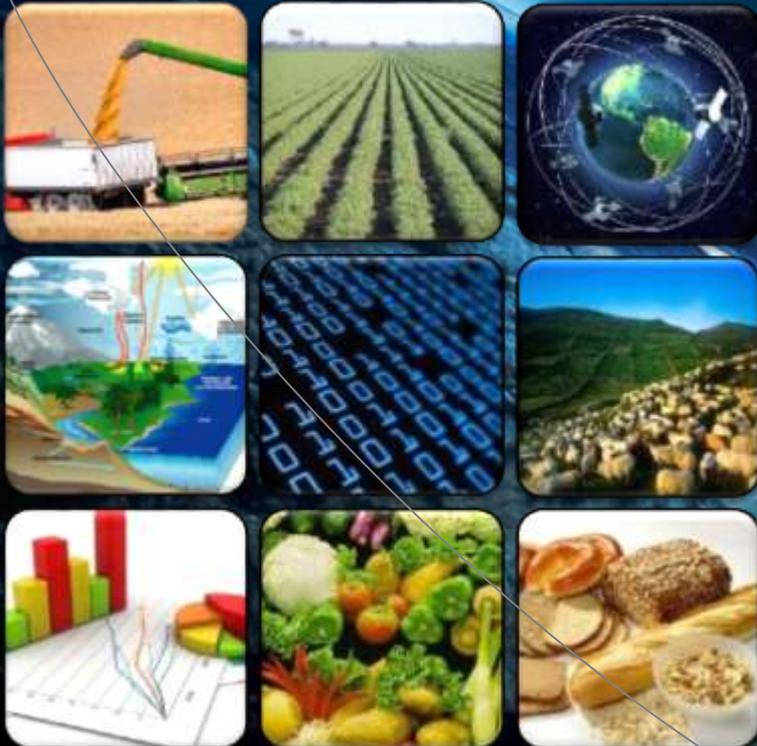




Earth observation and big-data analytics for building resilient agro-ecosystems

Innovation, Investment, Intervention and Impact



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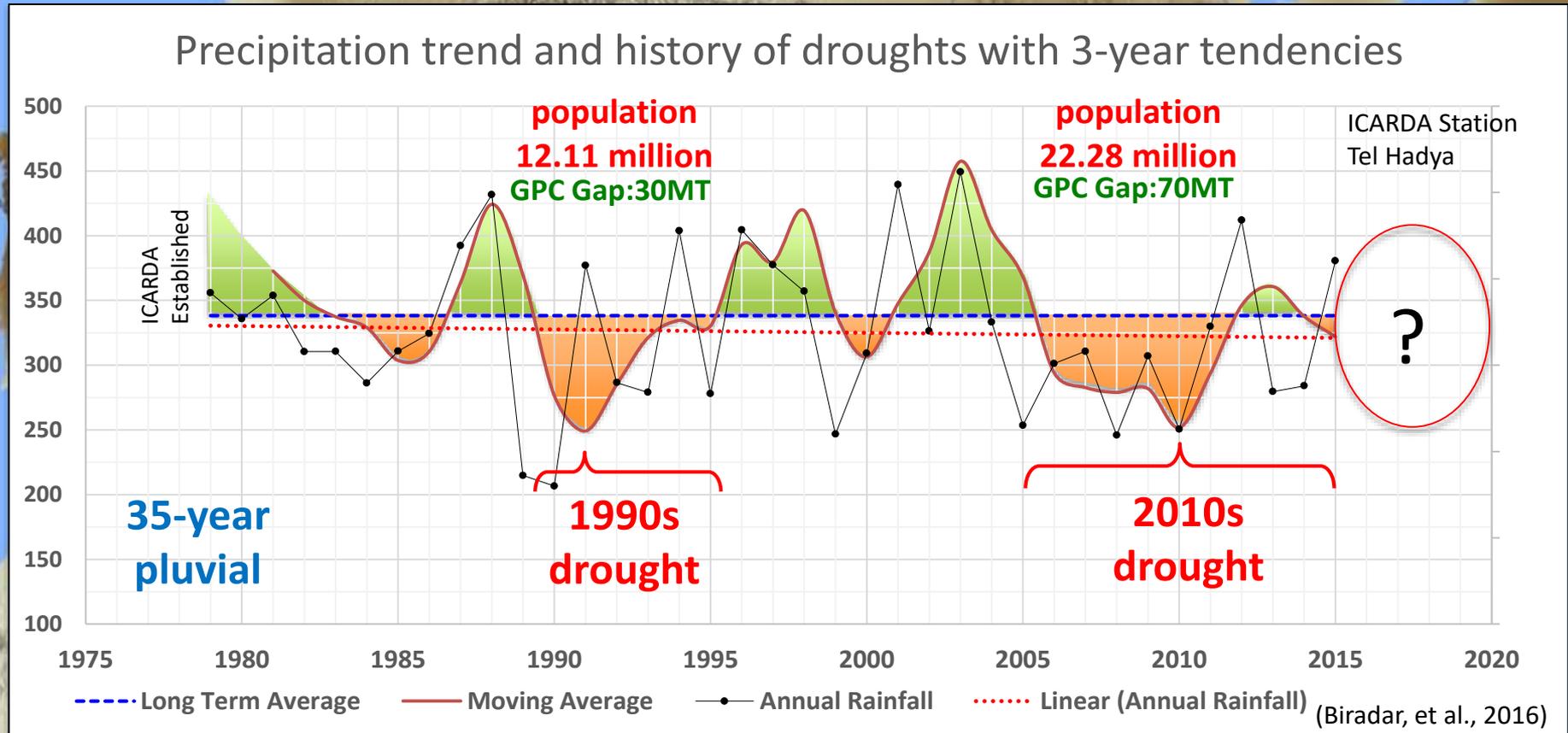
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Droughts in Drylands

and the consequences and conflicts

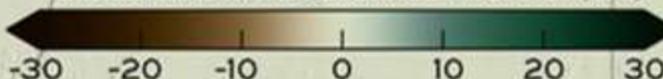
Drought in middle east is worst of past 900 years

Conflicts and migration



ALGERIA

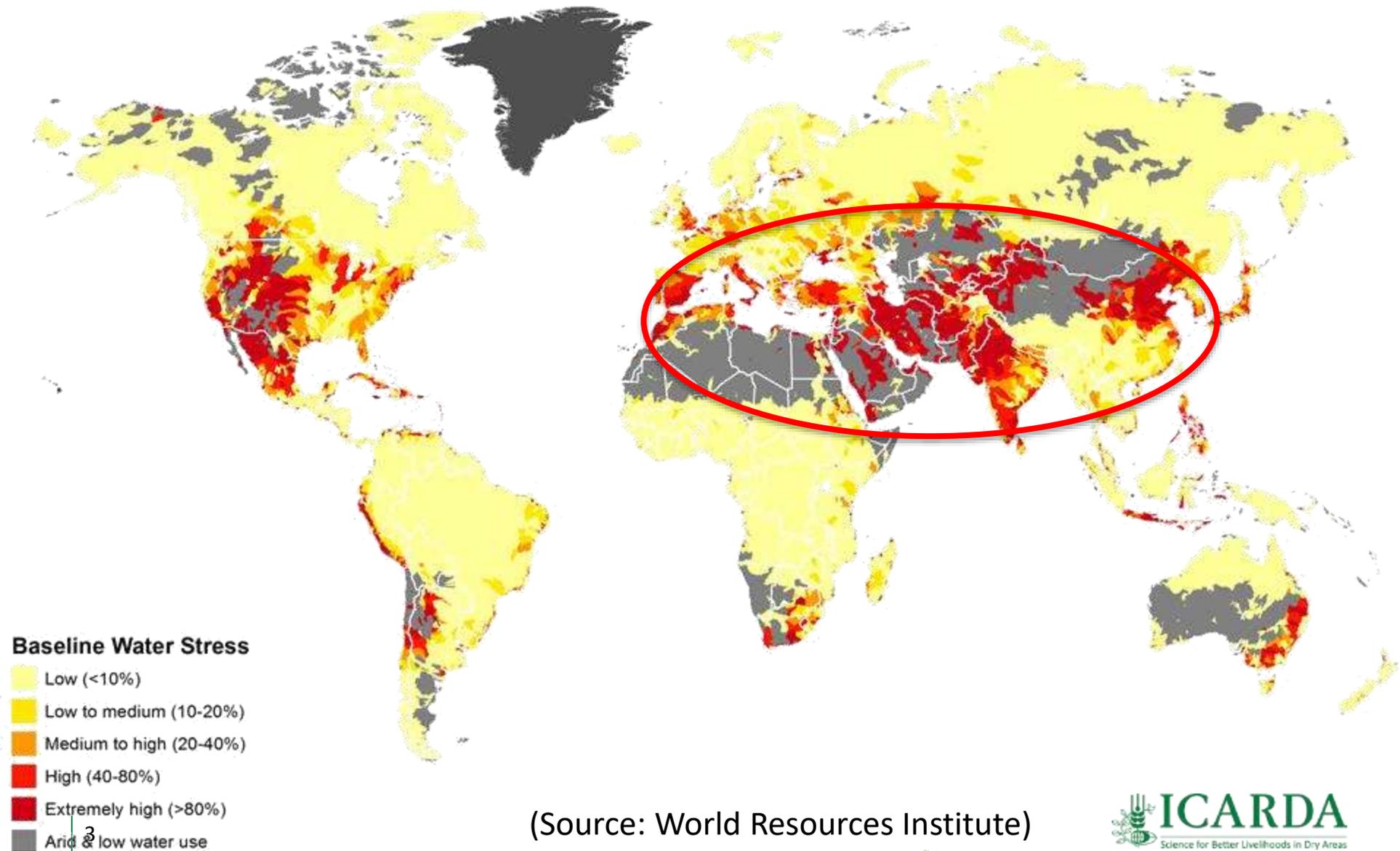
TERRESTRIAL WATER STORAGE ANOMALY (CM.)



