

African Rubber Plantation Company

The **African Rubber Plantation Company** (SAPH) was created on December 29 , 1956. Its main activity is the production and processing of natural rubber in the form of compact granules and centrifuged latex.

History

At the beginning of 1955 ¹ , benefiting from a long experience of rubber tree cultivation in Vietnam and Cambodia , French companies, on the initiative of the Indochinese Company of Rubber Plantations (SIPH), prospect the Ivory Coast in order to identify favorable sites for the cultivation of rubber trees. The first nurseries created in 1955 from three million seeds transported by air from Vietnam to Côte d'Ivoire gave rise to the first SAPH plantations. In July 1999 OMNIPAR and SIPH, subsidiaries of the SIFCA Group, take over SAPH.

A subsidiary of SIFCA since 1999, the Société Africaine de Plantations d'Hévéas (SAPH) is the ^{leading} natural rubber producer in West Africa, with more than 163,000 tonnes processed per year. With 5,400 employees and a network of 5 Integrated Agricultural Units, SAPH operates 24,400 hectares of industrial plantations and supervises some 29,000 rubber planters. The company has been listed on the Regional Stock Exchange (BRVM - Abidjan) since 1996. Its share capital is 14.6 billion FCFA. At the end of 2017, SAPH operated 23,022 hectares of rubber plantations located in Côte d'Ivoire.

Technical device

SAPH's technical system revolves around five main agro-industrial complexes, each with plantations and processing plants: Toupah , Bongo , Yacoli , Bettié and Rapides Grah . To optimize its production capacities as well as possible, SAPH covers approximately 60% of its raw material needs by purchasing from thousands of independent growers ² . Leader in rubber cultivation in Côte d'Ivoire with 70% market share ³ , the SAPH remains for many independent planters, a privileged partner which offers a double system including the collection of the production and the technical supervision of the rubber growers, available on all the rubber basins of the country.

Notes and references

	SAPH
Creation	<u>December 29 , 1956</u>
Legal status	Anonimous society
Shareholders	SIPH (68.05%) Michelin (9.89%) BRVM (23.54%) [1] (http://www.groupesifca.com)
Activity	<u>rubber tree</u>
Products	rubber
Parent company	SIFCA
Effective	5938
Website	www.groupsifca.com (http://www.groupesifca.com)
Capitalization	33,225,000,000
Debt	38,605,000,000
Turnover	(147 billion) <u>FCFA</u> (2019)
Net profit	3,375,000,000

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