FARI – FUTURE AGROECOSYSTEMS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

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Global Temperature Anomalies



Grand Challenges and Opportunities

Climate change, water, energy, food and land securities in an era of rapid economic development and population increases.

- Critical elements of the SDGs
- Risks and opportunities co-exist

Agroecosystems, particularly in the tropical regions around the world, are critical in regulating key ecological processes but subjected to human intervention.



UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals

CITATION: Paul C. West, Holly K. Gibbs, Chad Monfreda, John Wagner, Carol C. Barford, Stephen R. Carpenter, and Jonathan A. Foley. Trading carbon for food: Global comparison of carbon stocks vs. crop yields on agricultural land. PNAS. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1011078107.

Change in Carbon stocks - all croplands (tons C/ha)

-200

Map shows changes in carbon stocks due to cropland conversion between 1998 and 2002. Blue is less carbon emissions due to land conversion, while red is more. Tropical areas with high conversion of croplands, such as Southeast Asia, have the highest emissions due to land conversion. Notice the high spatial variability, thus requiring site-specific understanding of the agroecosystems.

https://news.mongabay.com/2010/11/tropical-agriculture-double-whammy-high-emissions-low-yields/

With every increment of global warming, regional changes in mean climate and extremes become more widespread and pronounced



Figure SPM.2: Projected changes of annual maximum daily maximum temperature, annual mean total column soil moisture and annual maximum 1-day precipitation at global warming levels of 1.5°C, 2°C, 3°C, and 4°C relative to 1850–1900. Projected (a) annual maximum daily temperature change (°C), (b) annual mean total column soil moisture (standard deviation), (c) annual maximum 1-day precipitation change (%). The panels show CMIP6 multi-model median changes. In panels (b) and (c), large positive relative changes in dry regions may correspond to small absolute changes. In panel (b), the unit is the standard deviation of interannual variability in soil moisture during 1850–1900. Standard deviation is a widely used metric in characterising drought severity. A projected reduction in mean soil moisture by one standard deviation corresponds to soil moisture conditions typical of droughts that occurred about once every six years during 1850–1900. The WGI Interactive Atlas (https://interactive-atlas.ipcc.ch/) can be used to explore additional changes in the climate system across the range of global warming levels presented in this figure. {Figure 3.1, Cross-Section Box.2}

10 FINDINGS BASED ON THE **2023 IPCC** REPORT

2. Climate impacts on people and ecosystems are more widespread and severe than expected, and future risks will escalate rapidly with every fraction of a degree of warming.

Results



Fig. 1. The global yield change rate for the three major food crops under the future climate scenario: (a) low emission pathway and (b) high emission pathway.

Provided by Zhang, F. @ Lanzhou University

Results



Fig. 2. Yield change rate at different latitude range for (a) maize, (b) rice, (c) spring wheat and (d) winter wheat under the future climate scenario.

The NEXUS

- Key processes and ecological, climate and WEF systems implications are far from being fully understood;
- Science-based intervention and policy are needed but lacking















Asia Hub 2.0, NEXUS IPO, FARI, New Initiatives and Priorities

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Asia Hub – An International Platform

Collaboration & Partnership

Next-Generation Education Programs

Engagement across Continents & Disciplines

Innovative Solutions for Lasting Impact



Asia Hub Nodes

East Asia

• China (中国海南,南京)

South Asia?

• India? (印度)

Southeast Asia

- Indonesia (印度尼西亚)
- Thailand (泰国)

Central Asia

- Uzbekistan(乌兹别克斯坦)
- Kazakhstan (哈萨克斯坦)





FARI Approach





Why observations?

Good science is built on good data

The National Ecological Observatory Network, or NEON, offers expert ecological data from sites across the continent to power the most important science being done today.





NETWORK - SITES - RESEARCH - DATA - RESOURCES - GET INVOLVED - D

The Long-Term Agroecosystem Research (LTAR) Network

We are a growing research network focused on developing national strategies that respond to the agricultural challenges of the 21th Century: food security and climate

Learn about LTAR research

Who We Are

The LTAR Network is a growing group of insearchers focused on finding solutions that maintain or increase agricultural productivity, environmental quality, and people well-being in tpite of pressures such as climate change. Read more



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A New Snowtography Handbook Puts Water Data into the Hands of Small Farmers and Ranchers promey 10, 202

Solving the Biggest Agricultural Challenges Through Data Innovation November 25, 2021

2021 ARS Discoveries Announcement: Research

Sanya

- Location:
 18°N, 108-109°E
- Land: 1921 km²
 Sea: 3226 km²
- Population: 1 million with more than 20 ethnic minorities
- ➤ GDP: RMB 69.5 Billion
- The East Hawaii
- Best air quality and longest living life
- Preferred Tourist Destination in China
- China National Ecological Demonstration City

(Data by 2020)



Observations

FARI: Future Agroecosystems Research and Innovations

- Long-term ecological research station networks to be established as part of Asia Hub and Yazhou Bay regional initiatives.
- Three-tiered network design: 1) Core area, 2) extended and 3) regional stations





1 个中心 (One Research Center) 5 个基地 (5 Research Stations – Large fields) 7 个观测点 (7 Sites/Plot)



Smart sensing & monitoring, smart control, smart analysis & planning, all are based on cloud computing



Research Innovation

1 – BigData

- Observation Technology
 Innovations
- Long-term Multiplatform Monitoring System
- Data and Data Mining

2 – **BigScience**

- Climate Change & Food Security
- System Process and Sustainability,
- Green Agroecosystem Innovations
- Carbon Sequestration Enhancement

3 – BigStrategy

- Future Agroecosystem Pathways
- **Future Agroecosystem and Rural**
- Revitalization & Sustainable **Development Strategies**

BigData

1) Observation Technology Innovations 2) Multiplatform Observations and IOT 3) Data Archive, Processing and Mining

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Climate Change & Roood Security

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of Future Agroecosystem Pathagies of Future Agroecosystem and Pathagie



A Call for Participation and An Expression to Contribute

to the USCCC and Other International Organizations



Summary

- Tropical Agroecosystems are critical in WEF securities and believed to be important in "fluxes to flows"
- Systematic observations are important to understand both short and long-term trajectories and processes
- Agroecosystems are highly connected, and there is a need to collaborate across sectors, scales, and borders for national and regional sustainability
- Trade-offs are critical priority issues and thus needed research

<u>GlObal geOreferenced Database of Dams (GOOD²)</u> <u>Global Reservoir and Dam Database (GRanD)</u> <u>Future Hydropower Reservoirs and Dams (FHReD)</u>



Global Dam Watch is an international collaboration between an expanding group of researchers who are passionate about understanding the costs and benefits of dams to our world





LOWER MEKONG RIVER BASIN ISSUES

- COMPETITION FOR DIFFERENT WATER USES
- HYDROPOWER DAMS (MORE THAN 100 DAMS)
- **IRRIGATION FOR CROPS**
- **SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON**
 - HYDROLOGY, WETLANDS, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES
 AND RURAL COMMUNITIES!

W: Different Uses

- E: Hydropower (Battery of Asia)
- F: Crops and Fish







Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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