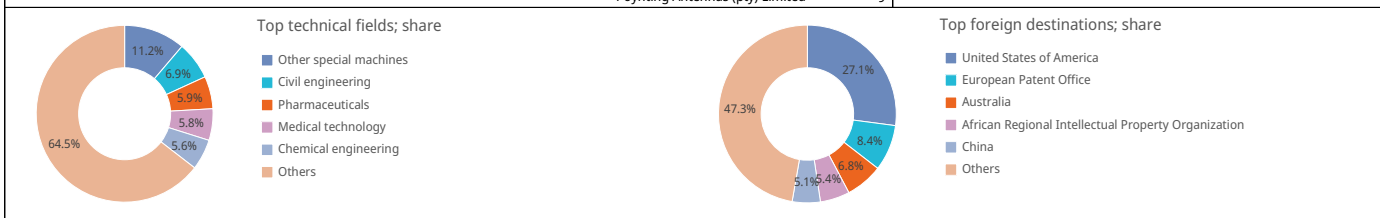
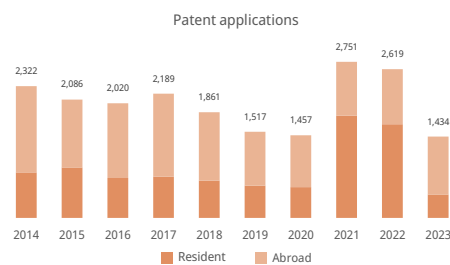


Patent

Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; global rank	1,177	↓51.6%	42 nd
Resident applications	413	↓75%	
Abroad applications; global rank	764	↓2.3%	35 th
Regional rank and share			
		Africa - 2 nd	27.1%
		Southern Africa - 1 st	92.6%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank	6.8		74 th
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	47.9		74 th
Utility model applications; global rank	4	↓50%	93 rd
PCT international applications; global rank	188	↓12.6%	33 rd
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank	3.1		51 st
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2021-2023)	15		2.4%
Share of university applications (2021-2023)	14.5%		
Share of women inventors (2021-2023)	12.9%		
PCT national phase entries; global rank	693	↓7.7%	31 st
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System		72.4%	
PCT top applicants (2021-2023)			
	Stellenbosch University		26
	Detnet South Africa (pty) Ltd		19
	University of Cape Town		19
	University of Pretoria		12
	Poynting Antennas (pty) Limited		9



Statistics for the IP office

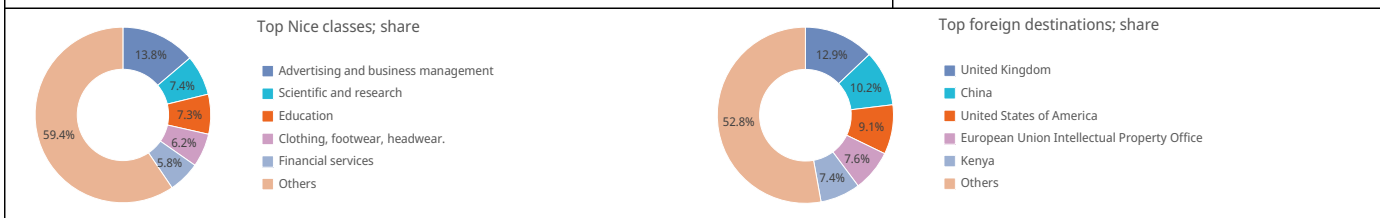
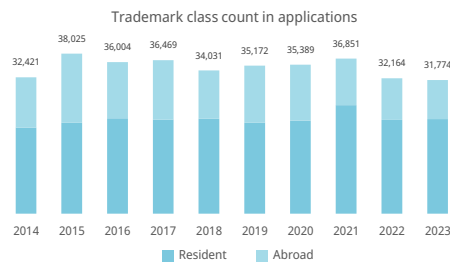
Total applications; global rank	10,729	↓23.3%	17 th
Resident; share	413	↓75%	3.8%
Non-resident; share	10,316	↓16.4%	96.2%
Patent Grants	8,118	↓27.9%	
Patents in force; global rank	99,627		26 th
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - grant delay in months			

