



## FERTILIZER PORT FACT SHEET FOR THE ECOWAS REGION



LOCATION: COTONOU, BENIN

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Dry bulk berths:** **Q1-Q6**
- **6 berths usable for fertilizer**
- **Berth length:** **Q1-Q6** 200 m per quay
- **Max simultaneous vessel capacity:** **6**
- **Maximum vessel draught:** **Q1-Q6** 10–12 m
- **Access to mainland:**  
**Road** To Burkina Faso and Niger. Weight limit 30 t per truck.
- **Competing ports/corridors:**  
Lagos–Niamey
- **Destination countries of transit goods:** **Burkina Faso** Ouagadougou. **Niger** Dosso, Niamey, Tillaberi, Tahoua.
- **Maximum bulk carrier:**  
**Handy size** 30,000 t  
**Handymax** 60,000 t

### CAPACITY

- **Storage areas suitable for fertilizer:** **None** (storage of fertilizer not allowed)
- **1 bonded warehouse** with a maximum capacity of **67,447 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **Planned development:** –
- **281,792 tons of fertilizer handled in 2020**
- **Optimal offloading rate per day:** **3,500 t/day**

### OPERATIONS

- **1% spillage** (loss of weight during operations)
- **Congestion at sea:** **Low**
- **Bulk carrier berthing time (days):** Min **0** – Max **0** – Average **0**
- **Bulk carrier anchorage time (days):** Min **0** – Max **0** – Average **0** (priority given to fertilizer vessels)
- **Peak months:** –
- **Road traffic exiting port:** **Low**
- **Dry bulk handling system:** Mobile crane, mobile bagging station. Bulk in Bags out.
- **US \$-/t stevedoring cost**
- **US \$-/t average port charges for fertilizer imports**
- **Average number of rainy days:** **101**
- **Main products/crops/clients:** RORO.

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