

Climate Impacts and Resilience in Caribbean Agriculture: Assessing the consequences of climate change on cocoa and tomato production in Trinidad & Tobago and Jamaica (CIRCA)

WP2 – Crop-Climate Suitability Modeling

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- Introduction: CIAT CCAFS
- Generation of climatological baseline through interpolation of weather station data
- Generation of future climate data
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- Conclusions and way forward





CCAFS: the partnership! The largest global coalition of scientists working on developingcountry agriculture and climate change



Earth System Science Partnership

http://ccafs.cgiar.org

1. What is Climate Smart Agriculture?

Long-Term Adaptation





Climate-smart agriculture combines policies on:



Why is CSA important? – Food Security





Climate drives yield variation: our systems are **sensitive** to climate, not *resilient* to it



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CIRCA project: Methods & results



Interpolation of climate baseline

- The database of weather stations provided by the CIRCA project and quality control.
- The database STRM elevation of 30 arc-second resolution.
- Generate interpolated climate surfaces using ANUSPLIN-SPLINA with weather station data

following methodology as described by Hijmans et al (2005)



What is WorldClim?





Stations by variable:

- 47,554 precipitation
 - 24,542 tmean

• 14,835 tmax y tmin

Sources: •GHCN •FAOCLIM •WMO •CIAT •R-Hydronet •Redes nacionales



Station data received from UWI and cross-validation of interpolated monthly climate surfaces for monthly accumulated rainfall and maximum and minimum temperature.

Table 2, Exploratory analysis of maximum and minimum temperature data respectively for Trinidad and Tobago

| Station | Centeno | Crow_Point | Piarco | St. Aug, | Station | Centeno | Crow Point | Piarco | St. Aug. |
|------------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------------|---------|------------|--------|----------|
| N (Months) | 220.00 | 534.00 | 627.00 | 504.00 | N (Months) | 220.00 | 534.00 | 627.00 | 504.00 |
| Min | 25.06 | 28.16 | 29.07 | 28.98 | Min | 17.91 | 21.11 | 19.61 | 18.90 |
| Max | 33.46 | 32.89 | 34.74 | 34.00 | Max | 23.82 | 26.01 | 25.20 | 24.18 |
| Q1 | 29.77 | 30.03 | 30.66 | 30.77 | Q1 | 20.55 | 23.11 | 22.01 | 21.17 |
| Mean | 30.41 | 30.55 | 31.39 | 31.38 | Mean | 21.40 | 23.85 | 22.72 | 21.88 |
| Q3 | 30.94 | 31.05 | 32.05 | 31.97 | Q3 | 22.32 | 24.59 | 23.48 | 22.70 |
| Std. Desv | 0.99 | 0.76 | 1.01 | 0.84 | Std. Desv | 1.26 | 1.01 | 1.12 | 1.08 |
| Median | 30.38 | 30.56 | 31.35 | 31.38 | Median | 21.71 | 23.94 | 22.82 | 21.98 |

Precipitation



Maximum Temperature



Table 4. Exploratory analysis of maximum temperature data in Jamaica

| ID_Station | JAM01 | JAM02 | JAM03 | JAM04 | JAM05 | JAM06 | JAM07 | JAM08 | JAM09 | JAM10 | JAM11 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N (Months) | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| Min | 29.50 | 27.40 | 26.90 | 27.90 | 28.20 | 29.80 | 26.60 | 24.30 | 30.20 | 25.60 | 26.10 |
| Max | 34.10 | 32.30 | 32.20 | 34.00 | 32.30 | 34.20 | 32.50 | 29.90 | 33.90 | 31.40 | 32.30 |
| Q1 | 31.10 | 29.25 | 28.80 | 30.40 | 29.42 | 31.30 | 29.55 | 26.78 | 31.20 | 28.00 | 28.40 |
| Mean | 31.97 | 30.17 | 29.93 | 31.43 | 30.38 | 32.07 | 30.47 | 27.73 | 31.97 | 29.07 | 29.60 |
| Q3 | 32.90 | 31.30 | 31.10 | 32.70 | 31.50 | 33.10 | 31.40 | 28.90 | 32.70 | 30.50 | 30.60 |
| Std, Desy | 1.09 | 1.24 | 1.32 | 1.39 | 1.12 | 1.10 | 1.26 | 1.32 | 0.92 | 1.53 | 1.34 |
| Median | 31.90 | 30.30 | 30.10 | 31.40 | 30.40 | 32.00 | 30.80 | 27.80 | 32.00 | 29.00 | 29.80 |
| % NA | 27.92 | 60.00 | 23.33 | 19.58 | 60.83 | 44.17 | 61.33 | 56.67 | 20.42 | 61.33 | 10.83 |

Result: monthly climate baseline



Figure 4. Climatic characteristics for wet (a) and dry (b) areas in Trinidad and Tobago respect to variables of precipitation (mm) and mean temperature (° C)



Figure 6. Climatic characteristics for wet (a) and dry (b) areas in Jamaica respect to variables of precipitation. (mm) and mean temperature (°C)

Generation of future climate data: Circulation models from IPCC AR5



Delta method to downscale

Ramirez-Villegas J, Jarvis A (2010) Downscaling Global Circulation Model Outputs: The Delta Method

Suitability modeling with Ecocrop

EcoCrop, originally by Hijman et al. (2001), was further developed, providing calibration and evaluation procedures (Ramirez-Villegas et al. 2011).



How does it work?

