



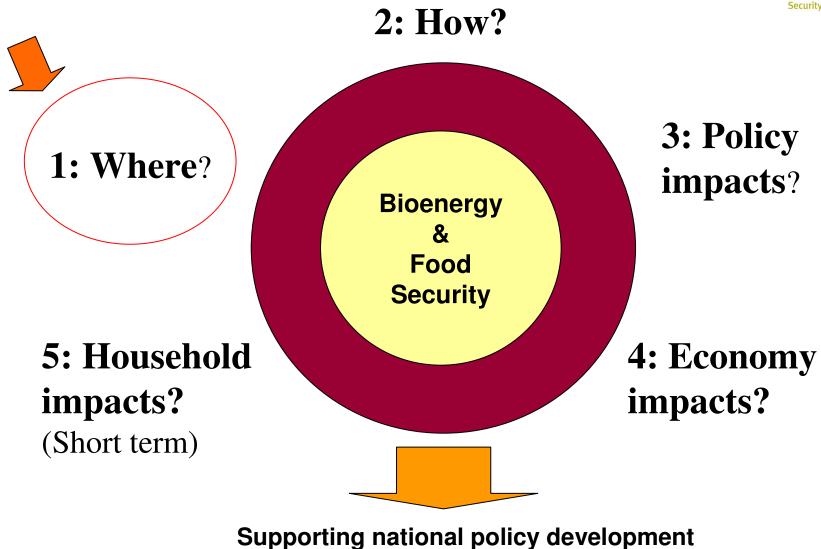
BEFS Module 1 –
Assessing the
Biophysical Potential
for Bioenergy Crops in
Tanzania

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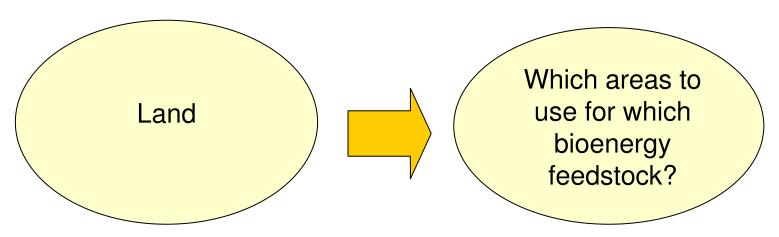
BEFS Analytical Framework







Module 1: The Intuition





- Which area is most suitable?
- What agriculture management system?
- What yields can be achieved?
- Zoning?

Suitability Mapping (Agroecological Zoning) Details



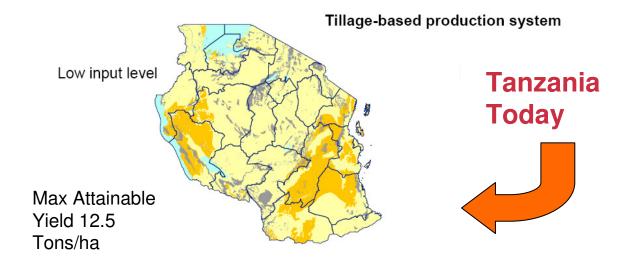
- Based on soil and climatic characteristics and crop requirements under rain fed conditions
- Cassava, Sugar Cane, Sweet Sorghum, Palm Oil and Sunflower
- Two production systems:
 Tillage-based and Conservation Agriculture
- Two level of inputs:
 Low and High

An Example: Cassava

Medium

Low



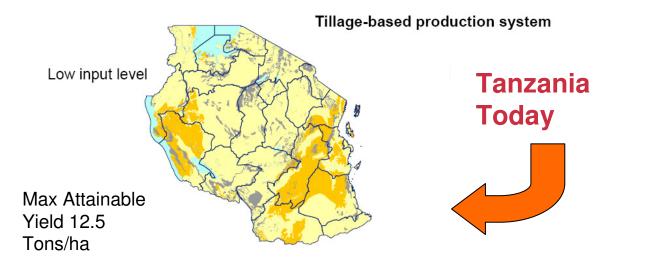


Not Suitable

Water

Cassava: The impact of the management system BEFS

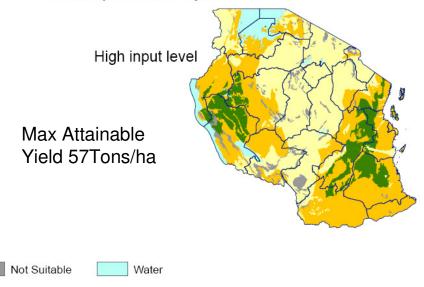




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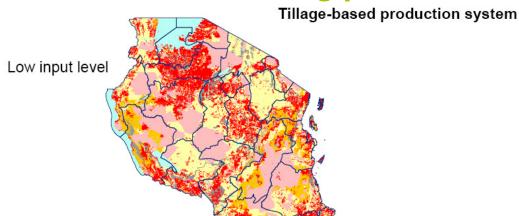
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Conservation Agriculture production system



Cassava: Excluding protected and food areas

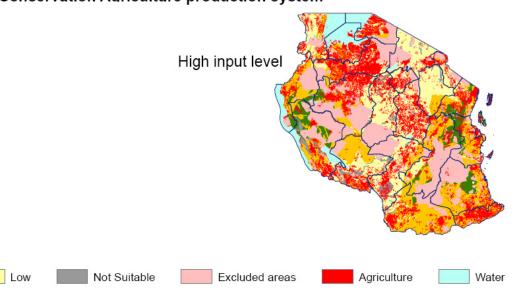




CASSAVA - Suitability Index

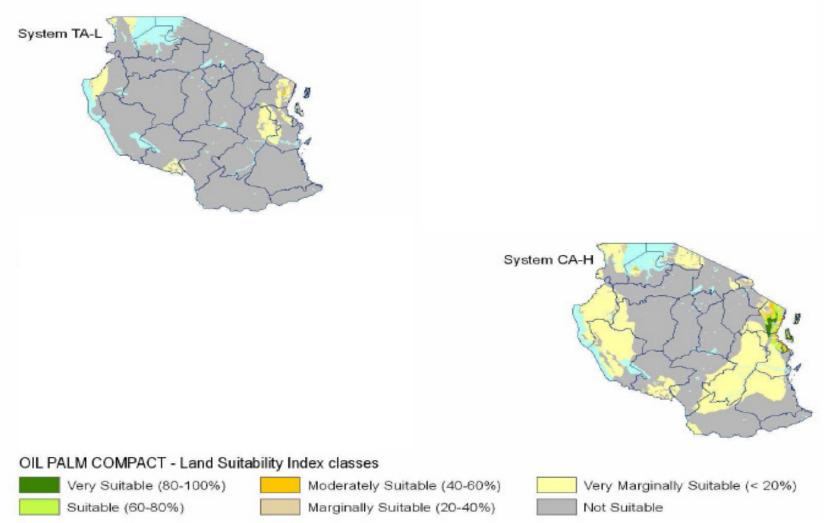
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Conservation Agriculture production system



Oil Palm









- There is potential to increase cassava and sunflower production under rain fed conditions
- Sugar cane and palm oil: limiting factor is irrigation



Module 1- Overcomming constraints: Directions for policy

Investments needed for:

- Infrastructure roads, irrigation
- Creating incentives for improved agricultural productivity through credit and finance provisions
- Education Limited knowledge of sustainable agriculture production systems
- Developing new markets
- Agricultural R&D



THANK YOU!

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