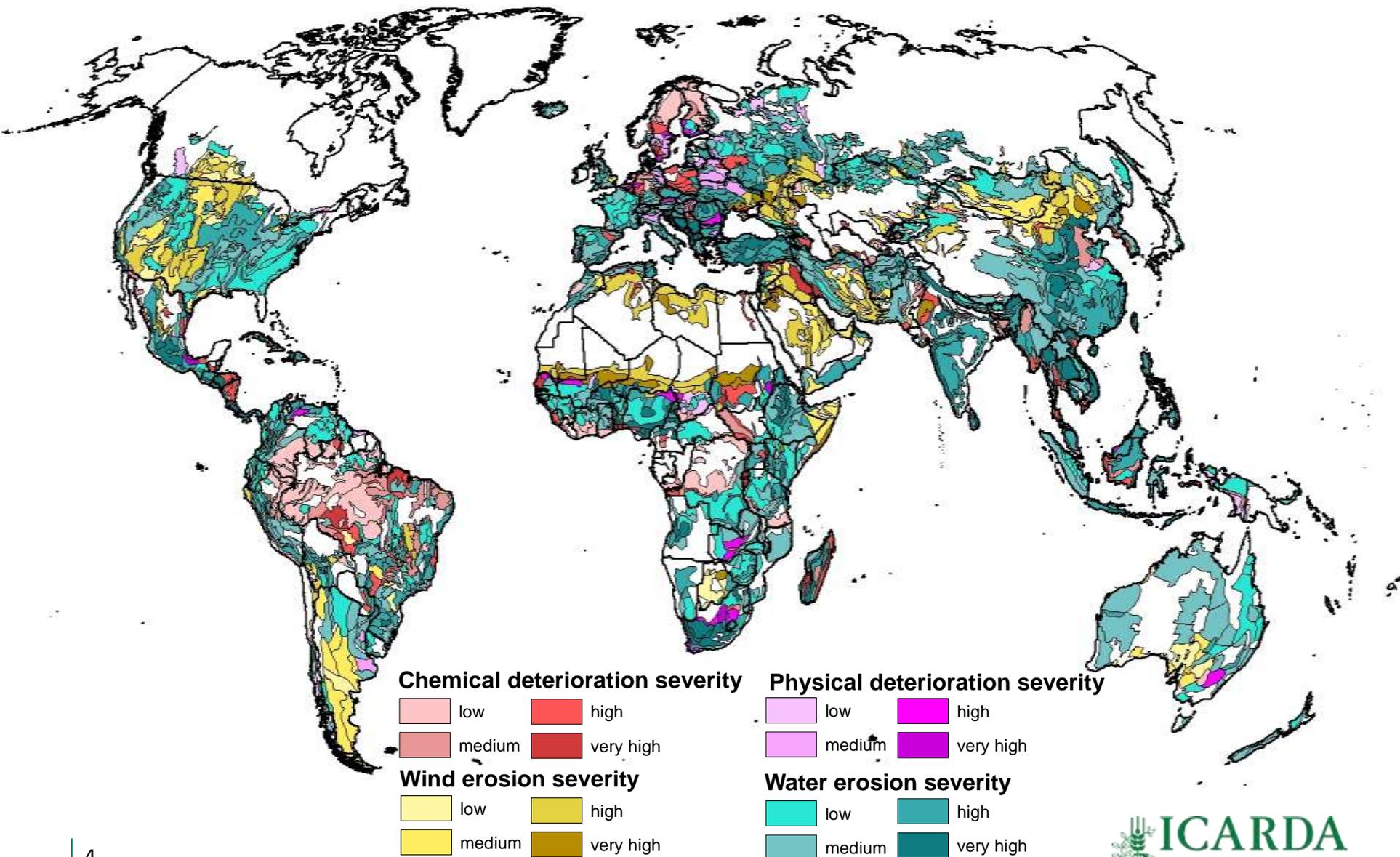
EGYPT

Source: NASA, 2016

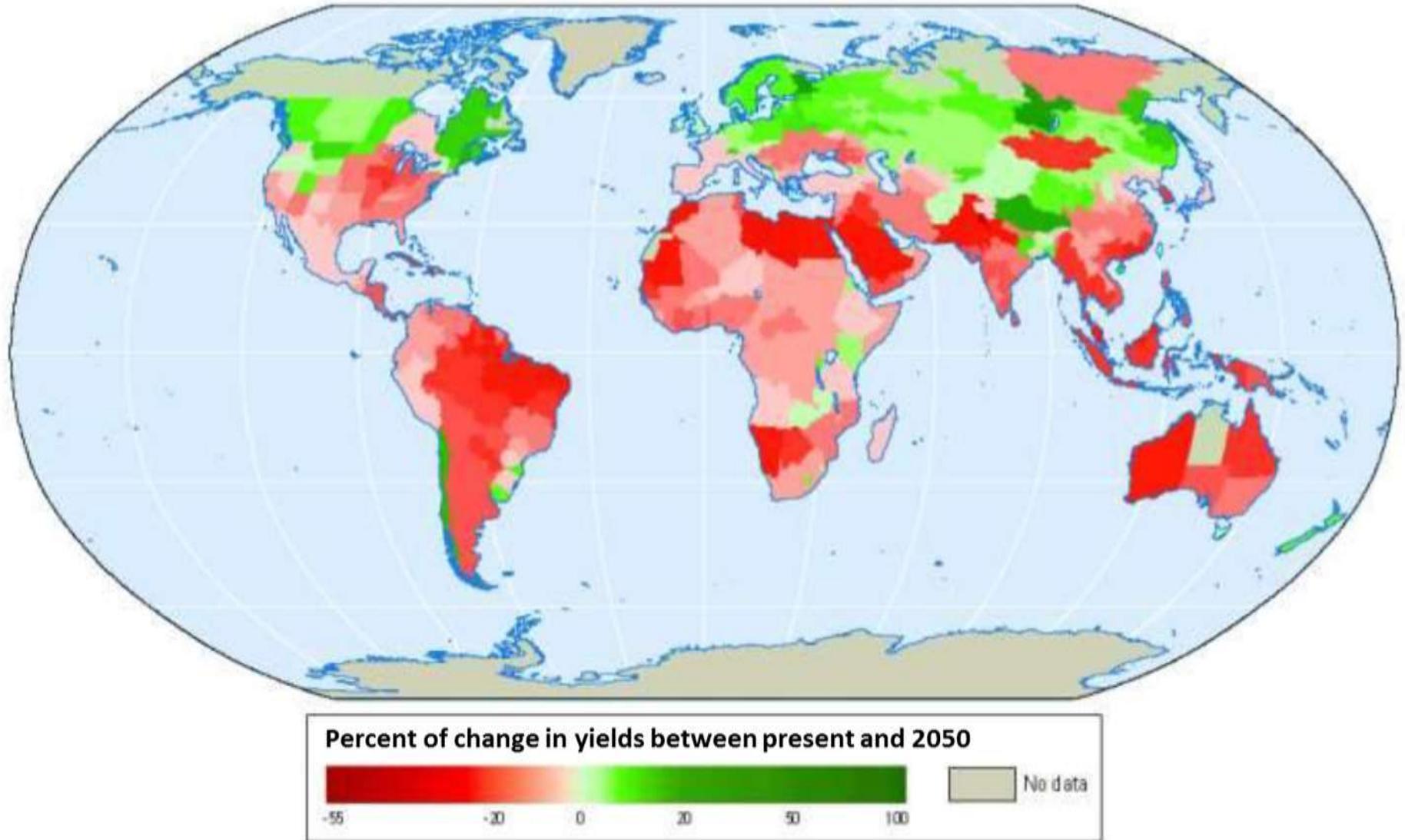
Water Stress Around the World



Land and Soil Degradation



Impact of on agriculture

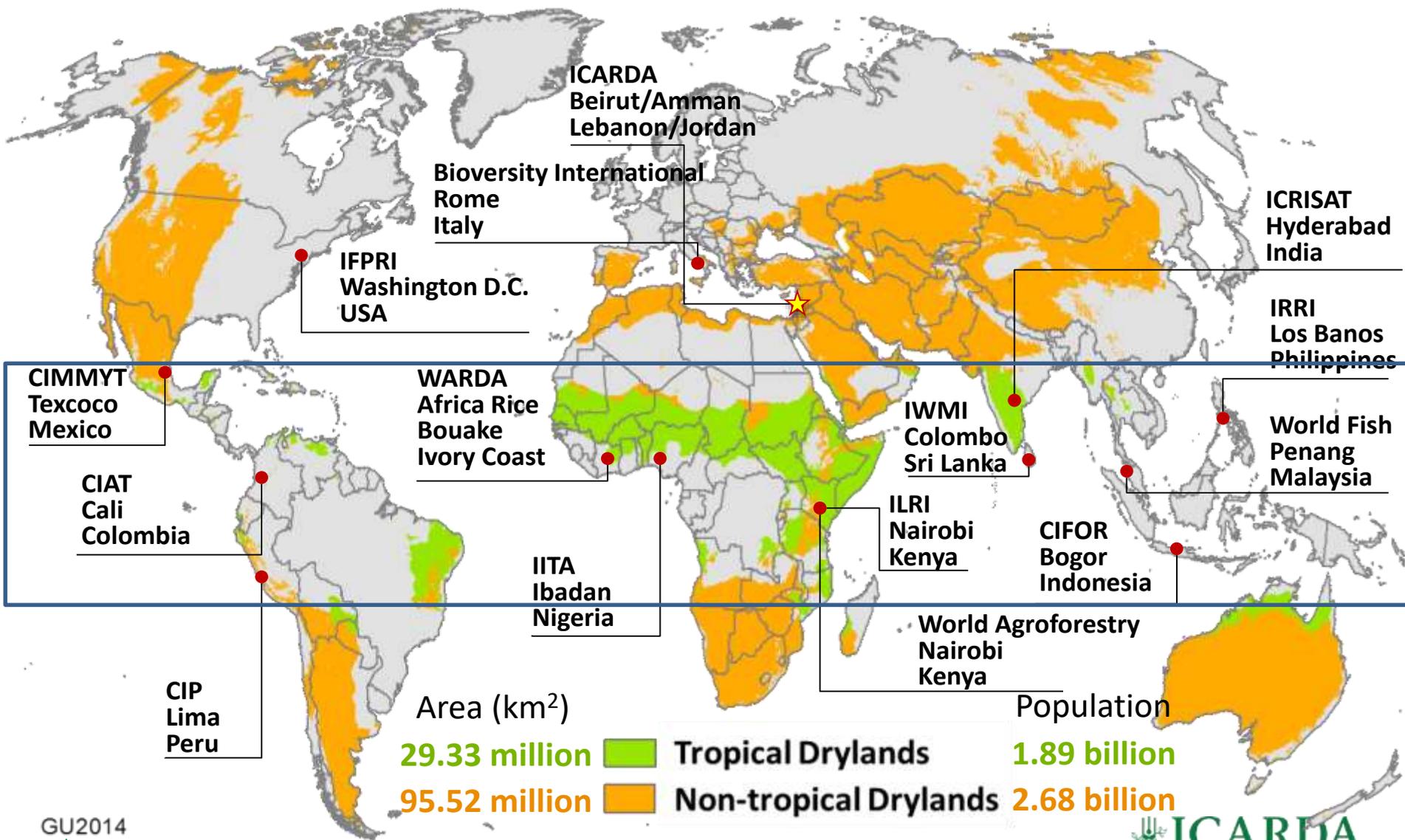


World bank Development report 2010
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Global Drylands and CGIAR

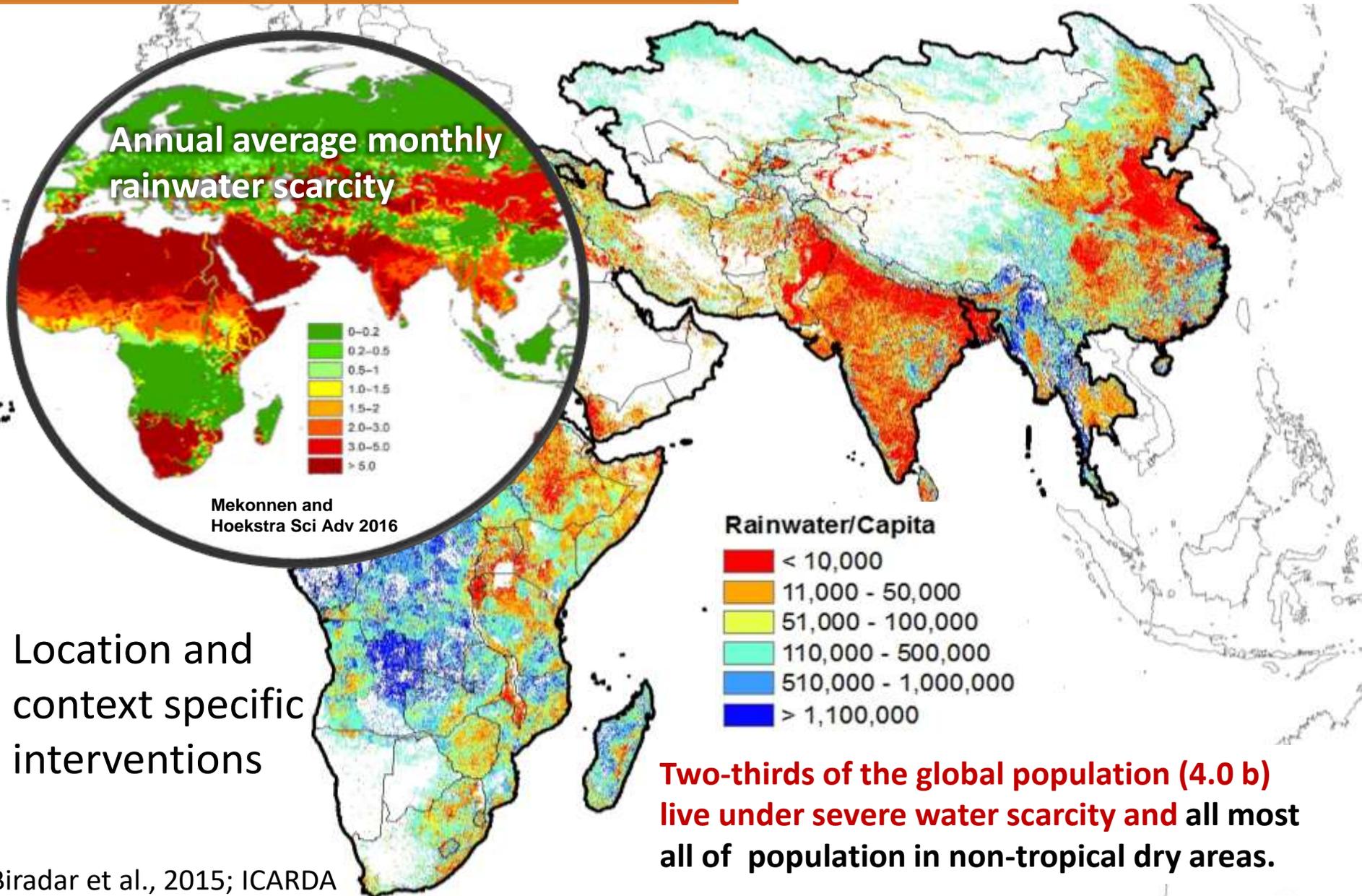
tropical and non-tropical drylands



Area (km ²)	29.33 million	Tropical Drylands	1.89 billion
	95.52 million	Non-tropical Drylands	2.68 billion

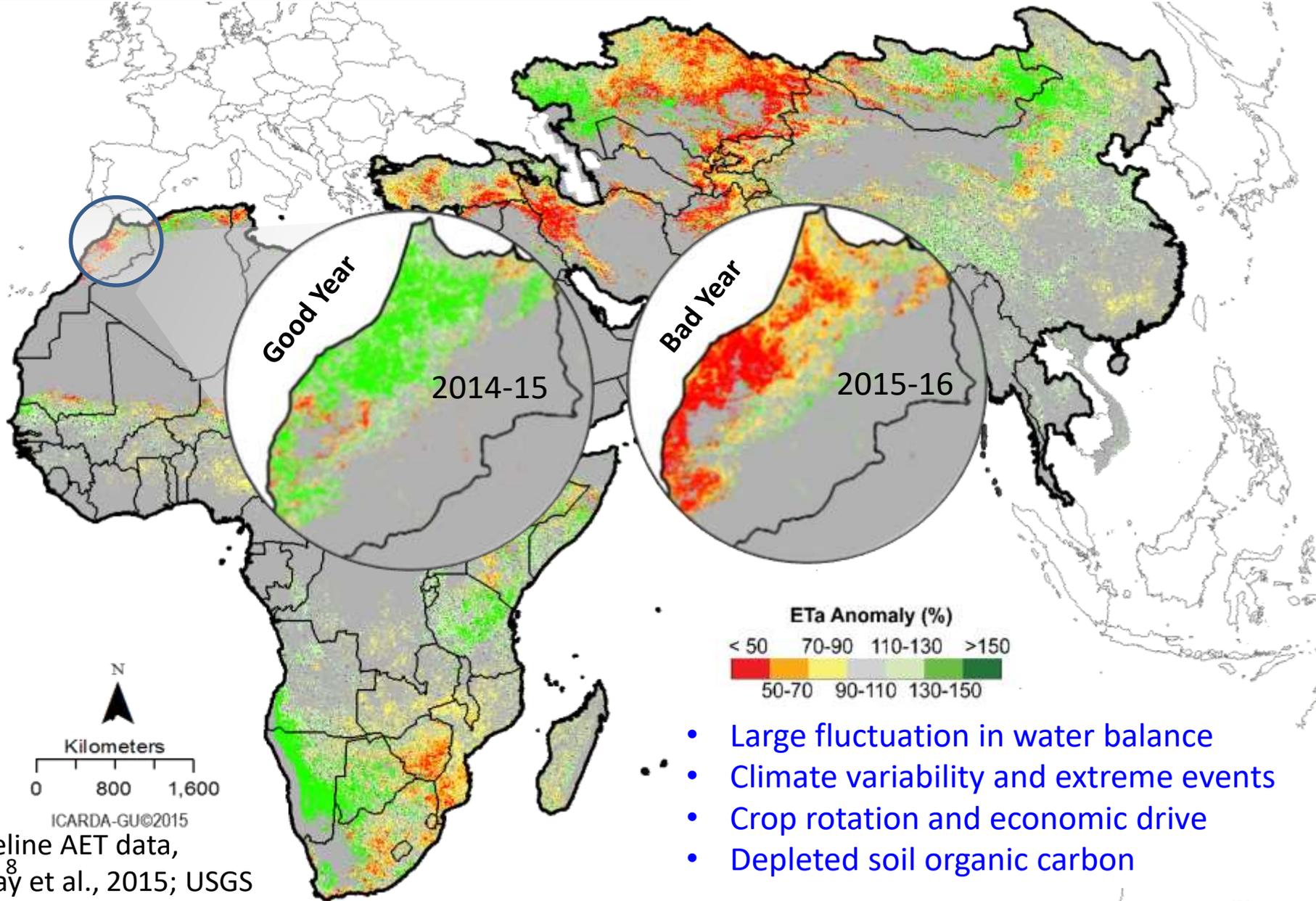
Green Water Resources

rainwater per capita
(m³/person/year)



Changing Water Balance

Increasing deviation from long-term averages



Baseline AET data,
Senay et al., 2015; USGS

- Large fluctuation in water balance
- Climate variability and extreme events
- Crop rotation and economic drive
- Depleted soil organic carbon



Pastoral



Agropastoral



Rainfed



Tree-based



Irrigated

Increased land, water and system productivity while safe guarding the environmental flows and ecosystem services

- more crop per drop -water focus

- in a inch of land and a bunch of crop -multi dimensions
-integrated systems

Knowledge based prioritization (space & time) for better strategy for investment, intervention, implementation and impact

Genes and Gains

Eco-Crop Zoning

Input Use Efficiency

Bridging Yield Gaps

Conservation Practices

Carbon Sequestration

Land Degradation

Technology Scaling

- food and environmental security
- resilience and risk reduction
- adaption and mitigation
- citizen science and collective actions
- trade, social security and stability

Role of Geospatial Science, Technology and Applications (GeSTA) in Dryland Systems

Ensuring Food Security

Safeguarding Environmental Flows and ESS

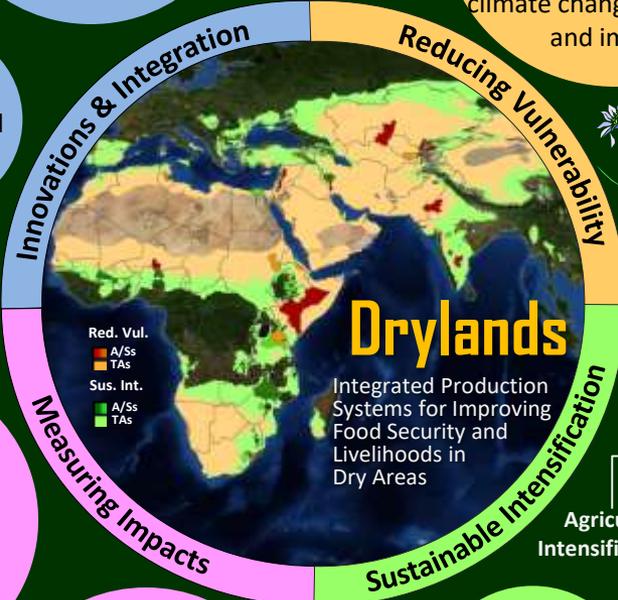
Gender Address social inequities, greater roles and priorities



Geospatial commons, KM sharing, stakeholder feedback



Drylands
41% Earth's land area



Youth
Engaging and empowering young gen. by creating opportunities



156 Remote sensing missions in orbit
>12 Sensors potential in CRPs/IRPs, etc.
>6 are free

Mapping present, Emerging, future land use /land cover dynamics, land degradation and desertification, changing demographics, climate change adaptation and impacts



Quantification of dryland agricultural production and livelihood systems

Current status, trends, extent, characteristics of crops, pattern, productivity, water use, livestock, biodiversity, soils, & climate

Characterization of vulnerable areas for increasing resilience and assist in identifying mitigation pathways with biophysical, socioeconomic and stakeholder feedback as well as specific needs & constraints

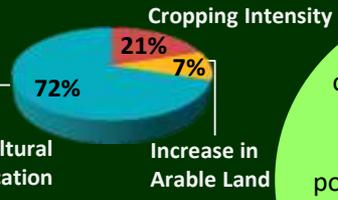


Biodiversity
Spatial enrichment and its role in food security, risk mitigation, & sustainability



5 1) Ecological intensification, 2) Bridging yield gaps, 3) Input use efficiency, 4) Reduced land degradation, and 5) Location specific interventions.

