CSTD Inter-Sessional panel: Theme 2 on Space for the SDGs



CropWatch Cloud (<u>http://Cloud.cropwatch.com.cn</u>)

-Ownership and transparency

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Outline

Introduction

- CropWatch Cloud
- Implementation at countries

- Climate variability, especially extreme heat and frost events are inducing yield depressions by more than 10%
- To mitigate the impacts, irrigation is commonly applied causing serious groundwater depletion/transboundary issue
- Pest and diseases overall impact to 10-20% of global crop harvest



Crop Monitoring is essential

- Early production forecasts help policy makers to make evidence-based trade decisions
- In season warning (stress due to drought, pest & diseases) for better farm management
- Early warning information helps early response and actions on providing food aid to food shortage regions
- Many countries want use satellite data to improve food information availability and transparency

Gaps and challenges

Owners

- Only big countries or int'l organizations have their own systems

Information

- Crop condition is main output, lack of accurate production
- Lack of forecasting at early stage or even pre-sowing

Technical issues

- No automatic processing, manual works mainly
- System are physical or technically difficult to access openly
- Unable to customize the system for local
- Rely on single or a few satellite data
- Methodology is not well documented and
- Difficult to participate in agriculture monitoring

- The paucity of adequate capacity in obtain and accessing upto-date staple crop production information, which is essential for a country economic governance and securing food supply.
- Over-dependence on information provided by third parties and often poses the danger of taking decisions based on delayed and on not easily verifiable information.
- Constraining developing countries to set-up, operate, and maintain crop monitoring facilities.
 - Big financial input and operational cost
 - Adequate technical skills

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CropWatch Programme

- Release first bulletin in August, 1998;
- Release first English bulletin in November, 2013
- CropWatch aims at improving food information availability, quality and transparency
 - To provide additional, reliable information for developing countries to fight against hunger,
 - To provide cloud facility to enhance the capacity of developing countries on crop monitoring

CropWatch at Alibaba Cloud

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CropWatch is China's leading crop monitoring system. Using remote sensing and ground-based indicators the system assesses Each quarter, CropWatch findings are published in the CropWatch bulletin. The bulletin is issued in English and Chinese. The CropWatch system and methodologies are described in various articles published in international and Chinese journals.

Data converging and preprocessing



Component 1: CropWatch Processing

CropWatch Processing offers an auto-processing chain from pre-processing of raw data to production outlook



32 Indicators

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Component 2: CropWatch Explore

CropWatch-Explore provide a web service for users to conveniently explore and visualize our data.



Component 3: CropWatch Analysis

CropWatch Analysis is **cloud based participatory tool** for the CropWatch teams or invited people from over the world analyzing their CropWatch indicators anywhere. It provides create document, allocate and manage tasks, monitor schedule and publish the document online functions which let people over the world finish their documents together on the cloud platform.



CropWatch Team

Experts across the world

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Joint Analysis from over the world

Joint analysis by 37 experts from 11 countries



CropWatch Hierarchical approach



Global: 65 MRUs



Precipitation departure

Biomass departure

Hotspots for MPZs

- North America: shortage of rainfall and above average temperature resulted in drought.
- Drought was confined to Manitoba (RAIN, -20%) and Saskatchewan (RAIN, -23%). The temperature was 2 to 3°above average July to late August



h. VHI minimum



e. Maximum VCI

f. Cropped arable land

Countries: 42



Food security early warning

- Cropped arable land fraction (CALF) represents the total cropping proportion at early growing stage
- Agro-meteorological risk index (AMRI) considering meteorological suitability for crops at different growing stage is used for yield alarming



Early outlook

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Overall, CropWatch tentatively summarizes the ongoing season as follows:

- *Mostly unfavorable:* Armenia, Azerbaijan, Canada, Georgia, Philippines, Poland, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, Moldova, Morocco, United States, and Vietnam.
- *Mixed:* Argentina, Brazil, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Nigeria, Romania, Russia, South Africa, United Kingdom, and Uzbekistan.
- *Mostly favorable:* Bangladesh, Czechia, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Thailand.

Server drought in South Africa

- Large production drop alert given in November 2015 Bulletin
- January 2016 Bulletin: Maize production was projected at 44.6% drop: Server drought prevented farms sowing maize, with a reduction of 34% of maize area; yield was 16% lower than 2015
- April 2016 Bulletin: Maize production is revised to 32% drop, since Feb 2016, rainfall benefited the maize in fields.



Relative distribution of maize in 2014-15 and 2015-16





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Provide global crop report as pdf or html format

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Four Quarterly CropWatch Bulletins

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One annual report





MARTERLY REPORT ON GLOBAL CROP PRODUCTION

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 already provided information services for 149 countries, and obvious enhance the transparence of global agricultural monitoring.



