

# Smallholders' coffee and cocoa agroforestry systems; examples of climate-smart agriculture

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### Outline

Key figures on cocoa & coffee

Illustrations on how coffee & cocoa
 AFS are "perfect" examples of CSA



 Approach currently developed to intensify coffee & cocoa AFS while conserving their CSA nature







### Some key figures



- Export values: 11 (coffee) and 12 (cocoa)
   billions \$ annually
  - 2.25 billions cups of coffee per day
  - 5-10 Kgs per person per year in EU
- Coffee: 15-20 M households
- Cocoa: 10-15 M households
- Global coffee area: 10.2 M ha
- Global cocoa area: 9.9 M ha

# Coffee systems



- 40% of world coffee with no shade,
- 35% with "light moderate" shade,
- and 25% with traditional diverse shade
- Global average yield: 550 kg /ha
- Vietnam (2000 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> Robusta)
- Brazil (1100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> Robusta & Arabica)



 Limiting factors: pests & diseases, susceptible plant material and low soil fertility

Coffee responsible for 10-12 million ha

CLIMATE-SA OF Deforestation over 1-1.5 century

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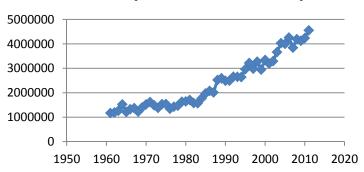
#### Cocoa systems

- 30% of world cocoa with no shade,
- 50% with "light moderate" shade,
- And 20% with traditional diverse shade
- World cocoa prod. doubled in 20 years, low yield (FAO, 2013), 3 countries (~70%),:

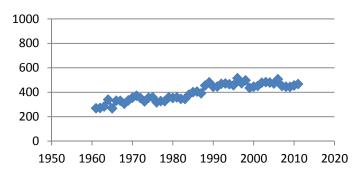
Ghana (370 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>); Côte d'Ivoire (630 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>); Indonesia (670 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>)

- Yield potential: 1000 1200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>
- Limiting factors: high pests & diseases, low yielding and susceptible material, decreasing soil fertility
- Cocoa responsible for 6 M ha of CLIMATE-SA deforestation over last 50 years

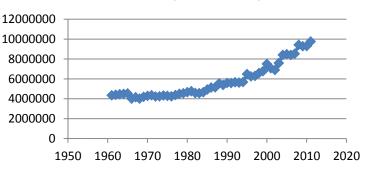
#### **World (Production Tons)**



#### World (Yield kg/Ha)



#### World (Area Ha)



# Smallholders (80%) of world production for both coffee & cocoa

 Low in capital, hence low investment capacity in technical innovation



- highly exposed to price volatility
- Trends towards monoculture, but low intensification (Ruf 2011; Jah et al 2014)
- most vulnerable to CC (IPCC 2013)





#### COCOA

Models predict by 2050

T increase by ~2°C, no

"drastic" decrease in rainfall

Low direct T effect on cocoa (low T susceptible)

indirect via ETP increase, decreased water availability

Reduction in "suitable areas" mainly in already "dry" marginal zones

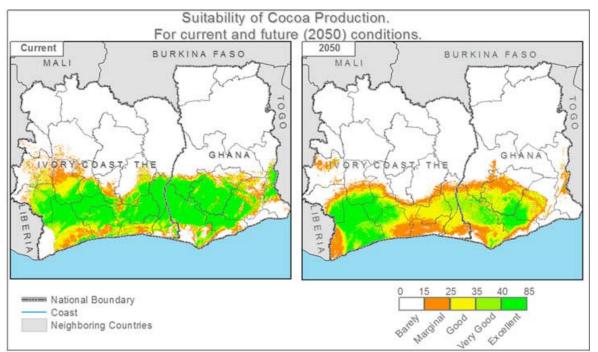
Model not specific to cocoa eco-physiology
Not taking into account:

