

Pesticide Risk Reduction Programme – Ethiopia

Inventory of agro-environmental characteristics and existing environmental standards in Ethiopia

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Goal

- to gather information on the geographical distribution of agro-environmental data, pesticide use and current environmental standards.
- to support the selection of relevant environmental protection goals (e.g. groundwater, soil, surface waters, birds, bees) and enable the development of a risk assessment methodology for each of them.

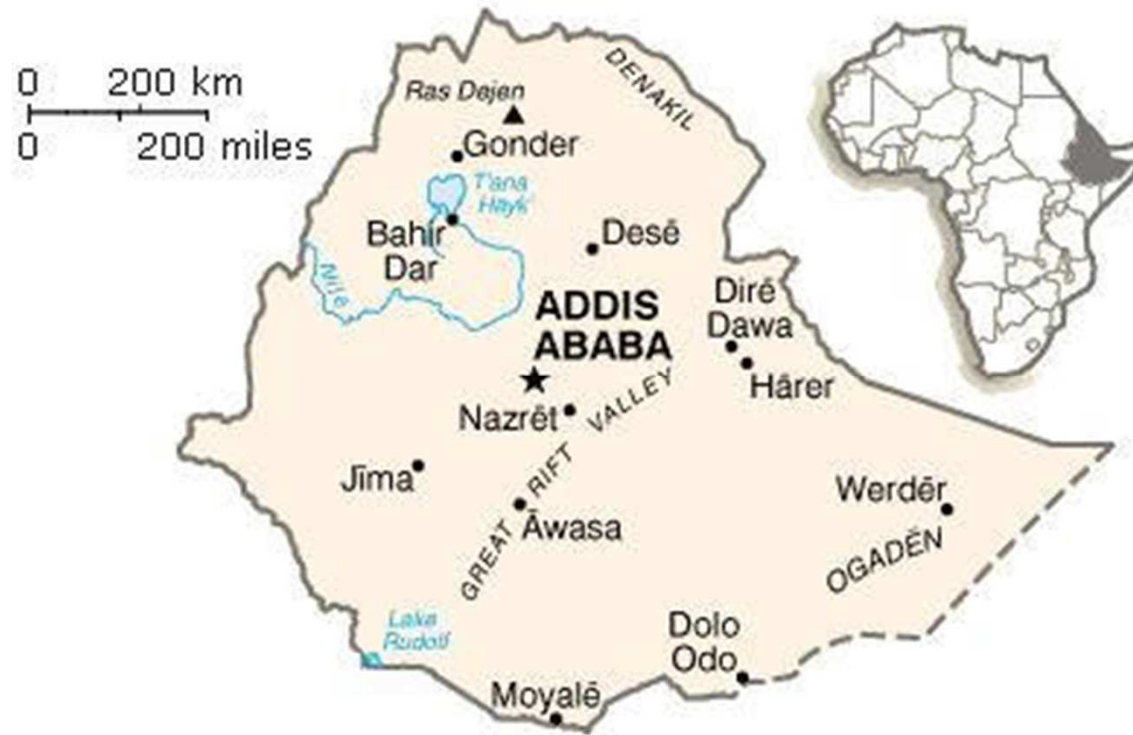
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1. Introduction

- The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- The country covers 1,112,000 square kilometres (472,000 sq. miles) , roughly 5X the size of the UK.
- with high central plateau (1,800 to 3,000 meters) (6,000 ft.-10,000 ft.) above sea level, with some mountains reaching 4,620 meters (15,158 ft.).
- the Great Rift Valley, splits the plateau diagonally.
- A number of rivers cross the plateau—notably the Blue Nile starts from the biggest lake in the country.

