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Integrated rice-shrimp as a smart strategy to cope with climate change in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam

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Introduction

- The MD extents 4.0mil.ha, is the country's "rice bowl & fish basket"
 - Rice & aqua. constitute a major part of diet and livelihoods and for export.
 - Rice : > 54 %
 - Aqua: > 72 %
 - + Shrimp: 94 %
- of the country's total
(GSO 2011)

Introduction

- Among three most vulnerable deltas to impacts of CC & SLR ([UNDP 2011](#); [Francisco 2011](#))
 - 1m SLR: flooding 39% of area; affecting 35% of the pop.

The need for more sustainable approach:

- Increases productivity & resilience
- Reduces GHGs emission
- Enhances national food security & dev. goals

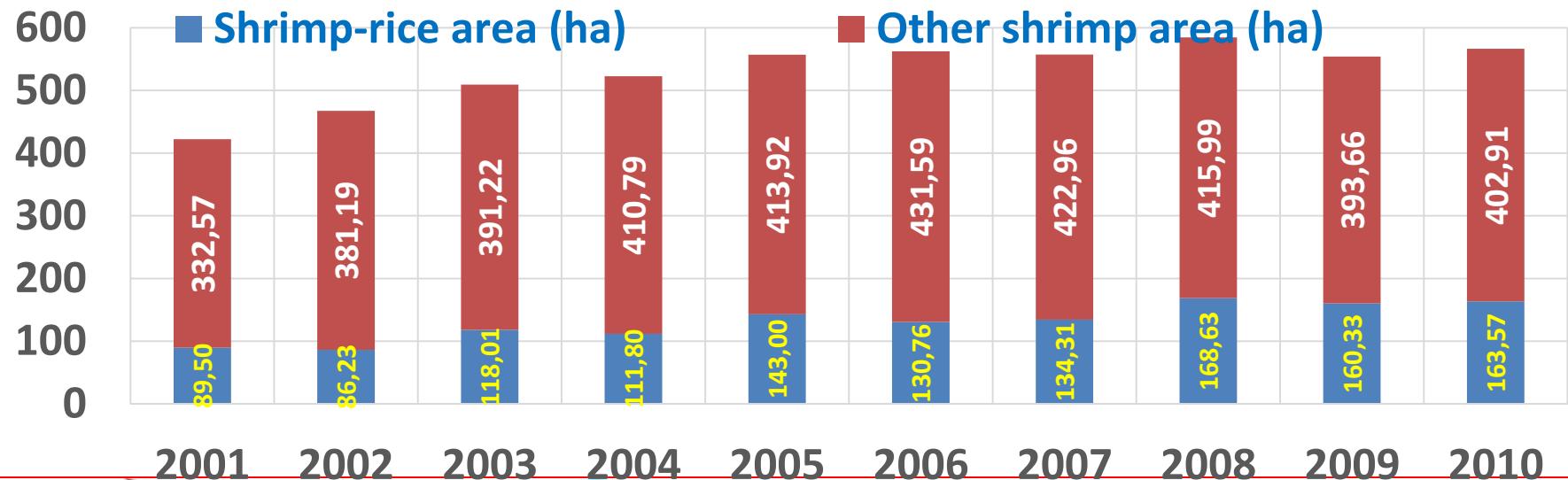


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Introduction

- Integrated agri-aqua are widespread in the MD
- SR started in 1960s, increased substantially since the 1980s.
 - Shrimp culture in dry season
 - Rice cultivation in wet season



Introduction

Study objectives:

Evaluate the potential of **Integrated shrimp-rice** practice as a CSA to cope with CC.