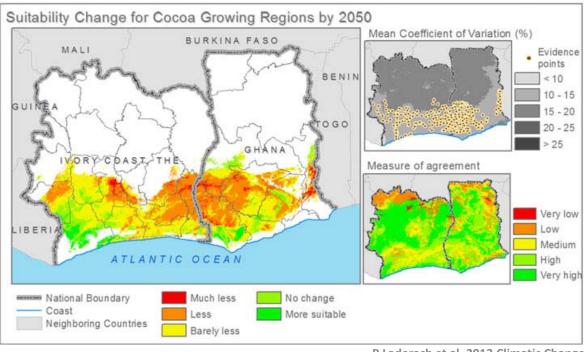
Effects on pests & diseases

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•Farmers' management adaptation





P Laderach et al. 2013 Climatic Change

Models predict by 2050:

- •T increase by ~2-2.5 C •Lower and more erratic annual rainfall (5-10%)

Strong direct T effect on Arabica (High T susceptible, faster berry ripening & lower quality)

Strong direct rainfall effect on Arabica (flowering, fruit drop)

indirect via ETP increase, decreased soil water availability

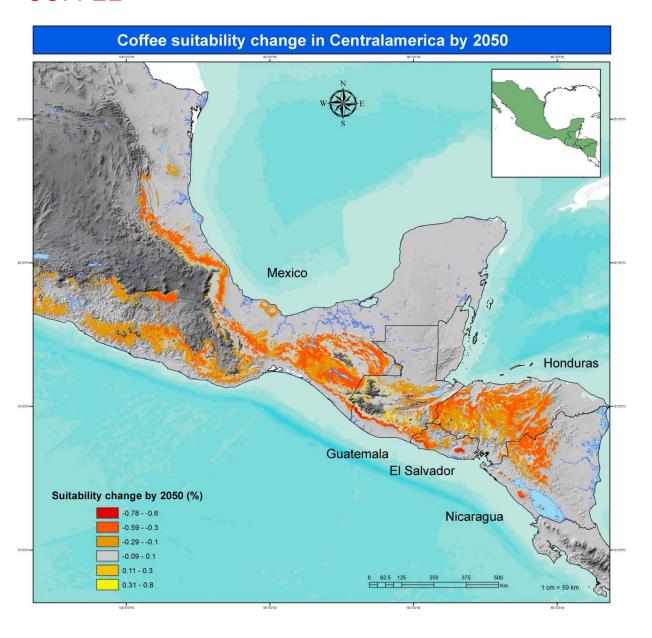
Reduction in "suitable areas" mainly in already "low altitude" marginal zones

Models not taking into account:

- Cocoa eco-physiology
- •Effects on pests & diseases
- Farmers' management adaptation



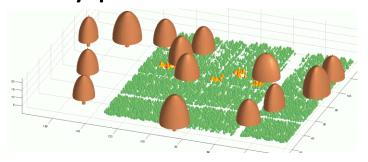
#### COFFEE



# Agroforestry is climate smart

- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Livelihood and food security
- Challenges
  - Intensive full sun vs Agrofrestry
  - Ecological intensification around agroforestry practices







Junglewood mover

### Mitigation

- Despite deforestation, cocoa & coffee AFS
  - sequester large amounts of C
    - 60-80 t C ha<sup>-1</sup> Arial biomass cocoa AFS in Cameroon (Saj et al 2013)
    - 150-200 t C ha<sup>-1</sup> (soil and Abg) coffee AFS in India (Vaast et al 2011)



- High rate of annual C accumulation
  - 3-5 t C ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> in coffee AFS Costa Rica (Harmand et al 2007)
- Lower GHG emission in coffee AFS than full sun:
  - -7 t CO<sub>2</sub> eq ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Hergoualc'h et al 2012)

