

# Competitiveness of Cash Crops in Mozambique: The Case of Cashew Nuts

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# Outline

- Objectives and methodological approach
- Policy context
- Commodity context
- Main findings

# Objective and Methodological Approach

- Objective T1
  - Measure the impact of agricultural policies **and domestic market structure** on prices paid to farmers and other market actors
- Methodological approach
  - **Grounded on the theory of one price.** We look at the difference between observed prices and “reference prices”
  - “Reference prices” refer to prices that should have been paid to farmers in the absence of domestic policies and market distortions
  - Period of analysis: 2005 through 2013

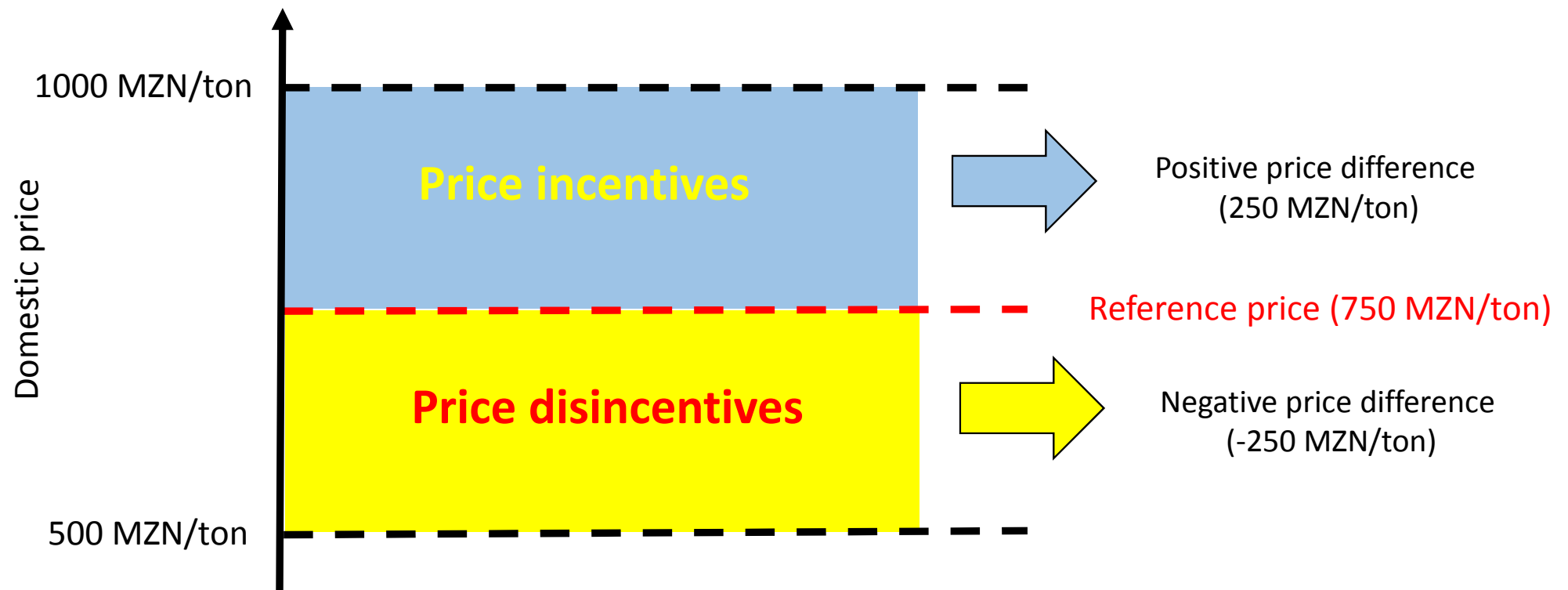
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**T1** NOT SURE ABOUT " IF MARKET STRUCTURE IS MEASURED. SUGGEST DELETING THE TEXT IN RED. BUT CAN SAY SOMETHING ABOUT STRUCTURE ON THE OBSERVED OUTCOME

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# Objective and Methodological Approach