Research questions:

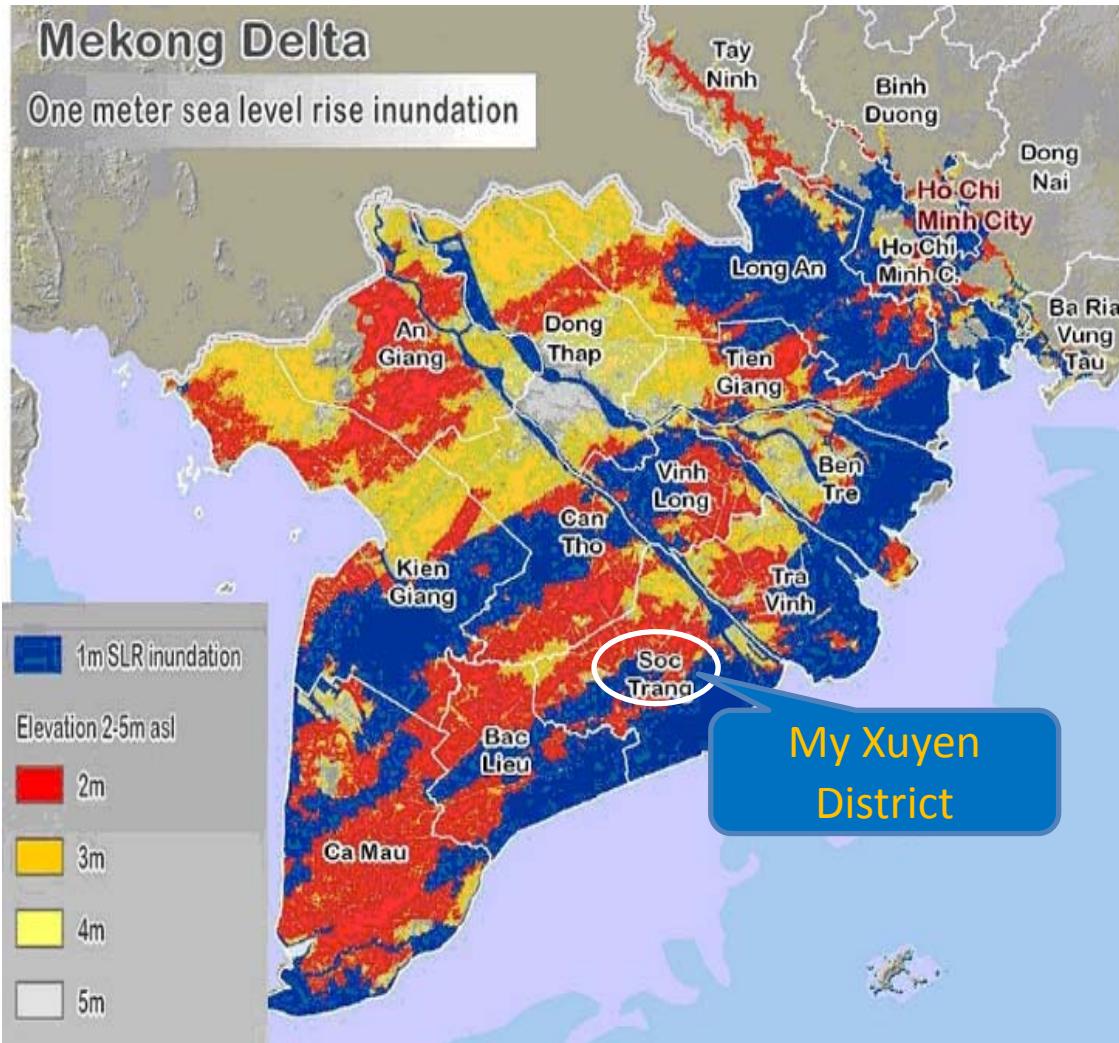
- What is performance of SR production?;
- To what extent do SR contribute to rural HH's income/food security, resilience & mitigation to CC?



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Methodology



Study site:

My Xuyen dist., Soc Trang prov.



