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Abstract

Maize is the most preferred staple food in Mozambican and demand increases as population grows. Since the arable area is limited, the productivity has to be increased. One of the methods to enhance yield is by minimising the yield gap and yield variability in farmers' fields through identifying specific land and management factors that causes to Maize yield gap at regional level. The aim of this study was to identify the biophysical factors at field level that causes maize yield gaps in Limpopo during the 2002/03 cropping season using Comparative Performance Analysis (CPA). The study was carried out through a field survey; the quantified land use analysis approach was used to carry out the yield gap analysis. Data on land and land use such as regarding soil texture, varieties, land preparation, sowing/planting, thinning, weeding, harvesting actual and expected yield and farmers' perceptions on yield differences and management like application of FYM, chemical fertilizers, application of pesticides were collected through interviews. Significant land and management parameters were selected through descriptive statistics. Tukey's pair-wise comparison was applied to identify significant mean differences for nominal parameters. Stepwise forward linear multiple regressions was applied to select constraints for yield variability and to derive the production model; it explains 57 % of the encountered yield variability. Note that the model excludes farmers' perceptions on reported yield gap causes like drought, pests and diseases. The data on these parameters proved not logical; statistical analysis showed unexpected opposite relationship. A quantitative production function is derived and used to determine the 'mean' and 'best' values for each explanatory parameter; impact estimates by yield constraints and individual contribution to the overall yield gap. The identified yield constraints and their relative contribution to the yield gap are: light texture soil (27%), Plot size (30%), more seeds per plant hill (30%) and no thinning practiced (13%). The production model was then tested using a separate data set of a previous season to check its value. The model proved significant with an adj. R^2 of 43% ($p=0.001$). Therefore, the model is fit to estimate and quantify yield constraints across years of maize in the Limpopo valley. These findings feature the fact that farmers operate at a rather low technology level, and are still at the early level of acquiring proper production skills.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Yield gap of Maize

In our world of ever growing population, pressure on land resources for its uses becomes increasingly demanding. The land for agriculture gets reduce due to increase in number of users. Food production has to be increased per unit area to meet the growing demand of population. In most of the developing countries, researchers in research station and experimental field show the potential yield (yield under optimum management practices) of crops but actual yield is almost always lower. Yield gap is “the difference of actual yields versus yield obtained under optimum management practices, or yield determined by the land-base natural resources” (Bindraban et al., 2000). It is also defined as the difference between research yield levels (experiment station or on-farm research plots) and average farmers' yields in any given location (FAO, 2000). For food security, the yield gap must be minimized through improving the efficiency of the land use systems. The studies on yield gap has been conducted by many scientists around the world (Becker and Johnson, 1999; Casanova et al., 1999; de Bie, 2000; Gaddi et al., 2002; Rugege, 2002; Van Asten et al., 2003) using various crops.

According to de Bie (2000) many actual production situations face yield constraints that cause a considerable gap between actual yields and yield levels possible with improved technology. Bindraban et al. (2000) suggest that actual yield levels are influenced by land-based natural resources and often even stronger, indirectly by socio-economic conditions. Cultivation practices are based on farmer's knowledge and skills, access to markets, land tenure, etc. These practices may not meet the agronomic requirements needed to realize potential yield levels at prevailing socio-economical conditions. Yield may differ for a multitude of reasons, resulting in sub-optimal use of land resources or even deterioration of the resource base. Causes of differences in yields on-station and on-farm experienced by same crop is generally multiple and complex (Rockstrom and Falkenmark, 2000). Proper agriculture policy formulation and adequate implementation, knowledge on the constraints that limit yields, and adequate institutional support, is required to minimise suffered yield gaps.

“Maize is the major food source for many poor (CIMMYT, 2003). Research on constraints of maize production in the developing world are prioritised globally and by region, including studies on factors that causes poverty and prolongs subsistence farming (CIMMYT, 2002). In world these is presently much concern for food production for its ever growing population, not only for survival but for eradication of hunger and malnutrition (FAO, 1996): "The right of everyone to have access to safe and nutritious food, consistent with the right to adequate food and the fundamental right of everyone to be

free from hunger" (FAO, 2001). Although maize is not indigenous to Africa, it is the single most planted cereal on this continent. Particularly in Eastern and Southern Africa, it is the most important staple grain (Asiema, 1994). In spite of the effort to increase the productivity, there is always a yield gap. Scientists who conducted research of yield gap studies on Maize are An, (2000), Barron et al.(2003), Bretel (1997), Girmay (2000), Rockstrom and Falkenmark (2000), Rugege (2002); they reported different aspects that could minimise encountered yield gaps.

In 2002, Mozambique was severely affected by drought in the southern province including Gaza and most crops failed, creating acute food shortages at household level. In spite of the international support, one of the government's emergency drought response included distribution of Maize seeds for the next cropping session (FEWS, 2003). Maize is the most preferred staple food of the people in Mozambique (FAO/WFP, 2003) and it tends to take much of the land for household subsistence. It is also an important income generating crop and where high yields are possible, farmers dedicate significant portions of their arable land to grow maize (INGC, 2003). Maize productivity on farms remains low but the potential to increase yields exists (FAO/WFP, 2003).

1.2 Problem Statement

- The farmers of Mozambique depend heavily on the production of Maize for their daily food consumption. When we see the demand and supply of maize for year 2002/03, there is 109 000 tonnes of maize deficit which has to be supplied from abroad. With 36 000 tonnes of maize aid from WFP in the pipeline, there is still 73 000 tonnes to be covered by additional donor contributions (FAO/WFP, 2003)
- The trend analysis from 1981 to 2002 of yield per ha shows improvements from 400 to 800 kg/ha. (Figure 1-1) (FAO, 2003)
- Though the maize yield per unit area is increasing, it is at a lower rate than the area cultivated (INGC, 2003).

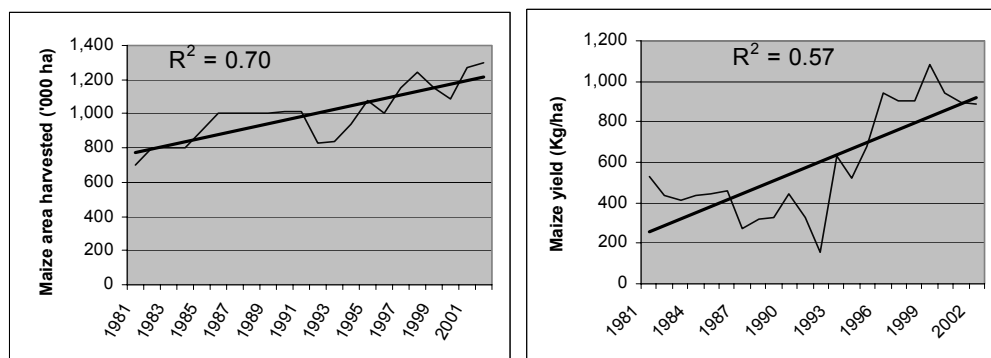


Figure 1-1: The trend of Maize yields in Mozambique

- Apart from the consumption of maize as staple food, it is also an income-generating crop for many to support them during lean periods like drought and flood.
- In Gaza province of Mozambique, since 2000, maize yields are slightly declining (Figure-1-2). The yield was calculated from production data of year 1999/2000 to 2002/03. In addition, the yield levels are among the lowest in Mozambique.

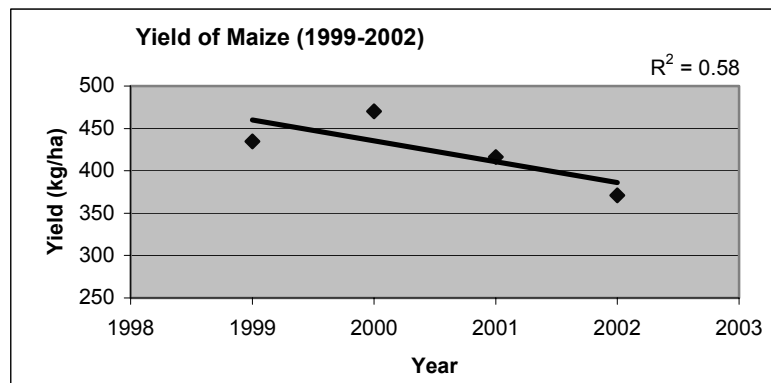


Figure 1-2: The trend of Maize yields in Gaza Province, Mozambique

(Note: Produced from the data provided by National Directorate of Agriculture, Maputo)

- Therefore, it is important to identify the biophysical factors that are responsible for the maize yield gap suffered.

1.3 Justification

Looking to the importance of Maize production by farmers of Mozambique, and its role to their livelihood and food security, it has to be seriously looked into. It seems that there has been little research carried out to determine the biophysical factors for yield constraints in mentioned Mozambique (location specific) and to recommend the agronomic site specific cultural practices which will minimise the yield gap. “Quantifying the variability in yield and identifying the determining factors are prerequisites to the development of site-specific recommendations and to improve targeting of technologies” (Becker and Johnson, 1999). This is appropriately dealt with by using CPA that explores Yield as a function of Land and Land use (de Bie, 2000). CPA analysis is meant to provide extension agents, fertilizer agents, plant protection centres, planners and decision makers with valuable information about location specific constraints and to develop strategies to improve yields.

1.4 Conceptual Base

The conceptual base used is Comparative Performance Analysis (CPA) (de Bie, 2000). Comparative Performance Analysis (CPA) is a quantitative method for yield gap analysis. CPA can identify major yield constraints and quantifies yield-gap functions by comparing production situations at actual on-

farm sites. It assumes that land users operate at various technological levels, i.e. from conservative (traditional) to advanced (experimental), and apply different management packages that make use of indigenous and improved technologies. For successful CPA, the study must focus on a particular land use class and the land use systems surveyed must reflect the entire prevailing range of environmental conditions and all types and levels of technology practiced. CPA considers environmental conditions and management aspects as they occur in a specific study area (de Bie, 2000).

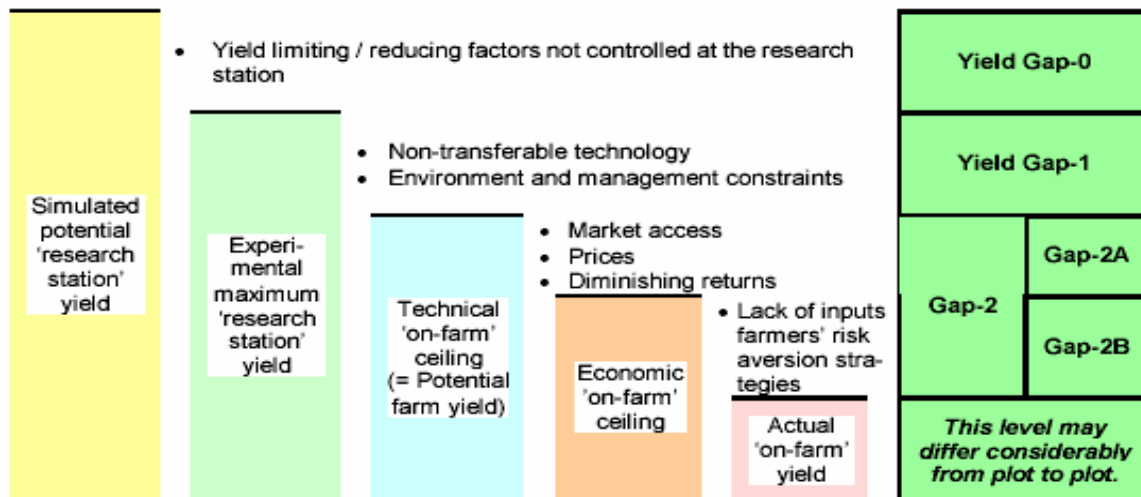


Figure 1-3: Partial yield gaps and their dominant constraints (de Bie, 2000) modified from Fresco 1984

1.5 General Objective

This study is aimed at identifying land and management constraints that cause yield gaps in maize and to quantify impacts by those yield constraints for maize growth in the Limpopo valley, South-Gaza province, Mozambique, using CPA, Remote Sensing (RS) and Geographical Information System (GIS).

The study sets out to:

- Identify and determine the location specific land and management yield constraints of Maize in the study area
- Quantify for each yield constraint its impact to the overall yield gap with a derived production model
- Test the model fitness with another season dataset of the same study area for the same crop
- Estimate the potential farm yield and actual on-farm yield of maize with the derived production model.

1.6 Research Questions

Answering the following questions fulfils the general objective of the study:

- How much is the potential on farm yield of the Maize?
- What is the average actual on farm yield of the Maize in the study area?
- What are the determining biophysical factors for the on-farm yield gap?
- Are there any other site-specific factors that have significant impact on the yield gap of maize?

1.7 Hypothesis

- **Yield=f (land, land use)**

Yield varies with land characteristics such as soil texture, soil fertility status, and water holding capacity, rainfall; yield is a function of land characteristics. **Yields also varies with the type and level of management** such as, crop variety, seed rate, spacing, irrigation, fertilizer use, field operations like plough before planting, planting, thinning and weeding, harvesting and method used in these operations.

- The production function: $\text{Yield} = f(\text{land and land use})$ explains significantly encountered yields for another season data set.

2. Methods and Materials

2.1 Study Area

Mozambique is located in Southern Africa at the geographic coordinates of 18° 15' S, 35° 00' E, covering total area about 801,590 km² (Anonymous, 2003). It is bordering with South Africa and Swaziland to the south, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi to the west, Tanzania to the north. All the eastern part is coastline of 2,470 km (Anonymous, 2003; CIA, 2003). The country is divided into 10 (Ten) provinces. The focus Gaza province is located between Latitudes 24° 30' 14" and 24° 59' 44" South, and Longitudes 33° 05' 52" and 33° 41' 32" East. The area of the Limpopo River basin is only 19% of the 412,100 sq km. i.e. 79,600 sq km (Pereira, 2002). Limpopo basin is located in the southern part of Gaza province (INGC, 2003). The study area is within Latitudes 24° 33' 52" and 24° 58' 51" South and Longitudes 33° 06' 06" and 33° 34' 28" East which, falls within river Limpopo valley covering a total area of 2,578 km² (Figure-2-1). The area includes parts of five districts, Chokwe, Guija, Chibuto, Macia - Bilene, and Xai-Xai.

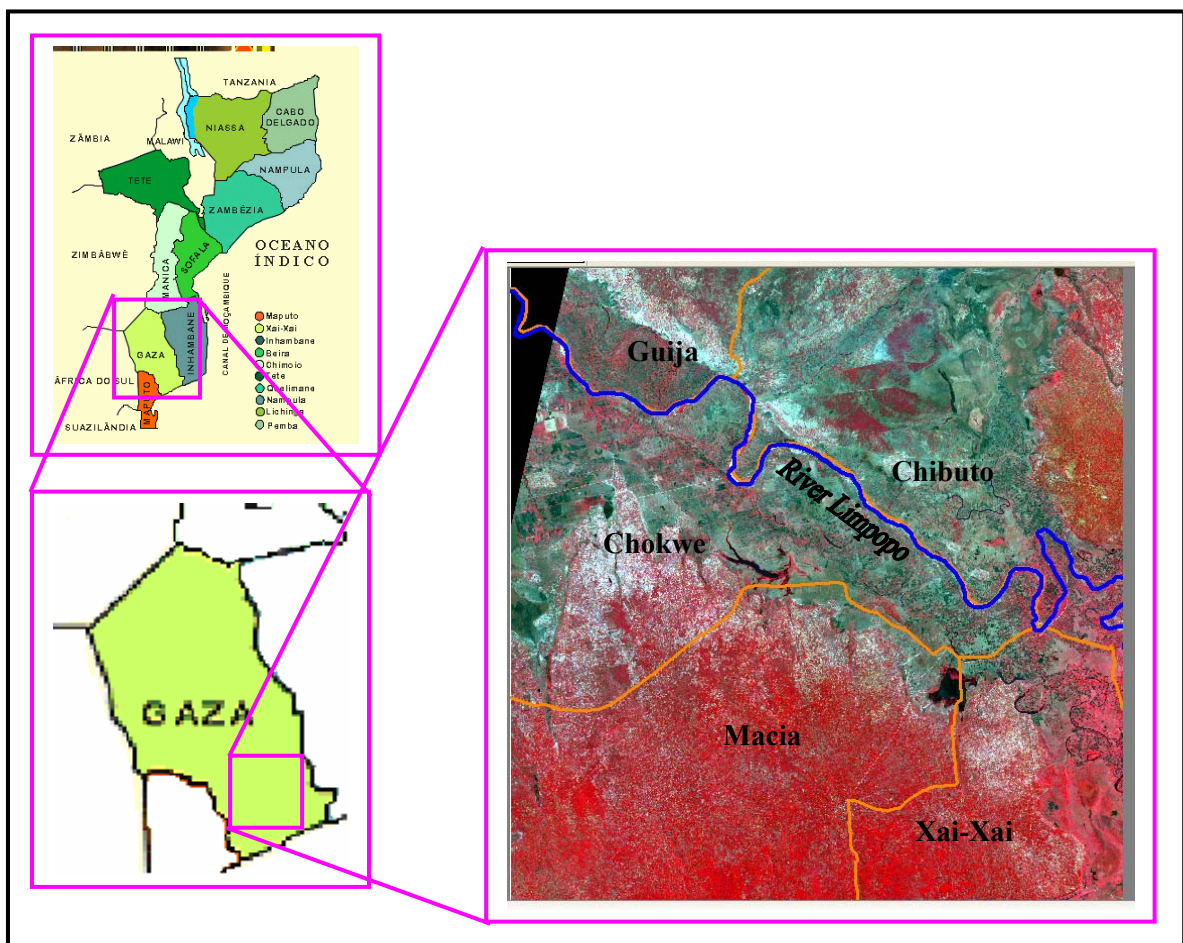


Figure 2-1: Location of the study area in the country Mozambique

2.1.1 Climate

The climate is semi-arid to sub-humid. The region is prone to frequent drought and uneven rainfall distribution, as it is sandwich between Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Two distinct seasons characterised the region – a dry season approximately from May to October and wet season roughly from November to April (INGC, 2003)

Rainfall

In the study area, rain starts from October to March when basin also has the highest temperature, which is called as wet-hot season or summer (INGC, 2003). The average monthly rainfall is from 48-176mm in this season. The dry season starts from April to September, having average monthly rainfall of 19-48 mm in this season. During 2003, June month received exceptional high rainfall of 246mm in the dry season. The wettest months in the basin are January and February and the driest months are July and August. Shown below (Figure-2-2) is the pattern of average monthly rainfall, evaporation and temperature of 1998 to 2002 in the study area.

