

Pulses arrived in the region relatively late, probably with the Bantu tribes some 2 000 years ago. Today, beans of all kinds feature heavily in regional cooking.

Tribal cuisines combine some unique ingredients with pulses, for example, the Masai use cow's milk or blood and some tribes use insects sautéed with lima beans and sadza flour.

Nigeria is the leading producer of cowpeas.



Chef Veronica Jackson shopping for pulses at the Karatu market (Karatu, Tanzania).



Recipe by chef Veronica Jackson









