



# Land Development Department (LDD) Soil and Fertilizer Society of Thailand (SFST)



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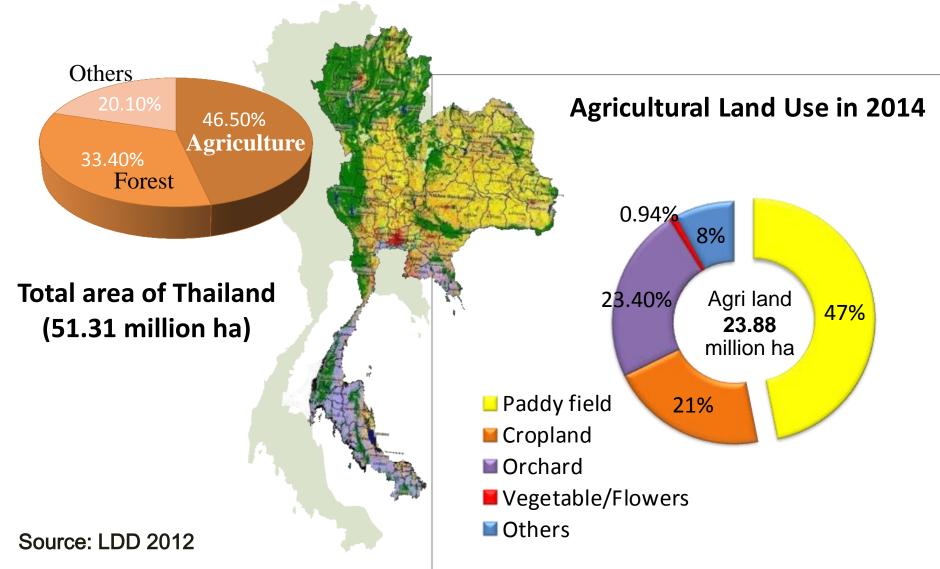
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# Land Problems and Threats

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## Now 75% of Agricultural land has been degraded.

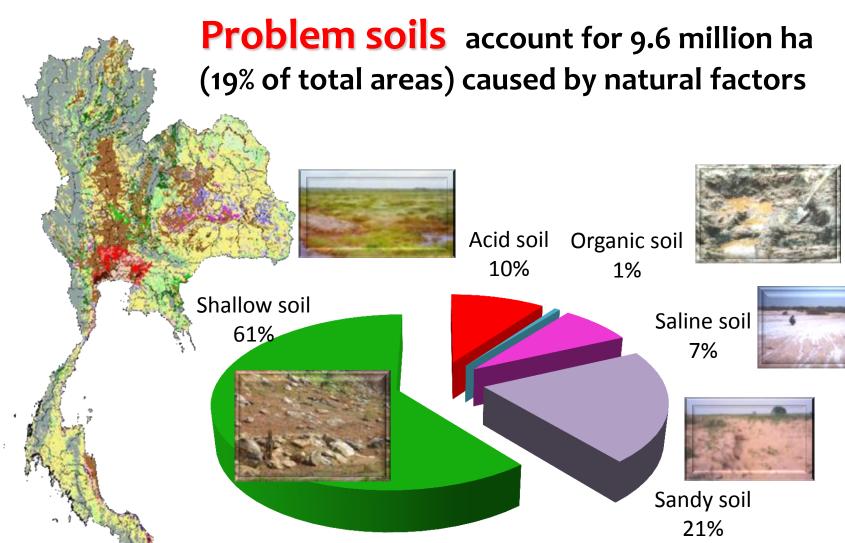
- Causes of land problems and degradation are due to 1.Natural factors → Problem soils
- 2.Anthropogenic factors
  - Poor land management
  - Population pressure
  - Urban/Industrialization