Price (dis)incentive measured by the vertical difference between domestic price and reference price

# Policy Context

<b>Year</b>	<b>Policy</b>	<b>Objective</b>
<b>1975</b>	<b>Ban on exports</b>	<b>Encourage domestic processing</b>
<b>1987-1990</b>	<b>The Economic Rehabilitation Program introduced</b>	<b>Reduce controls and create market incentives to production and trade</b>
<b>1991</b>	<b>Elimination of Government controls on price for raw nuts paid by the processing industry</b>	<b>Gradual liberalization of process Get the prices right</b>  <b>Increase producer prices and stimulate trade</b>  <b>preferential buying of raw cashew nuts by domestic processors</b>  <b>Stimulate domestic industry</b>  <b>Protect the processing industry</b>  <b>Creation go INCAJU (1998)</b>
<b>1991-1992</b>	<b>ban on exporting raw cashews Lifted export quota of 10,000 tons introduced 60% export tax set</b>	
<b>1992–1993</b>	<b>60% export tax lowered to 30% percent Export quota maintained at 10,000 tonnes.</b>	
<b>1993–1994</b>	<b>Registered exporters given an option to export additional quantities</b>	
<b>1994</b>	<b>Complete privatization of Caju de Moçambique</b>	
<b>1994–1995</b>	<b>Export quota lifted</b>	
<b>1995-1996</b>	<b>Export tax reduced to 20%</b>	
<b>1996–1997</b>	<b>Export tax reduced to 14%</b>	
<b>19898</b>	<b>Creation of Incaju</b>	
<b>1999 – date</b>	<b>Export tax set to 18%</b>	

# Commodity Context



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- Top three agricultural commodities exported from Mozambique
  - Tobacco (27% of total export value of agricultural products)
  - Cashew nuts (17%)
  - Cotton (16%)
- About 45% of domestic production is marketed. Main channels are:
  - Raw cashew nuts exports (32%)
  - Domestic processing (27%)
  - Other use (27%)
  - Waste (13%)

## Commodity context

- India is the main destination of raw cashew nuts exported from Mozambique, accounting for over 85% of total exports
- Government of Mozambique gives some policy incentives to domestic processing industry
  - Export of raw cashew subject to **18% export tax since 1994**<sup>T2</sup>
  - Preferential marketing of raw cashew nuts for domestic processing over raw exports **since 19???**