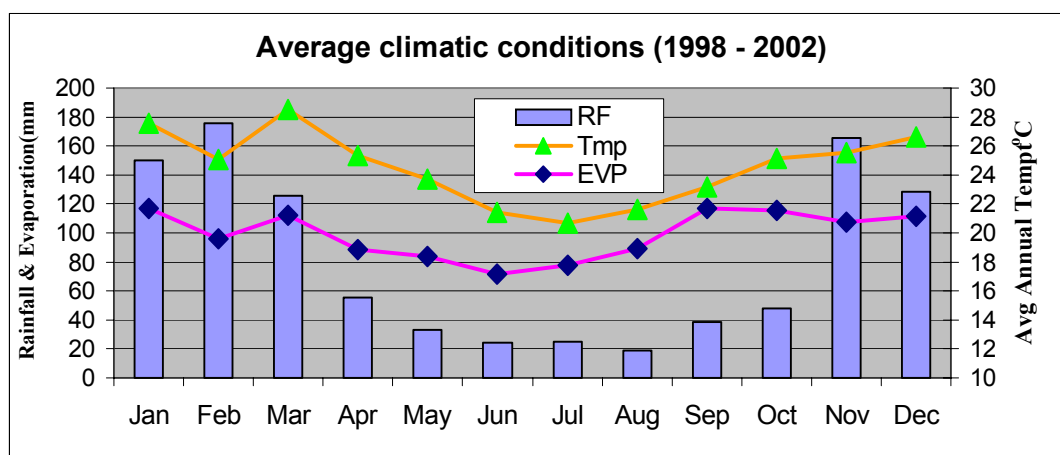


Figure 2-2: The monthly average rainfall pattern (1998-2002)

(Note: Produced from data provided by National Institute of Meteorology, Caixa Postal 256-Maputo)

Temperature

The highest average temperature is during months of October to March (summer season) and the lowest average temperature is during months of April to September (winter season). In Figure-2-2, shows the average temperature (°C) for the year 1998-2002 for southern part of Gaza province.

Weather stations

Within the study area, there is one weather station located in Chibuto and other is adjacent to study area in Chokwe. The average monthly minimum and maximum temperature (°C) of 2001 and 2002 is visualized in Figure-2-3. Monthly average minimum temperature ranges from 11-22 (°C) lowest in

June to July. The maximum average temperature ranges from 25-34 (°C) highest during the month of December and January.

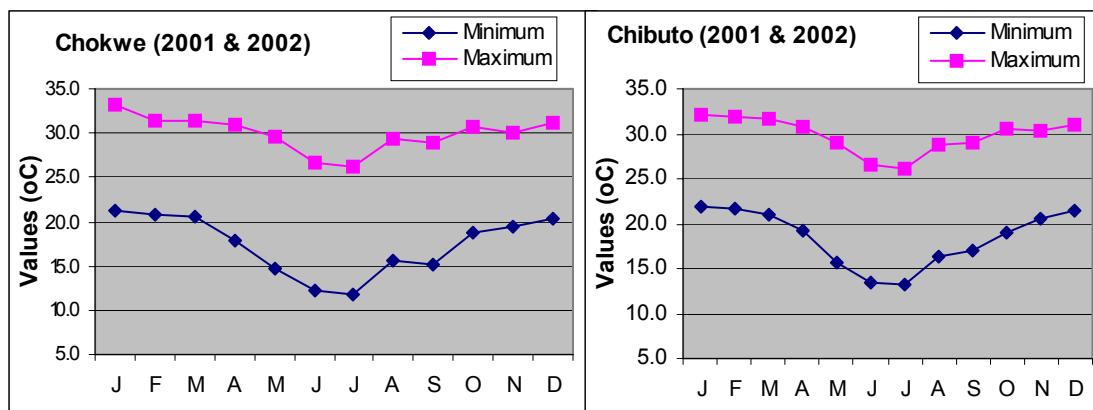


Figure 2-3: The average minimum and maximum temperature (°C) of 2001 and 2002

(Note: Produced from data provided by Weather stations of Chokwe and Chibuto)

2.1.2 Soil

The soil of the Basin in Mozambique has deep sands and sandy loam soils with medium to high water holding capacity. A belt of deep clay soils along the flood Plains borders this area. Most of the rest area of Basin has shallow sands and loams with low water holding capacity. Clay soil has typical higher water holding capacity that can create a barrier to water drainage and are likely to remain wet long after a rainfall. Water logging and flooding due to local rainfall is common in such soils. Low water holding capacities are more typical of sandy soils that are unable to hold much water. Loamy soils are the intermediate case; good for agriculture, they hold a fair amount of water without becoming waterlogged (INGC, 2003). Soil map of the study area (Figure 2-4) shows different types of soil classes later grouped in to three texture classes.

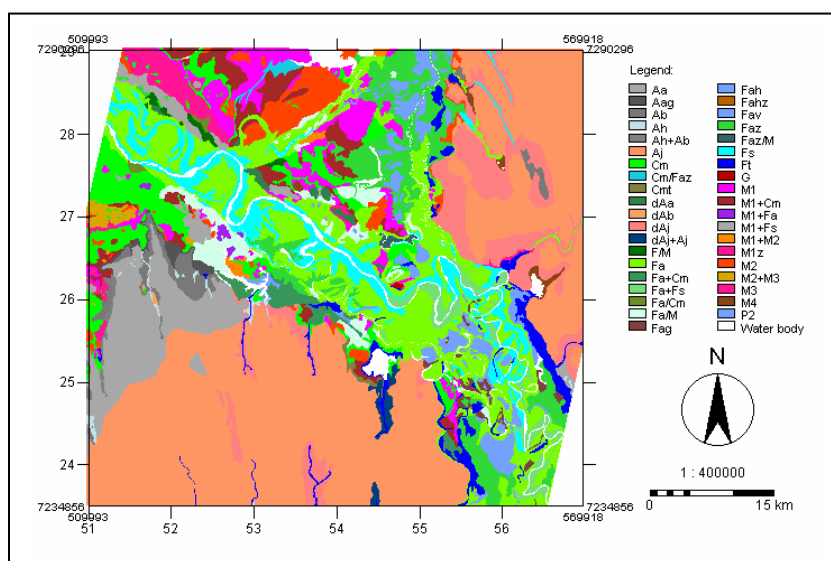


Figure 2-4: Soil map of study area.

2.1.3 Land cover and land use

Land cover of the study area is very heterogeneous in nature, with no clear boundary of different cover types. It has mostly rain fed cropped area with annual and perennial crops. Other cover types are grassland, Shrub land, dry land crops and pasture, cropland/grassland mosaic, cropland/woodland mosaic and settlements (INGC, 2003).

The land use is mostly agriculture. Some parts get irrigation from the irrigation reservoirs and some farmers have their own water pumps for irrigation. There are two types of livestock breeding-traditional and improved farms, which are restricted to smaller areas (Pereira, 2002). The crops grown are mostly Maize irrespective of landform, soil type, and water availability, other land use such as Cashew gardens, except in small patches of shrub land, grassland, pastures and swampy areas. Other crops like beans, tuber crops like cassava and sweet potato are grown in and around the Maize field as inter crop or along the boundary of maize plot (only in some localities). Vegetables like tomato, pumpkins, cabbage, and cauliflower are grown in the irrigated flood plain or by the farmers who owns water pumps. The cash crops like cashew are seen growing mostly on the highlands with poor management practices.

2.1.4 Area cultivated and production

The cultivated area, production and income (Tons/ha) of Maize of 5 out of 11 districts of Gaza province were shown as Table-2-1 for year 1999/2000 to 2001/2002

Table 2-1: Cultivated area, production and income (Tons/ha) of Maize

Districts	1999/2000			2000/01			2001/02		
	Area (Ha)	Production (Tons)	Income (T/ha)	Area (Ha)	Production (Tons)	Income (T/ha)	Area (Ha)	Production (Tons)	Income (T/ha)
Xai-Xai	23913	11956	0.50	28053	11221	0.40	27476	9617	0.35
Bilene-Macia	18869	13439	0.71	21109	8444	0.40	19689	6891	0.35
Chibuto	18119	10061	0.56	20180	10090	0.50	15604	7022	0.45
Chokwe	15406	395	0.03	18311	9339	0.51	17247	7761	0.45
Guija	6508	3740	0.57	7881	5517	0.70	6041	2416	0.40

(Note: data source from the National Directorate of Agriculture-Maputo)

2.1.5 Population

About 1.06 million population lives in the Gaza province (INE, 1999) out of which about 80% are agriculture oriented (INGC, 2003). Table 2-2 shows the percentage of the total population figure reflected.

Table 2-2: Percentage distribution of population per sex per district, Gaza Province, 1997

District	Total	Men	Women
Gaza N (000)	1,062.40	456.9	605.5
Bilene Macia	12.5	12.4	12.6
Chibuto	15.5	15.1	15.8
Chókwè	16.3	16.3	16.3
Guijá	5.4	5.4	5.4
Xai-Xai	15.6	15.6	15.6

Source: (INE, 1999)

2.2 Research Methods

The preliminary study area was identified before fieldwork after a visual interpretation of an Aster Image of 14 June 2003, and a literature review. The overall research method is shown in Figure 2-5 as a flow chart. The aim of this study was to develop a model for assessing land and management factors with explanatory analytical statistics for the entire study area through CPA (de Bie, 2000) using mobile GIS.

2.2.1 Mobile GIS as a Tool

Mobile GIS is a growing technology for spatial field data collection. It integrates three essential components, Global Positioning System (GPS), rugged handheld computers, and GIS software. The Compaq-iPAQ pocket PC running at 200MHz under MS-Windows-CE (v. 3.09) is able to run Arc-Pad (v.6.0) and to connect to a GPS. The pocket PC has backlight-features so that in bright sun the screen is still perfectly readable. The user can save the GPS-track log (as points in lat-long), or use the GPS to prepare shape files (point, line, or polygon features) in the projection system of loaded maps. The software also allows to prepare forms (questionnaires), and to draw points, lines, or polygons directly by hand on the screen. The exact acreage, as well as other dimensions such as perimeter length of the field can be calculated by using the resulting coordinates and the software. The “GPS-iPaq-Arc-Pad” combination comprises a compact but complete set-up of digital survey equipment that can be employed in the field by car or on foot (de Bie, 2002).

Most problems with the system relate to knowledge on projection systems, to the need to prepare *.prj files containing projection information, and to proper use of datum settings. Once the GPS is connected, the position accuracy on loaded maps will be within 10m pending on proper GPS reception.

With the advent of low-cost, easy to use and field-ready computing devices, this is now more cost effective than ever before (Spencer, 2002). Therefore, this improved GIS technology can be applied to improve the quality and efficiency of required geo-spatial information production with special emphasis on capturing plot sizes. Hence, the mobile GIS techniques can be used for spatial data collection in agricultural surveys in yield gap analysis studies (de Bie, 2002).

Dr. Kees de Bie, NRS department, ITC, conducted a two-day workshop on Mobile-GIS for students. Installation of Microsoft ActiveSyn and ArcPad 6.0 in the iPAQ, connection and communication of GPS with iPAQ, digitising as poly line, polygon, attribute table creation, and go to function were taught which were very useful in the field work. Image shift correction, conversions of Image to Mr SID file, creation of projection file were also taught. The digital copy of satellite images, topographic map, soil map were converted into Mr. SID files and downloaded in the iPAQ that was used in the field for digitising sample plots.

For the purpose of fieldwork and visual classification, hard copy images were needed. The colour composites were made from the data of Aster Image 2003, using 3, 2, 1 band in RGB transformation. This is for improved visual interpretation of land cover. Hard copy of Topographic and soil maps was also printed out for the fieldwork.

2.2.2 Research Materials

The research materials, which were used in this study, are listed in Table 2-3.

Table 2-3: Materials used for the study

Materials	Used for
Topographic maps: 1:250,000	Navigation to reach on the selected site of sampling
Aster Image of 14 th June 2003 (15 m resolution)	Identifying the sampling areas in the study area
GPS-iPAQ set and their accessories	Positioning of the sample fields and digitizing of field boundaries.
Soil auger, pH paper	Taking top (0-20cm) soil sample for texture & pH testing

2.2.3 Software

Most of the image processing and the GIS operations during this research were carried out using ILWIS version 3.1. Some specific image processing operations was done using Erdas Imagine version 8.6, ArcMap 8.0. ArcPad 6.0 was extensively used in the field for digitizing plot boundaries that were saved as shape files. Other software used this study, is listed in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4: Software used

Software group	Trade names
Spreadsheet	MS Excel
Statistical	MINITAB, SYSTAT 7.0, SPSS
Word processing	MS Word; Visio; Microsoft Power Point, EndNote 5.0

2.2.4 Flow chart of research method

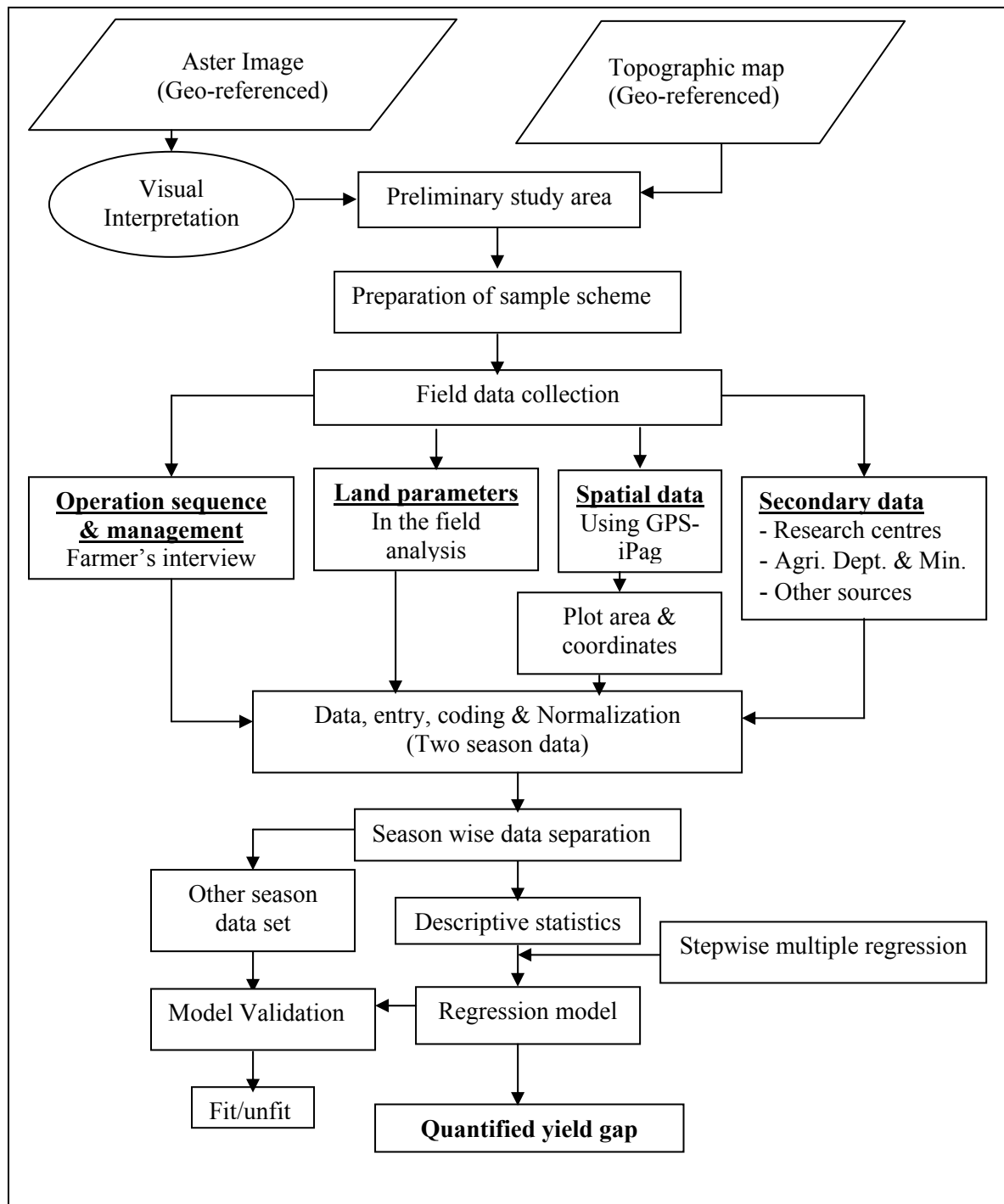


Figure 2-5: Flow diagram of research method for biophysical yield gap analysis

2.2.5 Data collection

The scheduled fieldwork was 6 weeks; it started on 16 September and lasted till 26 October 2003. After reaching the area of interest, we had two days of reconnaissance survey to get overall idea of the study area of approximately 65km x 70km. In general, the area was very heterogeneous in nature. Predominantly, agriculture practices are subsistent in nature (Albano, 2002). Maize is cultivated almost everywhere including within the Cashew gardens as intercrop except for some place like swampy low-lying areas, which are prone to flood hazards.