# Land Problems and Threats





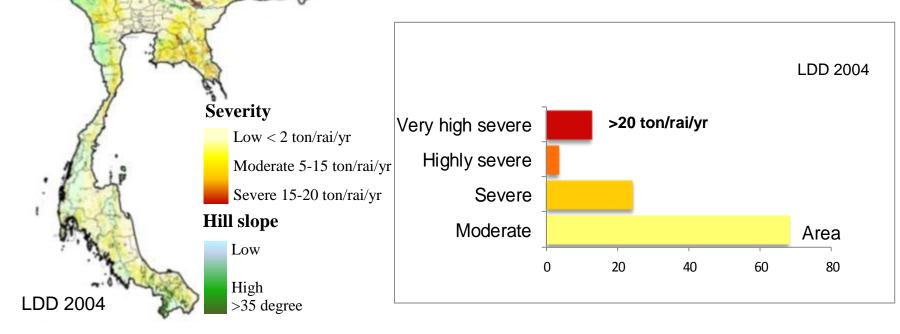


# Soil erosion



# Soil erosion is the major cause of land degradation in Thailand

6.4 million ha are highly vulnerable







## Anthropogenic factors exaggerate the degradation of soils

Characteristics

Soil physical degradation process :

Causes

Poor land management: Machinery overuse Tillage/cropping system Lack of knowledge

Improper land use

Soil chemical degradation process : salinization acidification leaching etc. Urban/Industrialization Soil contamination Marginal land expansion Forest encroachment



# National policy



## Thailand agricultural development plan (2012-2016) 3 strategic plans

Improve the quality of farmer's livelihood

Enhance production capacity and products quality towards food security

Encourage efficient and sustainable use of natural resources



# LDD establishes the strategic plans in line with the national agricultural development plan

Plan and policy on land management

Operational activities

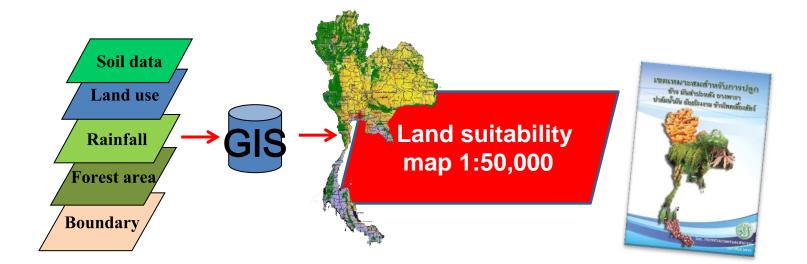
Research & Development and technology transfer

Establishing land development network



## 1. Plan and policy on land management

Establishes land suitability zones for economic crops and land use plan as the reference/guideline for policy makers





## 2. Operational activities

Soil and water conservation Soil fertility improvement Soil rehabilitation measures











## Soil and water conservation

#### Mechanical measures: Tillage technique, Terrace, Farm pond Ditches and waterways Irrigation system







#### **Vegetative measures**

Vetiver grass, Cropping system, Cover plant , Mulching method



## Soil fertility improvement

- Adding green manure and organic fertilizer to increase SOM
- Incorporating lime material into soil to adjust soil pH
- Raising plant-bed level technique











## Soil rehabilitation measures

- Growing special plants : salt tolerant plants (Acacia sp.), Drought resistant crop (pineapple, watermelon etc.)
- Planting fast-growing trees: Eucalyptus









### 3. Research & Development and Technology Transfer

Encourage research and develop land development innovation to enhance agricultural productivity and to reduce production costs.







## Soil Resource Databases of Thailand

#### By Land Development Department Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives



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## Soil of Thailand Online Database