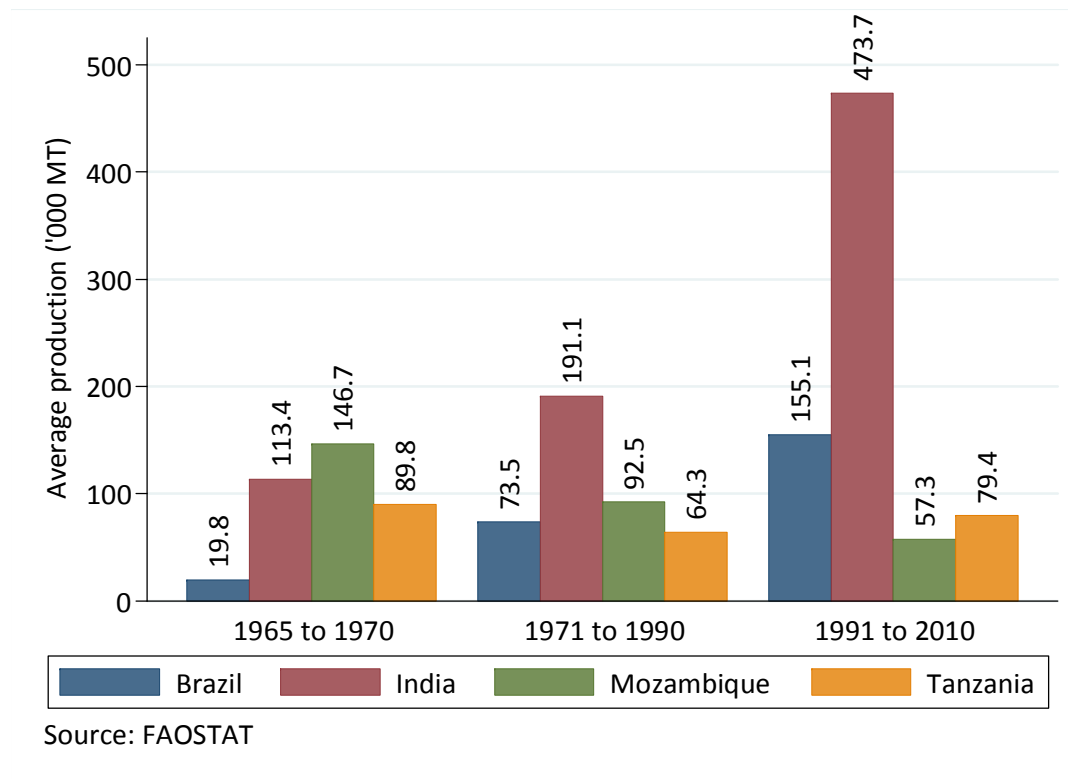
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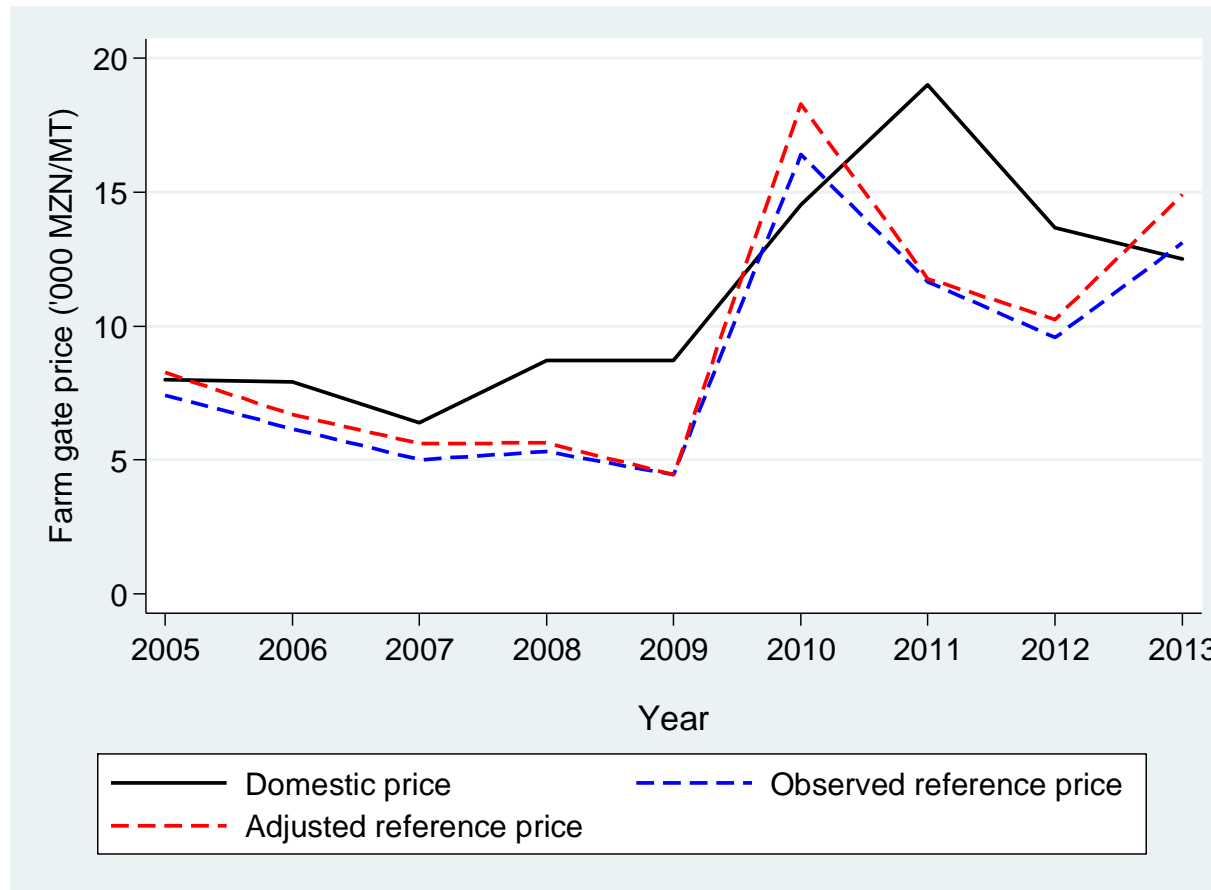
- Cashew production has been sharply declining



