

Africa Day: largest African crude oil producer, Nigeria is about to reach independence from refined oil imports

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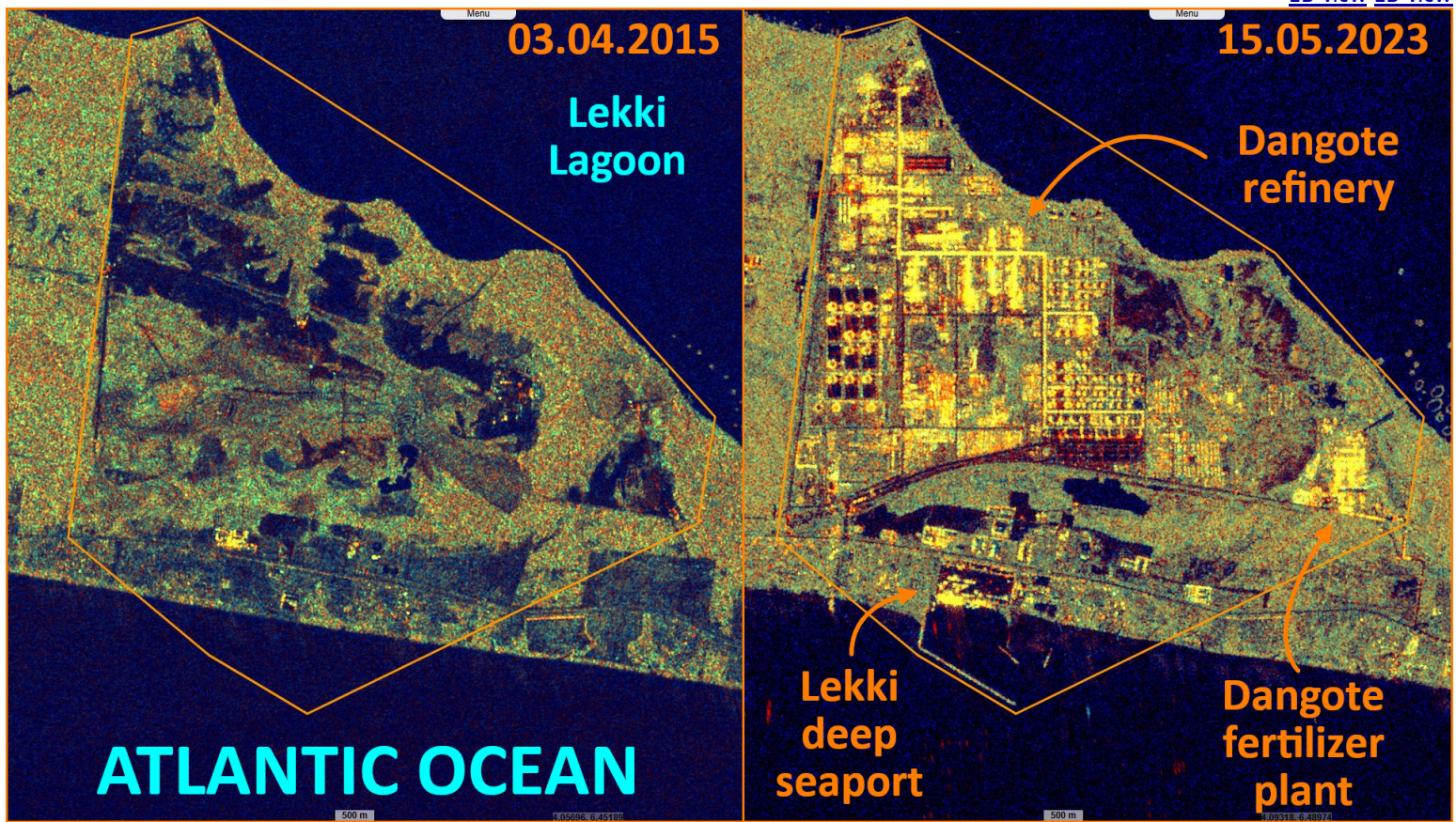
Fig. 1 - S1 (03.04.2015) - Dangote petroleum refinery is located on a coastal area east of Lagos.

