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BUSINESS LANDSCAPE AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Haiti at a glance

Haiti, the EU and Germany

**Business Environment and Investment Opportunities** 

**Main Sectors:** 

Tourism

Agri-Business

Construction

Infrastructure

Energy

**Next Steps** 



## General Information

- > Population: 10 Million
- > Capital: Port-au-Prince
- > Other Major Cities: Cap-Haitian, Jacmel, Gonaives, Les Cayes
- > Official Languages: French And Creole.
  - English And Spanish Widely Spoken
- > Political Regime: Semi- Presidential Democratic Republic
- > Major Exports: Apparels, Light Manufactures, Plant Oils (Vetiver), Mangoes, Cocoa
- Major Imports: Food, Manufactured Goods, Machinery And Transport, Equipment, Fuels And Lubricants
- > Major Trading Partners: United States, Dominican Republic, China

#### Economic and Business Indicators

- > GDP Growth (2013): 4.3%
- > GDP Per Capita (2013): 1000 Euros
- > Inflation Rate (2014): 5.9%
- Currency: Haitian Gourde (HTG)
  - Many Businesses Accept US\$
  - 1 US\$= 46HTG / 1 Euro = 57HTG
- ➤ Interest Rate: 9% 12%
- > Trade Volume (2011): 3 Billions Euros
- ➤ Labor Force: 4.38 Million
- Minimum Wage: 200 HTG, Approx. 3.50 Euros Per Day



## Haiti, The EU and Germany

- > Largest Aid Contributor To Haiti
- Mainly Contributes To Infrastructure And Humanitarian Projects
- ➤ Between 2000 And 2013, Over 500 Million Euros Donated
- Increased Level Of Cooperation Following January 2010 Earthquake
- Over 1.2 Billion Euros Pledged In March 2010 To Support Recovery And Reconstruction Efforts
- Germany Is The Biggest Contributor To The Eu's Budget For Haiti
- Germany's Contribution Goes Up To More Than 25% Of The Available Funds

# European Companies Operating in Haiti

Total

FRANCE	SPAIN	GERMANY	OTHERS
Air France	Estrella	LUPP	Gella (Italian)
Air Caraibes	Elecnor		Digicel
Alstom	Occidental		(Irish Ownership)
Matière	N.H. Hotels		Heineken
Freyssinet			(Netherlands)

# Germany and Haiti

FYE Sept. 30, 2014, German Exports To Haiti Totalled Less Than 20MM Euros (US\$24 MM):

Categories	Value	Percentage
Machinery, Automobiles & Manufactured Articles	\$16 MM	66%
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles & Chemicals	\$7 MM	29%
Other	\$1 MM	5%



## Public and Private Institutional Support

- Center For Facilitation Of Investment (Cfi) To Assist Investors And Facilitate Business Procedures
- Presidential Advisory Council On Economic Growth And Investment (PACEGI) To Develop Innovative Strategies To Attract Foreign Direct Investments
  - Plans To Transform Into Investment Fund
- > Mixed Commission Public / Private Drafted Report On Competitiveness
- Post-earthquake National Plan For Recovery And A Strategic Plan Focusing Mainly On Creating Wealth And Employment

## Local Needs

- Estimated Cost For Long-term Reconstruction Of Haiti Post Earthquake:
   8 Billion Euros (EU, UNDP, World Bank, IDB)
- > Haitian Government's Main Focus:
  - Planning And Managing New Development Centers
  - Stimulating Local Development
  - Rebuilding Affected Areas
  - Implementing Economic Infrastructure
  - Modernizing Agriculture In Order To Tackle Food Security Issues.