Country of origin of non-resident applications; share		
China	3,990	38.8%
United States of America	2,211	21.5%
India	561	5.5%
United Kingdom	509	4.9%
Germany	445	4.3%

Trademark

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

Trademark filings; global rank	25,298	↑1.8%	48 th
Resident filings	22,471	↑0.8%	
Abroad filings; global rank	2,827	↑10.4%	56 th
Regional rank and share			
		Africa - 3 rd	17.4%
		Southern Africa - 1 st	94%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	372		79 th
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	2,604		77 th
Madrid international applications; global rank			
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank			
Abroad filings via the Madrid System			
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System			
Madrid top applicants (2021-2023)			
	Shield Chemicals (pty) Ltd		1
	Thoroughtec Capital (pty) Ltd		1
	Ttv Fluval (pty) Ltd		1



Statistics for the IP office [1]

Total filings; global rank	37,352	↓4.5%	41 st
Resident; share	22,471	↑0.8%	60.2%
Non-resident; share	14,881	↓11.5%	39.8%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	29,548	↓10.5%	
Trademarks in force; global rank	405,838		23 rd
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - registration delay in days			

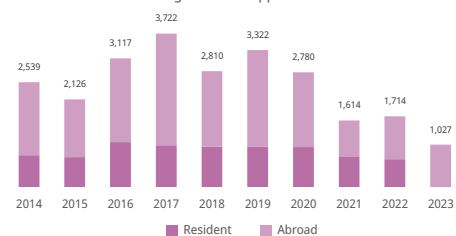
Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		
United States of America	3,830	26.2%
China	1,714	11.7%
Germany	1,282	8.8%
United Kingdom	1,260	8.6%
Switzerland	694	4.7%

Industrial design

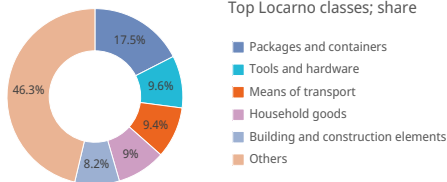
Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; global rank	127	↓84.3%	81 st
Resident filings	0	↓100%	
Abroad filings; global rank	127	↓6.6%	50 th
Regional rank and share		Africa - 10 th	1.7%
		Southern Africa - 1 st	88.2%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank			
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			
Hague international filings; global rank	1	↓75%	60 th
Abroad filings via the Hague System	1	↓85.7%	65 th
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System		0.8%	
Hague top applicants (2021-2023)	John Sebastian Turner Kirkland		1

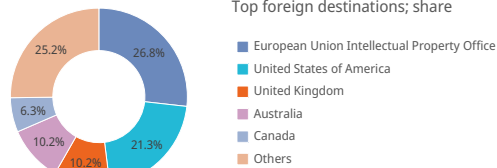
Design count in applications



Top Locarno classes; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office [2]

Total filings; global rank	1,472	↓13.4%	35 th
Resident; share			
Non-resident; share			
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	1,579	↓0.9%	
Industrial designs in force; global rank	18,463		21 st
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - registration delay in days			

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share

Geographical Indications

Geographical Indications in force by product category

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Geographical Indications in force by legal means

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Plant variety

Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country

Resident	47
Abroad	28
Regional	Community Plant Variety Office
	7

Plant variety in force

National	3,809
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Note

- (1) For trademarks, filings refer to the number of classes specified in applications.
- (2) For industrial designs, filings refer to number of designs contained in applications.
- (3) Statistics are produced regardless of whether the home office of the applicants supplied statistics or not. An asterisk symbol indicates that the home IP office did not supply statistics.
- (4) Statistics relating to "technical fields" are extracted from the Patstat database and are based on the publication date.
- (5) The indicator "resident applications per million population" is available for countries with a population greater than one million. The "indicator per GDP" is available for countries whose total GDP exceeds 10 billion US Dollar.
- (6) Percentage with a plus or minus symbol indicates the percentage change from the previous year.
- (7) Both national and regional data are used to establish the list of countries relating to non-resident filings.

Source: WIPO statistics database; last updated: 11/2024