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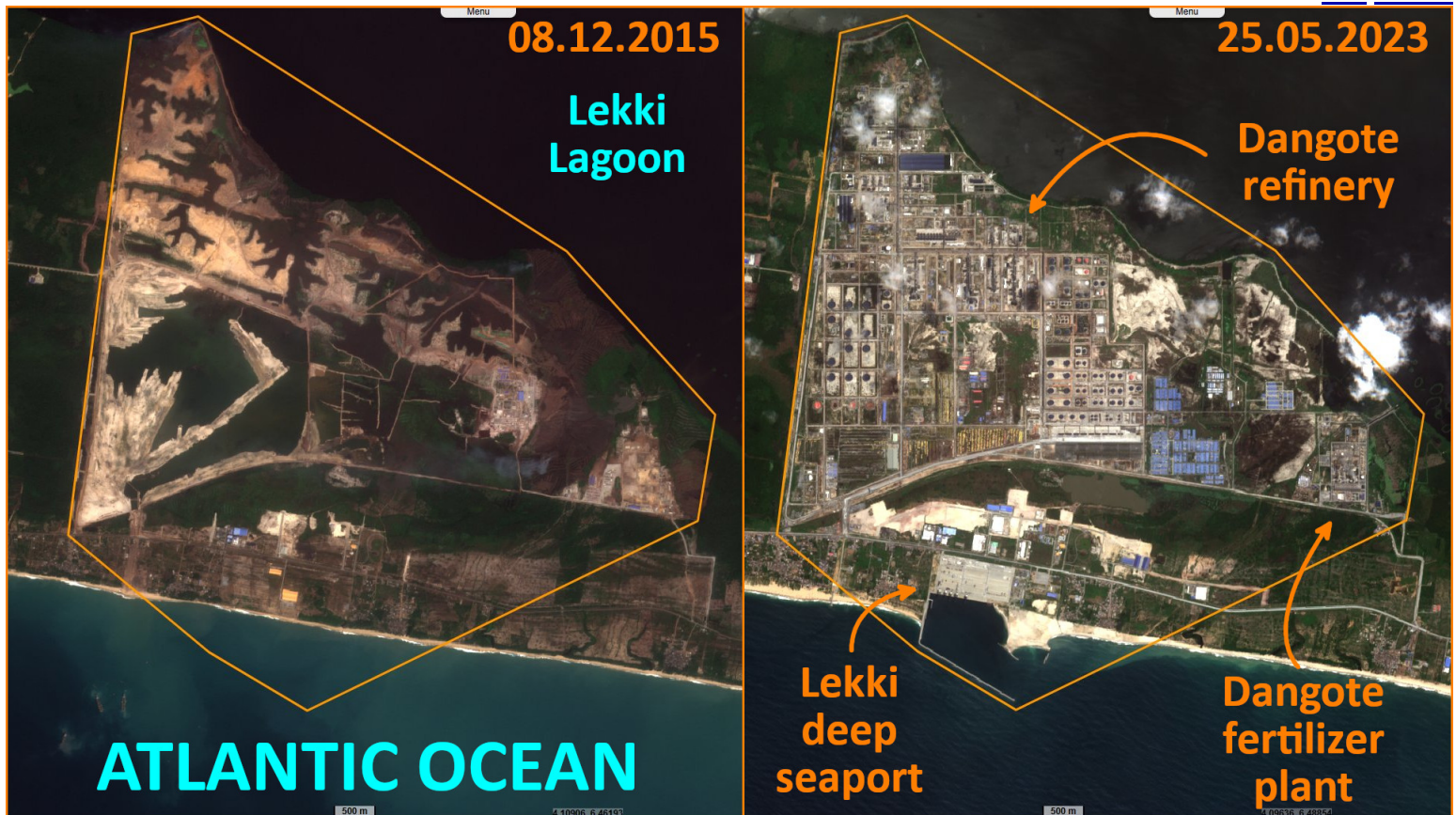
Nigeria is a major oil producer but most of its oil is sent abroad. Its existing refineries have been completely shut down for over three years owing to oil theft, pipeline vandalism and structural neglect.

Fig. 2 - S1 (03.04.2015; 15.05.2023) - Inaugurated on the 22.05.2023, this huge complex should be able to secure the needs of Nigeria in refined oil. [2D view](#) [2D view](#)















More than 80% of the refined fuel used in vehicles and power generator comes from costly imports from the Netherlands and Belgium. The country faces chronic fuel shortages.

Fig. 3 - S2 (08.12.2015; 25.05.2023) - From production to consumption, it will enable Nigeria to reach full independence from external technology. [2D view](#) [2D view](#)



The plant will have the capacity to produce ~650,000 barrels a day - more than enough to supply Nigeria. It also includes a power station, deep seaport and fertiliser plant.

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