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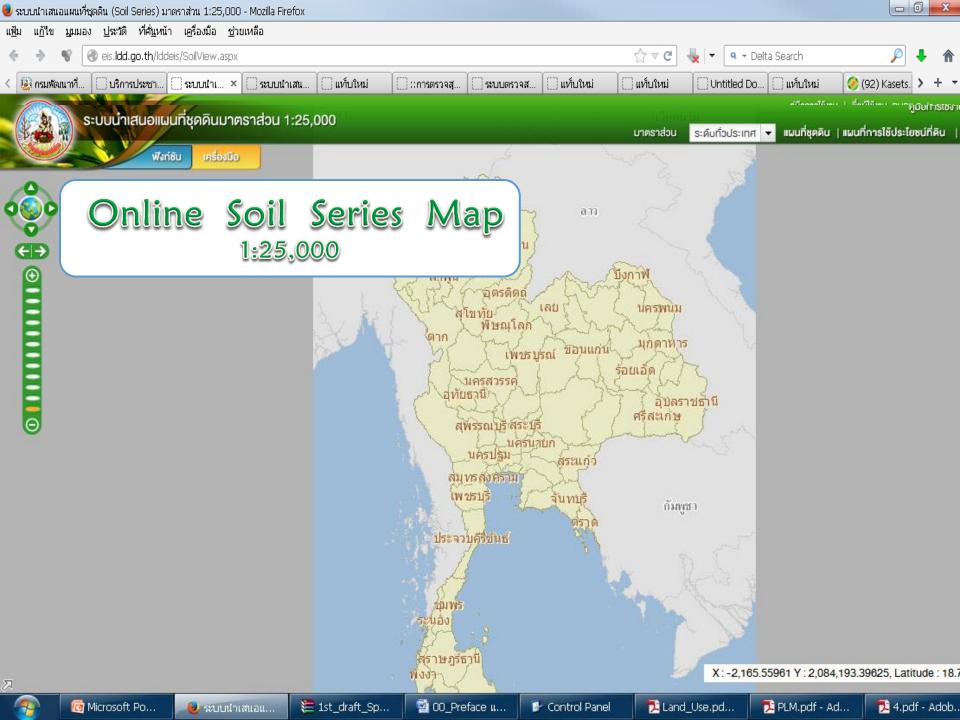
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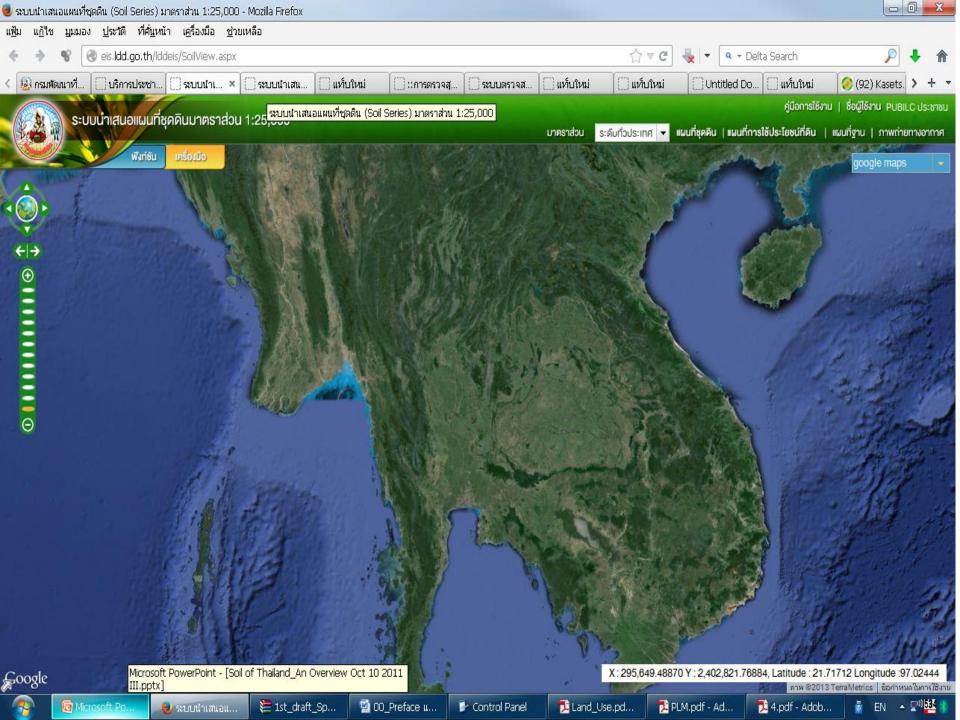


