Impacts of climate change on rice, sugarcane, cassava and maize production in Thailand

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Consequences of CC on crop production

Long term change in yield due to CO₂ and T
Variability of yield due to climate extremes

Tools to derive the necessary information Crop model

- Mechanistic and dynamic with 1 day time step
- Input:
 - Driving variables: daily weather
 - System parameters: crop, soil and management
- GIS

Simulation specifications

- No pests and weeds
- Crop management as recommended by MOAC

Procedure

- 1. Defining boundary of the area planting each crop
- 2. Overlaying the area with soil and weather maps to obtain Simulation Mapping Units (SMU)
- 3. Simulate crop growth and yield in each SMU
- 4. Temporal and spatial analysis of the impacts



Land Use Map



Rice growing area



Sugarcane growing area



Cassava growing area



Maize growing area



Soil group map



Weather grids 20x20 km. ECHAM-PRECIS

Example:



Weather: 4 units

Soil: 2 units

Crop growing area

6 SMUs





Sugarcane SMU



Cassava SMU



Maize SMU



Growth and yield in each SMU each year, $\sim 2,160,000$ dataset

Trend and variability of rainfed lowland rice KDML105 yield



Trend and variability of irrigated rice Suphanburi 1 yield



Trend and variability of rainfed sugarcane K84-200 yield



Conclusions

- Trend 6% increases
- Temporal variation CV 18%
- Spatial variation CV 23%

Trend and variability of rainfed cassava Kasetsart 50 yield



Conclusions

- Trend 43% decreases
- Temporal variation CV 34%
 - Spatial variation CV 33%

Trend and variability of rainfed maize Suwan 1 yield



Conclusions

- Trend 15% decreases
- Temporal variation CV 41%
 - Spatial variation CV 45%

Consequences of CC on crop production

- Long term trend of change in yield due to CO₂ and T is small, except cassava
- Temporal variability of yield due to weather extremes is obvious with cassava and maize
- Spatial variability is large and greater than temporal

Since spatial variation is large, questions

• Where are those hard hit areas by CC

- Timing and duration of the impacts
- How the areas change/displace with time

Relative rainfed rice yield to the mean of the country 1980-89



Rainfed rice where yield < 70% of the base year mean



Irrigated rice where yield < 70% of the base year mean



Sugarcane where yield < 70% of the base year mean



Cassava where yield < 70% of the base year mean



Maize where yield < 70% of the base year mean



To identify the timing of occurrence and duration, time series maps of affected area are overlaid

	Period			
class	1980-89	2030-39	2090-99	
1	0	0	0	
2	1	0	0	
3	0	1	0	
4	0	0	1	
5	1	1	0	
6	0	1	1	
7	1	0	1	
8	1	1	1	

3 maps yield 8 classes of the affected area:

Classes of impact = $2^{\text{No. of maps}}$

Information needed for adaptation

Classes of the maize affected areas





Assessment of the CC impacts: Impact Factor

- magnitude
- area
- duration/frequency
- time of occurrence

Impact Factor = magnitude x affected area x duration x timing

Impact Factor assessment of the rainfed rice area

% of			Timing	Impact
Class	total area	duration	inverse of order	Factor
1	85.1	0	0.0	0
2	4.3	10	1.0	0.0142511
3	3.0	10	0.5	0.0050299
4	1.3	10	0.3	0.0014063
5	1.4	20	1.0	0.0093843
6	4.4	20	0.5	0.0145675
7	0.1	20	1.0	0.0004211
8	0.5	30	1.0	0.0053479

Class 6: yield < 70% of mean, duration 20 years 2030-39 & 2090-99

Map of the class 6 of the affected rainfed rice area



- yield < 70% of mean
- **area** 4%
- duration 20 years
- from 2030-39 & 2090-99

Map of the affected irrigated rice area with highest IF



- yield < 70% of mean
- area 14%
- duration 20 years
- from 2030-39 & 2090-99

Map of the affected sugarcane area with highest IF



- yield < 70% of mean
- area 12%
- duration 10 years
- From Present 2029

Map of the affected cassava area with highest IF



- yield < 70% of mean
- area 37%
- duration 20 years
- from 2030-39 & 2090-99

Map of the affected maize area with highest IF



- yield < 70% of mean
- area 5%
- duration 30 years
- from present & 2090-99

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Next steps

casual analysis of the CC impactoptions for adaptation

