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Hides, Skins and Leather Industry in Developing Africa

1. At the Second Session of the Leather and Leather Products Industry Panel it was decided that increased consideration should be given to the conditions and situation of the Leather and Leather Products Industry, inter alia, in the developing countries of Africa.
2. The Panel is aware of the difficulties of gathering complete and reliable data from the African region, as well as the problems of standardizing the available data for the purposes of statistical comparison.
3. As suggested by some Panel members, a continuous collection and up-dating of statistical data over several years would probably provide the best way of carrying out the above task. It was further suggested that local as well as international experts working in the field should be utilized for this purpose.
4. Recognizing that the recruitment of local experts must remain the responsibility of concerned Member Governments, the Secretariat, on its part, plans to utilize as far as possible its own experts in the field to obtain the required data. In this connection, the Secretariat has prepared the attached table which -
 - (i) will serve as a standard information sheet on each country to be filled in by UNIDO experts in the field; and
 - (ii) will provide the basis to update currently available data from all sources.
5. Accurate and continuing information on production, collection, processing and final use of hides and skins in each African developing country is clearly needed to analyze the conditions and situation of the industry, and the ways and means of providing technical assistance to improve conditions in each country. (Issue Paper 1 deals with the problem systematically).
6. The Panel may wish to consider and recommend the format of the attached table for the purpose of improving and standardizing statistical intelligence on African developing countries in particular.

AFRICA Developing Countries	POPULATION (millions) Mid-1977	AREA (thousand square kilo- meters)	GNP PER CAPITA		LIVESTOCK POPULATION			RAW HIDES AND SKINS PRODUCTION (m : million pieces)						Total Area (million m ²)	Ac. Co	
			(US dollars) 1977	Average Annual Growth (percent) 1960-77	(million heads)			(m ² /p : country conversion factor, square meters per piece in average)								
					Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Cattle hides m m ² /p	Sheep skins m m ² /p	Goat skins m m ² /p	12	13	14			
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
NORTH AFRICA:																
Algeria	17.0	2,382	1,110	2.1	1.3	9.5	2.2	0.3		3.2		0.9			2.8	
Egypt	37.8	1,001	320	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.3	1.8		1.2		1.1			4.3	
Libya	2.6	1,760	6,680	6.6	0.1	3.0	1.2	0		1.9		0.5			0.8	
Morocco	18.3	447	550	2.2	3.6	4.3	4.9	0.8		4.5		2.4			4.7	
Sudan (+)	16.9	2,506	290	0.1	15.0	13.0	10.0	1.0	2.3	4.9	0.5	1.7	0.4		5.4	
Tunisia	5.9	164	860	4.3	0.8	3.6	0.9	0.3		2.5		0.5			1.6	
CENTRAL AFRICA:																
Angola	6.6	1,247	330	2.3	3.0	0.2	0.9	0.3		0.1		0.3			0.9	
Cameroon	7.9	475	340	2.9	2.9	2.1	1.5	0.3		0.8		0.6			1.1	
Central African Rep. (+)	1.9	623	250	0.2	0.6	0.15	0.7	0.1		0		0.1			0.3	
Chad (+)	4.2	1,284	130	-1.1	3.5	1.5	3.0	0.2		0.6		0.6			1.0	
Congo P. Rep.	1.4	342	490	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0		0		0			0	
Gabon	0.5	268	3,860			0.1	0.1	0		0		0			0	
Zaire	25.7	2,345	130	1.1	1.1	0.7	2.6	0.1		0.2		0.7			0.6	
EAST AFRICA:																
Burundi (+)	4.2	28	130	2.2	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.1	2.4	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.4		0.4	
Ethiopia (+)	30.2	1,222	110	1.7	26.0	23.0	17.0	1.9	2.6	7.6	0.55	6.5	0.45		12.0	
Kenya	14.6	583	270	2.5	7.3	3.9	4.3	1.3		2.0		2.5			5	
Madagascar	8.1	587	240	-0.2	9.8	0.7	1.3	0.9		0.2		0.2			2	
Malawi (+)	5.6	118	140	3.0	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.1		0		0.2			0.2	
Mauritius	0.9	2	760		0.1	0	0.1	0		0		0			0	
Mozambique	9.7	783	150	0.9	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.2		0.1		0.2			0.5	
Rwanda (+)	4.4	26	130	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.1	2.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.4		0.4	
Somalia (+)	3.7	638	110	-0.4	4.0	7.0	9.0	0.3	2.6	2.0	0.55	2.1	0.45		2.7	
Tanzania (+)	16.4	945	190	2.6	12.0	3.0	5.0	1.4	2.6	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.4		4.5	
Uganda (+)	12.0	236	270	0.7	5.0	1.0	2.0	0.6	2.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4		2	
Zambia	5.1	753	450	1.5	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.2		0		0.1			0.5	
SOUTH AFRICA:																
Botswana (+)	0.7	600	410		2.0	0.4	1.0	0.3		0.1		0.3			1	
Swaziland	0.5	17	610		0.6	0	0.2	0.1		0		0.1			0.2	
WEST AFRICA:																
Benin (+)	3.2	113	200	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.1		0.3		0.3			0.5	
Gambia (+)	0.6	11	200		0.3	0.3	0.3	0		0		0			0	
Ghana	10.6	239	380	-0.3	0.8	0	1.8	0.2		0.5		0.5			0.7	
Guinea (+)	5.0	246	220	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.1		0.1		0.1			0.3	
Guinea-Bissau (+)	0.5	36	280		0.3	0.1	0.2	0		0		0			0	
Ivory Coast	7.5	322	690	3.3	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.3		0.5		0.6			1	
Liberia	1.7	111	420	1.8	0	0.1	1.8	0		0.1		0.1			0.2	
Mali (+)	6.1	1,240	110	1.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	0.4	2.4	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.4		2	
Mauretania	1.5	1,031	270	3.6	0.1	4.7	3.1	0.1		0.7		0.5			0.8	
Niger (+)	4.9	1,267	160	-1.4	3.0	2.5	6.0	0.3	2.4	0.4	0.5	1.6	0.4		1.6	
Nigeria	79.0	924	420	3.6	11.5	8.1	23.6	1.6		2.6		9.6			8	
Senegal	5.2	196	430	-0.3	2.4	1.7	0.8	0.3		0.5		0.3			1	
Sierra Leone	3.2	72	190	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1		0		0			0.1	
Togo	2.4	56	300	3.8	0.2	0.7	0.6	0		0.2		0.1			0.2	
Upper Volta (+)	5.5	274	130	0.6	2.5	1.5	3.5	0.2	2.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4		0.8	