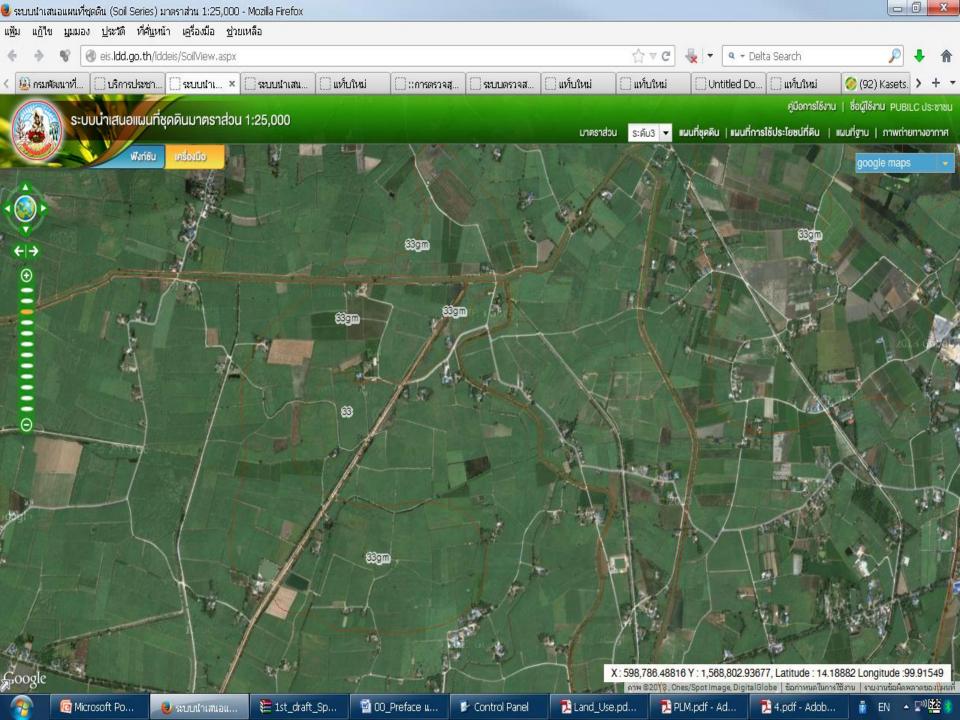
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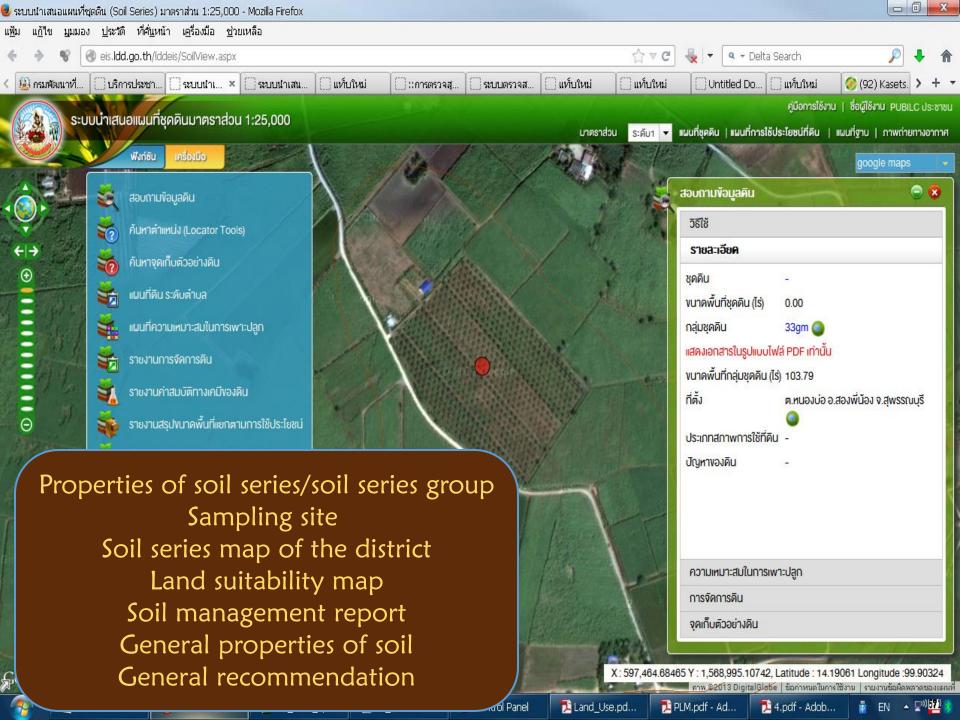
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### **Database Simulation for Farming**



#### Rice, Maize, Tapioca, Sugarcane, Soybean







## 4. Establishing "Land Development Network"

Establishing networks of volunteer soil doctors as the department's representatives in all villages nationwide. The network supports the department's activities and strengthen the agricultural communities in the knowledge of sustainable land resource management.





# International soil conference





18-21 August 2015 The Regent Cha Am Beach Resort, Phetchaburi, Thailand ISC 2015 International Soil Conference



Sustainable Uses of Soil in Harmony with Food Security

> On the Auspicious Occasion for Celebration of the International Year of Soils 2015







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# National soil conference





