

## **Ivory Coast farmers abandon cassava for more lucrative rubber (28 February 2013)**

### **abandon [vt]**

to go away from a place, vehicle etc permanently, especially because the situation makes it impossible for you to stay  
to stop doing something because there are too many problems and it is impossible to continue

### **lucrative [adj]**

a job or activity that is lucrative lets you earn a lot of money (= profitable)

### **in jeopardy**

in danger of being lost or harmed

### **jeopardise [vt]**

to risk losing or spoiling something important

### **staple [n/adj]**

a food that is needed and used all the time

the main product that is produced in a country

### **self-sufficiency < self-sufficient [adj]**

able to do or produce everything that you need without the help of other people

**CFA franc** = franc de la Communauté Financière de l'Afrique

### **rush [n]**

a sudden fast movement of things or people

a situation in which a lot of people suddenly try to do or get something

### **reign [vi]**

to rule a nation or group of nations as their king, queen, or emperor

if a feeling or quality reigns, it exists strongly for a period of time

### **supreme [adj]**

having the highest position of power, importance, or influence

### **stable [adj]**

steady and not likely to move or change

### **predictable [adj]**

if something or someone is predictable, you know what will happen or what they will do

### **civil servant [n]**

someone employed in the civil service

(the civil service = the government departments that manage the affairs of the country)

### **replace [vt]**

to start doing something instead of another person, or start being used instead of another thing

to remove someone from their job or something from its place, and put a new person or thing there

### **substantial [adj]**

large in amount, number, value or importance

### **boost [vt]**

to increase or improve something and make it more successful

### **opt [vi +for]**

to choose one thing or do one thing instead of another

### **perennial [adj]**

continuing or existing for a long time, or happening again and again

a plant that is perennial lives for more than two years

**envisage [vt]**

to think that something is likely to happen in the future

**accompany [vt]**

to happen or exist at the same time as something else

to go somewhere with someone

**shortage [n]**

a situation in which there is not enough of something that people need

**inhabitant [n]**

one of the people who live in a particular place

**autonomy [n]**

freedom that a place or an organization has to govern or control itself

the ability or opportunity to make your own decisions without being controlled by anyone else (= independence)

**derive [vt]**

to get something, especially an advantage or a pleasant feeling, from something