

Shift in production areas due to climate change

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Overview of the presentation

- Implications of Climate Change for Crop Production (National)
 - Short overview of climate projections
 - Köppen-Geiger climate zones
 - Macadamia
 - Maize
 - Sunflower
 - Winter wheat
 - Sumer wheat

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Range of possible outcomes projected by 6 dynamically downscaled GCMs



further the projection is into the future

Temperature: Very robust signal with uncertainty









(m)

(m)

Shifting climate zones: Projected Koppen-Geiger climate zones for a 3ºC increase in the average global temperature A basic trend towards warmer and drier conditions

CSIRO	(o) GFDL20	1st	2nd	3rd	Description	Criteria*
Sold Party	Af Am Aw BWR BWR BSh	A	f m w		Tropical - Rainforest - Monsoon - Savannah Arid	$T_{cold} \ge 18$ $P_{dry} \ge 60$ Not (Af) & P_{dry} \ge 100-MAP/25 Not (Af) & P_{dry} < 100-MAP/25 MAP < 10×P_{threshold}
UKMO	(p) GFDL21 BSk Cso Csb Cwo Cwb Cfo Cfo	c	W S	- h	- Desert - Steppe - Hot - Cold Temperate	$MAP < 5 \times P_{threshold}$ $MAP \ge 5 \times P_{threshold}$ $MAP \ge 5 \times P_{threshold}$ $MAT \ge 18$ $MAT < 18$ $T_{hot} > 10 & 0 < T_{cold} < 18$ $P_{tot} = 40 & P_{tot} < 0 < 13$
MIROC			S M f	a b c	 Dry Winter Without dry season Hot Summer Warm Summer Cold Summer 	$P_{wdry} < P_{swet}/10$ $P_{tot} \geq 22$ $Not (a) \& T_{mon10} \geq 4$ $Not (a or b) \& 1 \leq T_{mon10} < 4$

Environmental suitability criteria for macadamia Production under supplementary irrigation

Suitability class	Optimal	Unsuited
Land		
attribute		
Annual rainfall (mm)	>=600	<400
T _{min} (°C) July	>7	<6
T _{max} (°C) Nov-Feb	<=29	>34
Soil depth (mm)		<500
Topsoil clay (%)		<6 and >40%





Environmental suitability criteria for rainfed maize production

Land suitability of rainfed maize production										
Suitability class	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Marginal	Unsuited						
Land										
attribute										
Climate requirements										
Water requirement	>450	300-450	250-300	<250						
(during growing										
season, mm)										
T _{max} (during growing	25-32	24-25	22-24	<22 and >34						
season, °C)		and	and							
		32-33	33-34							
T _{min} (during growing	12-25	11 - 12	10 - 11	<10 and >25						
season, °C)										
Soil requirements										
Soil depth (mm)		-		<500						
Topsoil clay (%)				<5%						











The crop suitability maps are based on environmental criteria only and do not consider the following:

- *New cultivars:* Development of new cultivars could make it possible to plant in higher temperatures, which would change the production areas correspondingly.
- *Plant diseases:* Climate change will affect the fecundity, dispersal and distribution of plant diseases and pests. Higher temperatures will increase overwintering of pathogens and pests, modify host susceptibility to infection, accelerate pathogen and vector life cycles and increase the sporulation and infectiousness of fungi.
- *Effect of increased CO₂:* Increased CO₂ levels are likely to have a positive effect on potential water use efficiency and crop productivity. Crops such as potato, cotton, wheat, and soybeans benefit substantially from additional atmospheric CO₂, while crops such as maize, sorghum and sugarcane are more limited.



Thank you

