



# Technology Adoption and Market Integration in Ghanaian Smallholder Farms: An Analysis of Agricultural Crop Diversification in Gabon

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## Abstract

This study examines the adoption of technology-assisted agricultural practices in smallholder farms within Ghanaian communities, with a specific focus on market integration and crop diversification in Gabon. A mixed-methods approach involving surveys, interviews, and secondary data analysis was employed to gather insights from both farmers and market stakeholders across different regions of Ghana and Gabon. Technology adoption rates among smallholder farmers were found to be moderate, with a notable preference for mobile applications and precision agriculture tools. Market acceptance was higher in urban areas compared to rural ones, suggesting a need for tailored marketing strategies. The analysis reveals that while significant progress has been made in adopting technology, there is still room for improvement in terms of market penetration and farmer education. To accelerate adoption rates and enhance market acceptance, targeted training programmes should be implemented to educate farmers on the benefits of new technologies. Additionally, subsidies for equipment purchases could also play a role in increasing uptake.

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