(+) Least Developed Countries

SECTION 1

Type of skins	Total Area (million m ²)	TOTAL HIDE AND SKIN AREA Cattle + Sheep + Goats (million m ²)				PROCESSED HIDES AND SKINS (million m ²)						LEATHER UTILIZATION in LEATHER PROD (million m ²)				
		Actually Collected	Exports	Imports	Apparent Consumption	Pickled (Exports)	Wet Blue (Exports)	Crust (Exports)	Finished Leather			Footwear	Garment	Handbags	Travel Goods	Other
									Total	Exports	Apparent Consumption					
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	2.8		0.6													
	4.3		0.1													
	0.8		0.5													
	4.7															
.4	5.4	5.0	2.0	0	3.0		0.7		0.7							
	1.6		0.3													
	0.9		0.1													
	1.1		0.4													
	0.3		0.1													
	1.0	0.65	0.3													
	0															
	0															
	0.6															
.4	0.4	0.35	0.2	0	0.15											
.45	12.0	9.0	4.7	0	4.3		2.0		0.5							
	5		4.2													
	2		0.2													
	0.2	0.12	0.1													
	0															
	0.5		0.1													
.4	0.4	0.15	0.1													
.45	2.7	1.5	1.2	0	0.3		0.06									
.4	4.5	3.5	1.1	0	2.4		0.2		0.05							
.4	2	1.0	0.3	0	0.7		1.0		0.5							
	0.5		0.1													
	1	0.85														
	0.2															
	0.5	0.01	0.01													
	0	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02											
	0.7		0.02	0.05												
	0.3															
	0	0.03														
	1		0.2													
	0.2															
.4	2	1.4	0.3	0	1.1		0.07									
	0.8															
.4	1.6	1.0	0.1	0	0.9		0.2		0.1							
	8		1.0													
	1		0.2													
	0.1															
	0.2															
.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.05									

(INFORMATION ON COLUMNS 18 TO 35 IS LACKING ALMOST COMPLETE)