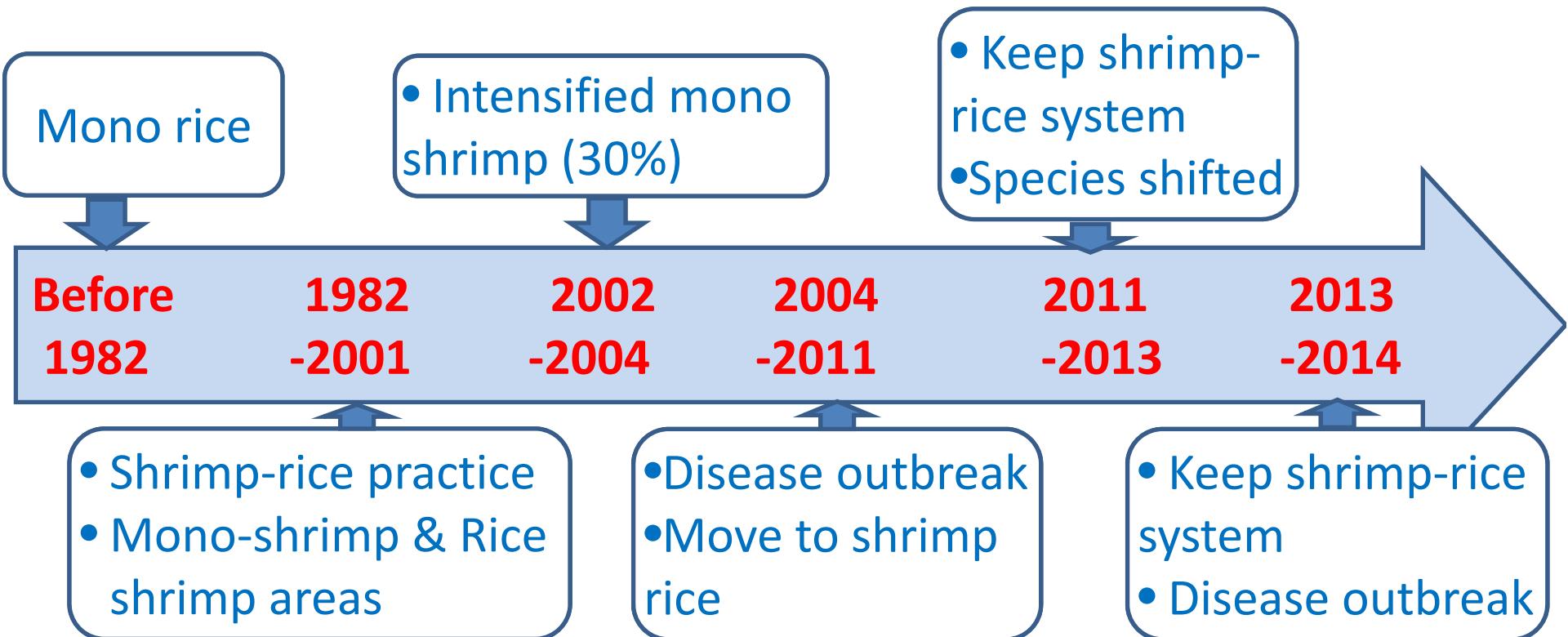
- 2FGDs + 1 SW
- HH survey in 9 communes (2014)

Methodology

Surveyed commune	Farming type			Total
	Shrimp-rice	Mono-shrimp		
Gia Hoa 1	8	2		10
Gia Hoa 2	12	1		13
Hoa Tu 1	6	4		10
Hoa Tu 2	7	19		26
Ngoc Dong	14	9		23
Ngoc To	3	15		18
Tham Don	0	6		6
Thanh Phu	3	4		7
Thanh Quoi	11	2		13
Total	64	62		126