Food production potential sources



Sustainable Intensification

Measuring Impacts
Measuring the impact at spatial scales, rate, magnitude, synergy among the systems, CRPs, cross-regional synthesis

Farmers, stakeholders, policymakers, mobilization, & marketing

Assessing the impact of outcomes in Action Sites, post-project implementation, & M&E



Location specific and ecological intensification

Nutrition
Changing diet patterns, nutrition and health



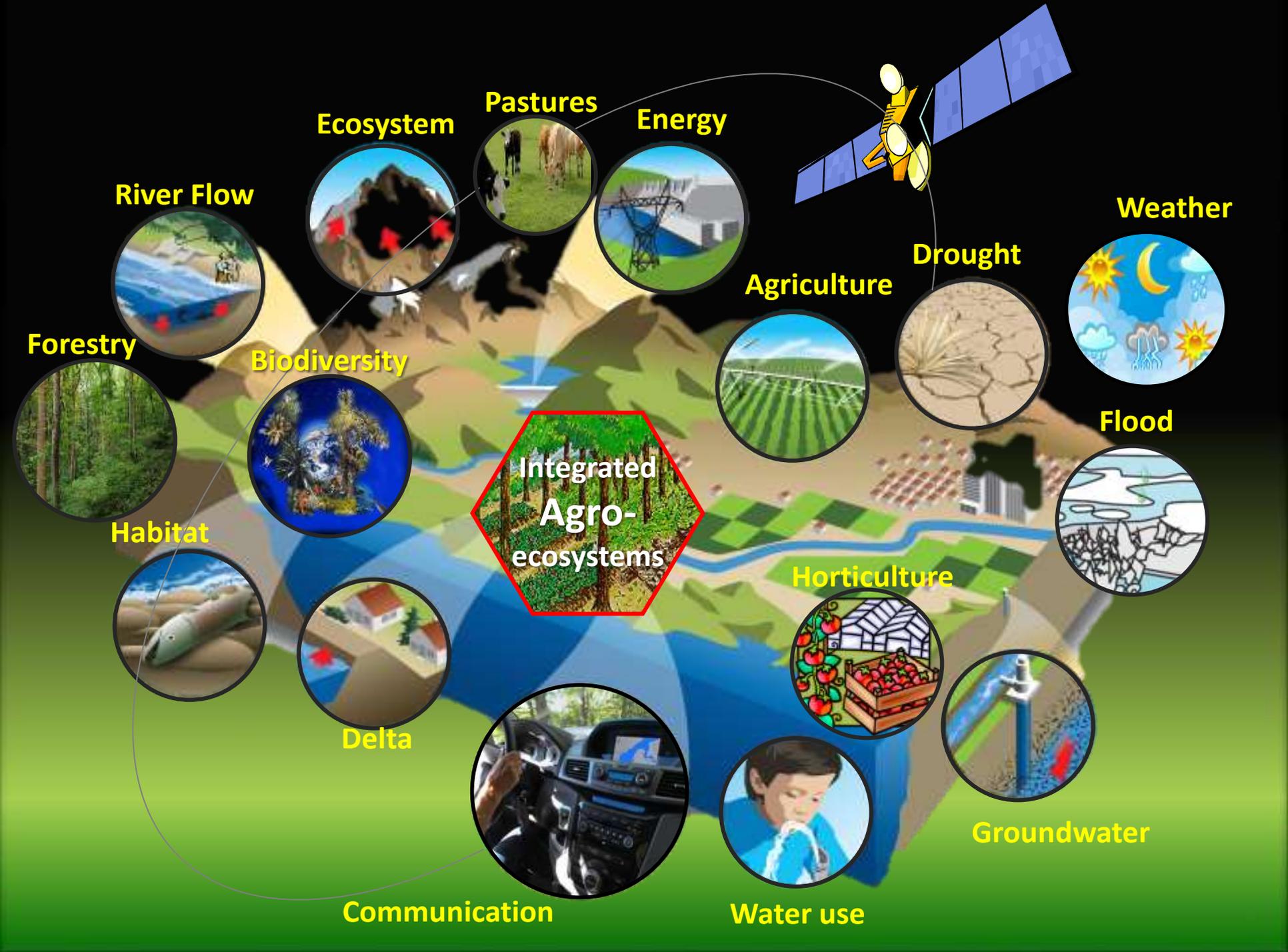
Delineation of potential, suitable areas for sustainable intensification, diversification of production systems

Mapping the extent of existing & traditional practices, indigenous knowledge, diversity, potential areas for modern & improved, productive, profitable, and diversified dryland agriculture, & linkages to markets

2.5b People Live in Drylands

1.5b Livestock Depend on Drylands

Assessment of present, emerging & future droughts, floods, pests & diseases, extreme events, infrastructure, migration



Earth Observation Systems for Agro-Ecosystem Research

Medium resolution (5 - 30 m)

ACTIVE SATELLITE SENSORS AND CHARACTERISTICS

Very High Resolution (Up to - 1 m)

Satellite Sensors	Resolution			Swath (km)
	Spatial (m)*	Temporal (days)	Spectral (Bands)	
GEOEYE-1	1.65 (0.41)	1	B, G, R, IR, P	15.2
IKONOS	3.2 (0.82)	14	B, G, R, IR, P	11.3
PLEIADES-1A	2 (0.5)	1	B, G, R, IR, P	20
PLEIADES-1B	3 (0.5)	1	B, G, R, IR, P	20
Quick Bird	2.4 (0.6)	3.5	B, G, R, IR, P	16.5
WorldView-1	(0.4)	1.2	P	17.6
WorldView-2	1.8 (0.4)	1.2	P, C, B, G, Y, R, RE, IR (2)	16.4
CARTOSAT-2	1	5	P	9.6
CARTOSAT-2a	<1	4	P	9.6
CARTOSAT-2B	<1	4	P	9.6
SKYSAT-1	2 (0.9)	<1 (hourly)	B, G, R, IR, P	8
KOMPSTAT-3	2.8 (0.7)	14	B, G, R, IR, P	16.8
KOMPSTAT-2	4 (1)	14	B, G, R, IR, P	15
OrbView-3	4 (1)	3	B, G, R, IR, P	14

High Resolution (1 to 5 m)

Satellite Sensors	Resolution			Swath (km)
	Spatial (m)*	Temporal (days)	Spectral (Bands)	
CARTOSAT-1	(2.5)	5	P	30
FORMOSAT-2	8 (2)	1	B, G, R, IR, P	24
SPOT-5	5, 20 (2.5, 5)	2-3	G, R, IR, SW, P	60 to 80
SPOT-6 (1.5)	6 (1.5)	2-3	B, G, R, IR, P	60
RapidEye	5	1	B, G, R, RE, IR	77
RESOURCESAT-1	5.8	5	G, R, IR	23, 70
GOKTURK-2	10, 20 (2.5)	2.5	B, G, R, IR, SW, P	20
TH-2	10 (2)		B, G, R, IR, P	60
EROS-A	(1.8)	2.1	P	14
Theos	15 (2)	3	B, G, R, IR	96
BEIJING-1	32 (4)	1	R, G, IR	600
PROBA/HRC	18, 34 (5)	7	18	15

Radar Satellites

Satellite	Bands	Band (Polarity)	Swath width (km)
Sentinel-1			10, 40, 30, 100, 200
COSMO-SKYMED 4	1, 5, 15, 30, 100	X-B (HH, VV, HV, VH)	200
TanDEM-X	1, 3, 16	X-B (HH, VV, HV, VH)	1500
COSMO SKYMED 2	1, 5, 15, 30, 100	X-B (HH, VV, HV, VH)	10, 40, 30, 100, 200
RADARSAT 2	3, 8, 12, 18, 25, 30, 40, 50, 100	C-B (HH, HV, VH, VV)	5 - 500
COSMO-SKYMED 1	1, 5, 15, 30, 100	X-B (HH, VV, HV, VH)	10, 40, 30, 100, 200
Terra SAR-X	1, 3, 16	X-B (HH, VV, HV, VH)	1500
ALOS (PALSAR)	10, 20, 30, 100	VH)	70
ENVISAT (ASAR)	12.5	C-B (VV)	5 - 406
RADARSAT 1 (SAR)	8.25, 30, 35, 50, 100	C-B (HH)	50 - 500
ERS 2 (AMI)	25	C-B (VV)	100
ERS 1 (AMI)	25	C-B (VV)	100

Low or Medium resolution

Satellite	Multispectral resolution (m) B, s	Swath width (km)
Landsat 8	30 (14.8)	P, C, B, G, R, IR, SW (3)
VIIRS	375, 750	22b, s
ASAR	(12.5)	VV 1
MERIS	300	15 b, s
Merosat MSG		
GERB	40000	7
SEVIRI	1000, 3000	12
SPOTS/VEGETATION 2	1000	B, R, IR, SW (4)
MODIS	250, 500, 1000	36
SPOT4/VEGETATION 1	1000	B, R, IR, SW (4)
IRS-1D/ WIFS	188	R, IR (2)
Orbview-2/ SeaWIFS	1130	B(2), G (3), IR (8)
IRS-1C/ WIFS	188	R, IR (2)
RESURS-01-1/ MSU-S	240	G, R, IR (3)
RESURS-01-1/ MSU-SK	170, 600	R, G, IR(2), TIR
ResourceSat/AWIFS	56	R, G, IR, SW
Landsat 2/ MSS	80	G, R, IR, IR
Landsat 2/ RBV	80	G, R, IR
Landsat 1/ MSS	80	G, R, IR, IR
Landsat 1/ RBV	80	G, R, IR

Satellite	Multispectral resolution (m) B, s	Swath width (km)
ASTER (15m)		
VNIR (Visible Near Infrared)	15	VIR (4)
SWIR (Shortwave Infrared)	30	SW (6)
TIR (Thermal Infrared)	60	TIR (5)
CBERS-2		
WFI	260	R, IR
CCD	20	B, G, R, IR
IRMSS	(2.7)	P
LANDSAT 5TM -7ETM	30 (14.8)	B, G, R, IR, SW1, TIR, SW2, P
Nigeriasat-X	22	G, R, IR
Resourcesat-2/Liss-III	23.5	R, G, IR, SW
Delmos-1	22	G, R, IR
UK-DMC-2/SLIM6	22	G, R, IR
BILSAT-1	26 (12)	R, B, G, IR, P
Nigeriasat-1	32	G, R, IR
ALSAT-1	32	G, R, IR
UK-DMC/EC (DMC)	32	G, R, IR
EO-1/ALI-MS	30	B (2), G, R, IR (3), SW (2), P
EO-1/ Hyperion	30	220 bands
ASTER (15m)	15, 30, 90	G, R, IR (2) SW(6), TIR (4)
LANDSAT 7ETM+	30m (14.5)	B, G, R, IR, SW (2), TIR, P
SPOT-4	20 (10)	G, R, IR, SW, P
SPOT3	20 (10)	G, R, IR, P
JERS-1	24 (18)	G, R, IR, IR
SPOT-2	20 (10)	G, R, IR
SPOT-1	20 (10)	G, R, IR
Landsat 5/MSS	80	G, R, IR, IR
Landsat 5/TM	30, 120	B, G, R, IR, SW, SW, TIR
RESURS-01-1	45	G, R, IR

*=Resolution in parenthesis is panchromatic
 +=Bands: B-Blue, G-Green, R-Red, IR-Infrared Red, C-Coastal blue, Y-Yellow, SW-Shortwave Infrared, M-Mid infrared, P-Panchromatic, H-Horizontal, V-vertical

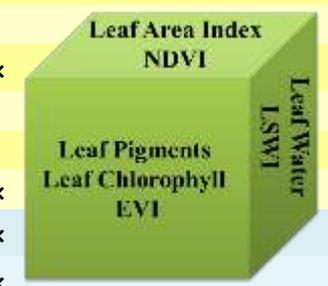


EO Matrix at Farmscape to Landscape

Biophysical Biophysical

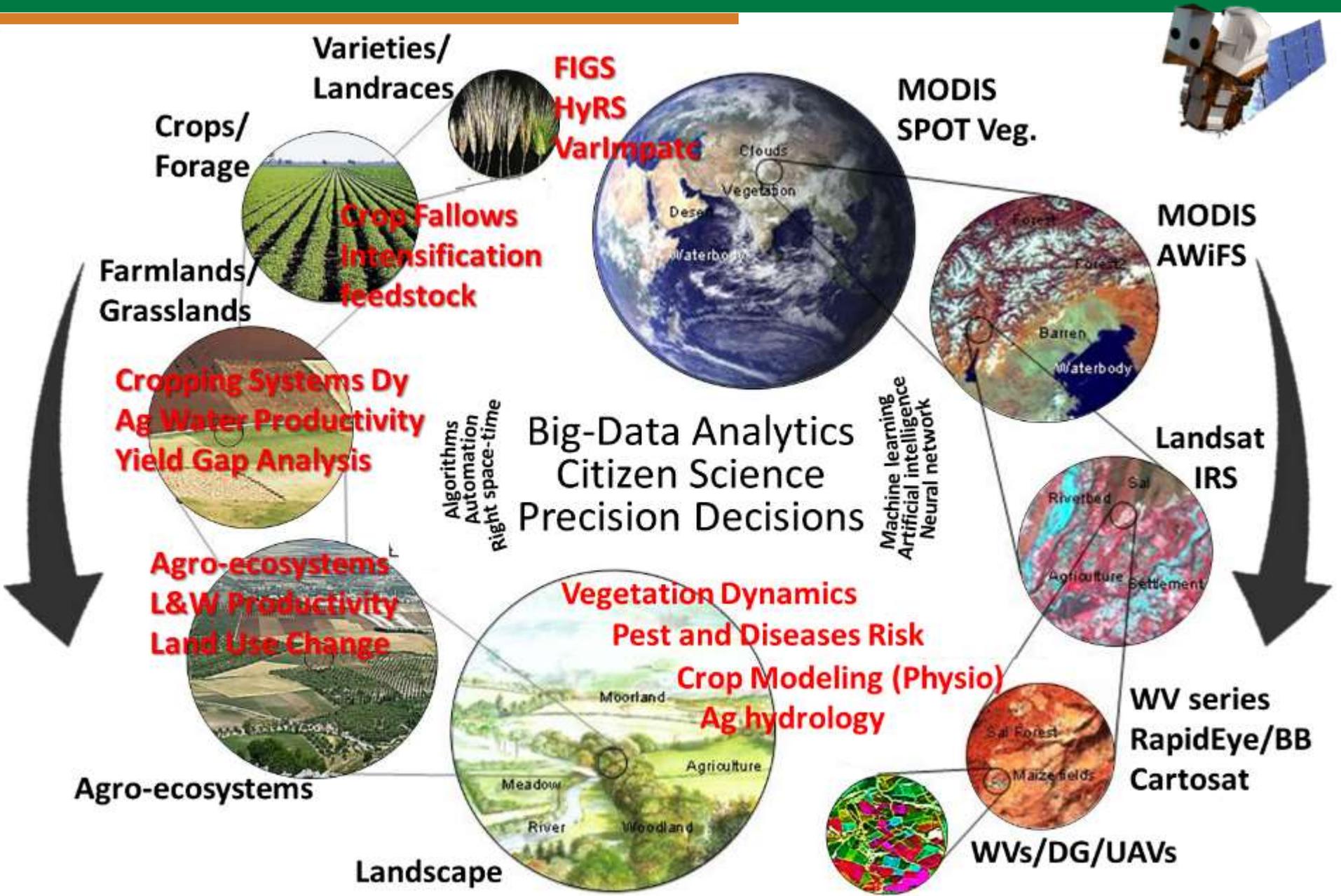
Example of One Sensor in each Platform/Scale

Platform	Platforms	Ground/ <i>in-situ</i>		Airborne		Spaceborne				
	Mode	Hyperspectral	Multispectral	Optical	LiDAR	Optical			LiDAR	SAR
RS data characteristics	Sensor	ASD FieldSpec	Mx Camera	APs/UAVs	Lidar	WorldView-2	Landsat	MODIS	ICESat*	PALSAR
	Spectral	350-2500nm	4 bands	3-4 bands	1264nm	8 bands	7 bands	7/36 bands*	1264 & 532nm	L band
	Spatial resolution	0.1-1.5m	0.1-0.2m	1-m	20 - 80cm	0.46m Pan; 1.84m MS	15m Pan; 30m MS	250m, 500m, 1000m MS	70m	10m, 20m, 100m
	Swath	1-4m	2-10m	--	1-2km	16.4km	185km	2330km		35-250km
Biophysical	Revisit	--	--	3-year	--	1.1 days	16 days	1 day	91 days	46 days
	Plant biomass	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
	Plant height				x				x	x
	LAI, fPAR, LST	x	x			x	x	x		
Biochemical	NDVI, EVI, LSWI	x	x	x		x	x	x		
	Erosion, Salinity	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
	Soil moisture	x	x	x		x	x			x
	Chlorophyll	x	x	x		x	x	x		
	Nitrogen	x	x	x		x	x			
	Phosphorous	x	x			x	x			
Production	Plant water	x	x			x		x		
	GPP	x	x	x		x		x		
LULC	NPP	x				x	x	x		
	land cover/use	x	x	x		x	x	x		x
	phenology	x	x				x	x		x
Terrain	Irrigation	x	x	x		x	x	x		x
	DEM		x	x	x	x			x	x
Scale	Derivatives		x	x	x				x	x
	Tier 1 AOIs	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Tier 2 action sites	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
	Tier 3 AEZs	x	x	x				x	x	x
	Tier 4 Target			x				x		x



Across the scales

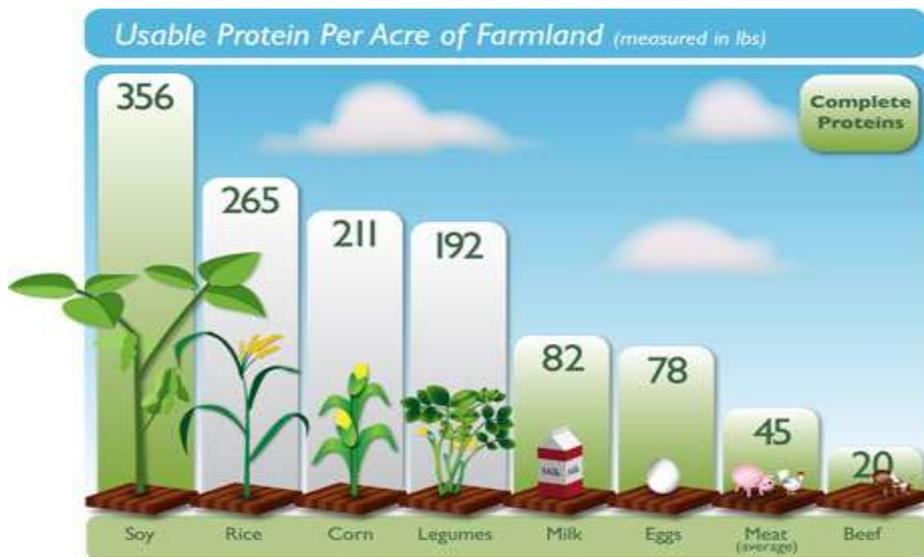
Scaling Trade-on/off
Farmscapes to Landscapes



Water, Nutrition, Ecology and Climate Change

Why dryland crops and crop diversification?