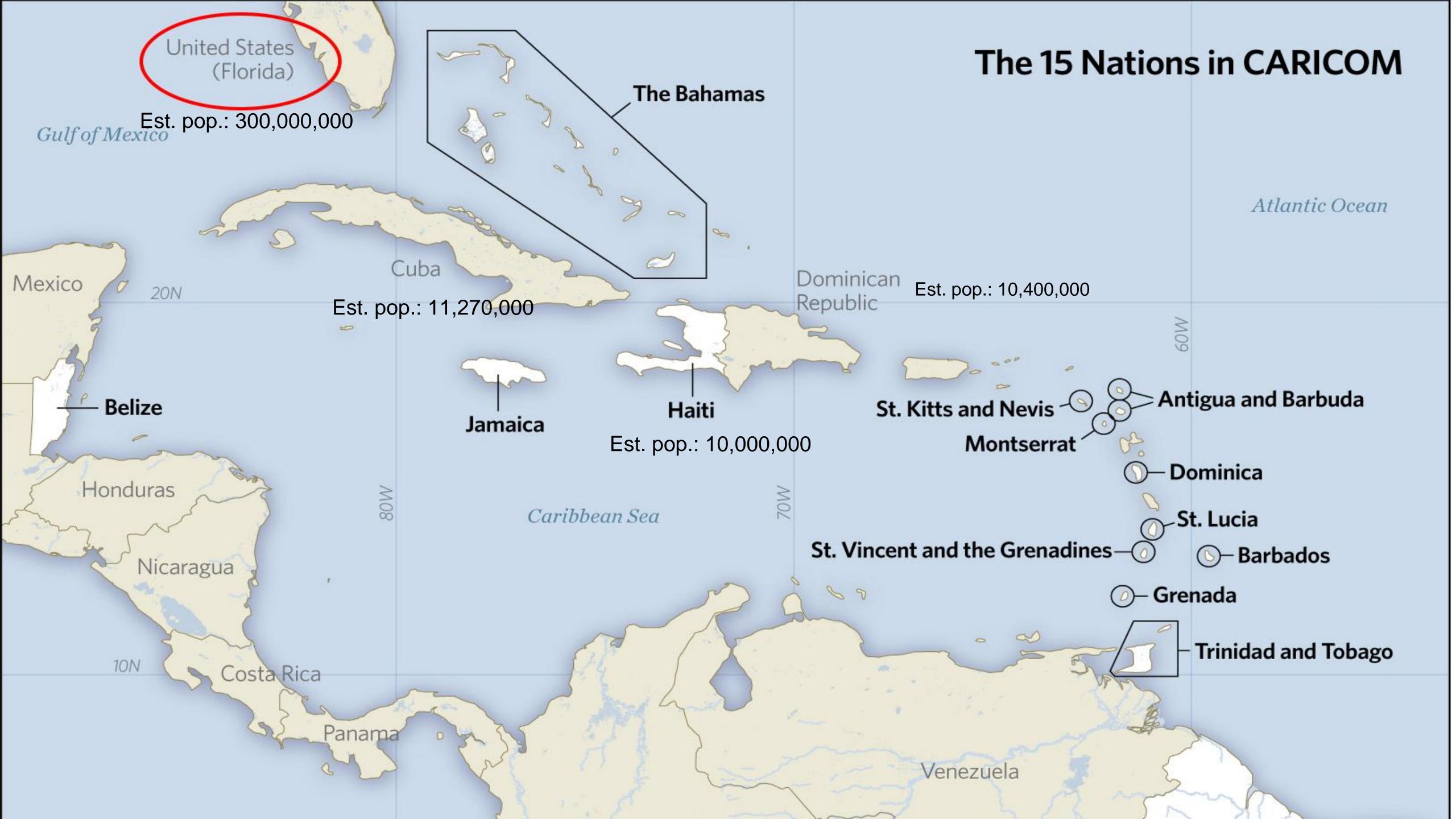
## Improving Business Environment

- Ratification Of The International Convention Of Investment Dispute Settlement To Increase Investor Protection
- > Enactment Of Investment Code Providing Incentives For Key Sector Investments
- Implementation Of Public Private Partnership (PPP) And Investments In Industrial Zones
- Creation Of The National Chamber Of Arbitration And Conciliation To Settle Business Dispute

## Privileged Access To Key Markets

> Preferential Access

- Eu Through The Economic Partnership Agreement
- Canada Under "The General Preferential Tariff And Least Developed Country Tariff
   Rules Of Origin Regulations"
- CARICOM Common Market
- US Market For Some Exports (HOPE 2)