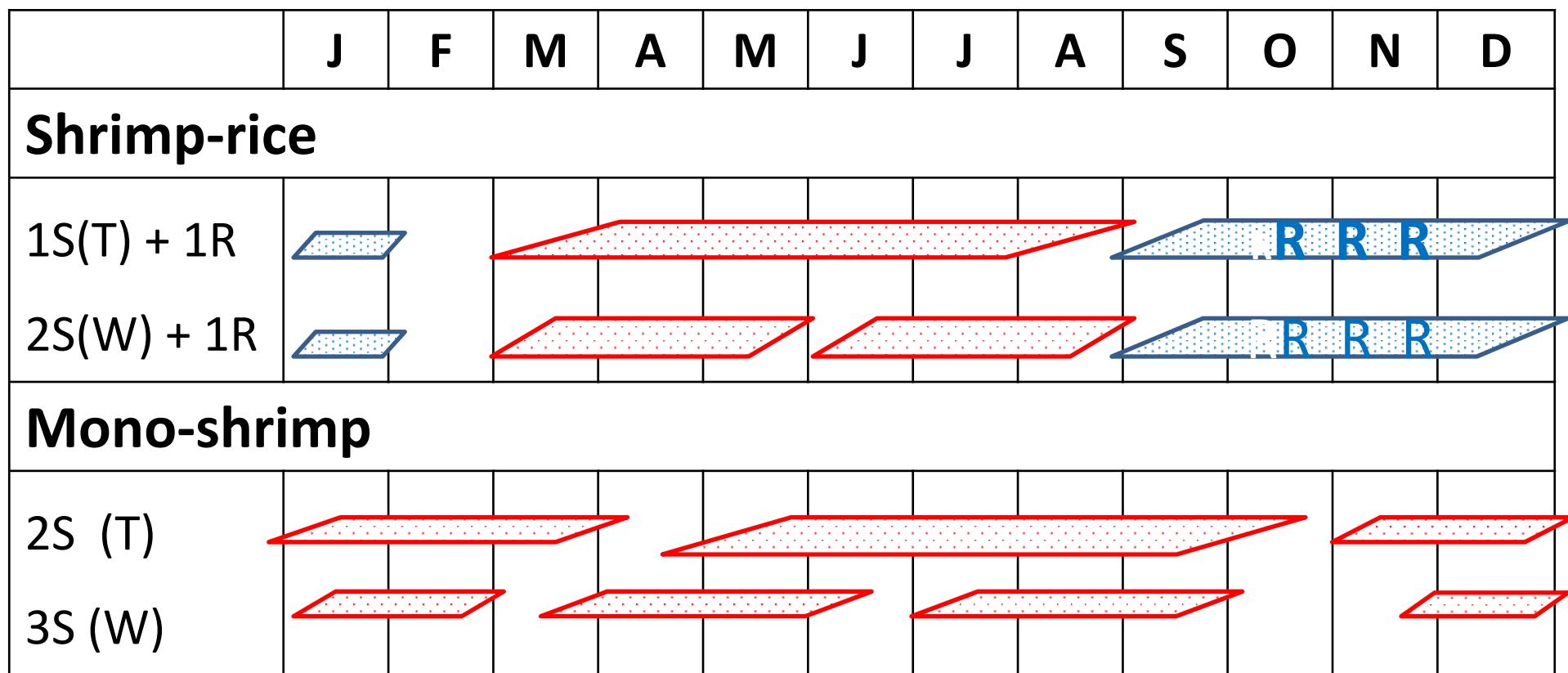
Results

Historical development



Results

