

## **Gambia: Can farmers axe rice imports through 'Nerica'?**

BANJUL: Heavy dependence on imported rice is crippling Gambian consumers, leading the government to call for New Rice for Africa, or Nerica, production to double.

Nerica, a cross between low-yield African rice and high-yield Asian rice varieties, matures quickly, is more pest-resistant than many varieties, does not require intensive irrigation or fertilisers, and is high in protein.

*[Read the full article on IRIN.](#)*

For more, visit: <https://www.bizcommunity.com>