# 5 Main Sectors of Opportunities

- > Tourism
- > Agri-Business
- > Construction
- > Infrastructure
- Energy



# Port Au Prince

- > Since 2012, More Than 160mm Euros Invested In Close To 1,000 Hotel Rooms
- > Extension / Renovation Of Local Hotels
  - Karibe Hotel
  - Kinam
  - Villa Thérèse
  - El Rancho
  - Oasis
- > Introduction Of New International Franchises
  - Best Western
  - The Marriott Group
  - Hilton

# Country Side

> The National Tourism Master Plan Projects:

- North: Historical Parc And Fortress La Citadelle, Cruise Lines
- West: New Cultural And Eco Experiences
- Southeast: "Destination Jacmel: , Major Cultural Events
- Southwest: "Wild Coast" Experience, Future Beach Resort Cluster



# Opportunities

- > Growing Consumer Demand
- > Strong Potential For Production Of High-protein Foods & Fruits
- > Availability Of Natural Resources
- > Optimal Tropical Seasonality
- Competitive Operating Costs
- > Opportunity To Move Production Up The Value Chain
- Chemically Free And 100 Percent Organic Production Process

# Identified Key Clusters

Cluster	Products	Opportunity
Fruits & Tubers	Mangoes Avocados Bananas Pineapples Yam	"Basket" Approach with Added-Value Fruits: Bananas, Mangoes, Pineapples & Avocadoes
Husbandry	Poultry Swine Production Dairy	Small & Medium Scale Poultry Production & Agri-Business SMEs Capable of Generating Over \$1,000 per Household



# Housing Needs

- > Pre Earthquake Need of 300 000 Houses
- During January 2010 Earthquake, The Presidential Palace, About 40 Public Buildings And More Than 200 000 Houses Collapsed
- Post Earthquake, Need Of 50 000 Houses In Port-au-Prince Per Year, And About 100 000 In Other Main Cities Such As Cap-Haitian, Gonaives, Hinche And Les Cayes.
- > Estimated Investment Need For Housing: 2 Billions Euros

#### Downtown Port-au-Prince



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## Ministry of Flnance



# Legislative Palace





#### What We Have

What We Need

Land and Labor available

German expertise in the Construction Industry in the following areas:

Greenfield Market (Strong Demand!!!)

Study & Design
Architectural Engineering
Building
Supervising

Regulatory and other changes favoring the industry

Joint Venture opportunities for German and Haitian Construction Companies pulling SMEs and microenterprises as specialized subcontractors.

Haiti needs Urban Developers with financial packages for Housing and Office Buildings



## Infrastructure Needs

- ➤ Only 3.000 Km Of Roads (20% Dirt / 80% Paved) Out Of A Total Surface Of 27.750 Km2 With Objective Of Reaching 10.000 Km To Interconnect The Cities
- Several Road Construction Projects Are Ongoing And Financed By The EU, IDB, USAID, The World Bank And The Haitian Government
- > Road Infrastructure Need Over 10 Years: 4 To 7 Billion Euros
- > About 250 Bridges To Be Built
- Regional Airports And Ports Currently Being Built
- Need For Additional Cabotage Ports

# Infrastructure

Roads (Planned & in Construction)



