



CROP VARIETIES Released under the Agricultural Productivity Programme for Southern Africa (APPSA) - MOZAMBIQUE



Background

- » Led by Mozambique, which is the Rice Regional Centre of Leadership (RCoL), the rice research teams from Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia identified the following Crop improvement thematic areas for regional research collaboration:
 - Breeding of varieties for:
 - (i) cooking qualities demanded by the local and regional market (aromatic, long grain, translucent, intermediate amylase content, high head rice recovery);
 - (ii) use in intensive production systems;
 - (iii) hybrids for commercial farming;
 - (iv) tolerance to diverse biotic and abiotic factors (pests and diseases, water stress, thermal regime, salinity/sodicity and other toxicities) and adapted to climatic change.
- » In addition to releasing new rice varieties, Mozambique also released improved legume, maize and sorghum varieties