Land use data collection

The land use data collection started on 22 September 2003 and at the end of fieldwork, data of 98 samples (two seasons) from 30 villages under 8 administrative posts within 5 districts were collected. A checklist (Appendix I) was used to collect the data. Through interviews, primary data on operation sequence and management practices were collected. Land preparation before planting, power used in each operations, planting, methods of planting, number of seeds used, spacing maintained, varieties, thinning & weeding, fertilizer application, pest and disease control, date of harvesting, actual and expected yields and farmers' perceptions of causing the yield differences were obtained through farmers' interviews (Figure-2-6a). Villages were selected randomly. In each village, farmers were interviewed depending on their availability and whether they grew Maize in any of the two season of year 2002/2003 by taking them to their own respective fields.



Figure 2-6: (a) Interviewing farmer through interpreter Mr. Samuel (b) Analysing soil texture by feel method

The primary data on land parameters like soil texture and pH were taken in farmers' field (Figure-2-6b). Top soil (0-20cm) textures were determined in the field by feel method (Thien, 1979), pH test were done at the same time by pH paper provided by ITC; 10gms of soil sample was mixed with about 50ml of pre pH tested water, mixed thoroughly for one minute and then pH paper was put in the water for about one minute.

Spatial field data

A handheld computer and a GPS (Figure-2-7a) were used to digitise the boundary of sample plots. The operator walked along the actual field boundary with the GPS-iPaq system (Figure-2-7b), which recorded the field polygon coordinates. The obtained coordinates were downloaded to a main

computer for further analysis. The GPS data collection interval was set to record a point every one or two seconds. The operator used stream mode to make polygons, while walking mapping progress was followed on the screen to ensure no points were missed and that collected data ended at the starting point of the exercise.



Figure 2-7: (a) Mobile GIS set with digitized plots in zoom view (b) Digitizing the field boundary

Secondary data collection

Maize yields at the research centre and of trials at different locations were obtained from the Research station, Chowke. These data were collected for reference in this study. Yield data of maize by district were collected from the Ministry of Agriculture, Maputo covering the last 5 years.

Sampling method

A random clustered sampling method was used to obtain land and management datasets for the year 2002/03. Randomisation was done to obtain variability, clustering was done to increase the number and effectiveness of sampling within the given time (Thompson, 1991). Figure-2-8 shows the study area and positions of sampled sites on Aster image of 14 June 2003.

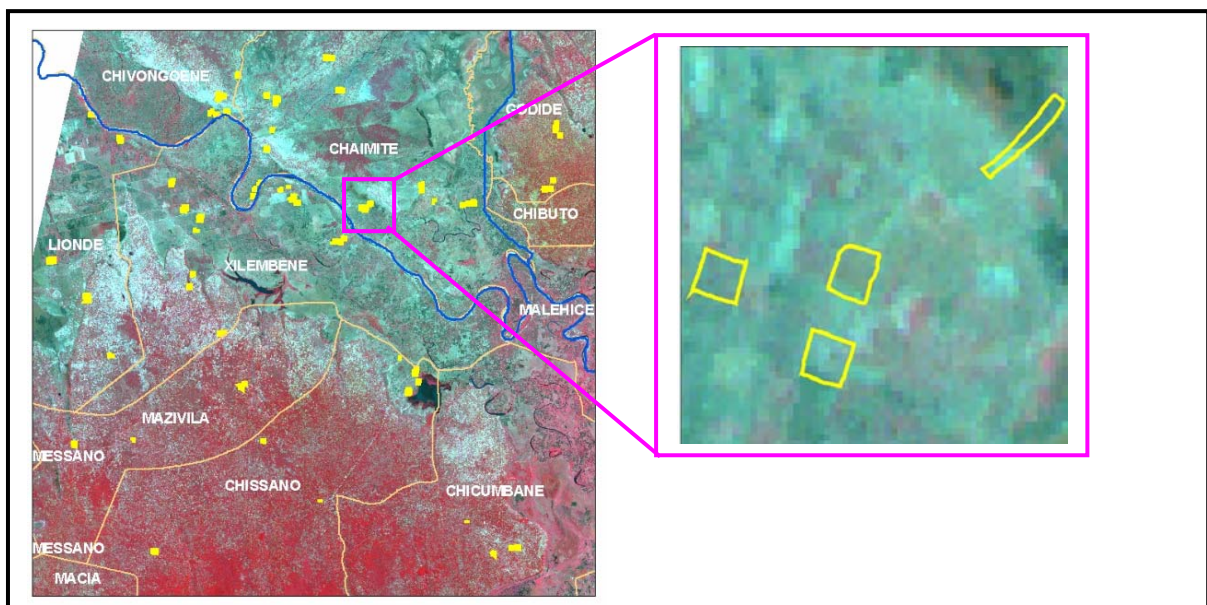


Figure 2-8: Aster image of 14 June 2003 with administrative post boundaries and sample plots

2.2.6 Data entry and normalization

To analyse the data efficiently, data entry and normalization was carried out using MS Excel. Data were coded and a codebook was prepared as reference during data analysis (Appendix II). Parameters and parameter values were defined in the codebook. Coded tables were prepared as spreadsheet in Excel (Appendix III). Units of measurements were standardized into standard measurement units. Nominal data were transformed into ratio data by normalization to facilitate statistical analysis and data visualization; Table 2-5 shows a data normalization example. Nominal parameters were transformed to ratio data containing only “1” or “0” (Yes or No), so that they can be used for regression analysis.

Table 2-5: Normalization of data

Raw data			Normalized data				
Sample ID	Soil texture	Yield	Sample ID	Light (L)	Medium (M)	Heavy (H)	Yield
1	Sand (light)	500	1	1	0	0	500
2	Loam (medium)	800	2	0	1	0	800
3	Clay (heavy)	1600	3	0	0	1	1600

2.2.7 Descriptive statistics

Descriptive statistics including Tukey’s test were generated to screen which land and management parameters are significantly related with maize productivity. SYSTAT 7.0, MINITAB Release 13 and SPSS software were used for this purpose. The statistical relationships were displayed as box plots and scatter plots.

2.2.8 Multiple regression

The mean response of the production function;

Yield = f (land, land use) is:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n$$

Where, y is the maize yield (kg/ha) explained by the land and land use parameters x_1 , x_2 and x_n ; and β_1 , β_2 and β_n are the regression coefficients.

The stepwise multiple linear regression method was used to model yield. To avoid the danger that too many parameters are included, considering the number of included cases, the stepwise forward method was used (de Bie, 2000). Final regression equation was derived through researcher’ controlled ‘trial and error’ approach to quantify the impact of yield constraints on yield.

3. Descriptive Statistics

Yields were reported “on the cob” as the farmers after harvest do not immediately separate the cobs from the grain. The quantities they measure were in bags of 50 and 80 kg or in bullock carts. The quantity of carts in bags or in kg was taken according to the farmers’ knowledge and experience during the interview.

The 71 yield data obtained were subjected to descriptive statistics to test for normality. To fulfil the assumptions of regression analysis the dependent variable must be normal (McCabe, 2002). The yield data were plotted in a probability curve; they were as observed as not normal since the pattern does not follow a straight line (Figure-3-1). This was confirmed through the Anderson-Darling, Ryan-Joiner and Kolmogorov-Smirnov normality tests. After a natural log transformation, **Ln (yield)** then became normal for the Anderson-Darling normality test; five “0” yields were however omitted. (Figure-3-2)

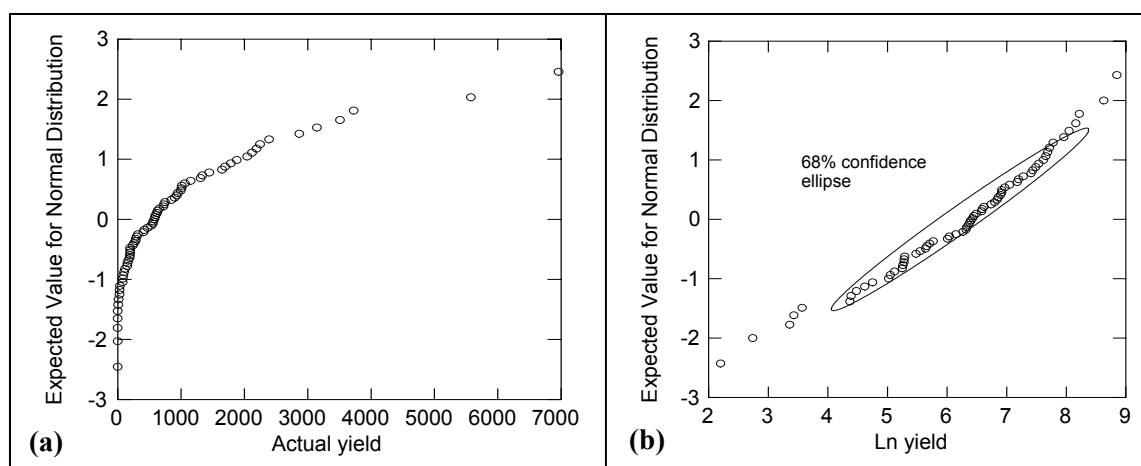


Figure 3-1: (a) Probability plot of yield before log transferring (b) after log transferring in SYSTAT 7

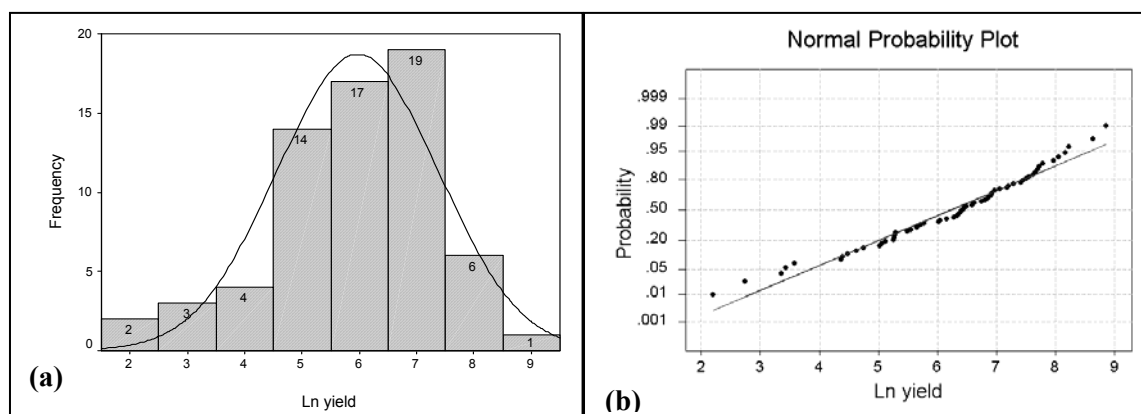


Figure 3-2: (a) Histogram with normal curve (b) normal fitted plot of Ln yield

3.1 Varieties grown

Within the study area, most farmers used a local (Lo) variety (60X) or Matuba (Ma), an improved variety (3X) or Nhankuweni (Na), according to the farmers a drought resistant variety (3X). Figure-3-3 shows the yield variability by variety grown. The effect of varieties on the natural log of yield was not significant (ANOVA: $p > 0.05$) and the count of varieties used was biased towards local.

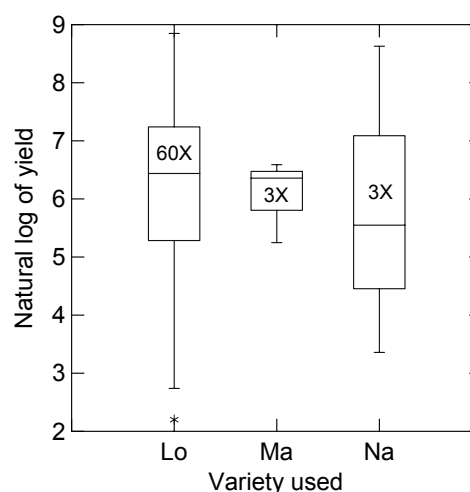


Figure 3-3: The varieties grown and Ln yield

3.2 Land Characteristics

Soil texture

There are 10 different soil texture classes identified by the feel method (Thien, 1979). These classes were merged into 3 classes; Light (L), Medium (M) and Heavy (H) according to its capacity to hold water (Whiting, 2002). Soil texture versus Ln yield is shown in Figure-3-4. It shows that Ln yield is significantly effected by soil texture (ANOVA analysis: $p < 0.05$).