Crop calendar

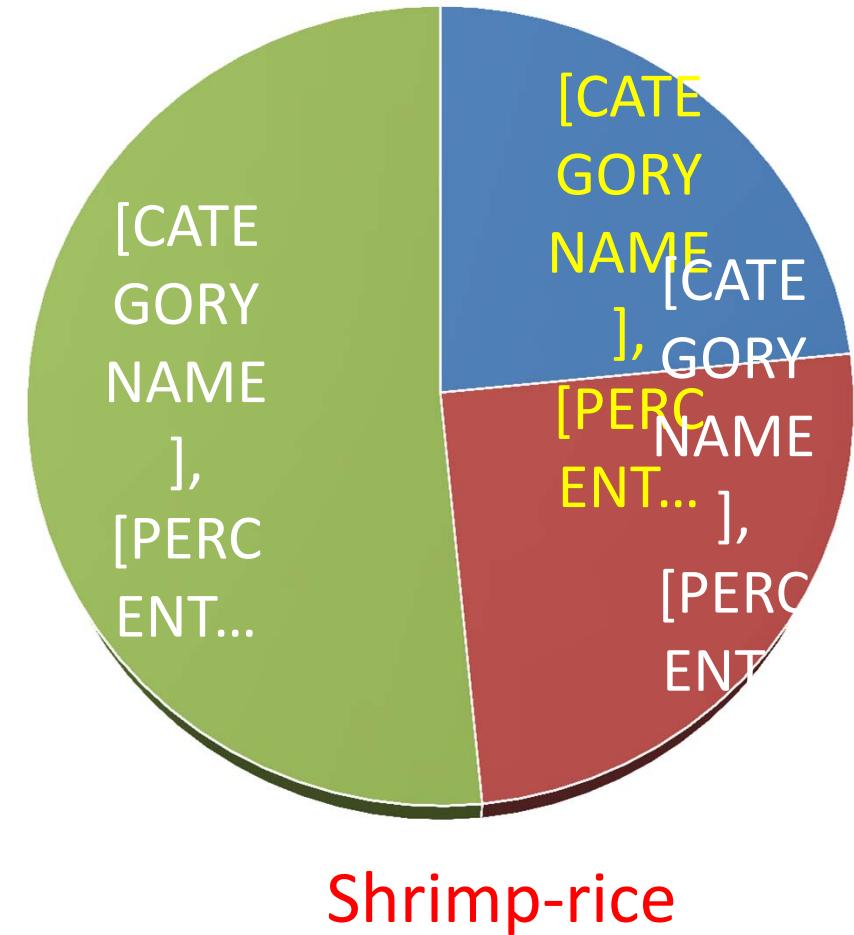
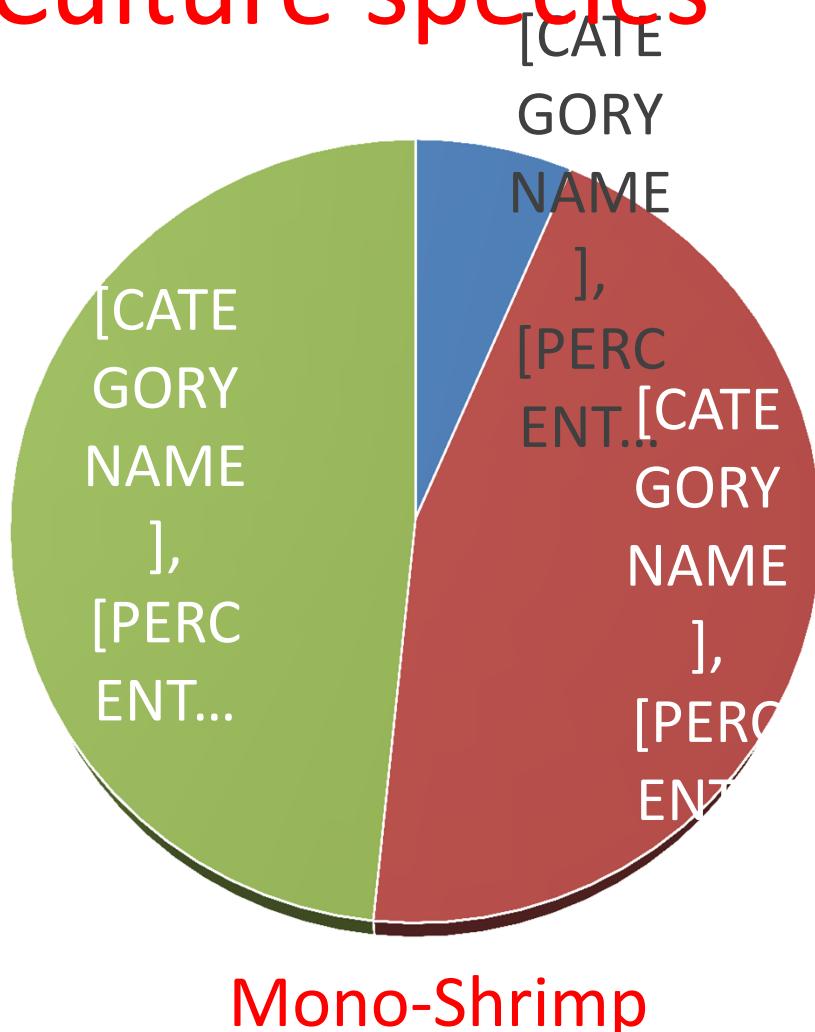