- Economically-Nutritious
- Ecological-Soil Health
- Improved Productivity
- More Climate Resilient
- Reduce Virtual Water Trade



<http://www.soyfoods.org/>

Reduce Loss and Produce More

Water-Efficient-Ecological Food Production



Daal/Falafel (1kg)
1,250 liters



Chicken (1kg)
4,325 liters



Mutton (1kg)
5,520 liters



Beef (1kg)
13,000 liters

Digital Agriculture Platform

Image Based, Open Source
Precision Decision at Farm scales

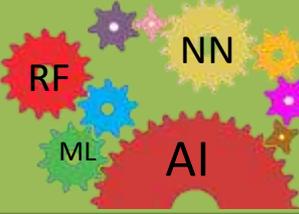


Crowdsource, OA, Cloud Computing at Farm Scale

Landsat AWS




**Citizen Science
Community of Practices**

Cadastral, Object & Pixel based

Biophysical and socio-ecological

Machine Learning
Crop types, crop intensity, pattern, fallows, crop stress, AET-I8, soil moisture-SMAP

Citizen-Science
Cellphone feedback

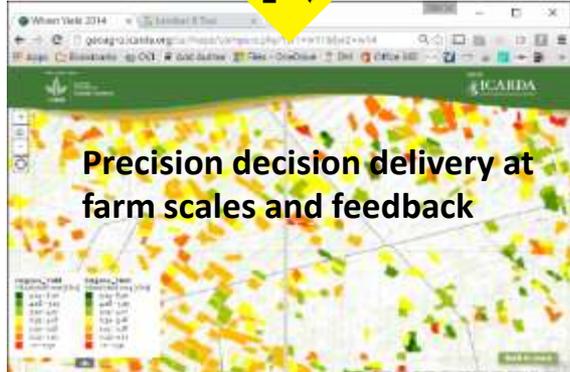
Direct Access and Markets/Trade

Precision-Decision

Timely-Access-Application-Trading (TAAT)



On the fly demand driven query and cluster analysis



Precision decision delivery at farm scales and feedback

Farming Stakeholders



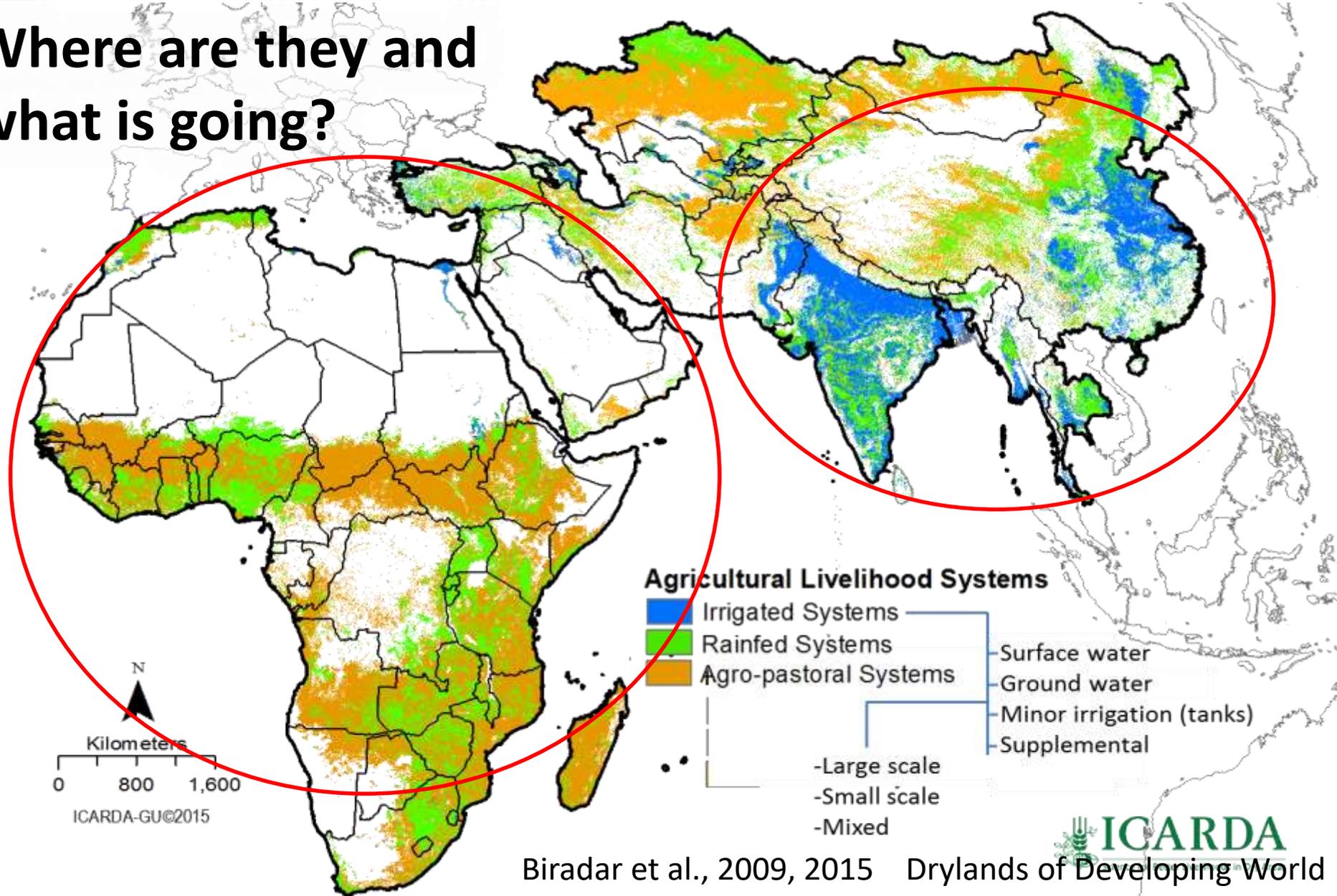
Right Time Right Place



Science for Better Livelihoods in Dry Areas

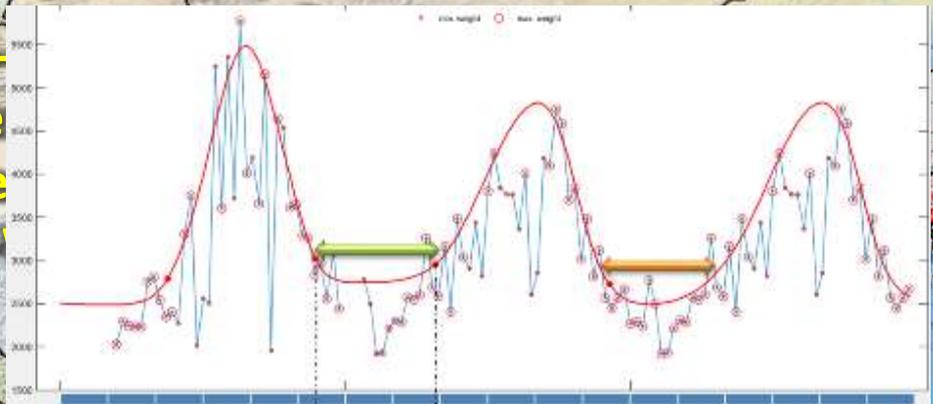
Existing Agricultural Production Systems

Where are they and what is going?

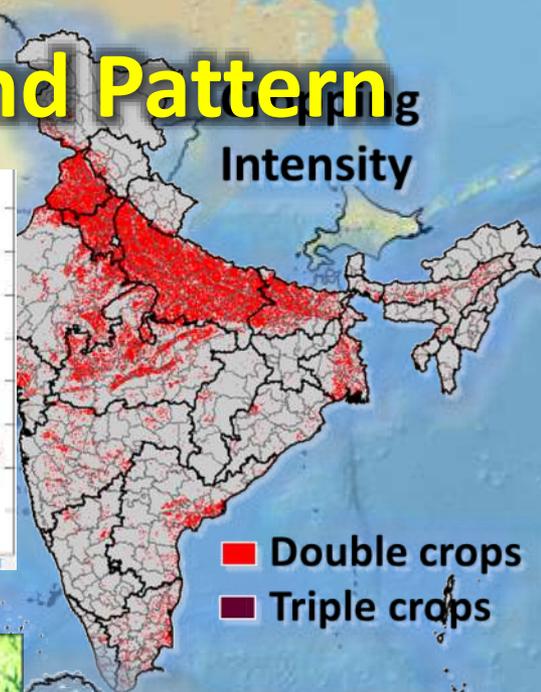


Dynamics of Cropping Intensity and Pattern

- Integrated Agro-
- Sustainable Inte
- Input Use Efficie
- Thematic Land-

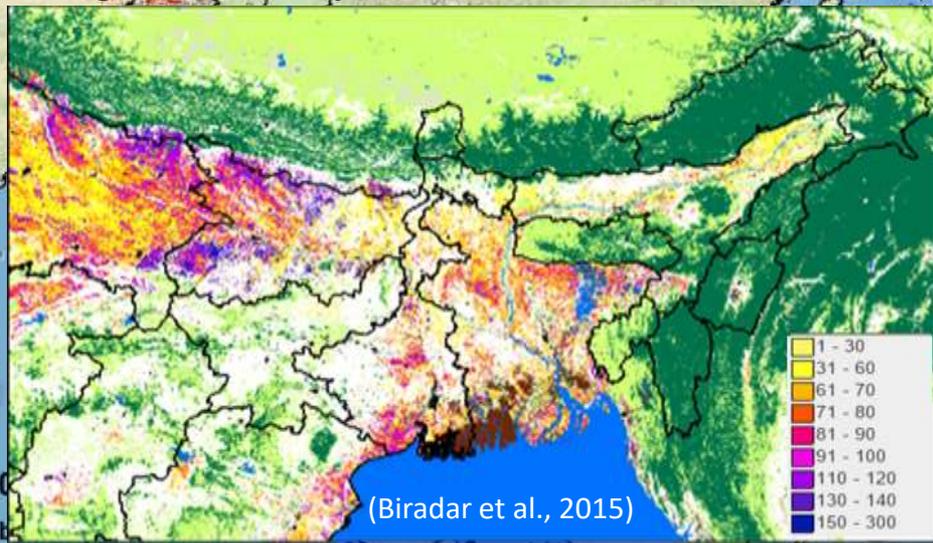


Length of the crop fallows, start-date, end-date

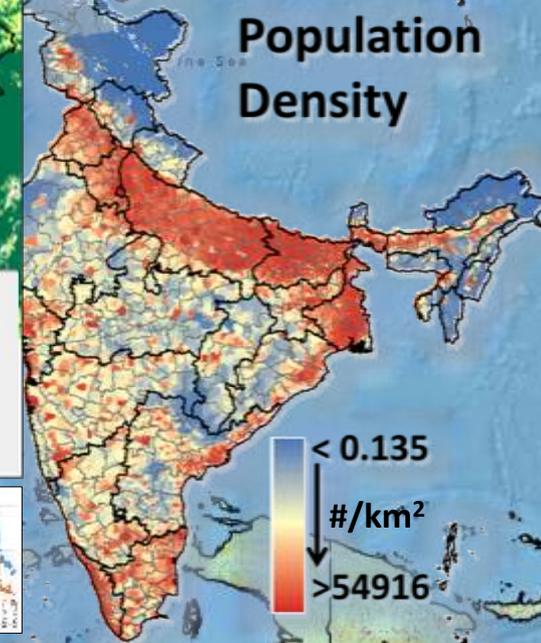


Double crops
Triple crops

How can we track and link?



(Biradar et al., 2015)



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#/km²
> 54916

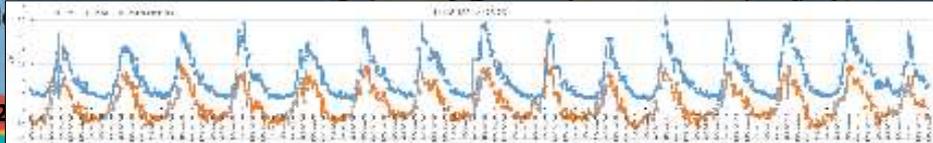
Year 200

Double
Triple

Agricultural Intensification



Increase in Arable Land



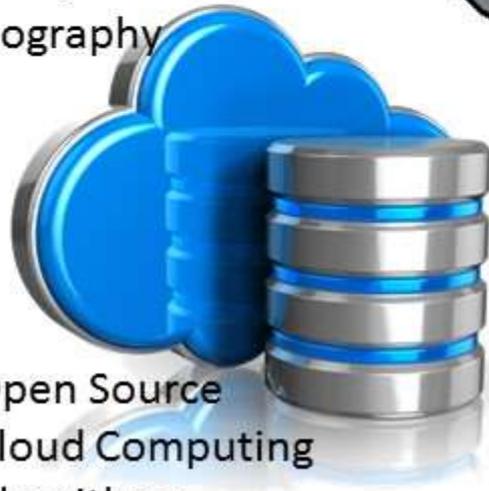
Quantification of its dynamics

Under changing Climate and Demography

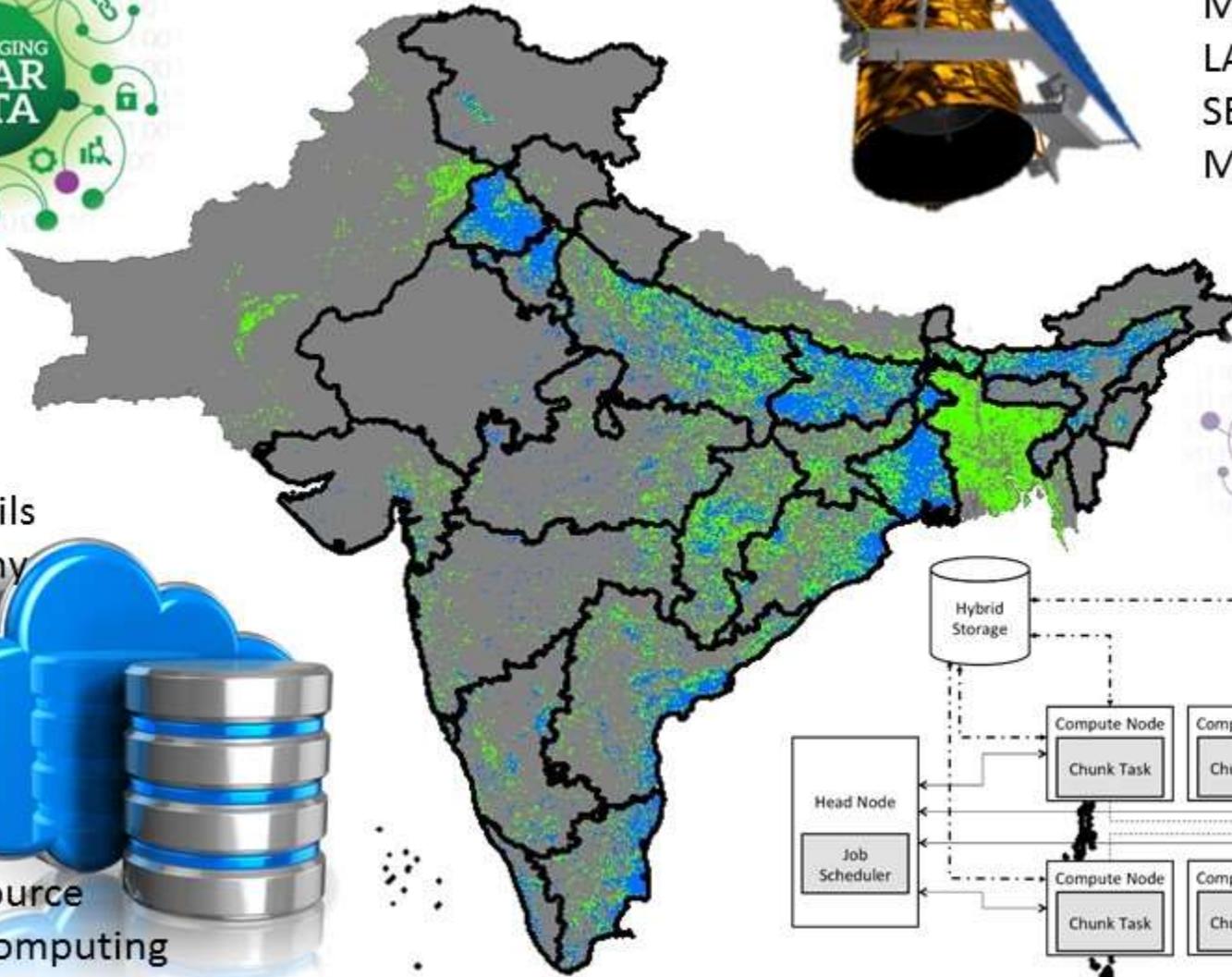


Remote Sensing
MODIS
LANDSAT
SENTINEL
MICROS

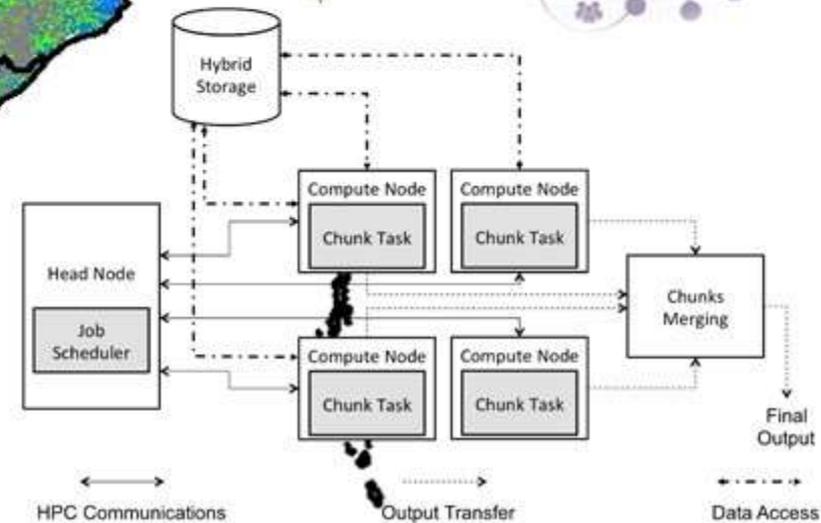
GeoStats
AgCensus
Climate, Soils
Demography