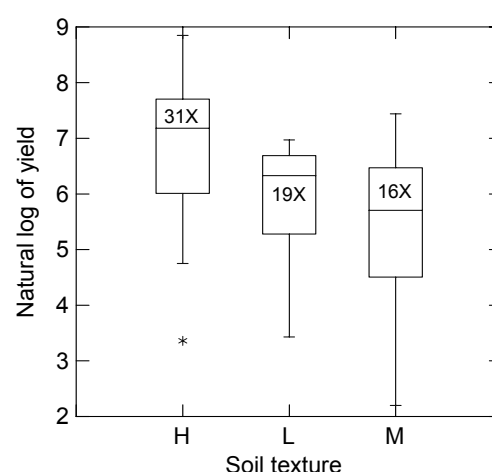


Figure 3-4: The soil texture and Ln yield

Tukey's pair wise comparison (Table-3-1) shows that only the heavy (h) soil texture is significantly different from light and medium texture. There is no significant different in natural Ln yield between low and medium. The location and average reported yields by texture class are shown in Figure 3-5

Table 3-1: Tukey's pair wise comparisons between soil texture and Ln yield

	l	m
m	-0.653 1.475	
h	-1.867 -0.040	-2.329 -0.399

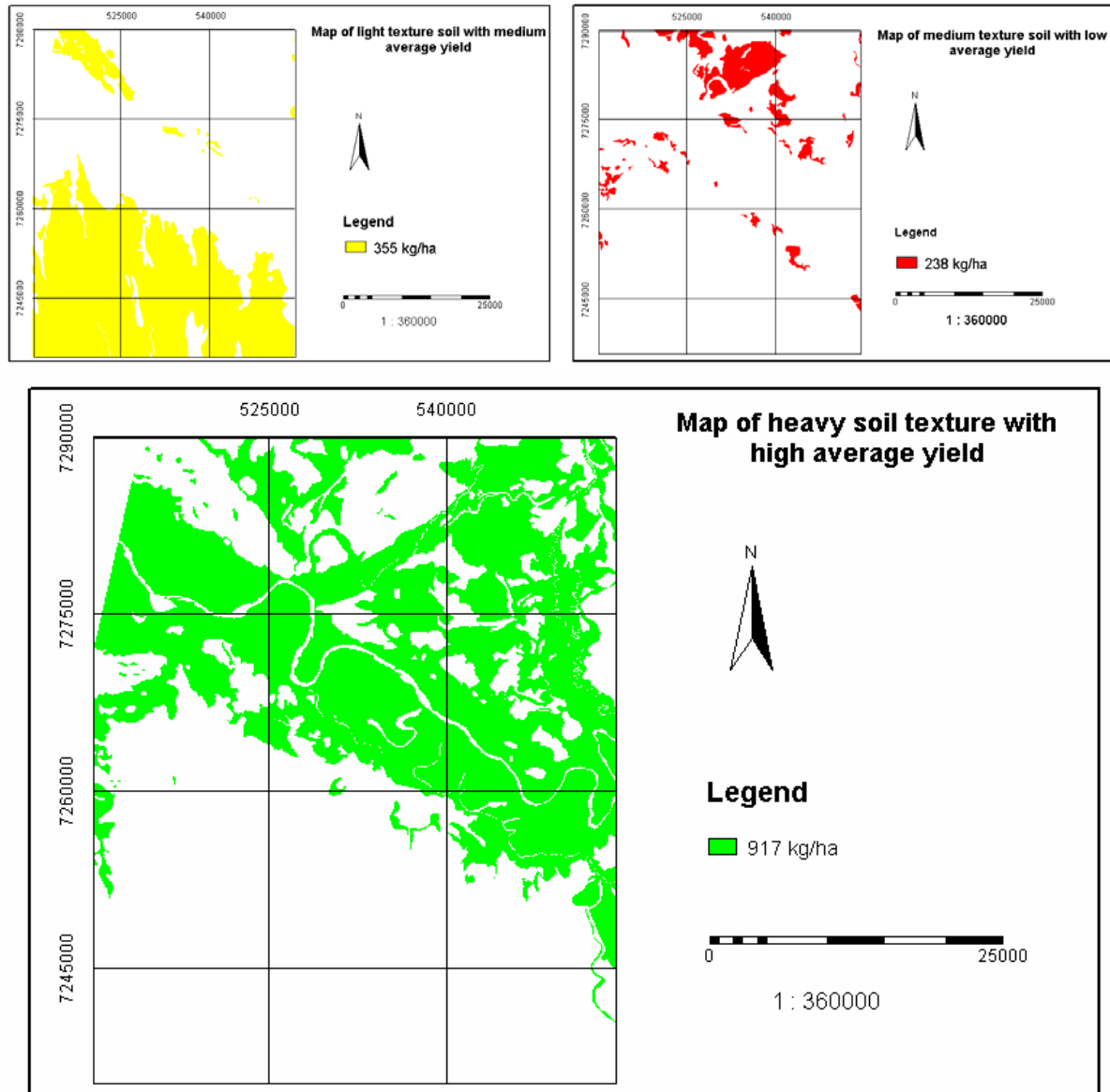


Figure 3-5: Maps of three major soil textures having different average yields.

Soil pH

The soil pH in the study area ranges from 5 to 7. Figure 3-6 shows that there is no relation with the observed soil pH from the field with Ln yield ($p > 0.05$ and $R^2 = 0\%$ in simple regression).

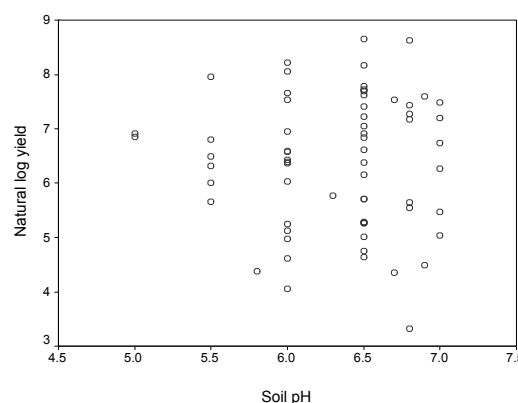


Figure 3-6: Soil pH and Ln yield

Plot size cultivated in hectare (ha)

As the area increases the natural log of yield tends to decrease (Figure-3-7). It shows that plot size has significant impact on natural log yield. In simple regression; $p < 0.05$ and $R^2 = 19\%$. In the study area, agriculture practice is labour intensive. Therefore, the finding is probably due to poor management in larger area.

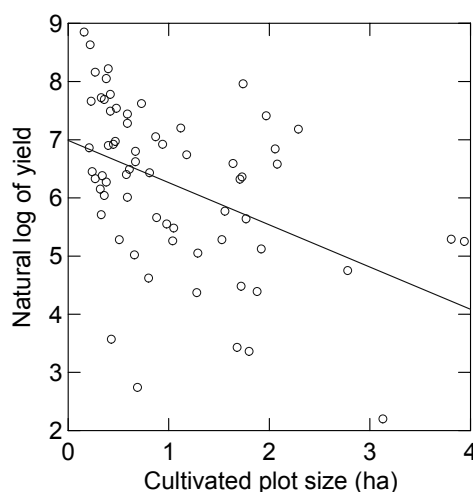


Figure 3-7: Plot size in hectare and Ln yield

Located in irrigation scheme

13 fields were located within the irrigation scheme; almost all functions of the scheme were stopped due to the flood of 2000. Figure-3-8 shows for those sites higher Ln yields but ANOVA analysis indicates a non-significant effect ($p > 0.05$).

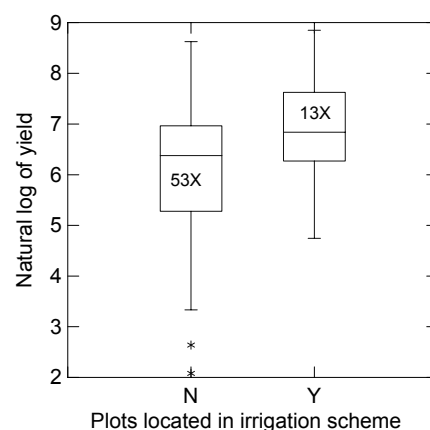


Figure 3-8: The fields located in the irrigation scheme and Ln yield

Fields flooded during 2000 flood

23 samples sites are on upland and 43 on low land (flooded in 2000). Figure-3-9 shows that the average yield in the low land is a bit higher and their variability. The ANOVA analysis showed no significant differences.

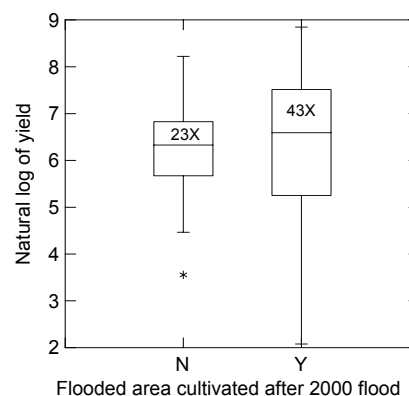


Figure 3-9: The fields flooded and Ln yield

3.3 Operation sequence

Cultivated Maize is mostly twice a year: April to September (winter season) and October to March (summer season). All major operations carried out and their time period for summer season maize are summarised in Figure-3-10. The figure includes data of all surveyed plots on which summer season maize was grown.

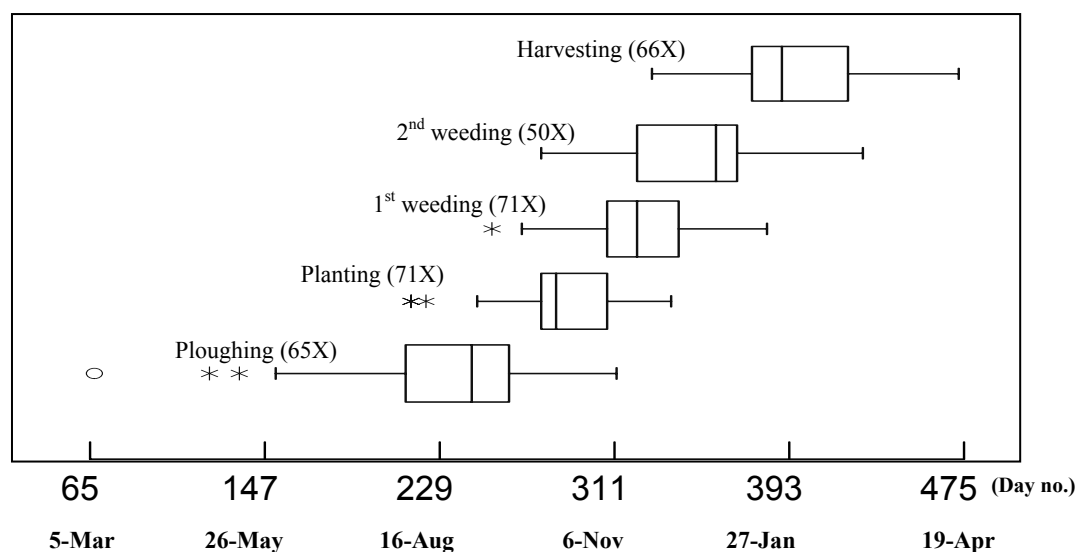


Figure 3-10: Major Maize management practices in Limpopo valley, 2002/2003

Ploughing versus Ln yield

Out of 66, 60 farmers ploughed before planting; 6 farmers carried out planting at the same time as ploughing. Figure-3-11 shows that their mean yield does not vary significantly (ANOVA, $p > 0.05$)

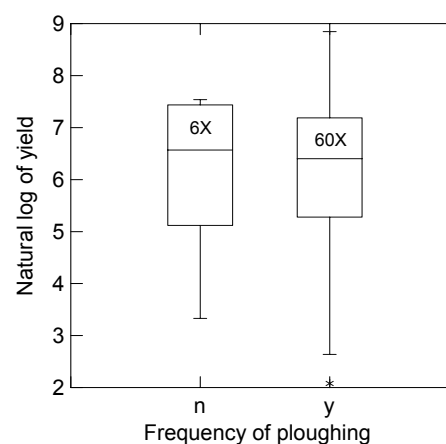


Figure 3-11: Frequency of ploughing and Ln yield

Timing of Ploughing

There is no relation between dates of ploughing after 1 January 2002 and Ln yield (Figure-3-12). Simple linear regression analysis has $R^2 = 0.00$ and $p > 0.05$.

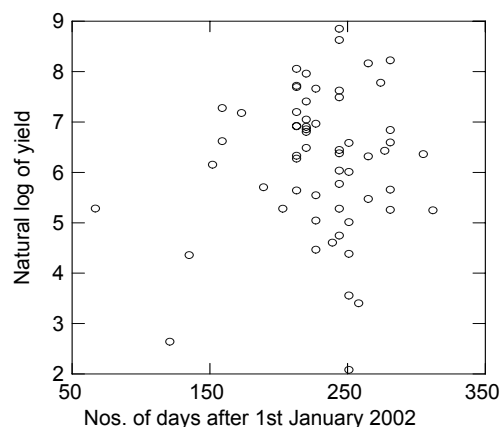


Figure 3-12: Ploughing after 1 January 2002 and Ln yield

Method of ploughing

The power source used for ploughing is either animal or manual. Very few farmers used tractors; they are merged with animal source. Figure-3-13 shows that Ln yield is higher in case of animal power than manual powers, however, ANOVA analysis shows an insignificant impact with $p > 0.05$.

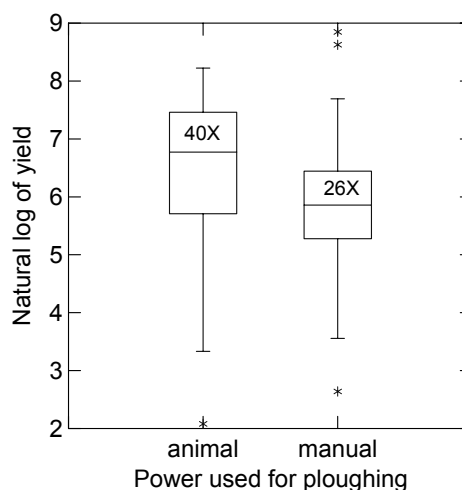


Figure 3-13: Method of ploughing and Ln yield

Date of planting

The date of planting is converted into number of days after first of January 2002. Figure-3-14 shows that there is no relation between date of planting and Ln yield (Simple linear regression analysis with $R^2 = 0.01$ and $p > 0.05$).

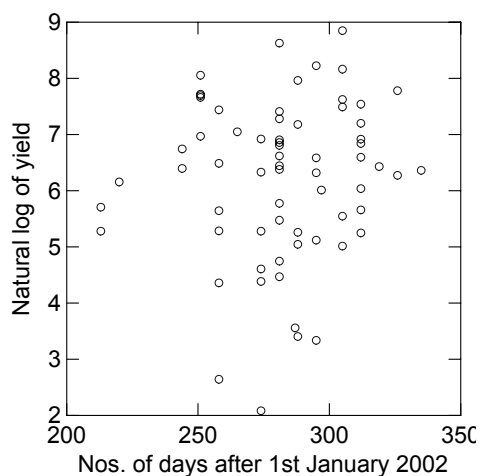


Figure 3-14: Date of planting and Ln yield

Power source for planting

Animal and manual are the most common sources of power for planting. Figure-3-15 shows that use of animal has higher average Ln yields than manual. ANOVA analysis shows insignificant different in Ln yield at $p > 0.05$ with $R^2 = 0.035$.

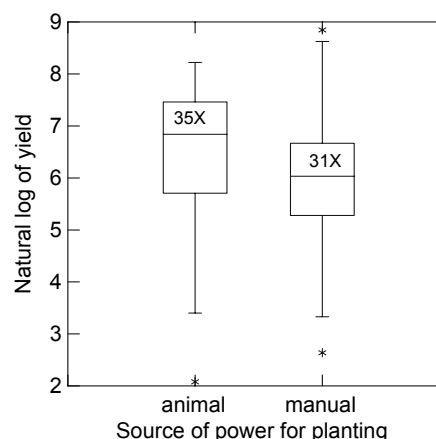


Figure 3-15: Planting power used and Ln yield

Method of planting

Methods practiced for planting are hill and line planting. Hill planting is mostly associated with manual digging the soil and placing the seeds without particular direction, while line planting is mostly associated with animal ploughing, placing the seeds in the furrow as the animal drags the plough. The average Ln yield is higher for line planting (Figure-3-16) than for hill planting. ANOVA; $p > 0.05$ with $R^2 = 0.01$.

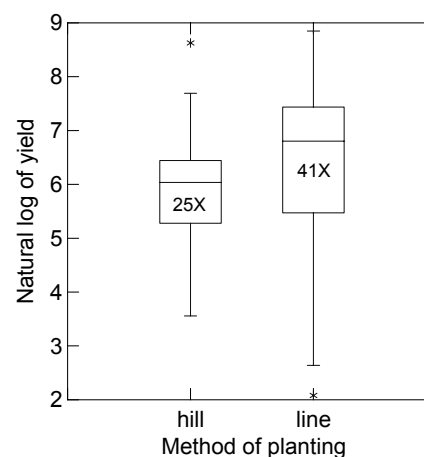


Figure 3-16: Planting method and Ln yield

Number of seeds per hill

The farmers usually have a traditional habit of planting 2-4 seeds or sometime more than 4 (up to 6) in a plant hill. After thinning, they usually maintain 2-4 plants. In Figure-3-17, it is clear that 2-3 plants per hill have higher Ln yield than four or more plants. It shows that Ln yield is significantly different (Simple regression analysis: $p < 0.05$), $R^2 = 0.23$). T-test result is shown in (Table-3-2). As the number of plants per hill increases, they have to compete for available moisture, nutrient and light for photosynthesis, which are main elements for dry matter accumulation; impact of water stress may also be severe.