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Culture species



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Results

Production performance

	Farming type			
	Shrimp-rice		Mono-Shrimp	
	M	Std. Dev	M	Std. Dev
Shrimp area (ha)	1.04	0.61	1.20	0.80
Rice area (are)	0.71	0.42	-	-
Shrimp stocking density (ind. m ⁻²)	14.10	12.42	16.47	15.32
Shrimp yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	595.88	499.64	1,170.95	994.92
Rice yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	5,569.26	2,113.34	-	-



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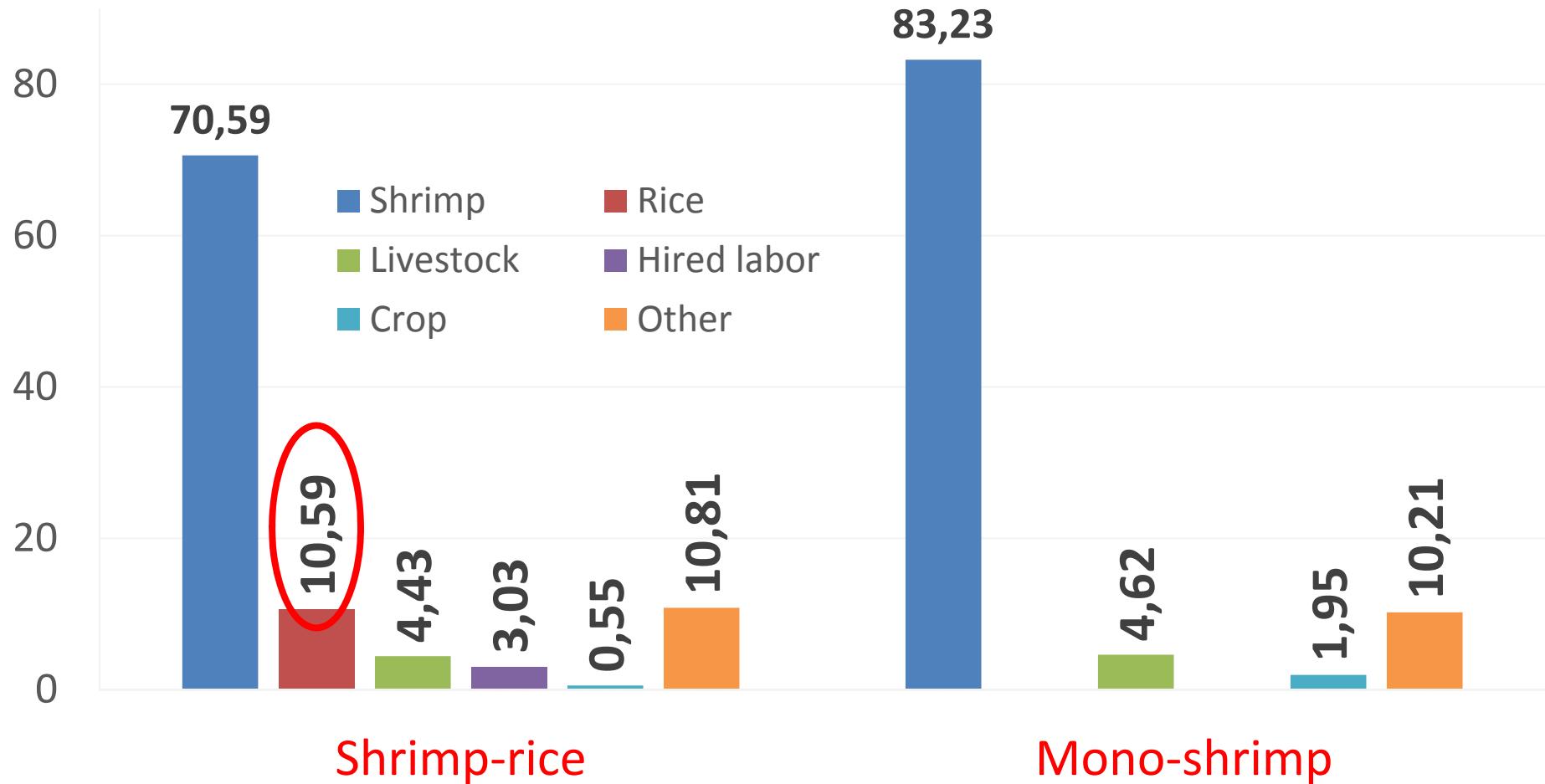
Results