Open Source
Cloud Computing
Algorithms

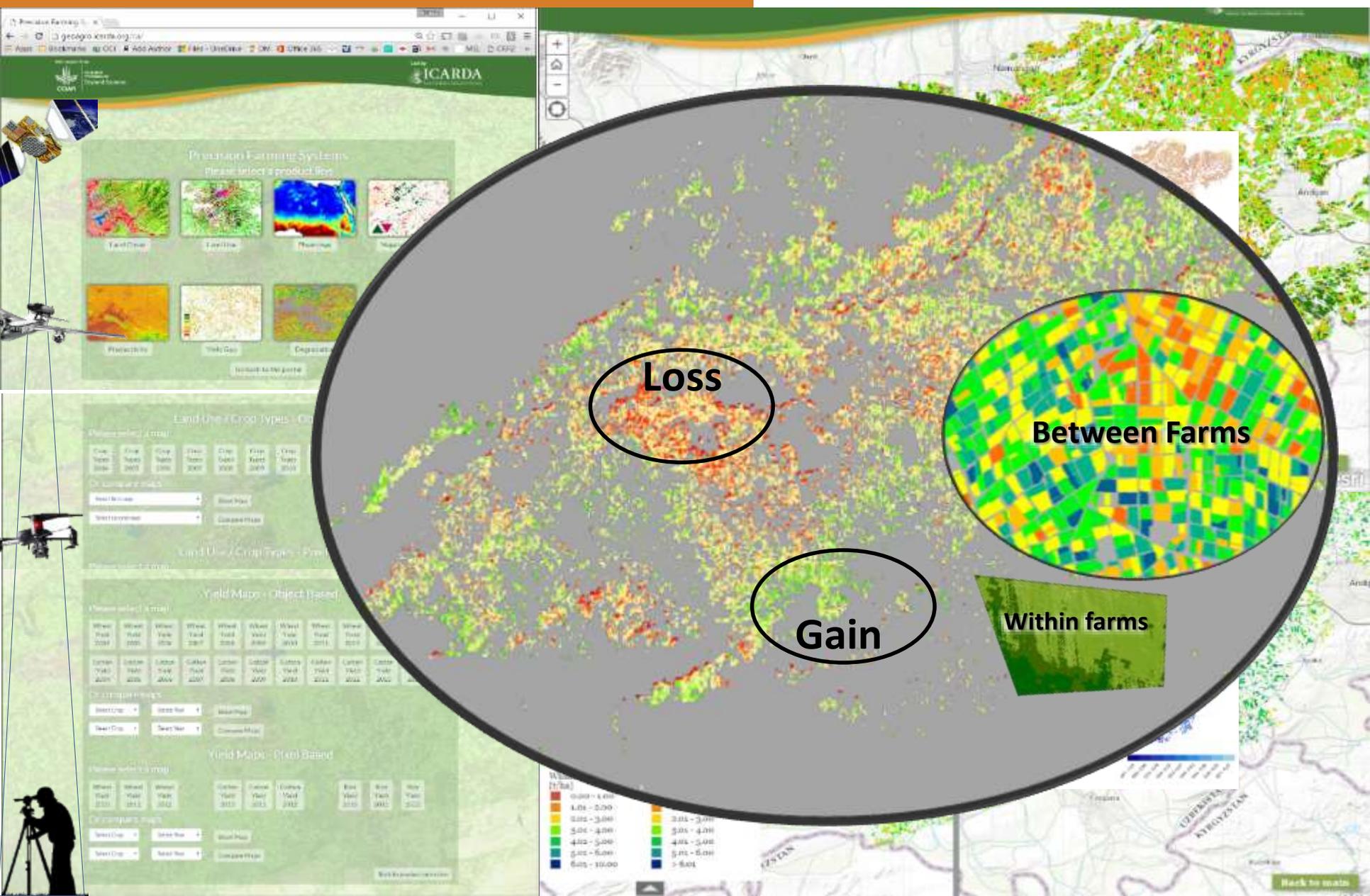


Biradar, 2016*



EOS in Precision Decisions

Automated workflow for operational mapping, monitoring and rural advisory



Ag Intensification & Diversification

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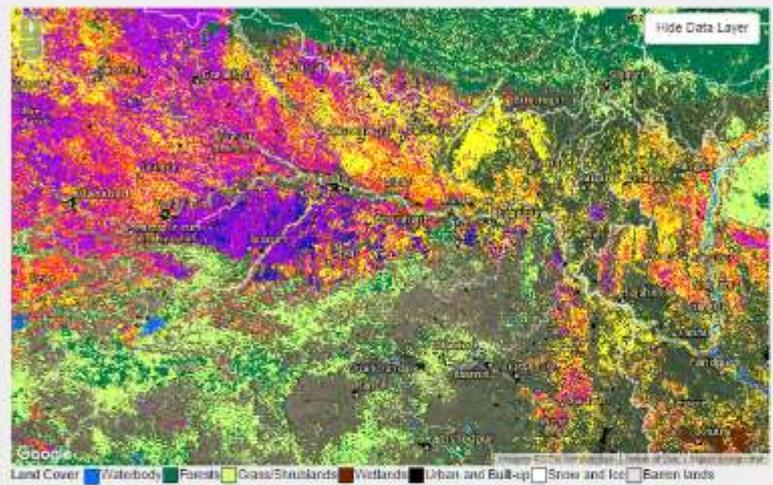
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India Mapping x ICARDA BioComi x Precision Farming x CA/FerganaYield x

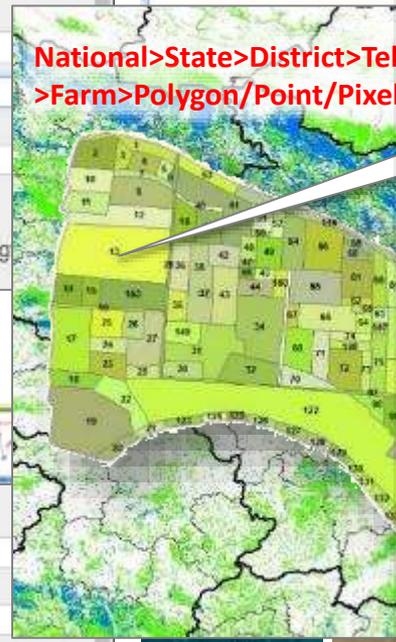
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Agricultural Intensification and Crop Diversification
Exploring untapped potential in crop-fallows for sustainable future

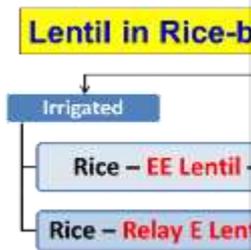


Near real-time
pixel to land



Variable

Crop Fallows



Cropping System

- Crop Intensity
- Crop Calendar
- Crop Rotation
- Cropped Area

Fallow Dynamics

- Fallow area
- Duration
- Start date
- End date

Yield Potential

- Current
- Achievable

Suitable Crop/Variety

- Legumes
- Oil Seeds

Soils

- Soil Health (SHC)
- Soil Moisture (SMAP)

Water use

- Evapotranspiration
- Allocation/Irri. Sch.

Markets

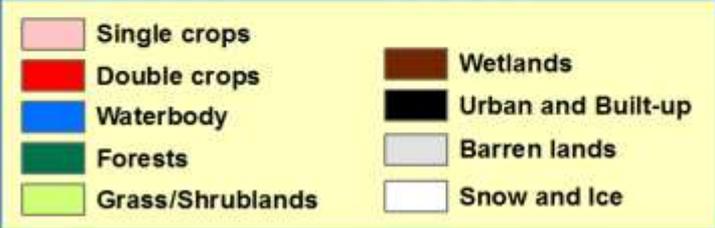
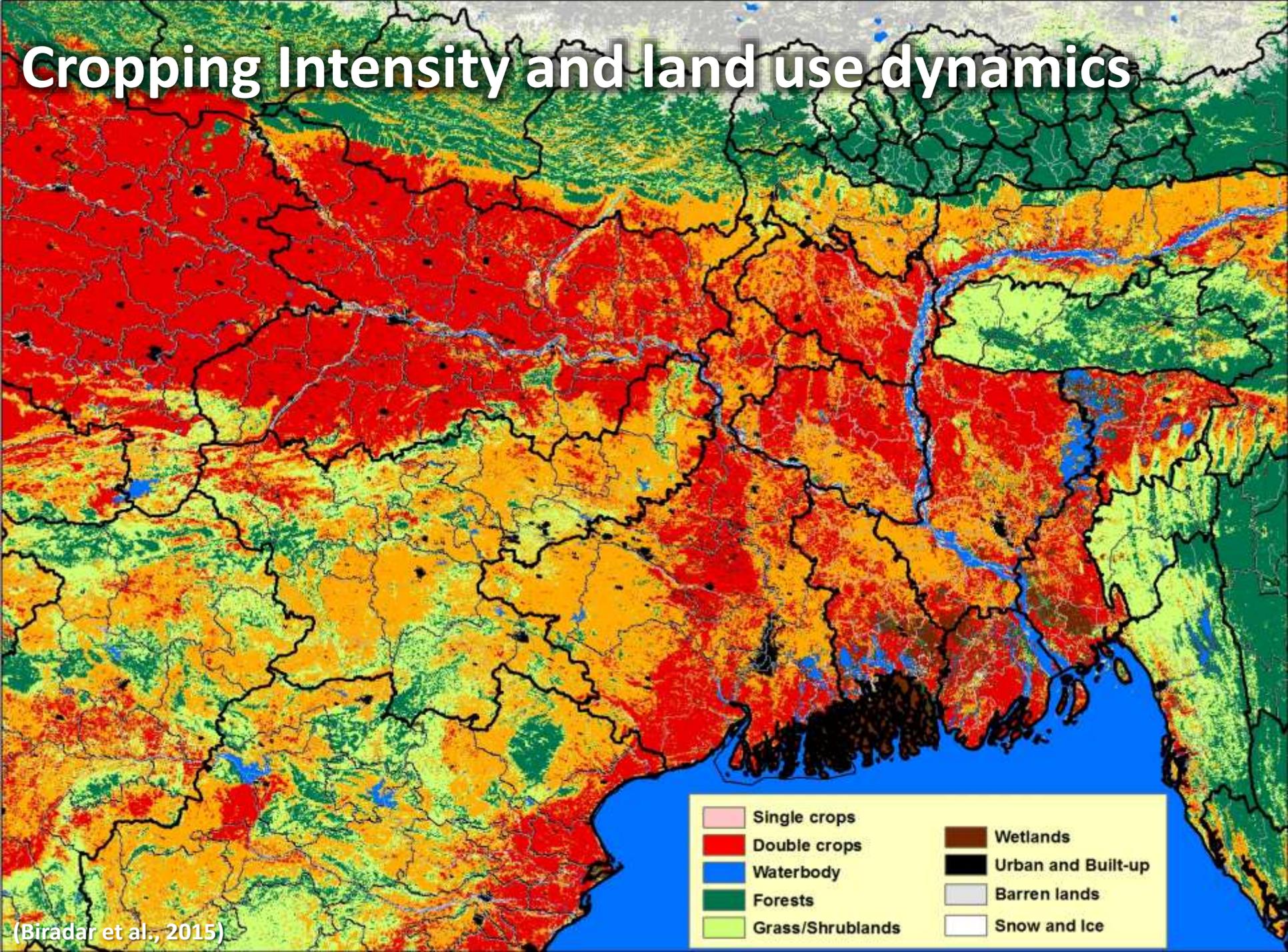
- ePlatform
- Ag Supply Chain
- Access (I/O)

Monitoring

- Pest/Diseases
- Crop Stress

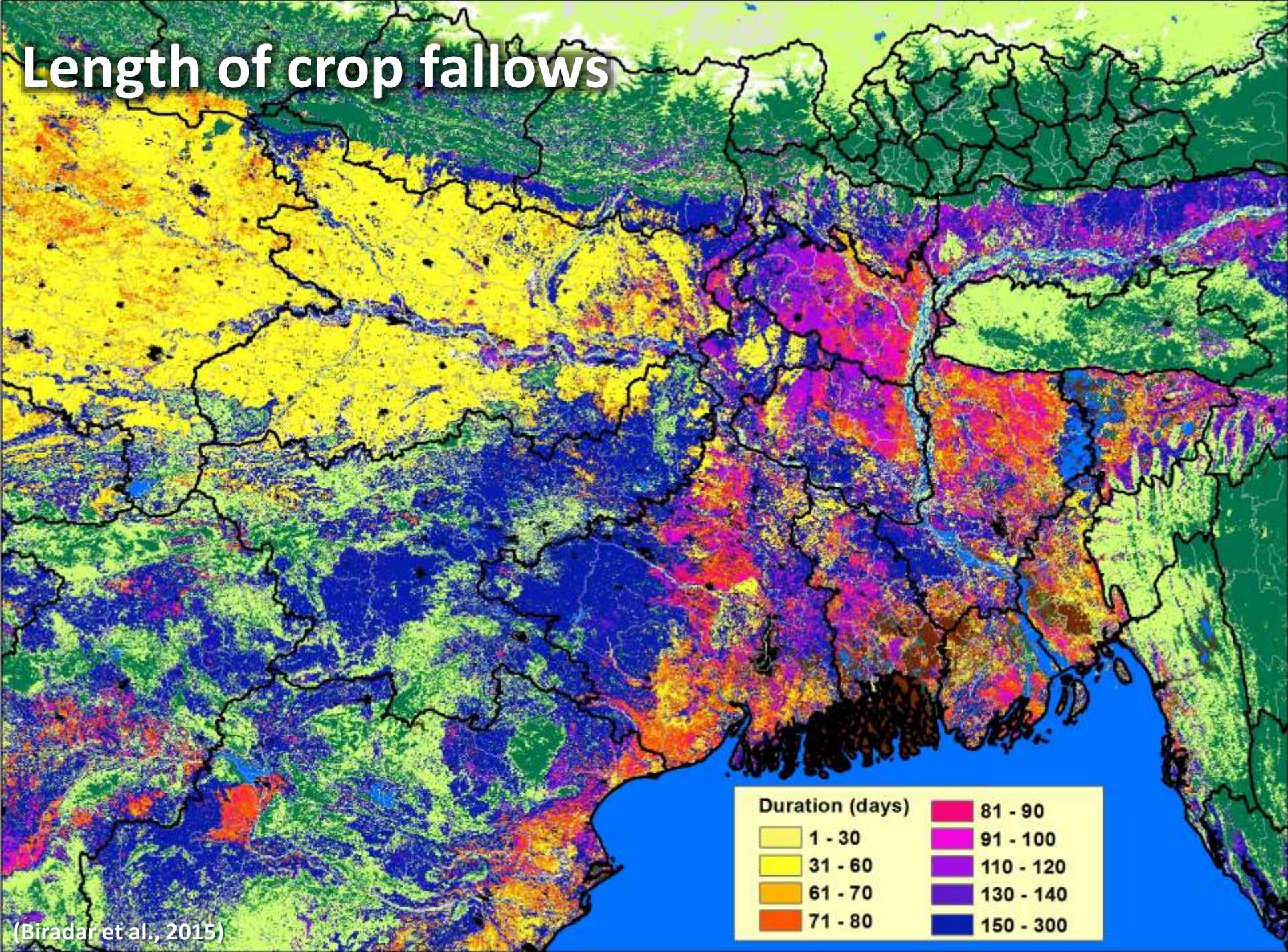
Citizen Science

Cropping Intensity and land use dynamics



(Biradar et al., 2015)