## Adaptation to climate extremes

- Well documented buffering effects of shade trees on coffee & cocoa heat and water stresses; Beneficial effects most cited by farmers
- Decrease air Temp. up to 2-3°C and leaf Temp. up to 6-7°C (Coffee, Siles et al 2010; Cocoa, Lin et al 2008)
- Reduce water stress during dry season (deep rooted shade tree species)
  - Cocoa & Gliricidia sepium, Sulawesi (Schwendenmann et al 2010)
  - Arabica coffee & Inga densiflora, Costa Rica (Cannavo et al. 2011)

### Livelihoods: diversification

To limit vulnerability to coffee/cocoa price volatility:

- Pepper in Western Ghats, India:
  - 20-50% of annual coffee revenue
- Timber in Costa Rica:
  - 30-40% of cumulated coffee revenue over 25 yrs
- Fruits, medicinal, banana and others in Central America:
  - 30-60% of annual cocoa revenue









# Challenges towards ecological intensification of cocoa and coffee AFS

- Matching tree species to specific ecological conditions/niches and social context, combined with management regimes (i.e. shade regulation) to increase yield while enhancing provision of environmental services at plot and landscape scales,
- Developing integrated pests & diseases
   management options where shade trees species
   are selected for their role as promoting functional
   biodiversity (natural enemies, barrier,
   connectivity...)
- Policy recommendations to enhance social assets and to secure rights on trees and land of farmers





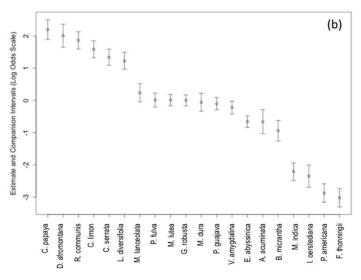


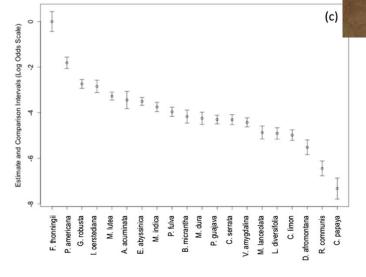


# Combining research approaches

Local AF Knowledge:

Ranking of tree traits & attributes



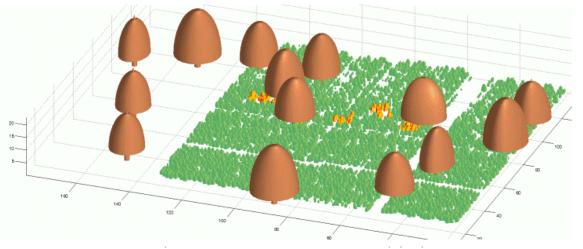


**Crown density/shade** 

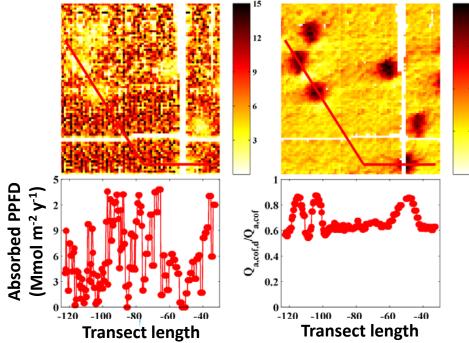
**Root depth** 

soil fertility, host to pests & diseases, timber quality, fuelwood calorific value, ....etc

# Modeling of interactions of coffee/cocoa and shade trees



Map of a virtual plot with shade trees and coffee plants as simulated with MAESPA model (Duursma and Medlyn, 2012). Source: Charbonnier et al. (2013).



- a/: map of the amount of light (PPFD = P absorbed by the coffee layer, cumulated over one year (yellow spots below shade trees and red colors in full sun),
- **b/:** variability of the absorbed light by the coffee layer along the red transect from a;
- c/: fraction of diffuse light absorbed by coffee plants below shade trees (red spots, more diffuse light) and in full sun; d/: transect..

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# Combined research approaches

# Sessions of role playing with stakeholders of value chain and modeling of scenarios