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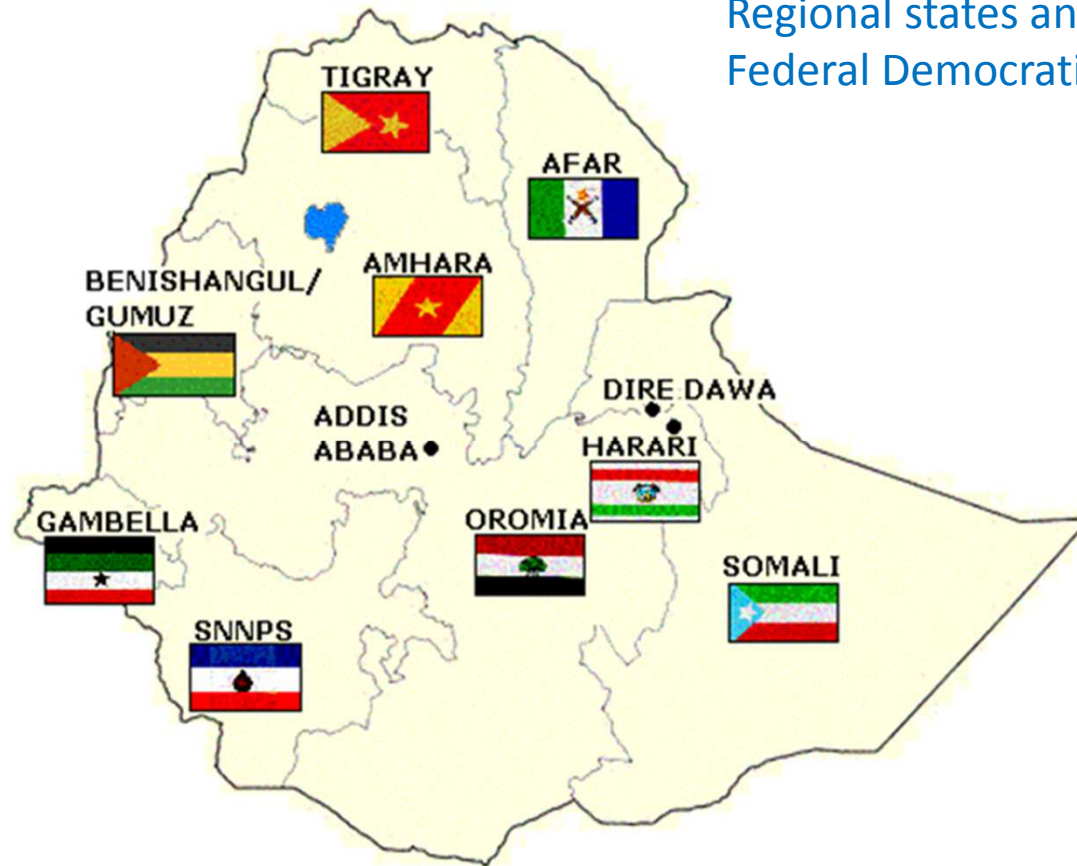


1. Introduction

- With 9 regional governments : Afar, Amhara, Benishangul/Gumuz, Gambella, Harari, Oromiya, Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples', Somali and Tigray; and two chartered cities: Addis Ababa and Dire-Dawa.
- All the regional governments and the chartered cities have got administrative divisions by zone, woreda, and kebele, the zone level division represents the biggest in the hierarchy with in the region.

1. Introduction

Regional states and chartered cities of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia



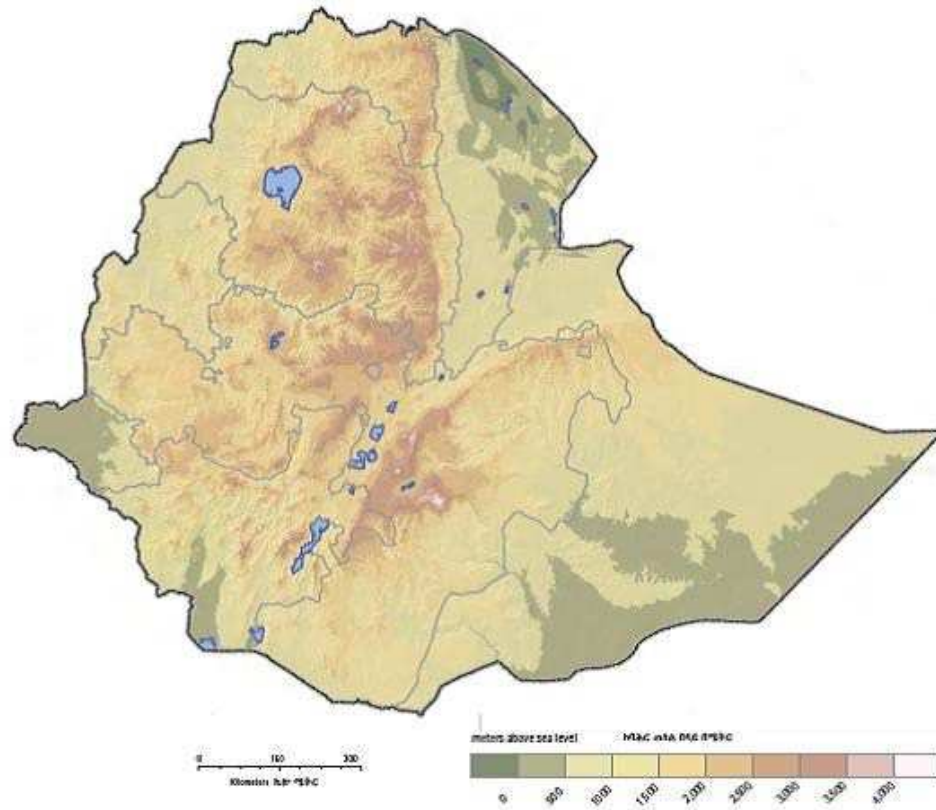
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Elevation