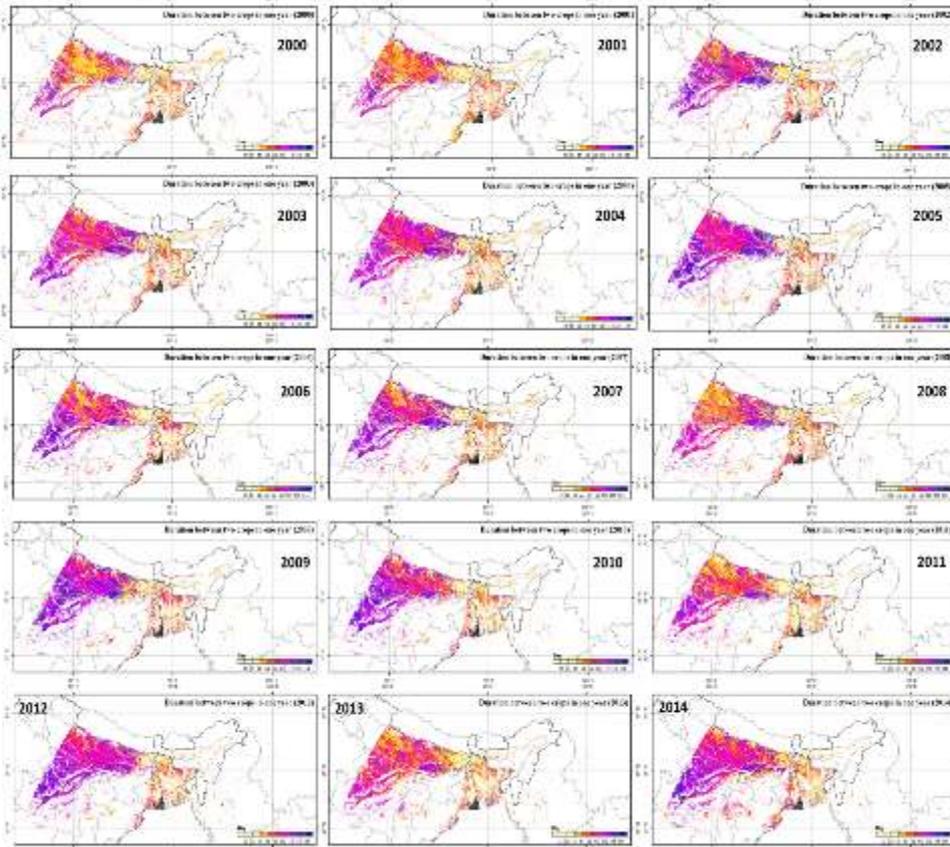
Length of crop fallows



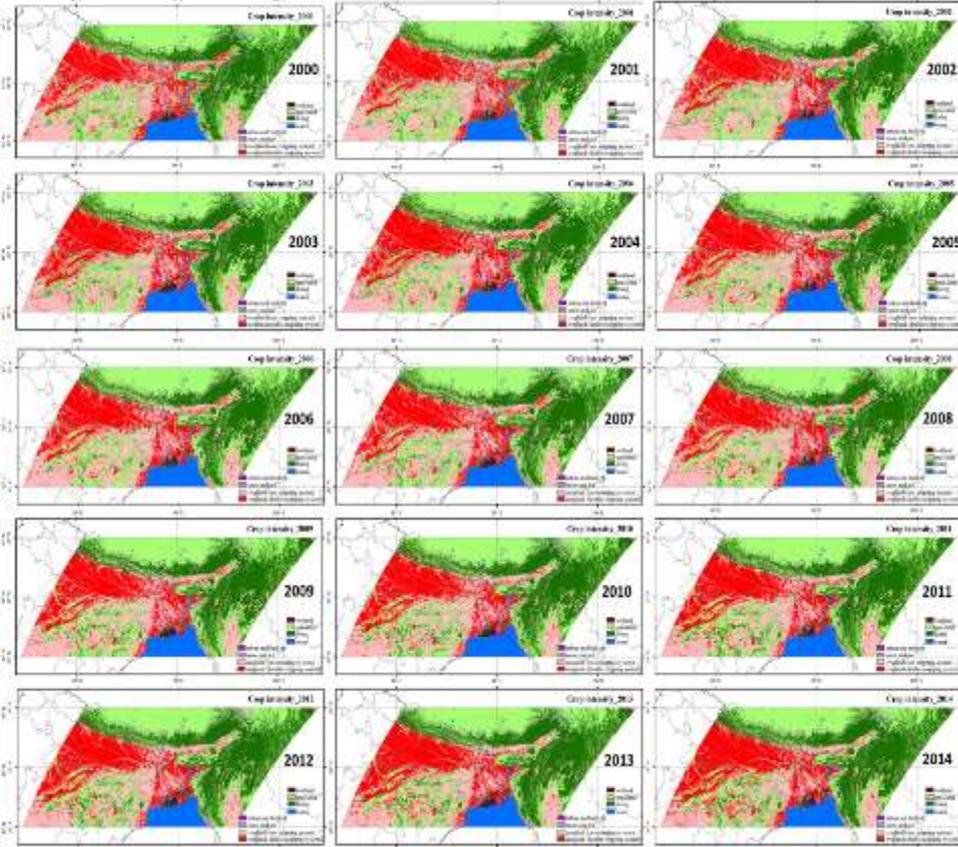
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Inter and Intra Annual Dynamics over Decades

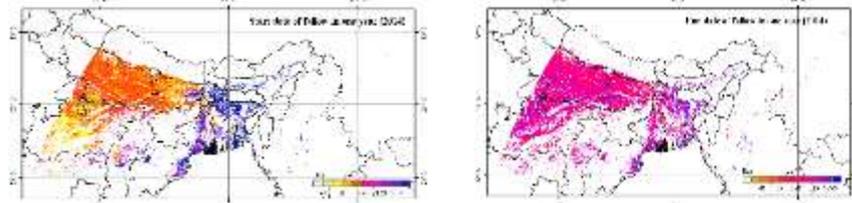
Length of Crop Fallows (LCP): 2000-2015



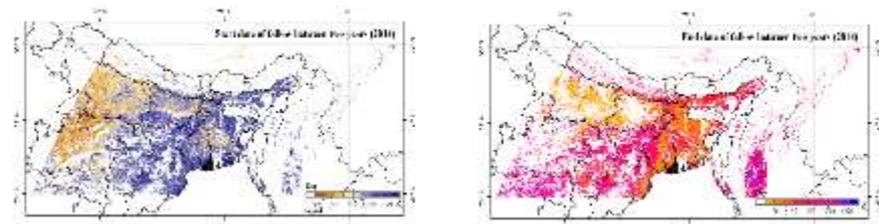
Cropping Intensity and land cover: 2000-2014



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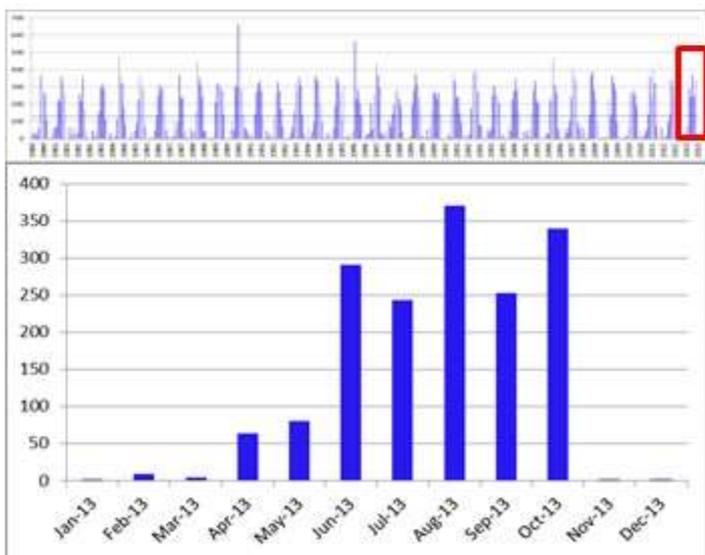
Start and End Dates of Inter-annual Fallows



Start and End Dates of Intra-annual Fallows



 Fallow from July to January (7 months)



- Research
- Programs
- Projects
 - Digital Agriculture
 - IFAD-CC
 - EU-IFAD-CS
 - HSAD
 - SARD-SC**
 - CANA
 - Watershed
 - Pest & Diseases

The screenshot displays the SARD-SC web application interface, which is used for crop suitability analysis. It features several overlapping windows and callouts:

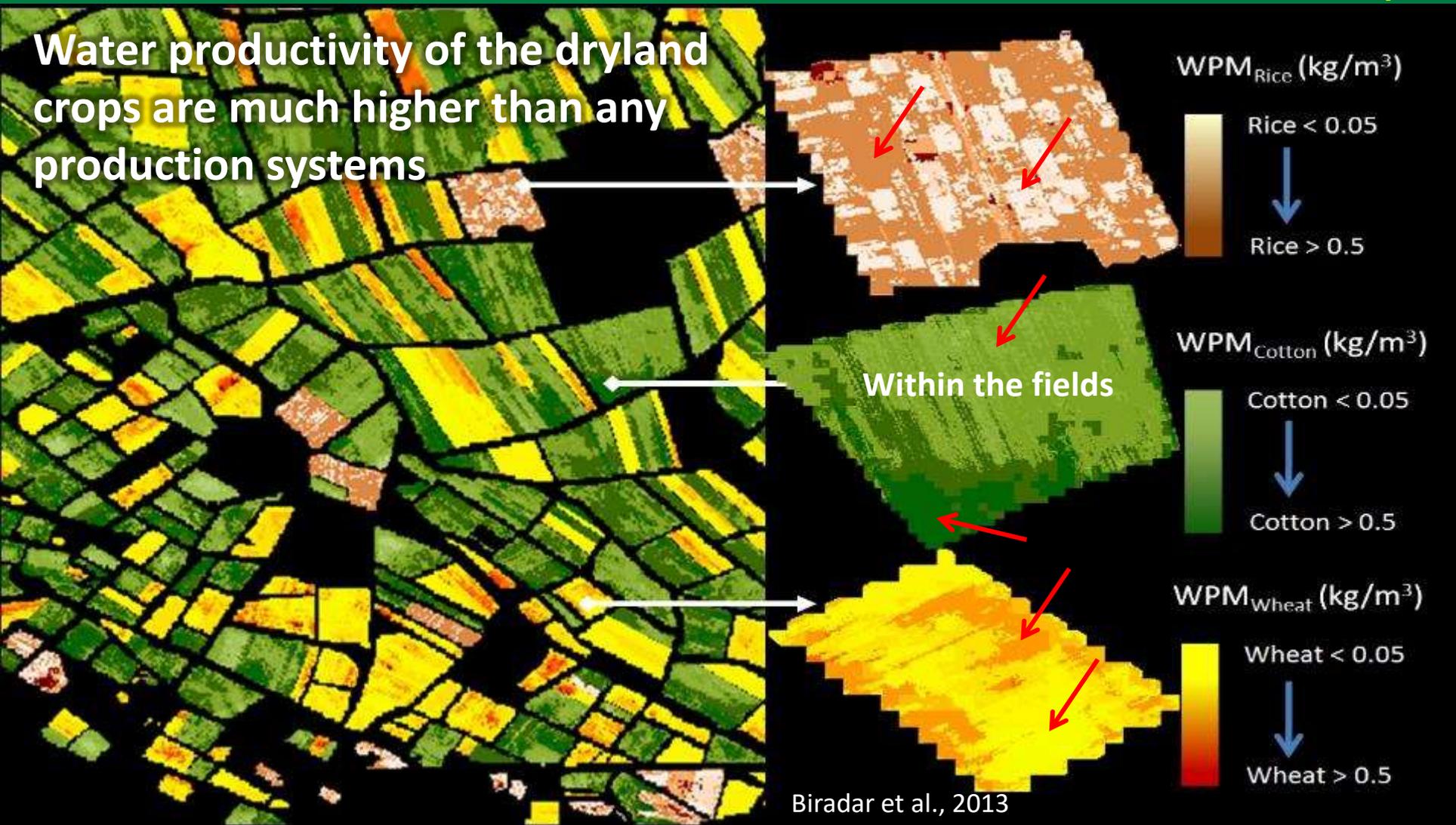
- Option 1: by crops and varieties**: A callout pointing to the 'Option 1' selection in the 'Select by crop' menu.
- Select by crop and variety**: A callout pointing to the 'Select by crop and variety' step in the workflow.
- Select the biophysical parameters of your area of interest**: A callout pointing to the 'Add biophysic' step.
- Click on Plot selected**: A callout pointing to the 'Plot' button in the 'Select by crop' menu.
- Click on Find suitable crops/var. suitable to your location**: A callout pointing to the 'Find Crops' button.
- It will display recommended varieties as shown**: A callout pointing to the 'Find Crops' button.

The interface includes a sidebar with a 'Research' menu, a main content area with a map of Ethiopia, and a right-hand navigation menu with 'Outreach', 'FAQ', and 'My Account'. The map displays suitability levels for different crops and varieties, with callouts for 'Low', 'Medium', and 'High' suitability. A legend on the right side of the map shows the color coding for suitability levels. The bottom of the screen shows a taskbar with open documents: 'ICARDA Computerdocx' and 'To be announced.docx'.

Where are those Yield Gaps?

Inter and Intra Field Variability

Water productivity of the dryland crops are much higher than any production systems



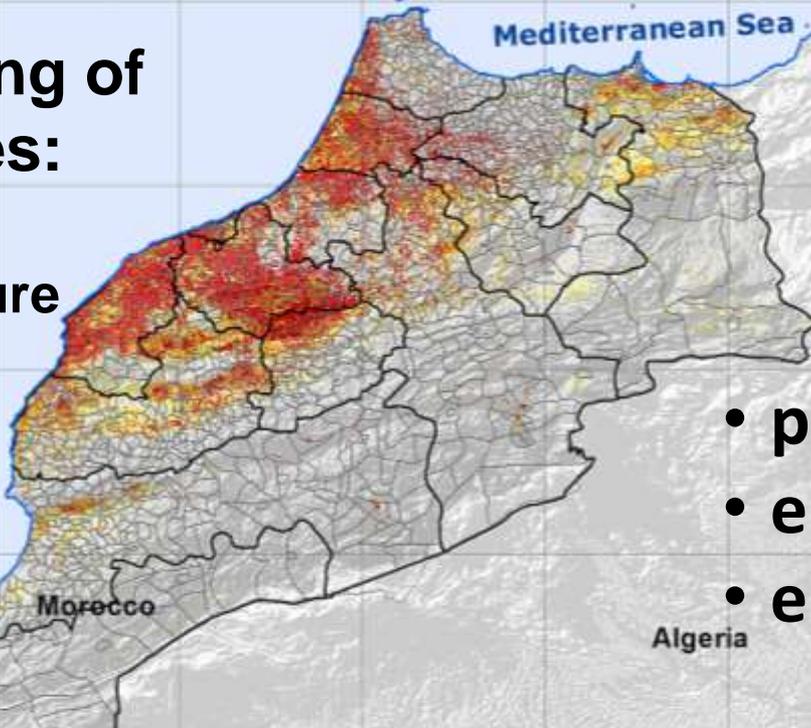
Water productivity (WP) is defined as the kg of yield produced/m³ of water used or, alternatively, as value in \$ of yield produced/m³ of water used.

