

MACHINE INSTALLATION PROGRAM IN THE IVORY COAST WITH AURORA ODV (ITALY) AND ONG HARMONY (IVORY COAST)

The Ivory Coast is an important producer of palm oil in Africa, but the artisanal production in the villages gives a dark and poor-quality oil, sold at very low prices and refined by local factories which absorb almost all the profit.

Through Aurora ODV, a program was proposed to the authorities to disseminate in the villages the palm oil extraction techniques tested by us and the Government appreciated the proposal, declaring itself available to sponsor the initiative.

To show the Government some of the first experimental installations, the procedure was as follows:

- construction in 2021 of a first machine in a workshop in Abidjan, followed on site by NGO Harmony, installed in the village of Akridou Laddé, about 200 km north-west of Abidjan,
- construction in 2022 of a second machine in the same workshop and installed in the village of Grand Alepé, closer to Abidjan (about 45 km north-east),
- for the training of both communities to the use of the machine, it has been important to be helped by the technician who follows the other installation in the country at Ayamé.

Important also was the ability of the local technicians who have built the machines without any direct help, unless receiving some suggestions via the internet from PS76.



The next step will be to demonstrate how the machines work to the authorities, in order to proceed with the dissemination program.