- Elevation ranges from 110 meters below sea level in the Danakil Depression to 4,620 m.a.s.l. at Ethiopia's highest mountain, Ras Dashen.
- Addis Ababa is located at approximately 2,300 m.a.s.l. (AERE,2006).

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Elevation in Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2006)



Data source: Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission, NASA.

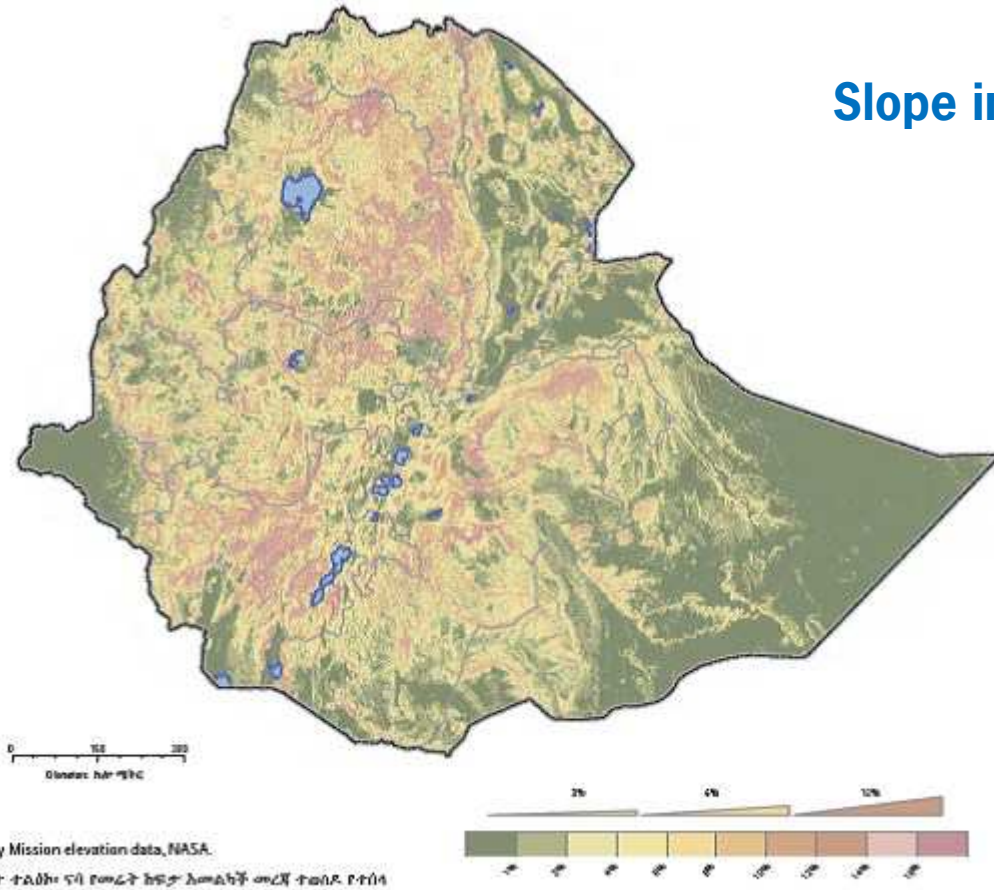
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Slope

- Ethiopia is characterized as a mountainous country with steep terrain.

2. Bio physical characteristics

Slope in Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2006)



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2. Bio physical characteristics

Traditional and modern classification of agro ecological zones.