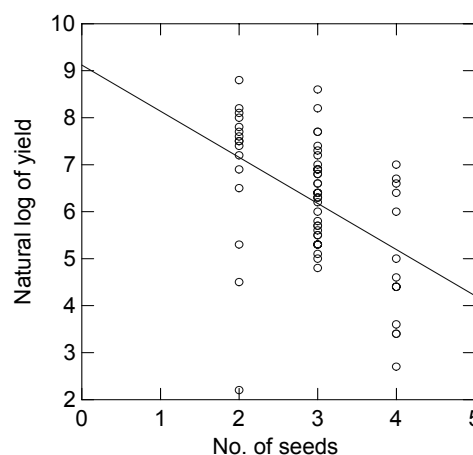


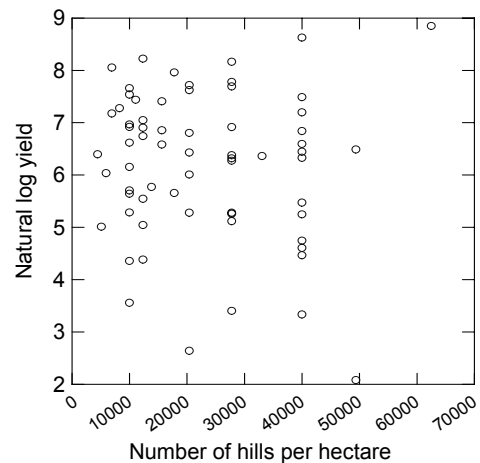
Figure 3-17: Number of seeds per hill and Ln yield

Table 3-2: T-test result with coefficient and Ln yield

Predictor	Coefficient	T-value	Prob
Constant	9.0959	12.85	0.000
Nosh	-0.9731	-4.16	0.000

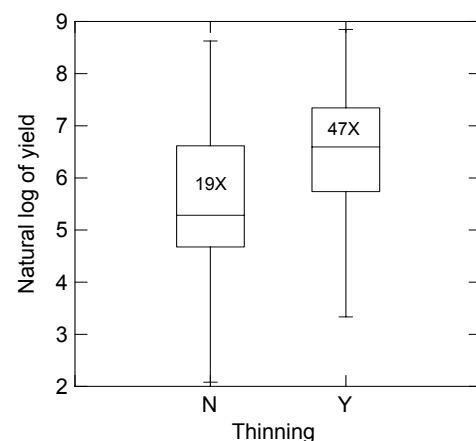
Plant hills per hectare

Farmers of the study area usually plant ranging from 40cm to 150cm spacing. The plant hill density (Figure-3-18) does not show any impact on Ln yield. Simple linear regression is insignificant ($p > 0.05$ and $R^2 = 0.00$). This suggests to have more plant hills with less seeds each than practicing reverse options.

**Figure 3-18: Plant hill density and Ln yield**

Thinning

Most farmers practiced thinning of seeds planted after germination. The practice of thinning done shows higher Ln yields than when not had done (Figure-3.19). Thinning has a significant impact on Ln yield (ANOVA: $p < 0.05$ and $R^2 = 0.09$). Thinning is the process of taking out extra number of plant from the field. This practice facilitates remaining plants to have proper spacing and less competition for available soil water, nutrients and sunlight for their growth and accumulation of dry matter.

**Figure 3-19: Thinning and Ln yield**

Frequency of weeding

Figure-3-20 shows that weeding twice after planting has higher Ln yields (ANOVA: $p < 0.05$ and $R^2 = 0.07$). Weeding twice instead of only once keeps the field free from weeds that cause competition for growth and development of maize at the time of tasseling and silking. Weed could cause up to 15% yield loss by competing with maize (Wokabi, 1994).

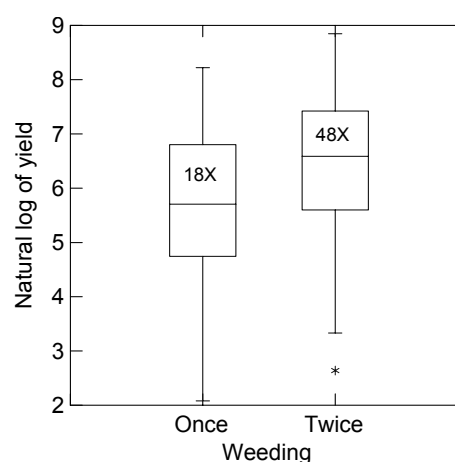


Figure 3-20: Number of weeding and Ln yield

First weeding after planting

Some farmer started the first weeding as early as 14 and some started 99 days after planting. Figure 3-21 shows the first weeding in days after planting versus Ln yield. No significant was found.

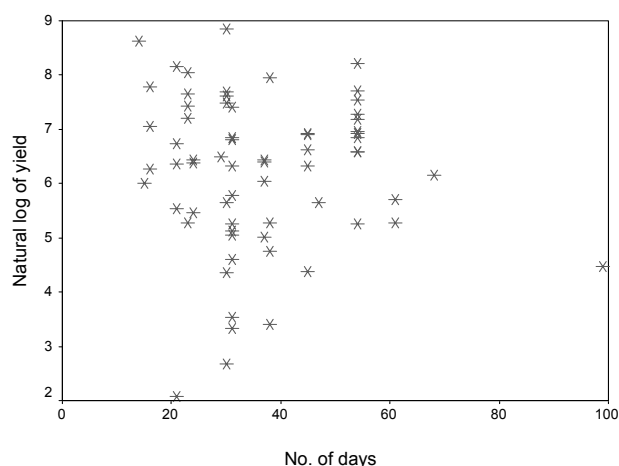


Figure 3-21: First weeding (No. of days) after planting and Ln yield

Second weeding after planting

Out of 71 interviews, only 50 farmers carry out second weeding. This operation was done at different time after planting. Some farmer started on 37 days and some on 99 days but one farmer has done very late on 113 days after planting. Figure 3-22 shows second weeding versus Ln yield. Simple regression shows there is no significant impact on Ln yield ($p > 0.05$ and $R^2 = 0.00$).

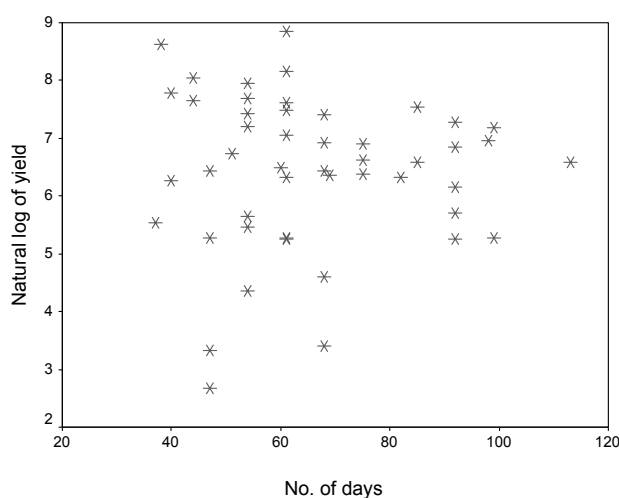


Figure 3-22: Second weeding (No. of days after planting) and Ln yield

Harvesting

The date of harvesting is converted into number of days after first of January 2002 in cases. Figure-3-23 shows that there is no relation between date of harvesting and Ln yield. Simple linear regression analysis with $R^2 = 0.02$ and $p > 0.05$.

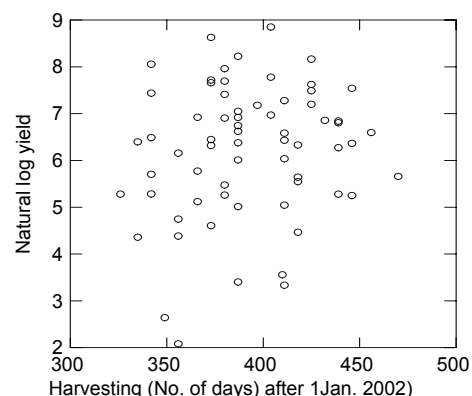


Figure 3-23: Harvesting date and Ln yield

Length of crop growing period (LGP)

The length of crop growing period (LGP) does show any relation with Ln yield (Figure-3-24). Simple linear regression analysis shows insignificant effect on Ln yield with ad. $R^2 = 0.00$ and $p > 0.05$.

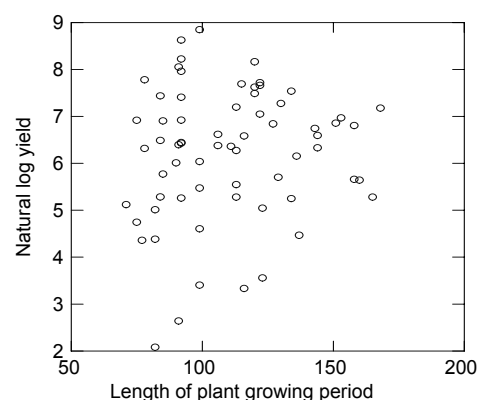


Figure 3-24: Length of crop growing period and Ln yield

3.4 Farmers' perception on yield gap

Almost all farmers reported a yield gap due to drought, pest and diseases. Few farmers reported soil infertility and water logging as causes.

Yield loss by drought

Figure-3-25 is a scatter plot of the Ln yield versus farmers' perception of yield loss due to drought. It features an increasing trend line. This indicates that the farmers' perception of increase in loss due to drought, increases with higher achieved yields, i.e. farmers obtaining higher yields perceived they suffered higher losses, whereas others obtaining low

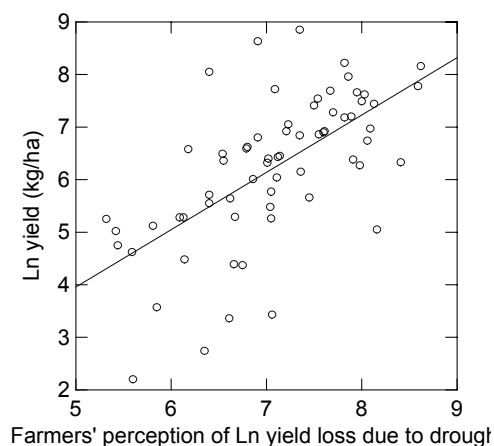


Figure 3-25: Farmers' perception of Ln yield loss due to drought against Ln yield obtained

yields perceived to have lower losses. It is significant with $P < 0.05$ and $R^2 = 0.39$ in exploratory simple regression analysis.

An explanation of the unexpected and contradictory significant finding is that farmers, who are not aware that they could actually achieve high yields, also got the lowest possible yields. They ('A' farmers) in Figure 3.26 perceived that their yields are always low and that they loose nothing even if rainfall is poor. They seem to be still below the initial stages of development.

In contrary, the situation of ('B' farmers) as indicated in Figure 3-26 who are already on the inclining path of development, and who obtained relatively higher yields perceived that they incurred considerable losses due to drought.

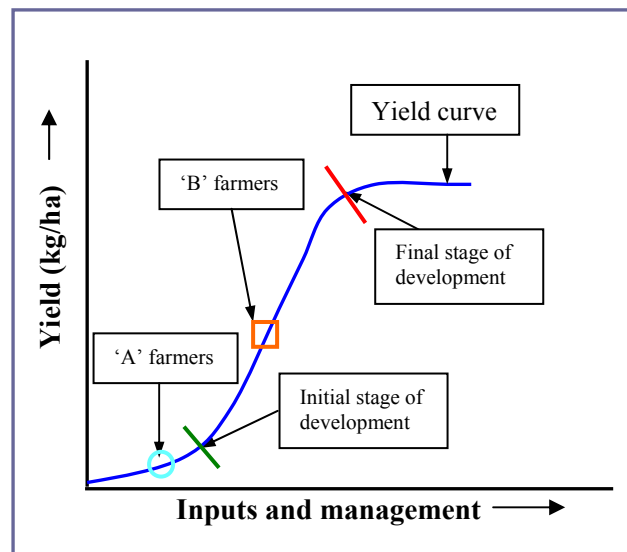


Figure 3-26: Explanation of farmers' situation and perception on yield gap

Yield loss by pest and diseases

Figure-3-27 is a scatter plot of Ln yields against 40 farmers' perception of yield loss due to pest and diseases. It also features on increasing trend line. This indicates that the farmers' perception of increase in loss due to pest and diseases increases when higher actual yields are achieved. Simple regression shows a significant relation at $P < 0.05$ with $R^2 = 0.52$.

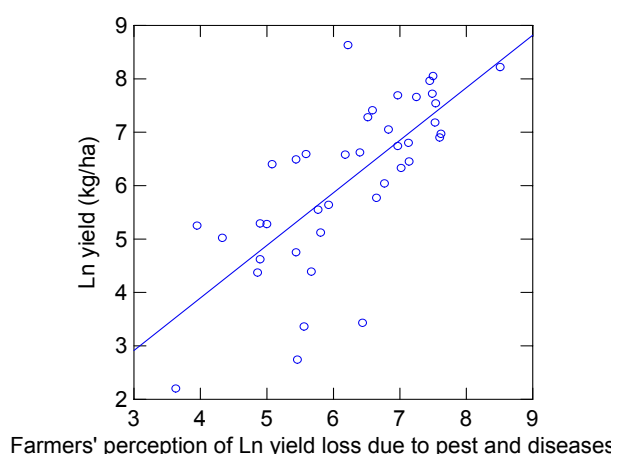


Figure 3-27: Farmers' perception of Ln yield loss by pest & diseases and Ln yield obtained

3.5 Summary of Descriptive Statistics Results

Screened through the process of descriptive it was found that the following independent parameters have significant impact on maize yield (Table-3-3).

Table 3-3: Summary of results obtained through descriptive statistics

Ln yield (kg/ha) is: (each explanatory variables is tested individually)	
- 0.725	If plot size (ha) increase
+1.132	If soil texture is heavy
- 0.973	Four or more than four seeds used in a plant hill
+0.963	If thinning is done
+0.841	If weeded twice instead of once
+1.091	Farmers' perception of yield loss due to drought
+0.506	Farmers' perception of yield loss due to pest and diseases

Other independent parameters that are non-significant but look promising in the multiple regression are listed in Table 3-4.

Table 3-4: Non-significant but promising independent parameters

Coefficient	Independent Parameters
0.709826	If plots located within irrigation scheme
-0.491075	If soil texture is light
-0.987700	If soil texture is medium
0.520365	If animals are use in ploughing
0.527604	If animals are use in planting
0.309005	If line planting is done

4. Multiple Regression

A series of multiple linear forward regression routine were done to derive a model to identify land and management factors that affect yield of Maize in the Limpopo valley. Stepwise forward multiple regression was used to select the independent parameters that are significantly related to Ln (yield). In the trial and error multiple stepwise forward regression, all the significant parameters as well as non-significant but promising parameters as discussed in the previous chapter were used. The model rejected non-significant parameters and kept significant ones though some carried wrong or unexpected signs.

An example of a parameter is “farmers’ perception of yield loss due to pest and diseases”. The values increases, it has regression coefficient of +0.53kg/ha. (Figure 3-25) A similar relation was observed concerning the regarding farmers’ perception of yield loss due to drought. Though significant these relation are not logical. It was decided to exclude then from the production model.

4.1 The production model

Out of 13 tested land and management parameters, the final estimated model includes only four independent variables that significantly explained 57% (Adj. R^2 of 57%; $p = 0.001$) of the total yield variability (Table 4-1). The standard of Ln (yield) error is 0.261. Figure 4-1 shows the normal plot of observed and expected Ln (yields).

The production model:

$$\text{Ln yield (kg/ha)} = 7.810 - 0.689 \cdot \text{Nosh} - 0.720 \cdot \text{Aha} + 1.121 \cdot \text{H} + 0.955 \cdot \text{Thng1}$$

Where:

- | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Nosh | - Number of seeds used in a hill |
| Aha | - Plot size cultivated (ha.) |
| H | - If heavy textured soil |
| Thng1 | - If thinning practiced |

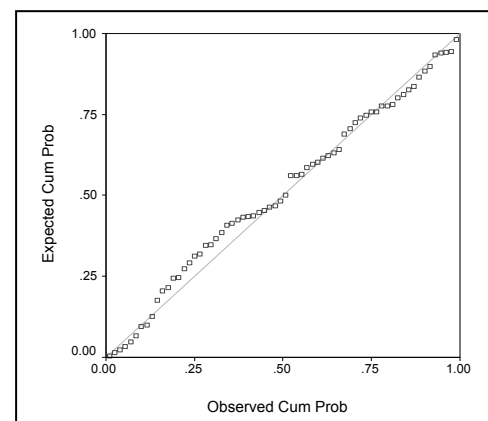


Figure 4-1: The normal plot of observed and expected Ln yields

Table 4-1: Summary of final regression model causes Maize yield variation in 2002/2003 in summer season

Multiple linear regression			$R^2 = 60.3\%$
Dependent variable = Ln (yield) of maize			Adj. $R^2 = 57.7\%$
N=66			S.E. = 0.261
Method: Stepwise forward			
Constant			7.810
Predictors	Coefficients	R² when entered	p-value
No. of seeds used per hill	-0.689	21.3	0.000
Plot size cultivated (ha)	-0.720	41.9	0.000
If heavy texture soil	1.121	51.6	0.000
If thinning practice done	0.955	60.3	0.001

The equation suggests that yields are higher if:

- Less number of seeds are used per hill while planting
- The plot size is smaller (manageable)
- Planted in heavy soil texture
- Thinning is done to reduce plant density per hill

4.2 Yield gap by yield constraints

Table 4-2 shows the estimated yield gap (kg/ha) and the contribution of each yield constraint to the overall yield gap. Using the production function and parameter statistics, ‘average’ and ‘best’ values were derived for each explanatory parameter (de Bie, 2000). Therefore, estimates of the respective contributions are based on comparisons of the average surveyed management with the best possible management. Difference in yield multiplied by the coefficient as estimated by the model indicates for a particular constraint its contribution to the overall yield gap.