WP of Cotton	0.42 kg/m ³	0.50 USD/m ³
WP of Wheat	0.60 kg/m ³	0.33 USD/m ³
WP of Rice paddy	0.50 kg/m ³	0.10 USD/m ³

Adoption and out scaling of Innovative Technologies:

e.g., Conservation Agriculture

- productivity
- employment
- enterprise



Suitability class	Area (km2)	Population	Density
Highly suitable	40,956	10,021,600	243
Medium suitable	28,870	5,081,674	174
Low suitable	24,083	2,929,224	122
Not suitable	576,076	9,471,688	16

Legend

Suitability

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Unsuitable

Region

District

0 200 400 800 Kilometers

1 cm = 90 km

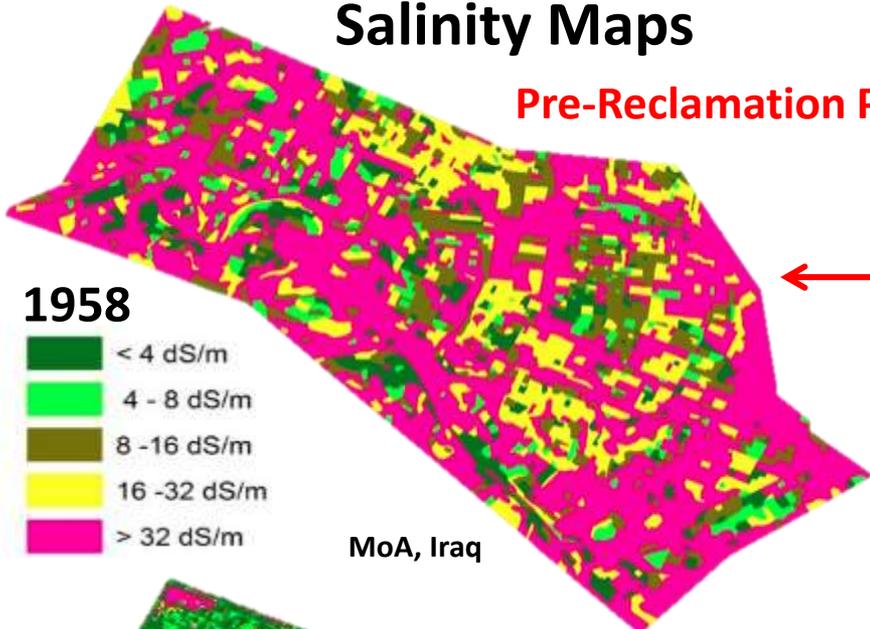
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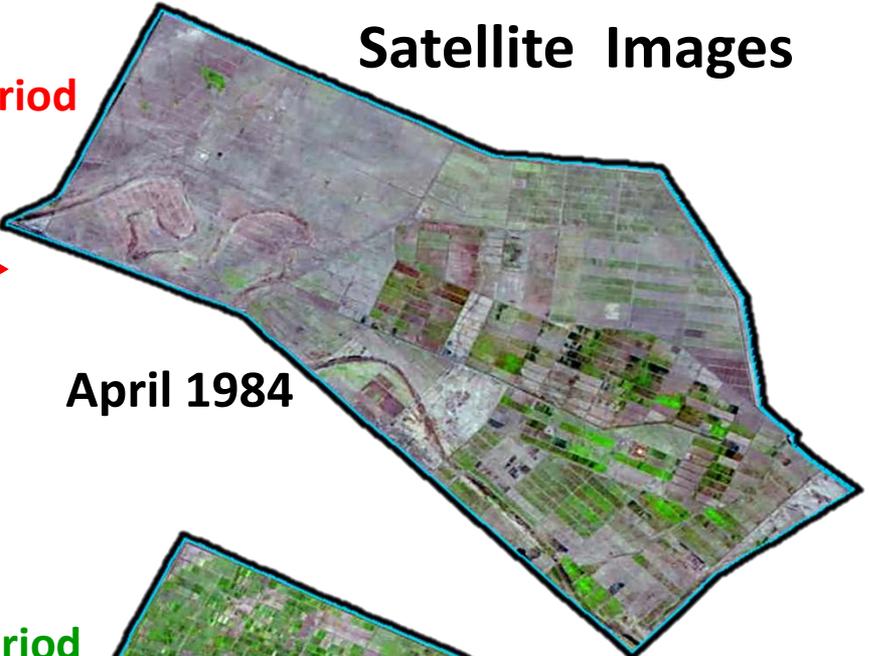
Soil Salinity, Dujaila, Iraq

Salinity Maps

Pre-Reclamation Period

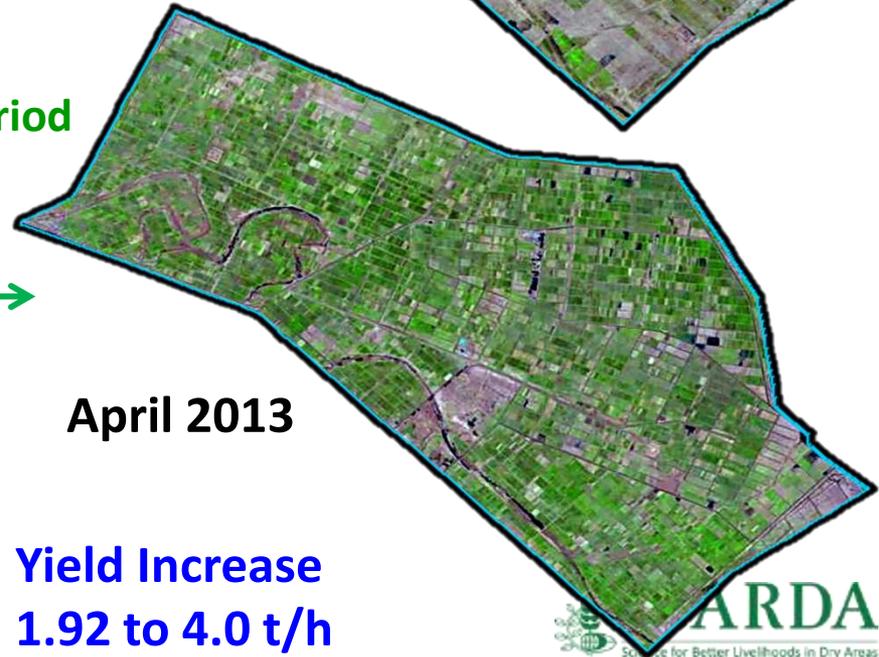
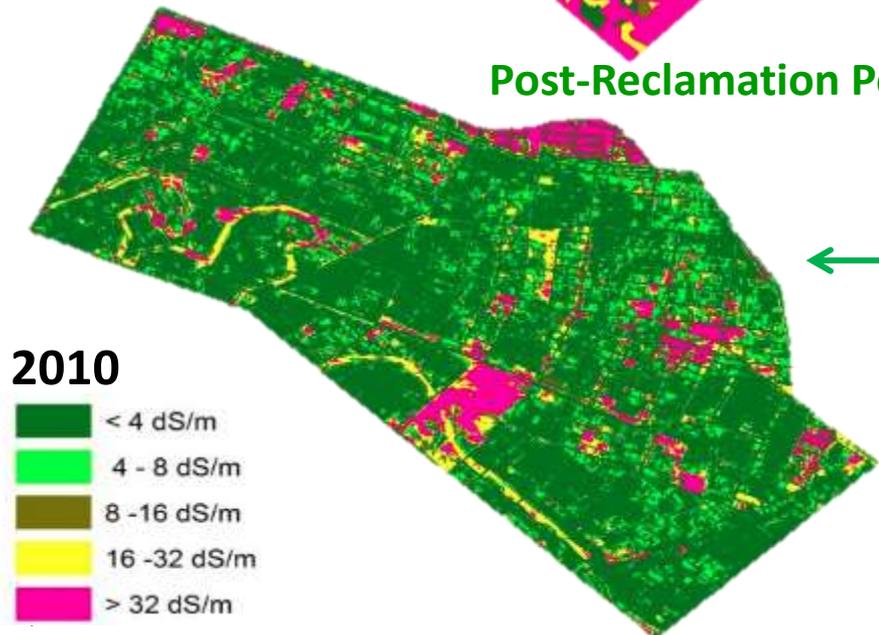


Satellite Images



April 1984

Post-Reclamation Period



April 2013

Yield Increase
1.92 to 4.0 t/h

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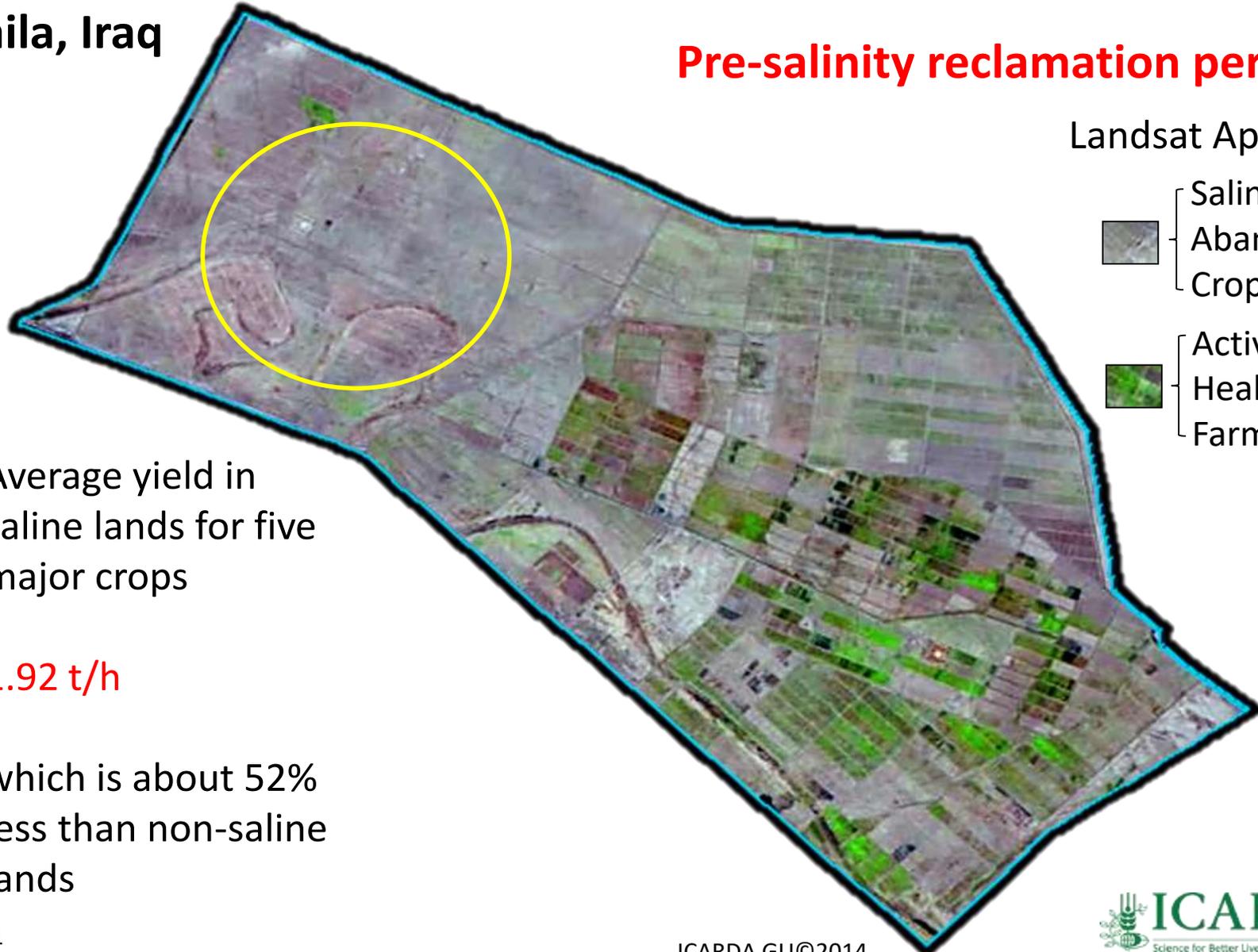
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Pre-salinity reclamation period

Landsat April 1984

- Saline or Abandoned Croplands
- Active or Healthy Farmlands



Average yield in saline lands for five major crops

1.92 t/h

which is about 52% less than non-saline lands

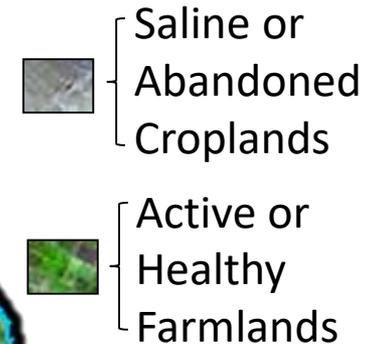
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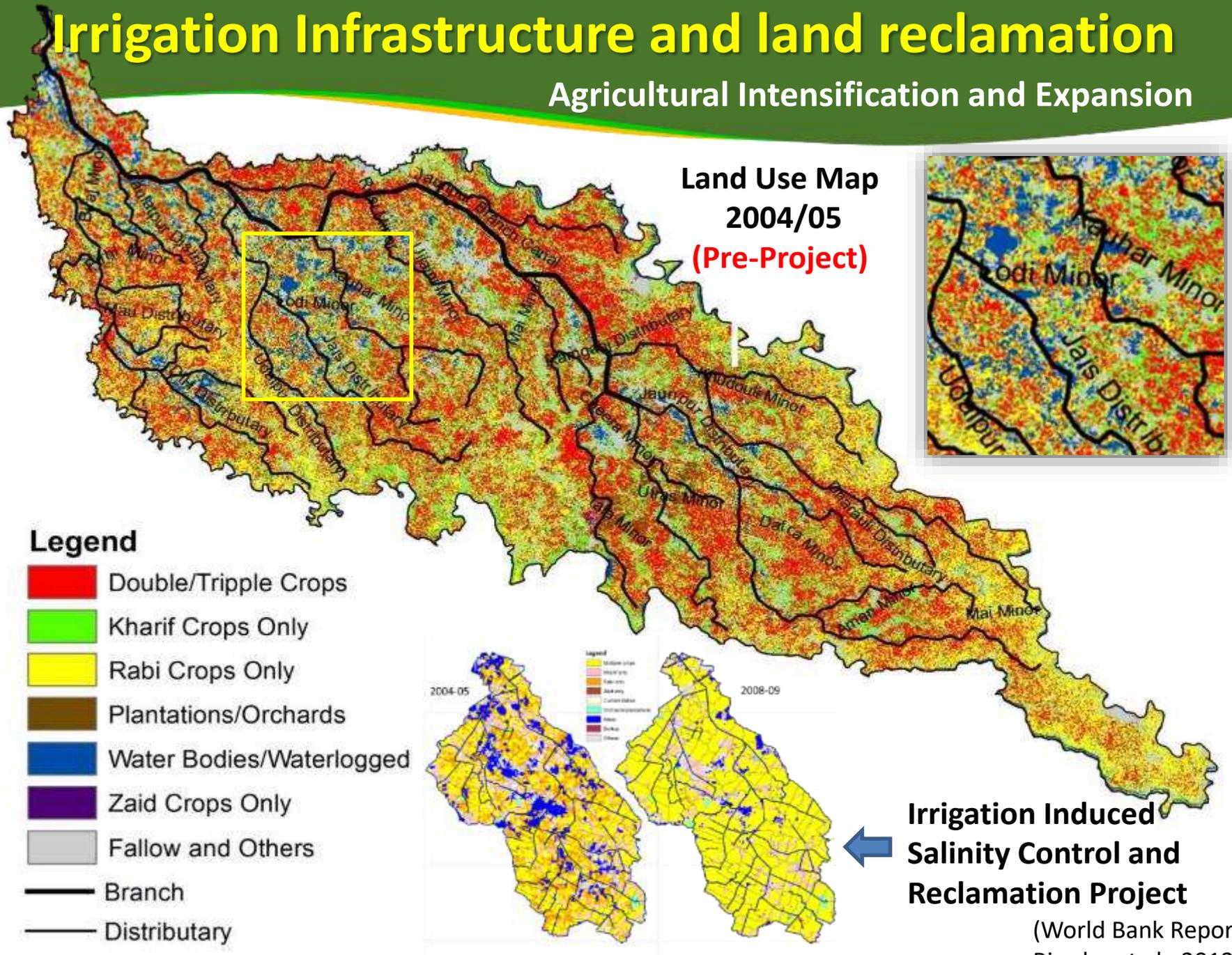
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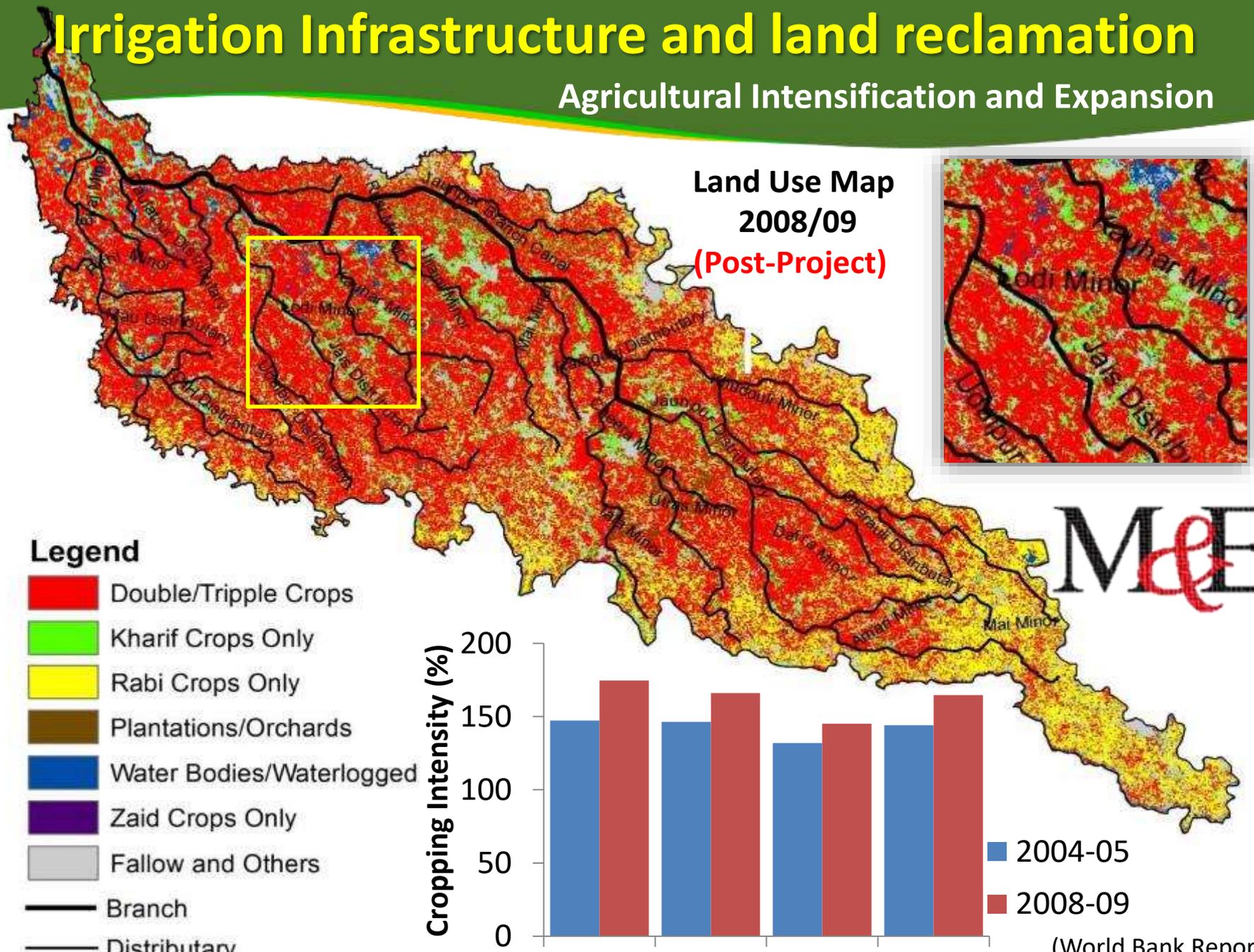
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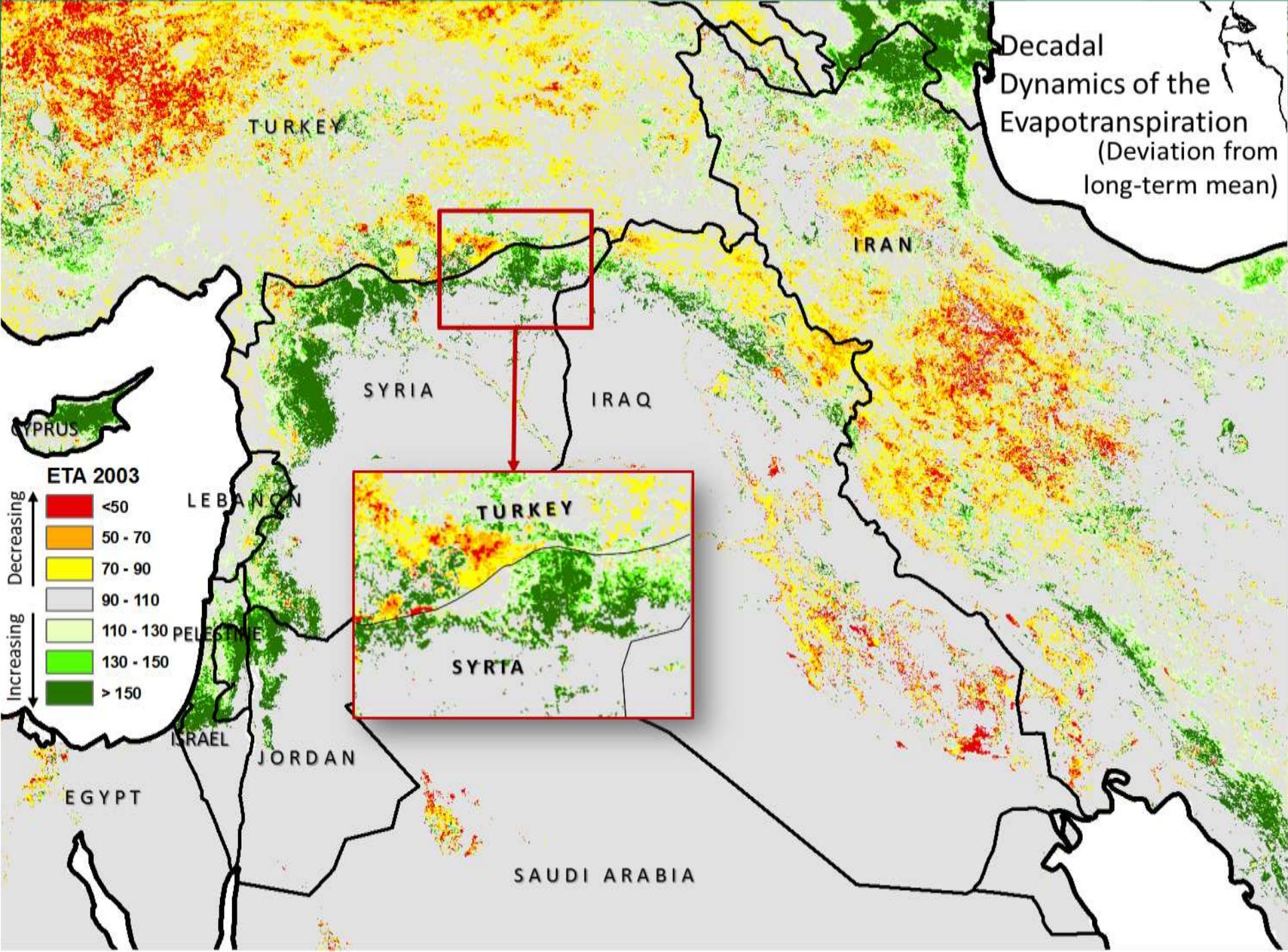


