Mid-Western Terrai / Rupandehi
Nepal

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Introduction

The CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) seeks to promote a food-secure world through the provision of science-based efforts that support sustainable agriculture and enhance livelihoods while adapting to climate change and conserving natural resources and environmental services.

Climate change is an unprecedented threat to the food security of hundreds of millions of people who depend on small-scale agriculture for their livelihoods. Climate change affects agriculture and food security, and likewise, agriculture and natural resource management affect the climate system.

CCAFS has initially focused on three regions; East Africa (EA), West Africa (WA) and South Asia (SA) to carry out its research. The 15 CCAFS sites in these areas represent areas that are becoming both drier and wetter, and are focal locations that will generate results that can be applied and adapted to other regions worldwide. In this year, 2013, CCAFS is expanding its portfolio to additional sites in Latin America and South-East Asia.

These sites serve as the initial focus of CCAFS partnership-building and long-term research activities falling within the following CCAFS Research Themes; Adaptation to Progressive Climate Change, Adaptation through Managing Climate Risk, Pro-Poor Climate Change Mitigation and Integration for Decision Making. At all 15 CCAFS sites, baseline surveys have been conducted, including three levels of data collection and analysis at household, village and organizational levels (see: http://ccafs.cgiar.org/resources/baseline-surveys).

More information on CCAFS work in all the three regions can be accessed at www.ccafs.cgiar.org

To better understand the CCAFS sites’ characteristics, a list of geospatial indicators for climate variability, bio-physical characteristics and socio-economic variables have been mapped into site atlases.

This Atlas was developed for the CCAFS site at Mid-Western Terrai / Rupandehi in Nepal, in South Asia Region.
CCAFS Sites: South Asia

Citation: GeoMapa (2013a)

Bangladesh: Khulna (BA04)
India: Bihar (IN16)
India: Haryana (IN17)
Nepal: Mid-Western Terrai (NE03)
Satellite Image Rupandehi

RapidEye imagery from 15-03-2010 at 5m ground resolution

HBS= Household Baseline Survey
VBS= Village Baseline Survey
OBS= Organizational Baseline Survey

Settlement
CCAFS VBS/OBS village
CCAFS HBS villages

Citation: RapidEye (2010)
Annual Temperature

Rupandehi Mean Monthly Temperature Distribution

Temperature (ºC)

- < = 20
- 20 - 22.5
- 22.5 - 25
- 25 - 27.5
- > = 30

Corresponds to the map on the left

Annual Temperature represents annual temperature data of current interpolations of observed data, averaged for 1950 - 2000

Citation: Jones et al (2002)

Citation: Hjørns et al (2005)
Aridity Index indicates the level of dryness, taking evapotranspiration into account, at a given location of known rainfall.
**Soil Type**

Soil Type refers to the soil group as per the FAO classification. Soil groups are defined by their parent material and morphogenetic characteristics in terms of structural properties and texture (sand, silt and clay content), as well as organic matter content.

* Legend corresponds to left map

**Soil Type**
- Cambisols
- Fluvisols
- Regosols

**Scale**
- 1:750,000
- 1 cm = 7.5 km

**Legend**
- International Boundary
- Road
- River
- Canal

**Map**
- Corresponds to the map on the left

Citation: FAO et al (2009)
Landcover shows the observed (bio)physical cover of the earth’s surface, i.e., dominant vegetation, land use, and man-made features.

Citation: Arno et al (2009)
Land use is a description of how people utilize the land. It involves socio-economic activity, i.e., the management and modification of the natural environment into built environment, such as agricultural fields and settlements. At any place, there may be multiple land uses, the dominant one is presented here.

Legend corresponds to the left map

- Forest protected
- Forest with moderate higher livestock density
- Grasslands protected
- Grasslands high livestock density
- Rainfed crops (Subsistence/Commercial)
- Crops, large-scale irrigated, moderate or higher livestock density
- Crops and high livestock density
- Agriculture large scale irrigation
- Agriculture protected
- Open water protected

Corresponds to the map on the left

Citation: Netchtergaele et al (2010)
The Length of Growing Period (LGP) is defined as the number of days in a year during which there is available rainfed soil moisture supply for plant growth.
The Length of Growing Period (LGP) is defined as the number of days in a year during which there is available rainfed soil moisture supply for plant growth, here modeled for 2030.
Crop Suitability refers to the land resource assessment that considers agricultural land use options with relevant agro-ecological condition to estimate expected cropping activities.

Crop Suitability:
- Not suitable
- Very low
- Low
- Medium low
- Medium
- Medium high
- High
- Very high

Corresponds to the map on the left.
Livestock Production Systems

as part of agricultural systems take agro-climatic conditions into account and are classified in terms of feed and livestock resources; livestock commodities produced; production technology; product use and livestock functions; area covered; geographic locations; and human populations supported.

Citation: FAO (2007)
Livestock Density

Livestock Density is measured in numbers of livestock, including cattle, goats, and sheep, per km².

Number per km²
- No Observations
- 0 - 15
- 15 - 30
- 30 - 45
- 45 - 60
- > 60

Citation: Wint et al (2007)
Travel time is a measure of accessibility determined in the time (hours) taken to the nearest urban centre, town or city of a population of 50,000 people or more (taking different means of transportation into account).

The map shows the travel time to the nearest large town/city in hours, with different color codes indicating different travel times (0-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, >5 hours).

The map corresponds to the map on the left, and the scale is 1:10,000,000.

Citation: Nelson (2008)
CIESIN constructed global data sets of poverty that are based on estimates of subnational infant mortality and child malnutrition data, recognizing that both are proxies for poverty and welfare rather than direct measures.

Citation: CIESIN (2005)
Conservation Areas

Conservation Areas represent protected areas that, according to IUCN, are clearly defined geographic spaces, recognized, dedicated and managed through legal or other effective means, to achieve long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural value.

Citation: UNEP and WCMC (2012)
References and Data Sources

Regional Map

Topographic Map
Sijmons K. 2013b. Relief representation derived from Digital Elevation Model (DEM) of SRTM (Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission) 2000, Ground resolution 90 meter and ASTER GDEM, Ground resolution 30 meter, NASA. Topographic Features digitized from Google Earth. Projection: Geographic, Lat/Long, WGS84

Satellite Image
RapidEye Satellite Image, 5 meter ground resolution, Image acquisition, 17-01-2011

Annual Rainfall

Annual Rainfall Graph

Annual Temperature

Annual Temperature Graph

Aridity Index

Altitude

Soil Type

Agro-Ecological Zones

Landcover

Landuse

Length of Growing Period 2000

Length of Growing Period 2030

**Crop Suitability**

**Livestock Production Systems**

**Livestock Density**

**Human Population Density**

**Market Access**

**Poverty**

**Conservation Areas**
UNEP-WCMC (2012). Data Standards for the World Database on Protected Areas. UNEP-WCMC: Cambridge, UK.
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