Table 4-2: Quantified break-down of the Maize yield gap by yield constraints (summer season 2002/2003)

Base on 66 sets of plot data	Parameter Statistics			Best values	x Coefficient		Yield gap		
	Min.	Max.	Mean		Mean	Best	Ln (yield)	%	(kg/ha)
Natural Ln yield (kg/ha) =									
7.810 Constant			1	1	7.81	7.81			
- 0.689 x No. of seeds used per hill	2	4	2.95	2	-2.04	-1.38	0.66	30%	1184
- 0.720 x Plot size cultivated	0.16	3.94	1.06	0.16	-0.76	-0.12	0.65	30%	1163
+ 1.121 x If heavy soil texture	0	1	0.47	1	0.53	1.12	0.59	27%	1070
+0.955 x If thinning done	0	1	0.71	1	0.68	0.96	0.27	13%	495
Estimated Ln yield					6.22	8.39	2.17		
Actual Ln yield					6.22	8.85	2.63		
Estimated yield (kg/ha)					503	4415			3912
Actual yield (kg/ha)					503	6963			
Sum								100%	

Note: Table format is being adopted after (de Bie, 2000)

The average estimated Ln (yield) by production model is 6.22kg/ha and potential is 8.39 kg/ha. After exponential conversion, it is 503kg/ha and 4415kg/ha with cobs respectively. The estimated total yield gap is 3912kg/ha. This value is used to re-calculate the relative contribution of each variable to the overall yield gap in non-logarithmic term (Yield gap in kg/ha=3912 * %). The exponential behaviour of the model suggests that the present production situations are not yet constrained by the law of “diminishing returns” (de Bie, 2000).

The estimated total yield gap (kg/ha) was caused by the following factors as shown in Figure 4-2.

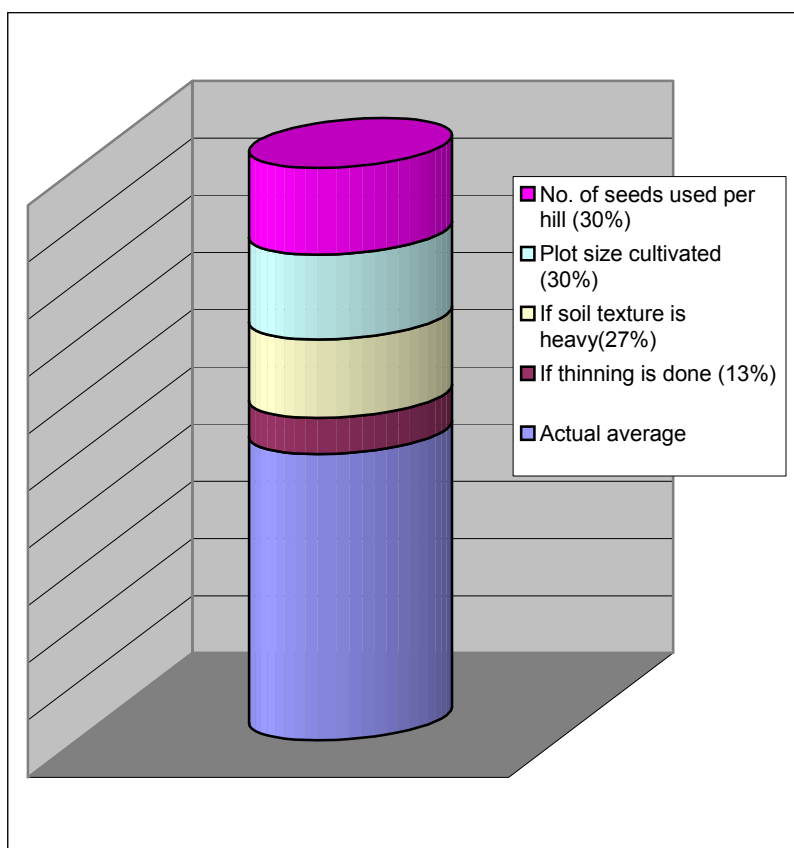


Figure 4-2: Contribution of major constraints to the yield gap

5. Model Validation

The data collected in the field covered two growing seasons. Season-wise separation was done at the time of data standardization. 71 interviews' data from the summer season were used to generate the production model. The remaining 27 interviews from the winter season are currently used to validate the production model. The model (Chapter 4) was used to estimate yields by entering by site the collected data of the four independent variables. Model validation is based on comparing this estimated yield with the actual reported yields by farmers.

Figure 5-1 shows the fit of this comparison. It shows that the model predicted with R^2 of 43% of the actual yield. The significant regression coefficient of 0.1973 with constant of 4.8 however shows that the winter season yields suffer from additional variability in yield due to aspects excluded from the model.

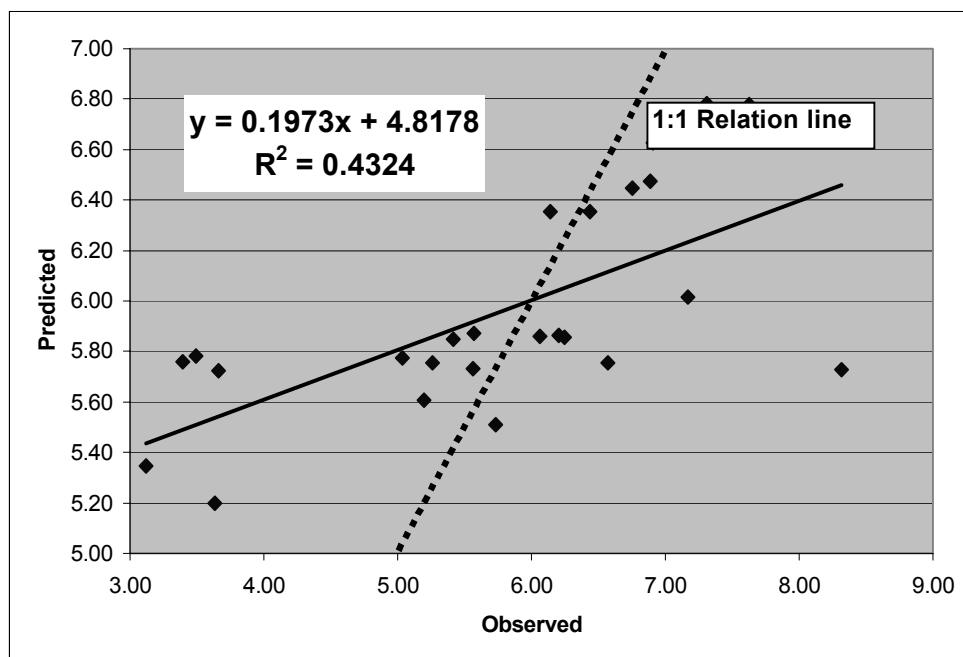


Figure 5-1: Fitted model with data set of winter season with R^2 of 43%

6. Discussion

6.1 Yield gap

The analysis of land and management parameters indicates that four biophysical factors significantly affected maize yields in the study area. None of the farmer reported to have achieved their expected yield. Most of the farmers are still below the initial stages of development and some are on the inclining stages of development. They are not aware that they could increase considerable amount of yield with reasonable management, care and suitable sites selection base on soil types.

6.1.1 Number of seeds per hill

In the study area, it was observed that farmers have traditional practices of planting more number of seeds (up to 6) in a hill. The study shows that 4 or more plants per hill is one of the significant limiting factors for maize productivity during summer season in the study area. 3 plants per hill has relatively higher yield. Highest was observed for two plants per hill. The production model suggests that 4 or more plants per hills reduces Ln yield of 0.698kg/ha. Planting more numbers of plants per hill probably reduces the sunlight absorption due to shading effect (Anonymous, 2001). Moreover, plants have to face more competition among them for available soil nutrient and water.

6.1.2 Cultivated plot size

Farmers cultivated plots ranging from 0.16 to 3.94 ha. with average of 1.04 ha. The study shows that the cultivated plot size is one of the significant limiting factors for maize productivity during summer season in the study area. As suggested by production model, increase in plot size reduces the Ln yield by 0.72 kg/ha. This is more assumed true in traditional agriculture practice of cultivation as observed in the study area in which operation and management aspect is labour intensive. When the area of the cultivated plot size is larger, the management becomes poor and untimely resulting in low yield. Moreover larger holdings are on the uplands where the soils are sandier with low population density (INGC, 2003). Mafalacusser (1995) also suggested the farm labour constraints in cultivating larger plots.

6.1.3 Soil texture

Soil texture is directly related with water holding capacity of the soil. Higher water holding capacity of soil means more water is available to the plants. Soil texture therefore, plays an important role during water stress season of the maize production. The study shows that the heavy soil texture is the most contributing factor for maize productivity during summer season of 2002/2003 of Limpopo valley. The

heavy soil texture is most contributing factor in maize productivity as suggested by the model that the increase in Ln yield is 1.121 kg/ha. As suggested by Barron et al., (2003) that the dry spell in heavy texture soil is three-four times less often than light texture. This is in fact, inline with the field condition that the heavy texture soil distributed mostly on lowland. In addition with high water holding capacity, in valley ground water is not deep (Mafalacusser, 1995) that helps plant to intake water from the underground water table reducing drought stress (Anonymous, 2001). However, water logging in such soil is a problem during heavy rain (INGC, 2003).

Medium soil texture is supposed to be a good soil for agriculture with good drainage but it does not appear in the production model as a significant factor in this study. This type of soil is distributed more to the northern upland and patches on the transition zone to the south of lowland. Figure 3-5 shows the distribution of soil texture types. This soil texture seems to have lower average yield than light texture soil within the study area.

Light soil texture consists of sand and loamy sand which is considered to be poor for agricultural practice. However, this soil texture does not appear as significant limiting factor in this study. This type of soil is distributed mostly on the upland to the south of lowland (Limpopo flood plain) (Figure 3-5). The average maize yield is slightly higher in this soil type than medium texture soil within the study area.

6.1.4 Practice of Thinning

Though the farmers in the study area have traditional practices of planting more number of seeds in a hill, only some farmers practiced thinning. Thinning is the process of taking out extra number of plant from the field that are clustered in a hill or very close to each other. The study shows that the thinning practice is one of the significant contributing factors for maize productivity during summer season. The production model suggests that thinning practice increases Ln yield of maize by about 0.955kg/ha. Thinning could be done during weeding with earthing-up operation. Thinning facilitates plants to have more space for leaf spreading which enables absorption of more sunshine. This would enhance photosynthesis (Anonymous, 2001). Moreover, for even distribution of plants within a unit area facilitates uptake of nutrient and water from the soil. These would help proper growth and development of plants that may increase the yield.

6.2 Model validation

The production mode derived from summer growing season data set was tested with the data set of winter cropping season. This validation was done to check whether the land and management parameters significantly explaining the causes of yield gap in maize of summer season, could explain in the winter season. The application of the model on the data set of winter season gave R^2 of 43% (Observed vs. fitted). This fit seems good given a limited set of parameter, which had been considered in the model. It may have been helped due to most independent variables being independent of the season.

6.3 Limitation of the production model

The production model that explained significantly 57% of yield constraints has its own limitations. This model could explain only four land and management parameters significant effecting yield of maize in the study area. The most significant parameters-farmers perception of yield loss due to drought; yield loss due to pest and diseases could not be part of this model. All farmers reported drought was the main reason of yield gap but their perception of yield loss was not logical.

7. Conclusion and Recommendations

7.1 Conclusions

The CPA case study on maize yield gaps during 2002/2003-summer season in Limpopo valley identified four major biophysical constraints. Despite the limitation in the production model, the findings from the study are relevant within the context of the study site. The production model explains 57% of the yield variability with an average yield gap of 3912kg/ha. The impact of each identified constraint on yield was: number of seeds used in a plant hill (30%); plot size cultivated (30%); heavy soil texture (27%) and thinning practice done (13%). The traditional practice of using more seeds in a hill has negative impact on the yields. This indicates that farmers are not aware using less number of seeds in a hill but with closer spacing could obtain considerable higher yield. The larger plot size cultivated has negative impact on the yields. This means the farmers with larger plots could reduce considerable yield gap by improving management aspects in their field. Growing rain fed maize on heavy soil could increase yield. Thinning at appropriate stages can also narrow down yield gap in the study area. Frequency of weeding was not in the final model due to correlation with thinning practice. Land preparation aspects, variety grown, and other factor like flood-submerged areas had no evident impact on yield. Making the farmers aware about the cultural and managements aspects of the maize cultivation with proper production skills could narrow the yield gap.

7.2 Recommendations

The study on maize yield gap revealed that the cultivated plot size, growing on heavy soil texture, less no. of seeds in hill, and practice of thinning are important for improving maize yields. Therefore, to narrow the yield gap of maize in the study area, the following recommendations can be made:

- Farmers' awareness campaign about the production skill and suitable site selection based on soil for maize has to be made by agricultural extension programmes to the grassroots level in collaboration with agriculture land use planning.
- Future research should try to incorporate more parameters like soil fertility, application of FYM, chemical fertilizer, pesticides, and drought. This may result in a better model to explain yield gap.

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Appendix

APPENDIX I: Check List for land use survey

CHECKLIST

DATE :SAMPLE No:.....
 Farmer's NAME :Coordinates: X=.....
 VILLAGE NAME :Y=.....

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Size of the field (GPS-iPAQ) measurement:m²

Soil texture (top 0-20cm) by auguring:

2. CROP CALENDAR:

How many crops did you grow last year? When?

3. PLOUGHING:

When did you start land preparation? How? Source of power? Number of ploughings?

4. PLANTING:

When did planting start? How? Source of power? Seeds per hill? Spacing? Variety?

Plant quality? (good/ average/ poor)

6. THINNING

Thinning done? (Yes/No), How many plants maintained per hill?

7. WEEDING:

When? How? How many times?

8. HARVESTING:

When? How?

8. PRODUCTION:

How much (kgs or bags)? How much expect? Why the difference? Reasons for differences?

- Drought; Pest and Diseases; Low soil fertility and
- Others (No oxen to plough, rats, over rain)

If reports drought and pest & diseases then:

- If there were only drought problem without pest and diseases, then what would be the production?

9. FARM YARD MANURE (FYM) APPLICATION:

When? How? How much?

10. FERTILIZER APPLICATION:

Number of fertilizer applications? When? How? Type? Quantity?

11. APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES:

When? Why? Names of pest/ disease? Control method? How?

