environmental and social considerations into global/corporate trade governance.

- Identifying the private companies involved in the trade of bush mango products (CBI-IITA)

**TRADERS/AGGREGATORS**

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