Fig. 1. Two- (A) and three-dimensional (B) diagram of the mechanistic model used in the analysis.

It evaluates on monthly basis if there are adequate climatic conditions within a growing season for temperature and precipitation...

...and calculates the climatic suitability of the resulting interaction between rainfall and temperature...

For temperature suitability

Ktmp: absolute temperature that will kill the plant Tmin: minimum average temperature at which the plant will grow Topmin: minimum average temperature at which the plant will grow optimally Topmax: maximum average temperature at which the plant will grow optimally Tmax: maximum average temperature at which the plant will cease to grow For rainfall suitability

Rmin: minimum rainfall (mm) during the growing season Ropmin: optimal minimum rainfall (mm) during the growing season Ropmax: optimal maximum rainfall (mm) during the growing season Rmax: maximum rainfall (mm) during the growing season

Length of the growing season

Gmin: minimun days of growing season Gmax: maximum days of growing season



How it works??

✤ <u>Temperature:</u>

The suitability for each month is calculated according to the mean temperature value of the pixel

Oct

Sep

Select the lowest suitability for each of the 12 potential growing seasons, according to the length of the growing season of the crop (months)

The final temperature suitability is the maximum value of all growing seasons

The results can be seen through the maps:

TSUIT = suitability by temperature (0-100)

GSTMEAN = Better growing season (0:12), the number indicating that the start of growing season in that month provides the best conditions respect to temperature



How it works??

Precipitation:

The evaluation for rainfall is similar as for temperature, except that there is one evaluation for the total growing season through the total cumulative rain of the growing season of the crop (months) and not for each month.

The final rainfall suitability is the maximum value of all growing seasons

The results can be seen through the maps:

RSUIT = suitability by rainfall (0-100) %

GSRAIN = Better growing season (0:12), the number indicating that the start of growing season in that month provides the best conditions respect to rainfall



Finally the interaction (product) is calculated between the suitability of temperature and precipitation for each growing season

 $T1_{SUIT}*R1_{SUIT}; T2_{SUIT}*R2_{SUIT}; T3_{SUIT}*R3_{SUIT}; \ldots; T12_{SUIT}*R12_{SUIT}$

The final suitability will be the best result of the 12 products calculated

| | GS1 | GS2 | GS3 | GS4 | GS5 | GS6 | GS7 | GS8 | GS9 | GS10 | GS11 | GS12 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TSUIT | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| RSUIT | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| SUIT (TSUIT*RSUIT) | 0.40 | 0.30 | 0.21 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.45 |
| SUIT (%) | 40 | 30 | 21 | 12 | 24 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 25 | 35 | 45 |

In the example, GS2 is the best season for temperature (60%) and GS12 for precipitation (90%). For interaction of two variables the better suitability (45%) is obtained also in the growing season 12 (GSsuit = 12)

Modeling of potential future impacts on crop suitability: Results

- Climate data from UWI climate data group
- Climate parameters from WP 1

| SPECIE | Gmin | GMAX | TKILL | Τμιν | Τορμιν | Τορμαχ | Тмах | Rmin | Ropmin | Ropmax | Rмах |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|--------|--------|------|------|--------|--------|------|
| Cocoa Lower Amazon | 180 | 365 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 27.7 | 46 | 1000 | 1250 | 2500 | 2800 |
| <u>Cocoa</u> Trinidad <u>hybrid</u> | 180 | 365 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 30 | 43.5 | 1000 | 1250 | 2500 | 2800 |
| Cocoa Upper Amazon | 180 | 365 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 34.3 | 46 | 1000 | 1250 | 2500 | 2800 |
| Tomato | 90 | 140 | 10 | 15 | 21 | 24 | 30 | 400 | 600 | 1300 | 1800 |

Cocoa: Trinidad Hybrid & Upper Amazon



Cocoa: Lower Amazon



Tomato



Inter annual variability in Trinidad & Tobago



Figure 16. Behavior of suitability crops during the 1997-2013 time series for five localities in Jamaica. The categories refer to aptitude levels: Very High (VH)>75%, High (H)>50%, Medium (M) >30%, Low (L) <30%.

Cocoa: Trinidad Hybrid & Upper Amazon



Cocoa: Lower Amazon



Tomato



Inter annual variability in Trinidad & Tobago



Figure 12. Behavior of suitability crops during the 1990-2010 time series for three climatic stations in Trinidad and Tobago. The categories refer to aptitude levels: Very High (VH)>75%, High (H) >50%, Medium (M) >30%, Low (L) <30%.

Impact of climate change in T&T and Jamaica (Conclusions)



Figure 17.Percentage of loss currently suitable areas in Trinidad & Tobago and Jamaica, respectively. The red line determines the average of suitable areas for current crops and boxes detailing the media, the first and third quartile of the future suitable areas.



Participatory local adaptation plans





Farmers as Scientists!





Outscaling a citizen science approach to test climate adaptation technologies on farms : Jacob Van Etten, Bioversity International

1. A broavarieties

1. A broad set of varieties is evaluated

2. Each farmer gets a different combination of varieties

6. Detect demand for new varieties and traits



3. Environmental data (GPS, sensors) to assess adaptation

4. Farmers test and report back by mobile phone



5. Farmers receive tailored variety recommendations and can order seeds



Use ICT tools for crow sourcing and M&E

- Registering farmer in the system
- Managing data collection of farmers experiments (surveys, spatial information, ...)
- Monitoring CSA implementation projects (activity reports, feedback loops with experts)