# Main Findings

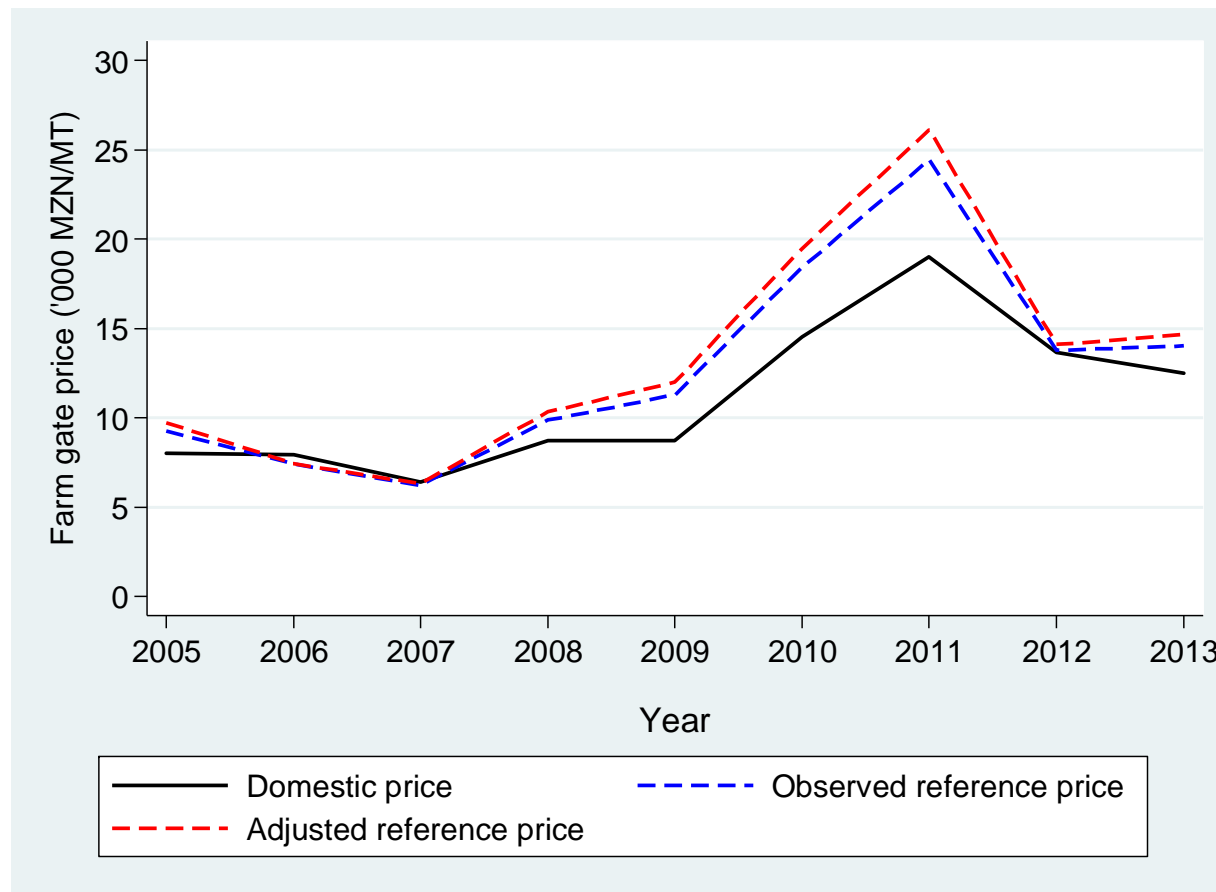
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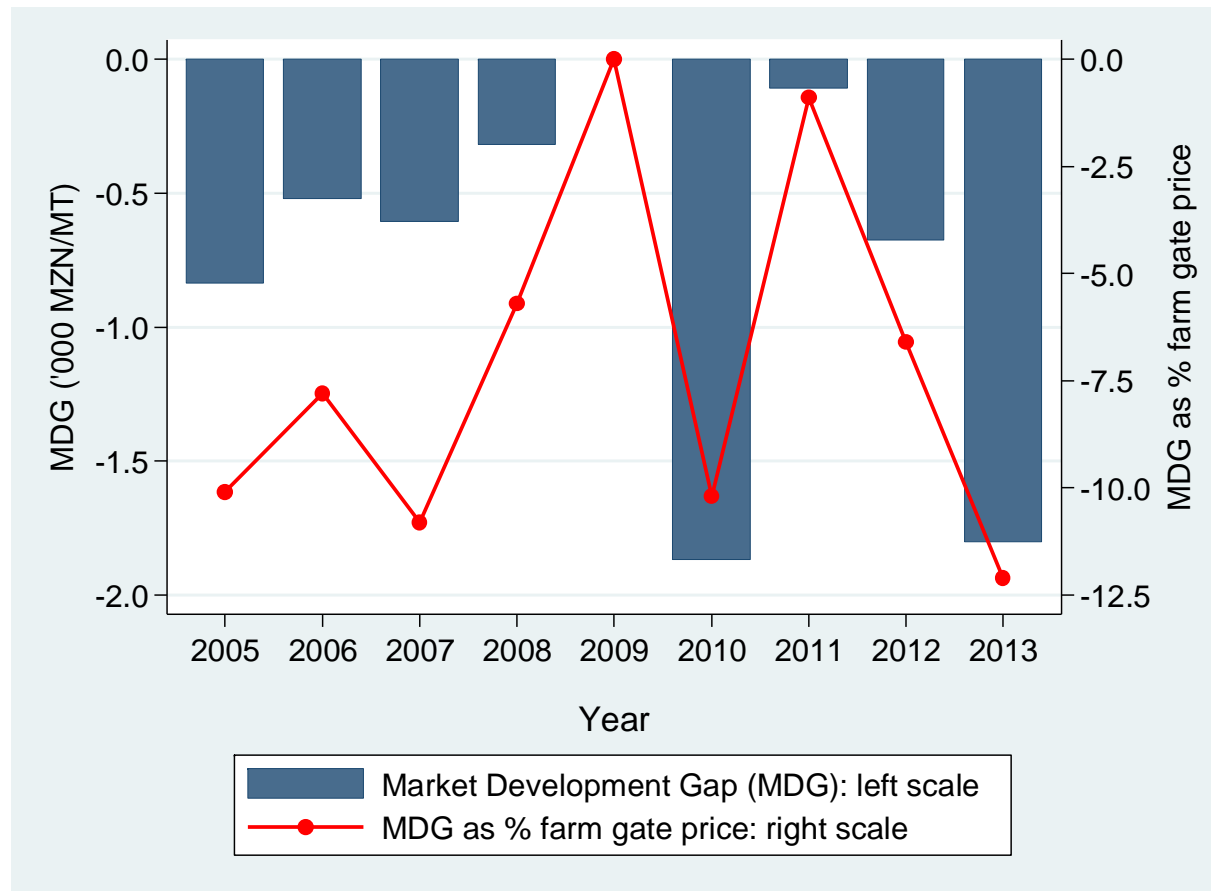
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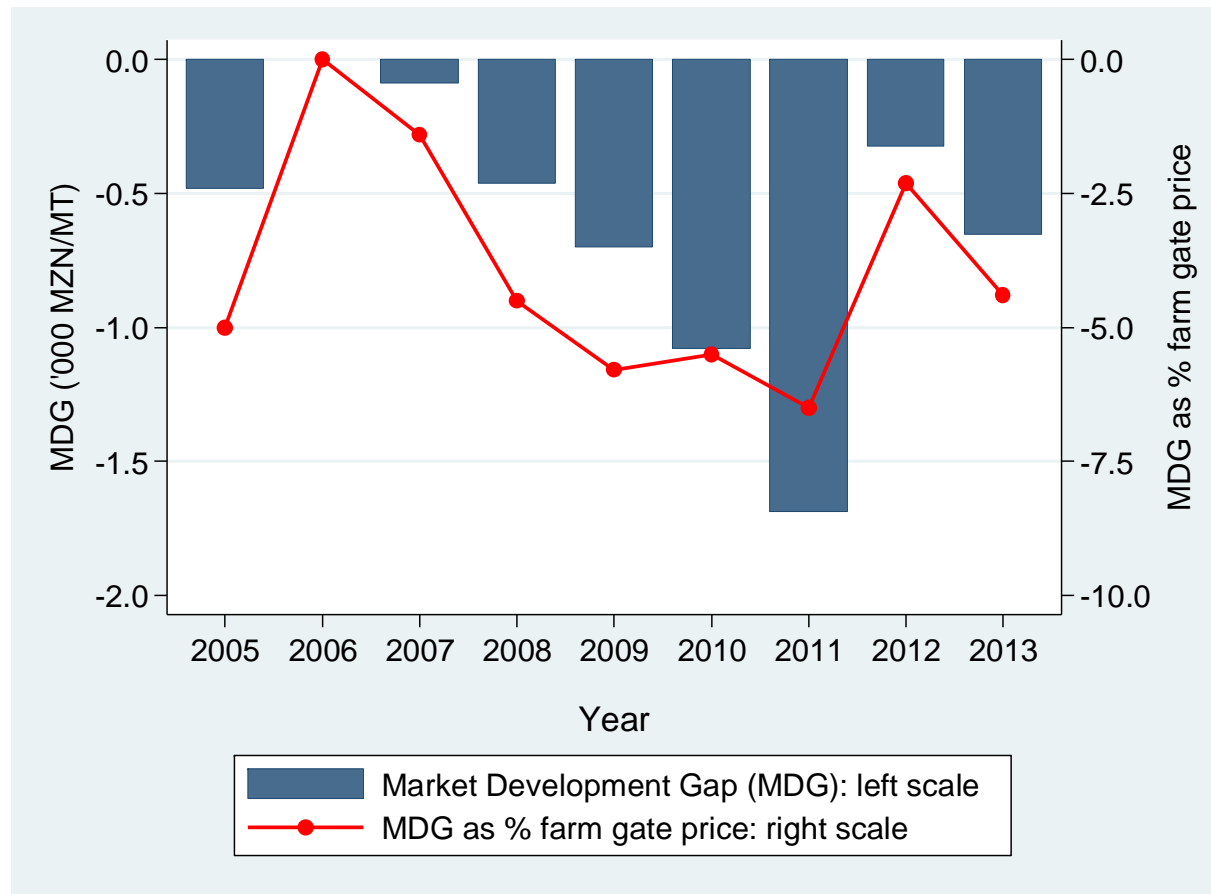
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## Take home messages

- Domestic policies and market structure had two opposite effects on price incentives to farmers:
  - Export tax on raw cashew resulted on price disincentives to farmers as they received prices lower than what they would have received in the absence of export tax
  - Export tax also provided an implicit protection to domestic processors of raw cashew nuts, trickled down the value chain, ultimately resulting on price incentives to farmers

## Take home messages

- Market inefficiencies in both market channels (processed and raw cashew nuts) resulted in excessive profit margins for both domestic processors and traders:
  - These inefficiencies represented implicit losses to farmers resulting from market power of processors and traders which might have been enhanced by the preferential buying for domestic processors