APPENDIX II:

Codebook

Code	Full Label; source; how measured; etc.	Type	Unit
General			
SL No.	Serial number of the samples as 1, 2, 3,.....71	Ratio	-
ID	Sample number given at the time of survey	Ratio	-
X	X-axis of the coordinates system captured by GPS	Ratio	m
Y	Y-axis of the coordinates system captured by GPS	Ratio	m
NoR	Name of the respondents, directly interviewed to the farmers	Nominal	-
Sex	Gender of the respondents	Nominal	-
Vill	Name of the village in which the plots belongs to.	Nominal	-
Ame	Plot Area; captured by MobileGIS	Ratio	Sq-M
Aha	Plot Area in hectare; captured by MobileGIS	Ratio	Ha
Lish	Located in the Irrigation Scheme. (y=Yes; n=No)	Ordinal	Binary
Lish1	If “y” then “1”, if “n” then “0”	Ordinal	Binary
Fld2	Flooded in the year 2000. Data generated by overlaying the sampled plots on the flood map of 2000. (y=Yes; n=No)	Ordinal	Binary
Fld1	If “y” then “1”, if “n” then “0”		
Soil and its parameters			
ST	Soil texture; topsoil (0-20cm) in the field by feel method as in Thien, 1979. Agronomy Journal s=sandy sicl=silty clay loam ls=loamy sand sic=silty clay sl=sandy loam l=loam scl=sandy clay loam cl=clay loam sc=sandy clay c=clay sil=silty loam	Nominal	-
mST	"ST" are merged into 3 class as: Light=L, Medium=M and Heavy=H	Nominal	
L	If " L" then "1" otherwise "0".	Ordinal	Binary
M	If “M” then “1" otherwise “0”.		
H	If “H” then “1” otherwise “0”.		
SpH	Soil pH is been tested in the field by the use of Universal pH paper provide by ITC. One part of soil dissolved with 5 parts of water & check pH by dipping pH paper & compare the colour with which it tally	Ratio	-
Ploughing before planting dates and power used			
pbp1	Date of 1st ploughing before planting Maize (actual date) in numbers.	Interval	-
1pbp	If ploughing before planting then “1”, if only at the time of planting then “0”	Ordinal	Binary

pbpu	Power used for ploughing before planting. (manual & animal)	Nominal	
pbpu1	If “ animal ” then “ 1 ”, if “ manual ” then “ 0 ”	Ordinal	Binary
P1daj	Ploughing done (No. of days) after 01/01/2002 reference date	Interval	-
Note: power used remain same for all other operations of Maize			
Planting operation and its parameters			
pltd	Planted date as numbers	Interval	-
ptdaj	Planting done (No. of days) after 01/01/2002 reference date	Interval	-
ptdpl	Planting (no. of days) after ploughing	Interval	-
pltpu	Power used during planting (manual & animal)	Nominal	-
pltpu1	If “ animal ” then “ 1 ”, if “ manual ” then “ 0 ”	Ordinal	Binary
pltm	Planting method (hills and lines)	Nominal	
pltm1	If “ lines ” then “ 1 ”, if hills then “ 0 ”	Ordinal	Binary
Nosh	No. of seeds used per plant hill. 2; 3; and 4 more	Ratio	-
spg	Spacing (distance in cm. of one place to another of Maize used while planting)	Ratio	Cm
phph	Plants hills per hectare	Ratio	
vu	Variety used during planting (Matuba=Ma, Local=Lo & Nhankuweini=Na)	Nominal	-
vu1	If “ Lo ” then “ 1 ”; if “ Ma ” then “ 2 ”; if “ Na ” then “ 3 ”	Ratio	-
Weeding and thinning operations			
Thng	Thinning operation done during weeding (Y=Yes, N=No)	Ordinal	Binary
Thng1	If “ Y ” then “ 1 ”, if “ N ” then “ 0 ”	Ordinal	Binary
wedg	Weeding frequency (Once or Twice)	Nominal	-
Tw	If “ once ” then “ 0 ”; if “ Twice ” then “ 1 ”	Ordinal	Binary
wdg1	Start date of first weeding after planting in numbers	Interval	-
w1dap	1st weeding (No. of days after planting)	Ratio	Day
wdg2	Start date of 2nd weeding after planting	Interval	-
w2dap	2nd weeding (No. of days after planting)	Ratio	Day
wdpu	Power used in weeding (all by manual as “ mu ”)	Nominal	-
Harvesting operation			
Hrvtd	Reported date of last season Maize harvested as numbers	Interval	-
hdaj1	Harvesting (No. of days after 1st Jan-02)	Ratio	Day
LGP	The length of plant growing period (Harvesting date- Planting date)	Ratio	Day

Actual production reported			
apkg	Actual production reported converted into kg as grain cum Cob's weight	Ratio	Kg
ayld	Actual yield on farmers field	Ratio	Kg/ha
Ln yield	Natural log of actual yield = $\text{LN}(\text{ayld})$	Ratio	Kg/ha
Expected production by framers			
epkg	Expected production converted in to kg	Ratio	Kg
eyld	Expected yield by farmers in their fields	Ratio	Kg/ha
Farmers' perception on yield gap			
by drought:			
pyld	Percentage of yield loss due to drought	Ratio	
yldr	Yield loss due to drought = $\text{eyld} * \text{pyld} / 100$	Ratio	Kg/ha
Lnyldz	Natural Ln of yield loss due to drought = $\text{LN}(\text{yldr})$	Ratio	Kg/ha
by pest & diseases			
pylpd	Percentage of yield loss due to pest and diseases	Ratio	
ylpd	Yield loss due to pest and diseases = $\text{eyld} * \text{pylpd} / 100$	Ratio	Kg/ha
Lnylpz	Natural Ln of yield loss due to pest and diseases = $\text{LN}(\text{ylpd})$	Ratio	Kg/ha
Management practices			
Fym1	If “y=applied” then “1”, if “n=not applied” then “0”	Ordinal	Binary
Frtil	If “y=applied” then “1”, if “n=not applied” then “0”		
Cpry1	Chemical spray done for pest and diseases (P&D) control. If “y=Yes, sprayed” then “1”, if “n=No, not sprayed” then “0”	Ordinal	Binary

APPENDIX III: Spreadsheet of field data (Summer season 2002/2003)

SI No.	ID	X	Y	NoR	Sex	Village Name	Ame	Aha	Lish	Lish1	Fld2	Fld1
1	92	537404	7266382	Juliana Maringue	f	Chalucuaue	4790	0.48	N	0	Y	1
2	2	517826	7247720	Arlindo Chemane	f	Mukokaluene	4348	0.43	N	0	N	0
3	3	529887	7247600	Eugenio Tivane	m	Makene	5900	0.59	N	0	N	0
4	4	513979	7277872	Antonio Mugabe	m		6096	0.61	N	0	Y	1
5	6	523714	7267151	Maria Helena	f	Incovane	5150	0.51	Y	1	Y	1
6	7	515806	7255588	Ester Sibanda	f	Chihaquelane	15299	1.53	N	0	N	0
7	8	521486	7271691	Alberto Julio Tui	m	manganine	27808	2.78	Y	1	Y	1
8	9	521403	7271497	Gabriel Zimba	m	manganine	19153	1.92	Y	1	Y	1
9	10	522557	7269020	Albertina Chambal	f	chilembene	20561	2.06	Y	1	Y	1
10	11	522684	7269227	Zaida Vasco Hlamine	f	chilembene	17268	1.73	Y	1	Y	1
11	12	524014	7268184	Antonio Chambal	m	chilembene	39384	3.94	Y	1	Y	1
12	13	524156	7268364	Talita Mapsanganhe	f	chilembene	16444	1.64	Y	1	Y	1
13	14	526532	7278138	Etro Chambal	m	Chibabel	31283	3.13	N	0	Y	1
14	15	526534	7277887	Massado Muchanga	m	Chibabel	7964	0.80	N	0	Y	1
15	16	525087	7278157	Amelia Sambane	f	Chibabel	10512	1.05	N	0	Y	1
16	17	525053	7277956	Marta Tivane	f	Chibabel	10438	1.04	N	0	Y	1
17	19	544118	7254225	Ruth Enoque Zungueni	f	Mao-tse-tung	8061	0.81	N	0	Y	1
18	21	544336	7253073	Chichangue Domingos	m	Mao-tse-tung	8751	0.88	N	0	Y	1
19	22	543980	7253905	Francisco J. M.	m	Mao-tse-tung	19716	1.97	N	0	Y	1
20	23	543358	7252123	Eugenio F. Mate	m	Mao-tse-tung	17439	1.74	N	0	Y	1
21	24	532484	7269932	Precina Jacinto Siteo	m	Chiguidela	3781	0.38	Y	1	Y	1
22	25	532634	7270006	Celina Pedro Mussane	f	Chiguidela	7334	0.73	Y	1	Y	1
23	26	532679	7269978	Jaime Machaeie	m	Chiguidela	2707	0.27	Y	1	Y	1
24	27	532731	7270274	Rafael Machaeie	m	Chiguidela	4199	0.42	Y	1	Y	1
25	28	533099	7269668	Filip Siteo	m	Chiguidela	11229	1.12	Y	1	Y	1
26	29	532241	7271235	Ernesto Ualane	m	Chiguidela	1580	0.16	Y	1	Y	1
27	30	531497	7270949	Artur Zita	m	Chiguidela	4186	0.42	Y	1	Y	1
28	31	552911	7237691	Marta Uamusse	f	Chicumbane	5842	0.58	N	0	N	0
29	32	551307	7237219	Michel Bila	m	Chicumbane	2385	0.24	N	0	N	0
30	37	519910	7237468	Gloria Siteo	f	Incaia	3590	0.36	N	0	N	0
31	38	519801	7237418	Melecina Cossa	f	Incaia	6648	0.66	N	0	N	0
32	41	527857	7252665	Fernando Nhangale	m	Olombe	4451	0.45	N	0	N	0
33	42	527964	7252660	Tomas Bombe	m	Olombe	4767	0.48	N	0	N	0
34	44	526239	7257661	Celeste Macamo	f	Massavane	8999	0.90	N	0	N	0
35	45	525991	7257601	Isabel Muteto	f	Massavane	17227	1.72	N	0	N	0
36	46	523093	7261909	Jose Fazenda Siteo	m	Macunene	17148	1.71	N	0	N	0
37	47	523424	7263008	Helena Assa Chambal	f	Macunene	9425	0.94	N	0	Y	1
38	48	513518	7261060	Alfredo Mazive	f	Mapapa	20789	2.08	N	0	N	0
39	49	513744	7260729	Rafael Siteo	m	Mapapa	3402	0.34	N	0	N	0
40	50	513642	7260639	Helena Chau	f	Mapapa	3329	0.33	N	0	N	0
41	51	513718	7260785	Antonio Chemule	m	Mapapa	5106	0.51	N	0	N	0
42	52	512420	7247248	Arlindo Rafael Siteo	m	Mazivila(ns)	4717	0.47	N	0	N	0
43	54	512460	7247393	Laura Rafael Siteo	f	Mazivila(ns)	3192	0.32	N	0	N	0
44	63	548394	7269474	Natercia S. Hlumalo	f	Macalavane	2263	0.23	N	0	Y	1
45	64	548914	7269588	Regina Macamu	f	Macalavane	8685	0.87	N	0	Y	1
46	65	549434	7269735	Sebastiao Biza	m	Macalavane	3815	0.38	N	0	Y	1
47	66	549446	7269649	Estania M. Sigauque	f	Macalavane	3650	0.36	N	0	Y	1
48	67	549484	7269638	Alice Alberto Balane	f	Macalavane	3337	0.33	N	0	Y	1
49	68	545795	7269768	Geordina F. Bila	f	Macalavane	6687	0.67	N	0	Y	1
50	69	544607	7270847	Muchaque Moiane	m	J-Macalauane	6938	0.69	N	0	Y	1
51	70	544614	7271441	Frazao Cossa	m	J-Macalauane	12790	1.28	N	0	Y	1

Sl No.	ID	X	Y	NoR	Sex	Village Name	Ame	Aha	Lish	Lish1	Fld2	Fld1
52	71	544554	7271181	Solonao Chongo	m	J-Macalauane	38092	3.81	N	0	Y	1
53	76	529577	7271553	Albuquerque Muchanga	f	Chaimite	12907	1.29	N	0	Y	1
54	80	530679	7276456	Paulo Jorge Maibaze	m	Mohambe	5894	0.59	N	0	N	0
55	81	530241	7274688	Nordina Tivane	f	Mohambe	11798	1.18	N	0	Y	1
56	82	531285	7279231	Elisa Tivane	f	Gomba-Tlatlene	5878	0.59	N	0	Y	1
57	83	531146	7279310	Daniel Lucas Sonto	m	Gomba-Tlatlene	22941	2.29	N	0	Y	1
58	84	530236	7279664	Rosalina Mucachua	f	Gomba-Tlatlene	16756	1.68	N	0	Y	1
59	87	525983	7279523	Irene Bombe	f	Chibabel	2110	0.21	N	0	N	0
60	88	526220	7279598	Lucinda Siteo	f	Chibabel	6657	0.67	N	0	N	0
61	89	525785	7279266	Afonso Joao Machava	m	Chibabel	2677	0.27	N	0	N	0
62	90	527580	7281420	Eugenio Benzane	m	Vuyaze	8794	0.88	N	0	Y	1
63	91	527610	7281558	Lidia Maueia	f	Vuyaze	12549	1.25	N	0	Y	1
64	93	537031	7266050	Angelina Mazive	f	Chalucuaue	17958	1.80	N	0	Y	1
65	94	536649	7266096	Meledina Ualane	f	Chiguidela	9767	0.98	N	0	Y	1
66	95	536332	7265833	Nelson Zimba	m	Chalucuaue	2152	0.22	N	0	Y	1
67	96	542493	7255317	Sortinho Machava	m	Mananganine	4021	0.40	N	0	N	0
68	97	535771	7283102	Andre Filipe Macamo	m	Chilattlo	17739	1.77	N	0	N	0
69	98	536934	7280104	Matilda Macamo	f	Chilattlo	18795	1.88	N	0	Y	1
70	99	536326	7283063	Vicente Bombe	m	Chilattlo	4026	0.40	N	0	N	0
71	100	537195	7280074	Atalia Siteo	f	Chilattlo	15571	1.56	N	0	Y	1

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s	L	1	0	0	6	37508	1	manual	0	251	37544	287	36	manual	0	hill	0
sl	M	0	1	0	5.5	37508	1	manual	0	251	37554	297	46	manual	0	hill	0
sicl	H	0	0	1	5.5	37477	1	animal	1	220	37515	258	38	animal	1	line	1
scl	H	0	0	1	6.5	37531	1	animal	1	274	37552	295	21	animal	1	line	1
s	L	1	0	0	6.5	37501	1	manual	0	244	37531	274	30	manual	0	hill	0
scl	H	0	0	1	6.5	37501	1	animal	1	244	37538	281	37	animal	1	line	1
scl	H	0	0	1	6	37552	0	animal	1	295	37552	295	0	animal	1	line	1
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sicl	H	0	0	1	7	37522	1	manual	0	265	37538	281	16	manual	0	line	1
sicl	H	0	0	1	6.5	37538	1	manual	0	281	37545	288	7	manual	0	hill	0
cl	H	0	0	1	6	37534	1	manual	0	277	37576	319	42	manual	0	hill	0
sic	H	0	0	1	5.5	37538	1	manual	0	281	37569	312	31	manual	0	hill	0
sil	M	0	1	0	6.5	37477	1	animal	1	220	37538	281	61	animal	1	line	1
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sil	M	0	1	0	7	37470	1	animal	1	213	37583	326	113	animal	1	line	1
sic	H	0	0	1	6.5	37501	1	animal	1	244	37562	305	61	animal	1	line	1
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sicl	H	0	0	1	7	37470	1	animal	1	213	37569	312	99	animal	1	line	1
sicl	H	0	0	1	6.5	37501	1	manual	0	244	37562	305	61	manual	0	line	1
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sl	M	0	1	0	5.5	37522	1	animal	1	265	37552	295	30	animal	1	line	1
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s	L	1	0	0	6.5	37460	1	manual	0	203	37470	213	10	manual	0	hill	0
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sicl	H	0	0	1	6	37484	1	animal	1	227	37508	251	24	animal	1	line	1
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sicl	H	0	0	1	7	37484	1	animal	1	227	37545	288	61	animal	1	hill	0
sil	M	0	1	0	6.8	37515	0	animal	1	258	37515	258	0	animal	1	line	1
sic	H	0	0	1	7	37501	0	animal	1	244	37501	244	0	manual	0	hill	0
sicl	H	0	0	1	6.8	37416	1	animal	1	159	37538	281	122	animal	1	line	1
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s	L	1	0	0	6	37470	1	manual	0	213	37531	274	61	manual	0	hill	0
ls	L	1	0	0	6.5	37552	1	animal	1	295	37562	305	10	animal	1	line	1
ls	L	1	0	0	6.5	37538	1	manual	0	281	37562	305	24	manual	0	hill	0
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l	M	0	1	0	6.8	37484	1	manual	0	227	37562	305	78	manual	0	hill	0
cl	H	0	0	1	6.8	37501	1	manual	0	244	37538	281	37	manual	0	hill	0
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3	60	27778	Lo	1	N	0	Twice	1	37592	61	37630	99	mu	37696	439
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LGP	apkg	ayld	Ln yield	epkg	eyld	pyld	yldr	Ln yldz	pylpd	ylpd	Ln ylpz	Fym1	Frtil	Cpry1
134	900	1879	7.54	1800	3758	50	1879	7.54	50	1879	7.54	0	0	0
123	15	35	3.57	150	345	100	345	5.85	0	0		0	1	0
90	240	407	6.01	560	949	100	949	6.86	0	0		0	0	0
84	400	656	6.49	560	919	75	689	6.54	25	230	5.44	0	0	0
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165	300	196	5.28	700	458	100	458	6.13	0	0		0	0	1
75	320	115	4.75	1280	460	50	230	5.44	50	230	5.44	0	0	0
71	320	167	5.12	1280	668	50	334	5.81	50	334	5.81	0	0	0
127	1920	934	6.84	3200	1556	100	1556	7.35	0	0		0	0	0
111	1000	579	6.36	1200	695	100	695	6.55	0	0		0	0	0
134	750	190	5.25	1000	254	80	203	5.32	20	51	3.95	0	0	0
144	1200	730	6.59	2640	1605	56	892	6.79	17	268	5.59	0	0	0
82	25	8	2.20	960	307	88	269	5.60	12	38	3.63	0	0	0
99	80	100	4.62	320	402	67	268	5.59	33	134	4.90	0	0	0
99	250	238	5.48	1200	1142	100	1142	7.04	0	0		0	0	0
92	200	192	5.26	1200	1150	100	1150	7.05	0	0		0	0	0
92	500	620	6.43	1000	1241	100	1241	7.12	0	0		0	0	0
158	250	286	5.66	1500	1714	100	1714	7.45	0	0		0	0	0
92	3250	1648	7.41	5000	2536	71	1811	7.50	29	725	6.59	0	0	0
92	5000	2867	7.96	7500	4301	60	2580	7.86	40	1720	7.45	0	0	0
113	200	529	6.27	1100	2909	100	2909	7.98	0	0		0	0	0
120	1500	2045	7.62	2250	3068	100	3068	8.03	0	0		0	0	0
120	950	3509	8.16	1500	5540	100	5540	8.62	0	0		0	0	0
120	750	1786	7.49	1250	2977	100	2977	8.00	0	0		0	0	0
113	1500	1336	7.20	3000	2672	100	2672	7.89	0	0		0	0	0
99	1100	6962	8.85	1550	1550	100	1550	7.35	0	0		0	0	0
78	1000	2389	7.78	2250	5376	100	5376	8.59	0	0		0	0	0
91	350	599	6.40	750	1284	88	1123	7.02	13	160	5.08	0	0	0
92	150	629	6.45	750	3144	40	1258	7.14	40	1258	7.14	0	0	0
99	150	418	6.04	750	2089	58	1219	7.11	42	870	6.77	0	0	0
82	100	150	5.02	200	301	75	226	5.42	25	75	4.33	0	0	0
92	450	1011	6.92	600	1348	100	1348	7.21	0	0		0	0	0
	0	0		500	1049	100	1049	6.96	0	0		0	0	0
	0	0		1920	2134	100	2134	7.67	0	0		0	0	0
137	150	87	4.48	800	464	100	464	6.14	0	0		0	0	0
78	950	554	6.32	1900	1108	100	1108	7.01	0	0		0	0	0
75	950	1008	6.92	1900	2016	100	2016	7.61	0	0		0	0	0
116	1500	722	6.58	2000	962	50	481	6.18	50	481	6.18	0	0	0
106	200	588	6.38	1500	4409	62	2713	7.91	0	0		0	0	0
129	100	300	5.71	200	601	100	601	6.40	0	0		0	0	0
113	100	196	5.28	300	588	75	441	6.09	25	147	5.00	0	0	0
153	500	1060	6.97	2500	5300	62	3262	8.09	38	2039	7.62	0	0	0
136	150	470	6.15	500	1566	100	1566	7.36	0	0		0	0	0
122	480	2121	7.66	960	4242	67	2828	7.95	33	1414	7.25	0	0	0
122	1000	1151	7.05	2000	2303	60	1382	7.23	40	921	6.83	0	0	0
91	1200	3145	8.05	2400	2400	25	600	6.40	75	1800	7.50	0	0	0
115	800	2192	7.69	3200	3200	67	2133	7.67	33	1067	6.97	0	0	0
122	750	2247	7.72	1000	2996	40	1199	7.09	60	1798	7.49	0	0	0
106	500	748	6.62	1000	1495	60	897	6.80	40	598	6.40	0	0	0
91	10	14	2.74	560	807	71	572	6.35	29	235	5.46	0	0	0
77	100	78	4.37	1250	977	87	850	6.75	13	127	4.86	0	0	0