Ports

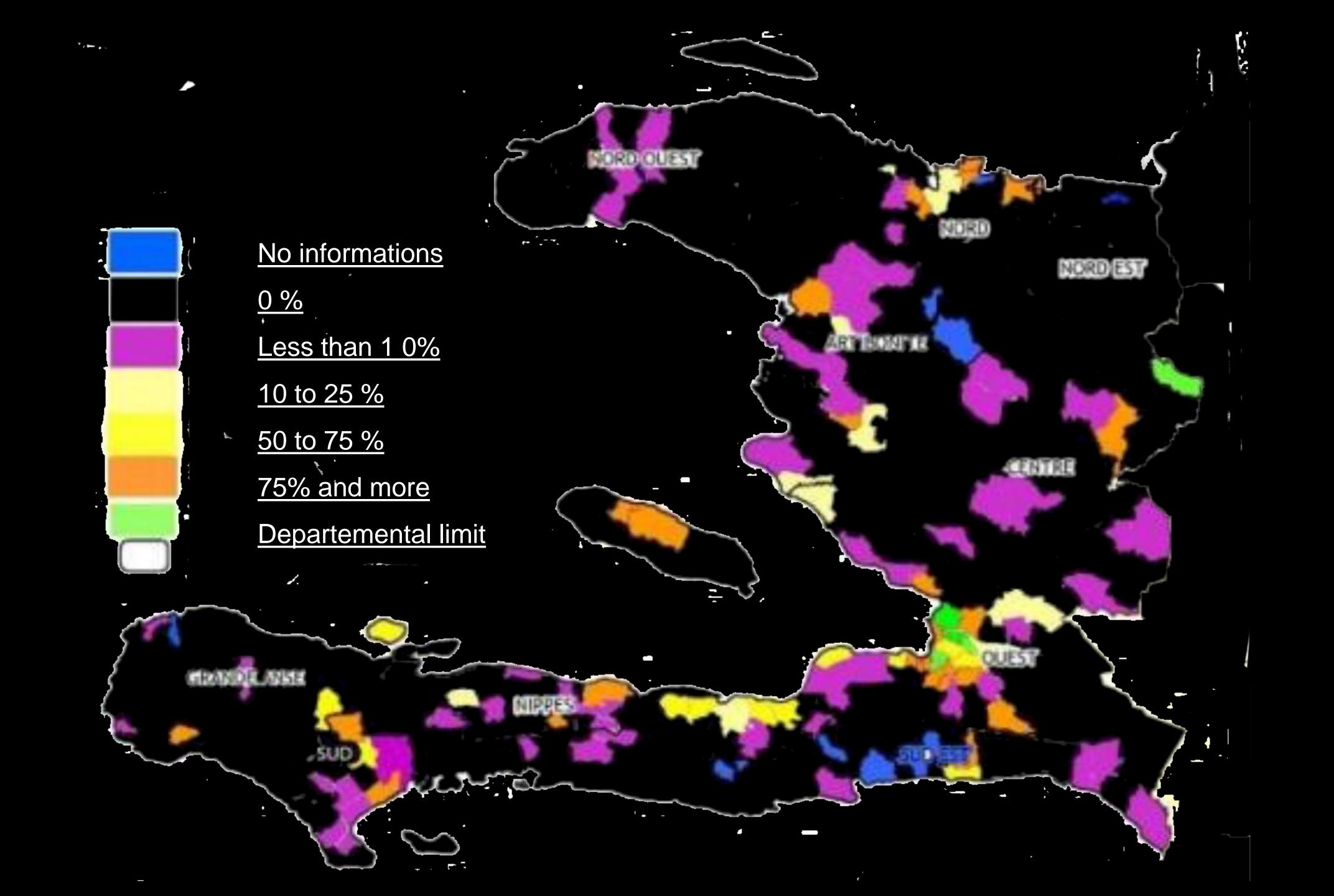




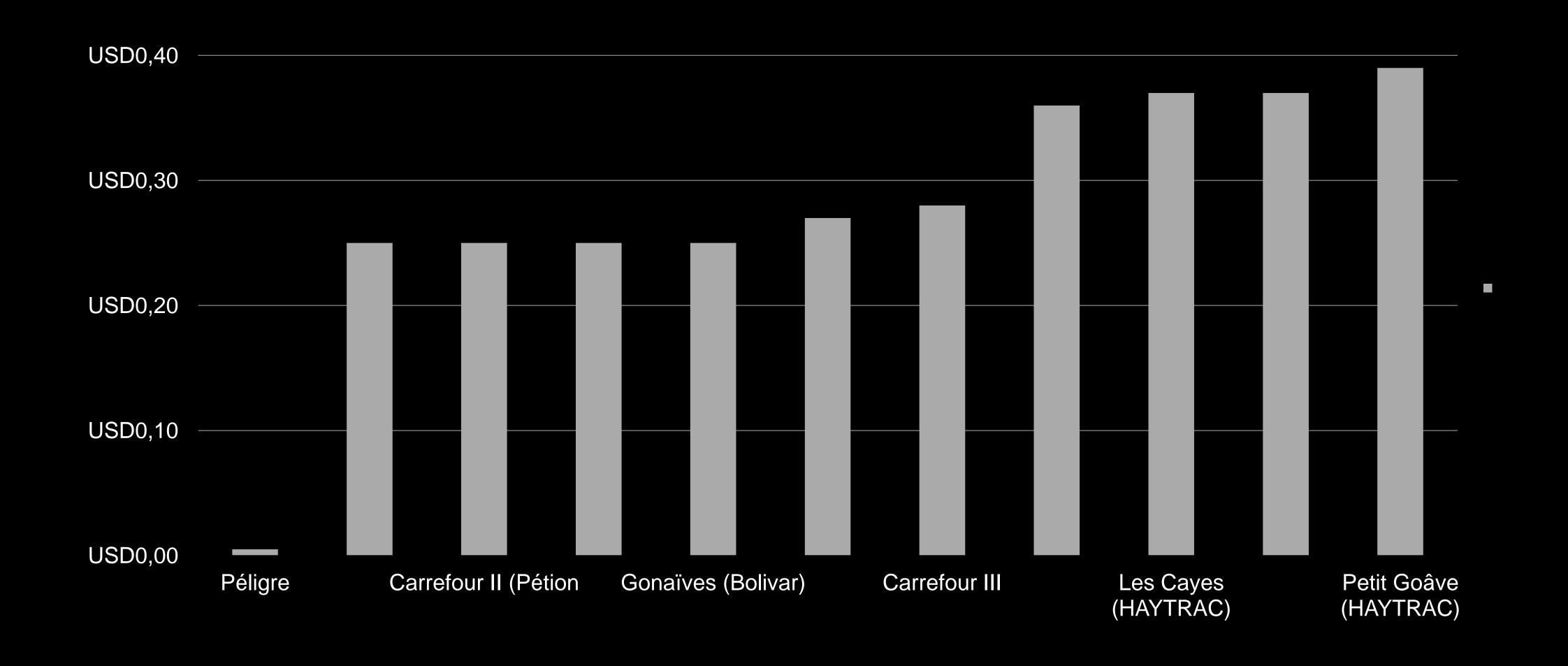


## Energy Market

- > Less than 300 MW installed capacity for the whole country
- Less than 30% of the population has access to electricity and only about 5% in the rural area
- > Strong need for grid rehabilitation, better power quality and increased generation
- ➤ EDH, the National Power Company currently purchases from Independent Producers at 0.20 Euros/kWh in the metropolitan area and over 0.27 Euros / kWh in provinces
- > Heavy dependence on imported fossil resources
- ➤ The Government aims to attract investors for 500 MW capacity valued at approximately 800 MM Euros



## EDH Energy Purchase Price





# Perspectives

- ➤ Haiti can benefit from experience and knowledge from Germany on Energy production and Infrastructure using Public Private Partnership models.
- > Germany should participate to bidding processes for infrastructure projects such as roads, port, airports and Office Buildings (Public and Private)
- > Germany ,as one of the major air traffic movers in the area, should take advantage of the construction of new airports to have Haiti as a new touristic destination
- > Germany should participate in the Greenfield Market for housing development
- Germany needs to gain a position on the Haitian market proportionally to its contribution to the EU



# <u>CFHCI</u>

- The Chambre Franco Haitienne de Commerce et d' Industrie (CFHCI The Franco Haitian Chamber of Commerce and Industry) is ready to assist and accompany all interested German promoters or investors.
- The CFHCI is actively involved, in collaboration with various European partners, in projects to help strengthen the private sector's institutions and the business community.
- ➤ Its role is to promote, encourage and develop economic relations between Haiti and the countries of the European Union.

## <u>CFHCI Services</u>

- We offer to our members the necessary information about the programs and services offered locally and internationally to entrepreneurs.
- We provide ongoing support through the creation of specialised units to companies in the legal, economic, fiscal and commercial aspects and also in communications and public relations.

# THANK YOU

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