Features

Analysis-ready products

- > 32 Indicators ready in CropWatch Cloud considering most indicators used in existing system
- Indicators customizable, easy to include new national or regional specific indicators
- Cloud computing improves efficiency of data processing
- Customized for local condition
- Joint work promotes confident and transparency

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CropWatch for Mozambique

Customize CropWatch for Mozambique

- Portuguese Interface
- Including all provinces and districts
- Crop phenology
- Portuguese version of GVG tools

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CropWatch for Mozambique

Monitoring units: every districts and provinces



Technical training

- First round training for selected experts from national and provincial offices (3 colleagues)
- Extended training for 29 participants including local experts from 8 provincial offices attend the training
- In-situ data collection training at different major agricultural provinces

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Em Foco

- * Registo de precipitação muito abaixo do normal, na região Sul do país e acima do normal nas regiões Centro e Norte, no período de Outubro de 2017 à Março de 2018;
- * Registo de perda de cerca de 275 mil hectares de culturas diversas devido aos efeitos combinados de inundações, estiagem e lagarta do funil ao nivel do país;
- · Boas Perspectivas de Produção das principais culturas alimentares na Campanha Aaricola 2017/18
- » Preços de principais produtos agricolas, com tendências de redução ao nível dos principais mercados do país:

PRECIPITAÇÃO REGISTADAS E ACUMULADA DE OUTUBRO DE 2017 Á MARÇO DE 2018

periodo entre Outubro e Na resião Centro, as chuva 2017 foi foram intensas sobretudo nas caracterizado por precipitação provincias de Sofala, Manica e rregular e escassa nas regiões Sul e Zambézia, com registo partes do Centro do País. Na região 🔹 cumulado entre 500 e 1000 mm Norte, incluíndo as provincias de causando Sofala e Zambézia (região Centro), inundações. Na provincia de Tete a precipitação registada no mês a precipitação foi inferior a 500 de Dezembro, mostrou-se regular, mm, excepto nos distritos com valoras entre 300 e 500 mm, situados, no, planaito, onde tendo atingido valores superiores a tiveram registo entre 500 e 1000 500 mm em aleuns distritos mm isolados, no más de Dezembro.

Na região Norte do País, as De Janeiro a Marco de 2018, houve chuvas foram intensas con queda regular e excessiva de valores superiores a 500 mm precipitação em quase todo o país, verificado níveis aceitáveis para sobretudo no mês de Janeiro. Na jum bom desenvolvimento das região Sul, a precipitação registada culturas nesta região, não não foi sufuciente para as culturas, obstante o registo de inundações. o que causou stress hídrico e falhas ocorridas no més de Janeiro. (ñg. Elédexées Elédexées 201 et é uners Elé Vere é 201 no deservolvimento das culturas. 1),

DESVIO DE PRECIPITAÇÃO REGISTADO DE OUTUBRO DE 2017 Á MARÇO DE 2018



Em geral, a precipitação registada entre os meses de Outubro e Dezembro de 2017 no país, foi irregular e esteve abaixo do normal, nas regiões Sul (Maputo, Gaza e Inhambane) e partes da região Centro (Manica, Tete e distritos sul de Sofala). Nas restantes provincias de Centro e Norte, a precipitação foi regular e acima do normal. (Fig.2)

Entre os meses de Janeiro e Marco de 2018, a precipitação esteve muito acima do normal nas provincias de Manica, Sofala (região Centro), Cabo Delgado e Niassa (região Norte) e abaixo do normal nas regiões Centro (Tete e Zambézia) Norte (Nampula e Sul de Niassa).

Na região Sul, em geral, registou-se precipitação normal e abaixo do normal em alguns distritos do interior de Gaza e Inhambane.

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Eq.2: Precipitação registerle danoste o Époro Chorona 2017/18

Abril. Em geral, o WRSI nesta região é considerado de médio, pese embora em alguns distritos da provincia de Tete, Manica, Sofala e Zambézia, o

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índice ter sido afectado pela irregularidade da precipitação.



Fig.3: WRS7 até finais de Março de 2018

ANÁLISE DE NDVI



tro e pobre para a região Sul do pais.(fig. 3)

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Fig. C. Padroes deportida do NDVT espacial

A análise de desenvolvimento das culturas baseado no NDVI a nível nacional (fig 4), demonstram que as condições para desenvolvimento das culturas foram desfavoráveis desde o inicio do mês de Março, estas condições foram recuperando, chegando a situar-se próximo da média dos últimos 5 anos

O gráfico abaixo (fig 5), mostra que os padrões de partida de NDVI epacial associados aos perfis de NDVi, indicam diversidade de comportamento antes do mês de Fevereiro, com partes das provincias de Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Tete e Gaza acima da media e outras abaixo (5.6%). A partir de Fevereiro, os padrões de NDVI estiveram situados notavelmente perto da media. Em resum, entre os meses de Janeiro a Abril de 2018, a maior parte das áreas cultivadas (43%), estavam em condições abaixo da média dos últimos cinco anos.



Independent evaluation

- CropWatch's yield estimation result is quite accurate when compared to real ground data collected from their district and provincial level staff.
- It is also relatively more accurate and has higher resolution than other similar technologies they used before
- CropWatch is easy to learn and operate after several trainings.
- able to get in-time response from CropWatch teamwhenever he needs any troubleshooting.
- applying the tool to generate monthly agriculture bulletin during the rainy season, which informs policy making at national and provincial-level agriculture departments.
- Stressed the importance of building long-term internal capacity to understand the algorithm and the technology deeper so that maybe they can also build similar technology by themselves one day.

- Using CropWatch to process the data for required indicators
- CropWatch provides API for Thailand to feed ago-climate and agronomic information to Agri-Map, which provides services to local with own data



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DroughtWatch Handover to Mongolia

On September 17, 2018, the DroughtWatch-Mongolia was officially handed over to the Mongolian National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC)





Potential

Promote ownership for developing countries

- Customized according to the specific demand for each country and work as a national/regional system
- After customization and training, countries will strengthen the agricultural monitoring capacity on your own
- Promote developing countries leap-frag development
- Cloud services for crop monitoring
 - Cloud based system assessible from internet everywhere without investment on computing infrastructure, storage, etc



Thank you for your attention!