LGP	apkg	ayld	Ln yield	epkg	eyld	pyld	yldr	Lnyldz	pylpd	ylpd	Lnylpz	Fym1	Frtil	Cpry1
84	750	197	5.29	3500	919	85	785	6.67	15	134	4.90	0	0	0
123	200	155	5.05	4500	3487	100	3487	8.16	0	0		0	0	0
84	1000	1697	7.44	2000	3393	100	3393	8.13	0	0		0	0	0
143	1000	848	6.74	5000	4238	75	3179	8.06	25	1060	6.97	0	0	0
130	850	1446	7.28	1700	2892	76	2212	7.70	24	681	6.52	0	0	0
168	3000	1308	7.18	10000	4359	57	2491	7.82	43	1868	7.53	0	0	0
99	50	30	3.43	3000	1790	65	1162	7.06	35	628	6.44	0	0	0
151	200	948	6.86	400	1896	100	1896	7.55	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
158	600	901	6.80	1500	2253	44	1001	6.91	56	1252	7.13	0	0	0
144	150	560	6.33	1500	5604	80	4483	8.41	20	1121	7.02	0	0	0
	0	0		1100	1251	100	1251	7.13	0	0		0	0	0
	0	0		750	598	100	598	6.39	0	0		0	0	0
116	50	28	3.36	1800	1002	74	745	6.61	26	258	5.56	0	0	0
113	250	256	5.55	900	921	65	602	6.40	35	319	5.77	0	0	0
92	1200	5577	8.63	1500	1500	67	1000	6.91	33	500	6.22	0	0	0
85	400	995	6.90	1600	3979	50	1990	7.60	50	1990	7.60	0	0	0
160	500	282	5.64	2000	1127	67	752	6.62	33	376	5.93	0	0	0
82	150	80	4.39	2000	1064	73	777	6.66	27	288	5.67	0	0	0
92	1500	3726	8.22	3000	7451	33	2484	7.82	67	4967	8.51	0	0	0
85	500	321	5.77	3000	1927	60	1156	7.05	40	771	6.65	0	0	0

APPENDIX IV: Spreadsheet of field data (Winter season 2002/2003)

Sl No	ID	X	Y	NoR	Sex	Vill	Ame	Aha	Lisch	Lish1	Fld2	Fld1	ST	mST			
1	18	525597	7277793	Cesar Vombe	m	Chibabel	13570	1.36	N	0	Y	1	sicl	H			
2	20	543380	7252282	Nasson Cossa	m	Mao-tse-tung	3032	0.30	N	0	Y	1	scl	H			
3	33	551245	7237207	Maria Nuvunga	f	Chicumbane	3509	0.35	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
4	34	553535	7237696	Matilda Mungone	f	Chicumbane	3846	0.38	N	0	N	0	s	L			
5	35	553492	7237778	Delfina Chilaule	f	Chicumbane	3478	0.35	N	0	N	0	s	L			
6	36	519924	7237386	Almerinda Muchanga	f	Incaia	13076	1.31	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
7	39	535184	7241982	Beauty Matavele	f	Chissano	3261	0.33	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
8	40	548812	7240024	Henriques Bila	m	Nguleleni	3494	0.35	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
9	43	528200	7252921	Teresinha A. Pavava	f	Olombe	2025	0.20	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
10	53	512394	7247376	Lurdes Rafael Siteo	f	Mazivila(ns)	5792	0.58	N	0	N	0	s	L			
11	55	557450	7275935	Albertina Mapsanganhe	f	Canyavane	3136	0.31	N	0	N	0	s	L			
12	56	557047	7276655	Mara Manwel Cossa	f	Canyavane	9219	0.92	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
13	57	557116	7277250	Fenias G. Macualva	m	Canyavane	3075	0.31	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
14	58	557018	7276443	Salome Lucas Nyoni	f	Canyavane	3942	0.39	N	0	N	0	s	L			
15	59	556809	7271794	Teresa Ernesto Sive	f	Mudada	3284	0.33	N	0	N	0	s	L			
16	60	555991	7270964	Lucia Siteo	f	Mudada	1905	0.19	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
17	61	556010	7270888	Lucrencia A. Tovela	f	Mudada	5567	0.56	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
18	62	556550	7271006	Teresinha Cuna	f	Mudada	2233	0.22	N	0	N	0	ls	L			
19	72	539847	7269596	Aurelio Hlaveya	m	Mucotoene	7765	0.78	N	0	N	0	sic	H			
20	73	539337	7269040	Aurelio Hlaveya	m	Mucotoene	11634	1.16	N	0	N	0	sil	M			
21	74	539060	7269242	Henriqueta Mulambu	f	Mucotoene	10797	1.08	N	0	N	0	sicl	H			
22	75	539402	7269248	Luis Macuacua	m	Mucotoene	11686	1.17	N	0	N	0	sil	M			
23	77	529087	7270990	Lucia Betuel Tivane	f	Chaimite	4884	0.49	N	0	Y	1	sicl	H			
24	78	528983	7270320	Natael Alberto Tivane	f	Chaimite	10698	1.07	N	0	Y	1	sicl	H			
25	79	530810	7276428	Bidas Tive	f	Mohambe	9784	0.98	N	0	N	0	sil	M			
26	85	531043	7278853	Antonio Muiocho	m	Gomba-Tlatlene	4799	0.48	N	0	Y	1	sil	M			
27	86	525772	7279721	Pedro Jose Ussivane	m	Chibabel	998	0.10	N	0	N	0	s	L			
Sl No	L	M	H	SpH	pbp1	1pbp	pbpu	pbpu1	p1daj	pltd	ptdaj	ptdpl	pltpu	pltpu1	pltm	pltm1	Nosh
1	0	0	1	6.5	37385	1	animal	1	128	37409	152	24	manual	0	hill	0	4
2	0	0	1	6.5	37324	1	animal	1	67	37356	99	32	animal	1	line	1	3
3	1	0	0	6.5	37324	1	manual	0	67	37355	98	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
4	1	0	0	6.5	37324	1	manual	0	67	37355	98	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
5	1	0	0	6.5	37317	1	manual	0	60	37348	91	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
6	1	0	0	6	37324	1	manual	0	67	37348	91	24	manual	0	hill	0	3
7	1	0	0	6	37317	1	manual	0	60	37355	98	38	manual	0	hill	0	3
8	1	0	0	5.5	37317	1	manual	0	60	37356	99	39	manual	0	hill	0	3
9	1	0	0	6.5	37317	1	manual	0	60	37369	112	52	manual	0	hill	0	4
10	1	0	0	6	37317	1	manual	0	60	37348	91	31	manual	0	hill	0	2
11	1	0	0	5.5	37317	1	manual	0	60	37348	91	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
12	1	0	0	6	37317	1	manual	0	60	37348	91	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
13	1	0	0	6	37317	1	animal	1	60	37348	91	31	animal	1	line	1	3
14	1	0	0	5.5	37317	1	manual	0	60	37348	91	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
15	1	0	0	6	37338	1	manual	0	81	37348	91	10	manual	0	hill	0	4
16	1	0	0	6.5	37324	1	manual	0	67	37355	98	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
17	1	0	0	6	37296	1	manual	0	39	37355	98	59	manual	0	hill	0	4
18	1	0	0	6	37317	1	manual	0	60	37348	91	31	manual	0	hill	0	4
19	0	0	1	6	37668	1	animal	1	46	37696	74	28	animal	1	line	1	4
20	0	1	0	6	37613	1	animal	1	356	37668	46	55	animal	1	line	1	3
21	0	0	1	7	37637	0	animal	1		37637	15	0	animal	1	line	1	4
22	0	1	0	6.8	37654	1	animal	1	32	37713	91	59	animal	1	line	1	3
23	0	0	1	6.8	37272	1	manual	0	15	37416	159	144	manual	0	hill	0	4
24	0	0	1	6.9	37362	1	manual	0	105	37423	166	61	manual	0	hill	0	2
25	0	1	0	6.8	37258	1	animal	1	1	37303	46	45	animal	1	line	1	2
26	0	1	0	7	37569	1	animal	1	312	37661	39	92	animal	1	line	1	3
27	1	0	0	6	37338	1	manual	0	81	37362	105	24	manual	0	hill	0	3

Sl No	spg	phph	vu	vu1	Thng	Thng1	wedg	Tw	wdg1	w1dap	wdg2	w2dap	wdu	Hrvtd	hdaj1	LGP
1	80	15625	Lo	1	N	0	Once	0	37452	43			mu	37491	234	82
2	70	20408	Lo	1	Y	1	Once	0	37399	43			mu			
3	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37385	30	37423	68	mu	37484	227	129
4	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37378	23	37409	54	mu	37484	227	129
5	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Once	0	37385	37			mu	37491	234	143
6	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Once	0	37409	61			mu	37470	213	122
7	100	10000	Lo	1	N	0	Twice	1	37385	30	37416	61	mu	37501	244	146
8	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Once	0	37416	60			mu	37501	244	145
9	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37409	40	37439	70	mu	37508	251	139
10	100	10000	Lo	1	N	0	Twice	1	37409	61	37446	98	mu	37470	213	122
11	120	6944	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37378	30	37409	61	mu	37470	213	122
12	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37378	30	37416	68	mu	37484	227	136
13	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37369	21	37416	68	mu	37484	227	136
14	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37399	51	37409	61	mu	37477	220	129
15	110	8264	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37378	30	37430	82	mu	37501	244	153
16	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Once	0	37392	37			mu	37515	258	160
17	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37385	30	37409	54	mu	37515	258	160
18	70	20408	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37409	61	37470	122	mu	37508	251	160
19	90	12346	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37713	17	37734	38	mu	37811	189	115
20	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37689	21	37696	28	mu	37795	173	127
21	80	15625	Lo	1	Y	1	Once	0	37689	52			mu	37727	470	90
22	40	62500	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37734	21	37757	44	mu	37849	227	136
23	100	10000	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37453	37	37491	75	mu	37538	281	122
24	80	15625	Lo	1	N	0	Twice	1	37446	23	37460	37	mu	37538	281	115
25	90	12346	Lo	1	N	0	Once	0	37324	21			mu	37392	135	89
26	120	6944	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37689	28	37703	42	mu	37757	135	82
27	70	20408	Lo	1	Y	1	Twice	1	37416	54	37470	108	mu	37522	265	160

Sl No	apkg	ayld	Ln yield	epkg	eyld	pyld	yldr	lnyldz	pylzd	ylpd	lnylpz	fym1	Frt1l	Cpry1
1	50	37	4	1200	884	100	884	6.8	0	0.0		0	0	0
2	0	0	0	250	825	0	0		0	0.0		0	0	0
3	250	712	7	1000	2850	73	2090	7.6	27	759.9	6.6	0	0	0
4	100	260	6	250	650	50	325	5.8	50	325.0	5.8	0	0	0
5	10	29	3	500	1438	100	1438	7.3	0	0.0		0	0	0
6	250	191	5	750	574	50	287	5.7	40	229.4	5.4	0	0	0
7	100	307	6	1000	3066	100	3066	8.0	0	0.0		0	0	0
8	300	859	7	500	1431	100	1431	7.3	0	0.0		0	0	0
9	100	494	6	750	3704	100	3704	8.2	0	0.0		0	0	0
10	750	1295	7	1500	2590	67	1727	7.5	33	863.3	6.8	0	0	0
11	10	32	3	250	797	58	465	6.1	42	332.2	5.8	0	0	0
12	20	22	3	400	434	58	251	5.5	42	182.7	5.2	0	0	0
13	300	976	7	1000	3252	71	2323	7.8	29	929.2	6.8	0	0	0
14	15	38	4	60	152	82	125	4.8	18	27.1	3.3	0	0	0
15	50	152	5	150	457	50	228	5.4	50	228.4	5.4	0	0	0
16	50	262	6	250	1312	63	820	6.7	38	492.1	6.2	0	0	0
17	100	180	5	300	539	63	337	5.8	38	202.1	5.3	0	0	0
18	50	224	5	200	896	67	597	6.4	33	298.5	5.7	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	750	966	100	966	6.9	0	0.0		0	0	0
20	500	430	6	2000	1719	67	1146	7.0	33	573.0	6.4	0	0	0
21	500	463	6	2250	2084	71	1488	7.3	29	595.4	6.4	0	0	0
22	600	513	6	1250	1070	54	576	6.4	46	493.7	6.2	0	0	0
23	1000	2048	8	2000	4095	50	2048	7.6	50	2047.7	7.6	0	0	0
24	1600	1496	7	2250	2103	62	1294	7.2	38	808.9	6.7	0	0	0
25	4000	4088	8	6000	6133	63	3833	8.3	38	2299.7	7.7	0	0	0
26	300	625	6	2000	4167	100	4167	8.3	0	0.0		0	0	0
27	100	1002	7	500	5012	67	3341	8.1	33	1670.6	7.4	0	0	0