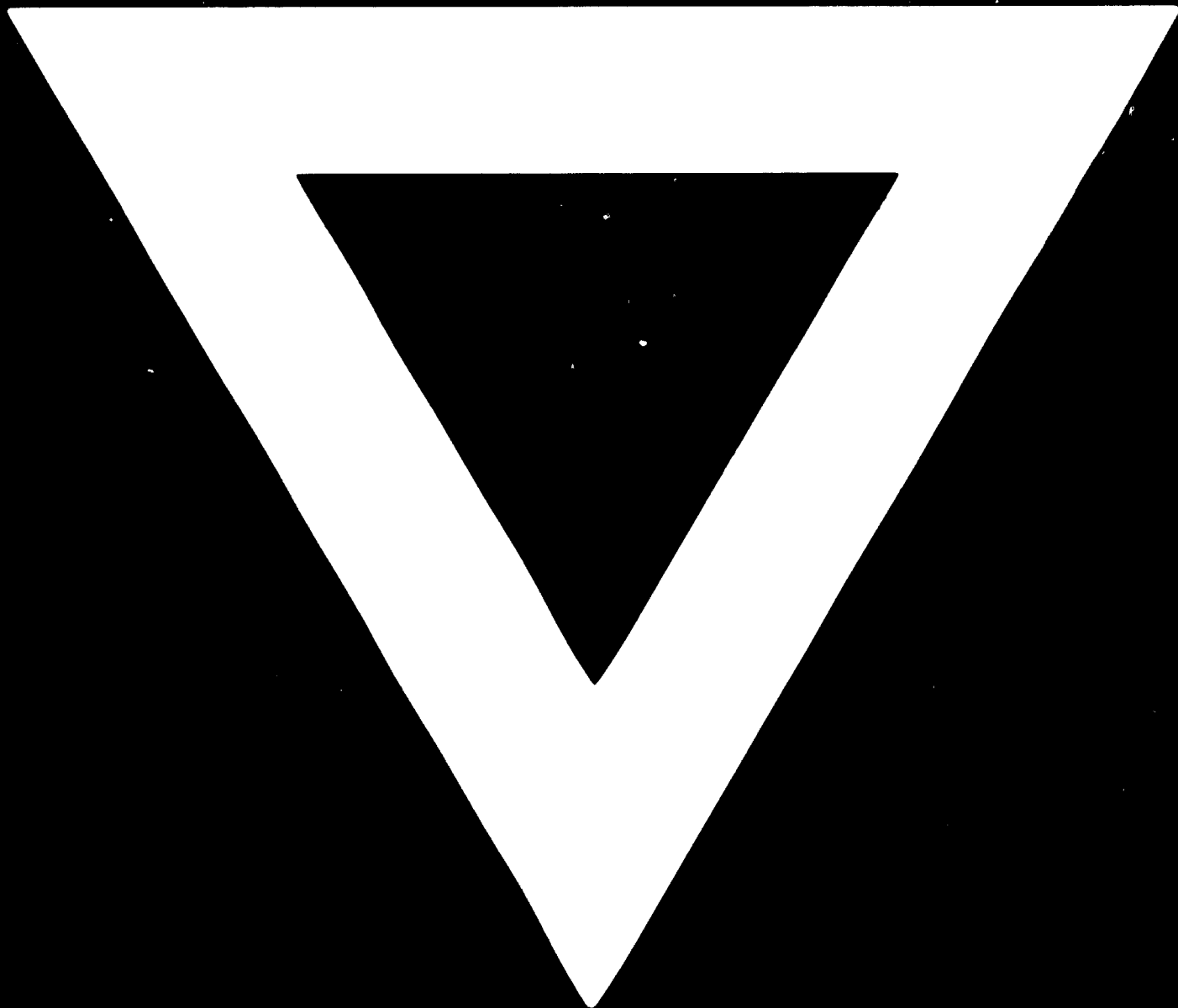
SECTION 2

Leather (million m ²)		LEATHER UTILIZATION in LEATHER PRODUCTS (million m ²)					FOOTWEAR - ALL TYPES (million Pairs)					NOTES (++)	
Exports	Apparent Consumption	Footwear	Garment	Handbags	Travel Goods	Other	TOTAL	Production	Exports	Imports	Apparent Consumption		Pairs per Capita
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
								6.8					
								38.0					
								2.2	0.1	0.1			
								0.3		0.3			
								0.7					
INFORMATION ON COLUMNS 18 TO 35 IS LACKING ALMOST COMPLETELY)													
								0.7					
								2.0					
								7.0					
								6.4					

(++) Information could be given here of types of curing and average weights.
 Example: "Cattle hides; Wet salted; average 13.5 kgs/hide" or
 "Goat skins; Dried; Average 0.95 kgs/ skin", etc.



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