Production income

<u>Net profits (VND mil./HH/year)</u>		N	Mean	Std. Deviation
Shrimp	Shrimp-rice	64	<u>60.87</u>	199.52
	Mono-Shrimp	62	115.92	217.86
Rice	Shrimp-rice	64	<u>19.88</u>	12.44
	Mono-Shrimp	62	-	-
Total	Shrimp-rice	64	<u>80.76</u>	196.83
	Mono-Shrimp	62	115.92	217.86
Total		126	98.06	207.36

Results

HH's income share



Results

Contribute to reduce GHG emission

Input use (vnd .000/kg)		N	Mean	Std. Deviation
Petrol	Shrimp-rice	43	4.32	4.67
	Mono-shrimp	53	5.85	14.20
Chemicals	Shrimp-rice	52	12.47	10.75
	Mono-shrimp	57	13.25	22.73
Electricity	Shrimp-rice	27	5.65	4.24
	Mono-shrimp	46	6.41	4.64
	Total	73	6.13	4.48



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Results

Contribution to reduce GHG emission

	Estimated by officer	Survey
Total revenue	42.00	33.88
Total costs (VND mil./ha)	23.58	11.55
- Chemicals/Fertilizers (VND mil./ha)	12.09	4.09
Total benefits(VND mil./ha)	18.42	22.33



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Results

CSA perception

Q: Evaluate the SMART ability of the SR system to response to impacts of CC (likert scale from 1-5) :

1= Not at all to 5 = Very much

CSA_Q1 Increase HH's income

CSA_Q2 Increase HH's food production

CSA_Q3 Reduce risks from CC & disease outbreak

CSA_Q4 Increase resilience & reproduction

CSA_Q5 Reduce use of chemicals & fertilizers

CSA_Q6 Reduce soil degradation

CSA_Q7 Reduce water pollution



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Results

CSA perception

	Shrimp-rice (N=64)	Mono-shrimp (N=62)	Total (N=126)
CSA_Q1	4.02	3.98	4.00
CSA_Q2	4.14	4.18	4.16
CSA_Q3	4.23	4.15	4.19
CSA_Q4	4.25	4.32	4.29
CSA_Q5	4.41	4.42	4.41
CSA_Q6	4.30	4.37	4.33
CSA_Q7	4.20	4.21	4.21
Cronbach's Alpha	0.85	0.87	0.86



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Conclusions

Economics:

- Better financial security
- Food security for the farm HH

Environment:

- Less use of chemicals & fertilizers
- Reduce soil degradation & water pollution

Social issue:

- Reduce inequality



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Recommendations

- Detailed planning for SR area, including infrastructure development.
- Research on high salinity tolerance rice
- Formation of associations/cooperatives
- Increase awareness on CC & its impacts



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Thank you !



“Shrimp must be clean, rice must be quality. Rice is for HH food, while shrimp is to get rich. If only shrimp, there would be no food in case of risk. If only rice, it's hard to become rich”