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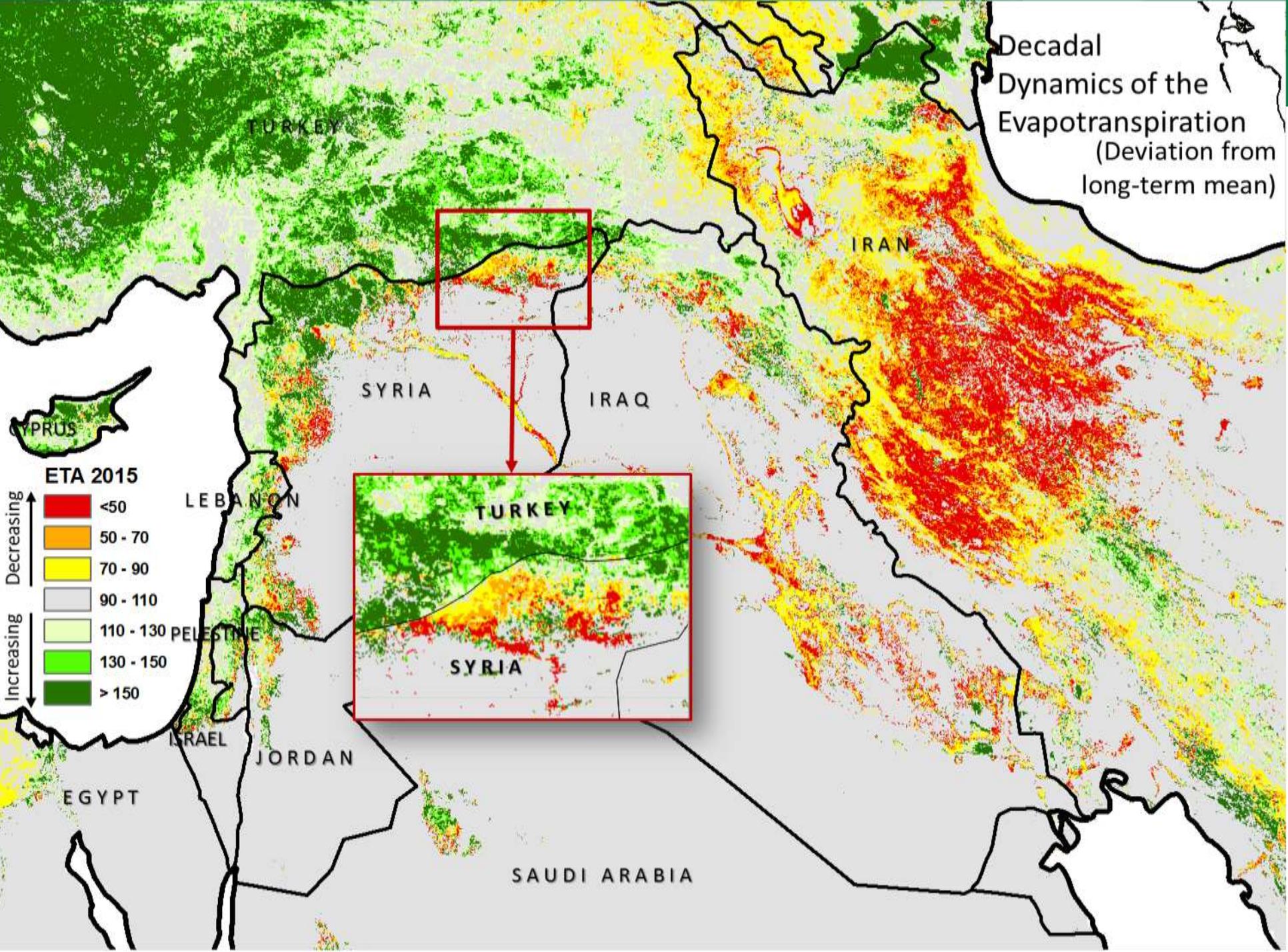
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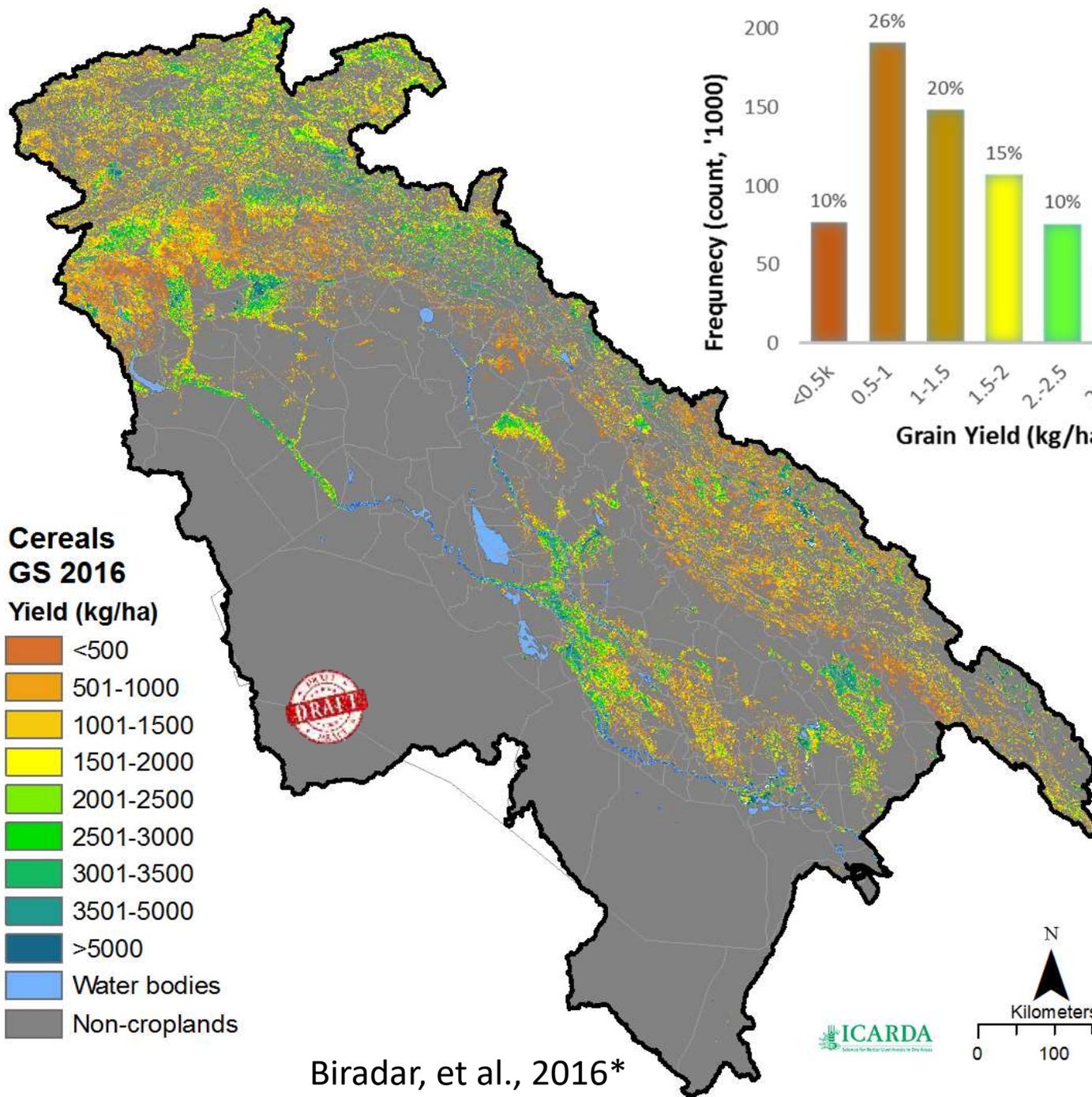
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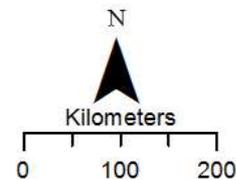


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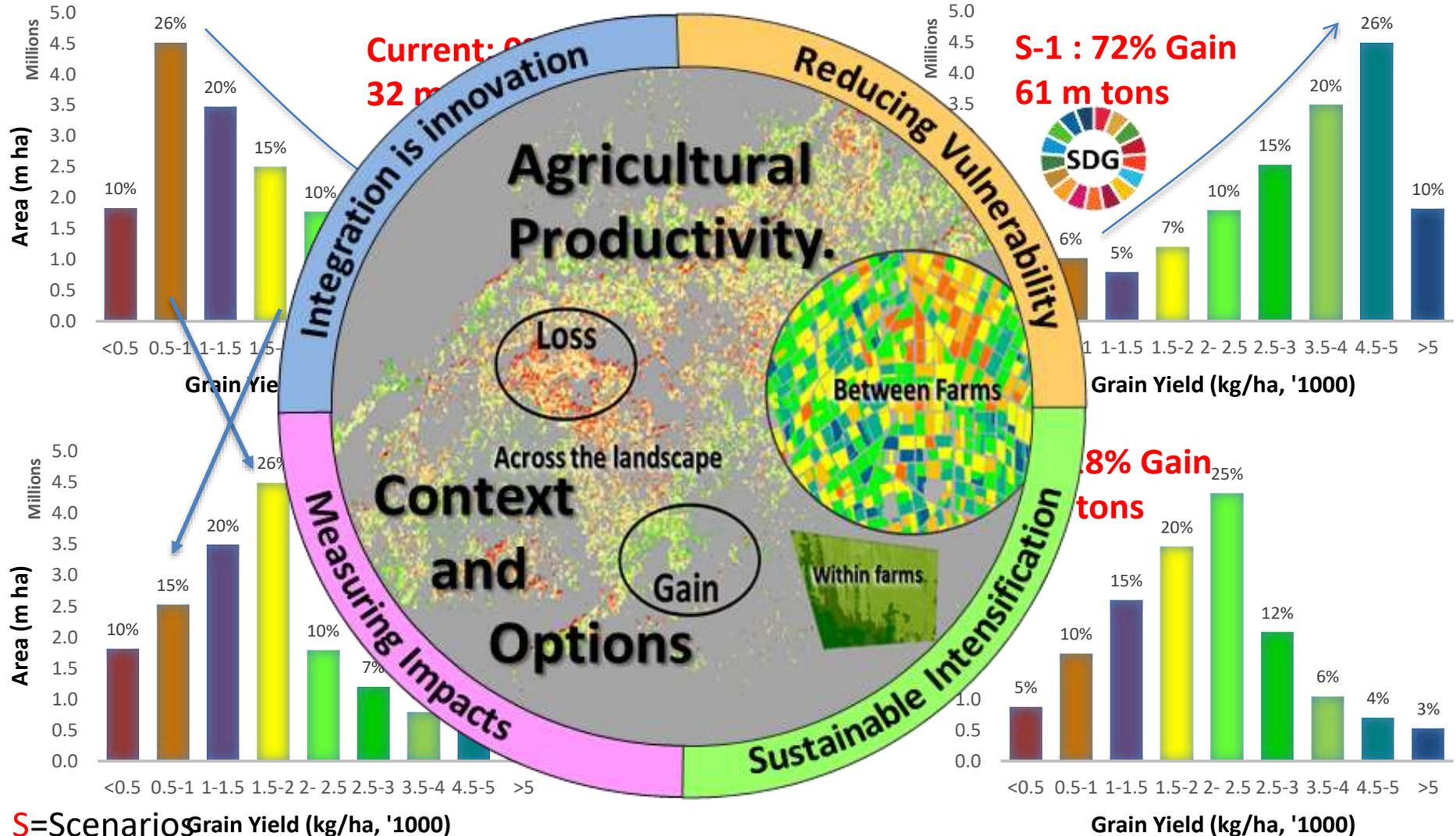


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Location specific Investment, Interventions and Impacts



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Connecting the dots of resilience

Agricultural production systems heavily compromised sustainable food production and health of the lives and planet earth by neglecting climate smart crops (dryland cereals and legumes)

Integrated farming systems with better soil, water, trees, and livestock management for nutritious food and agro-ecosystems for a sustainable future



in an **inch of land** and **bunch of crop**



Harvesting multiple gains

- genetic and breeding? 15-20
- management and agronomy? 50-60
- socio-economy and ecology? 20-35

Thank You

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avoid the unmanageable and
manage the unavoidable

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