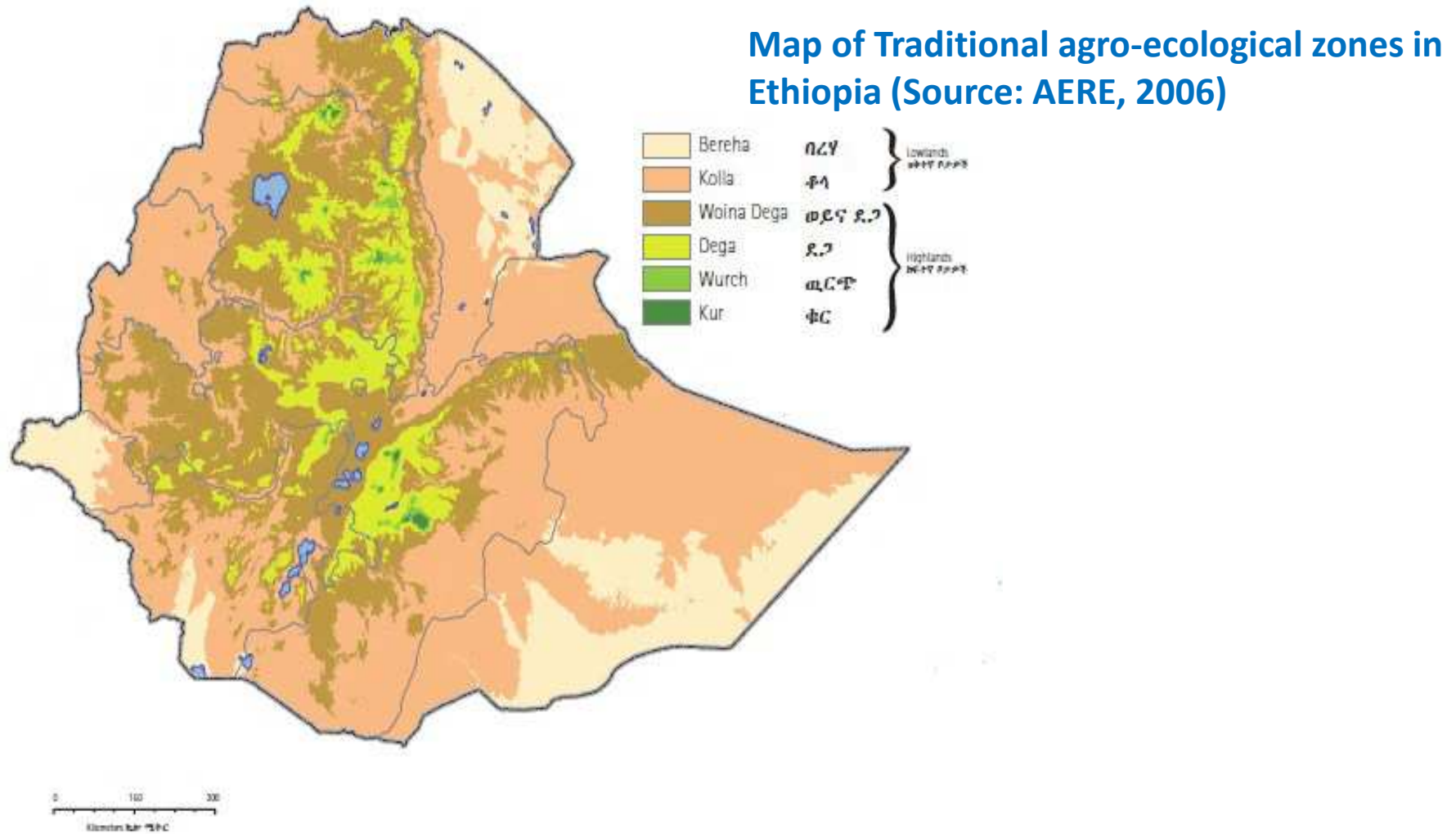
- 6 traditional agro ecological zones
- Elevation is the basis for classification

2. Bio physical characteristics

Summary of the description of the traditional agro ecological zones in Ethiopia.

Traditional agro ecological zone	Description
Bereha	Refers to hot lowlands of less than 500 meters above sea level. In the arid east, Bereha crop production is very limited. In the humid west, mixed root crops and maize are grown.
Kolla	Refers to lowlands between 500 and 1,500 meters. Predominant crops here are sorghum, finger millet, sesame, cowpeas, and groundnuts.
Woina Dega	Refers to highlands between 1,500 and 2,300 meters. Predominant crops here are wheat, teff, barley, maize, sorghum, and chickpeas.
Dega	Refers to highlands between 2,300 and 3,200 meters. Predominant crops here are barley, wheat, oilseeds, and pulses.
Wurch	Refers to highlands between 3,200 and 3,700 meters. Barley is common here.
Kur	Refers to highland areas above 3,700 meters. These areas are primarily used for grazing animals.

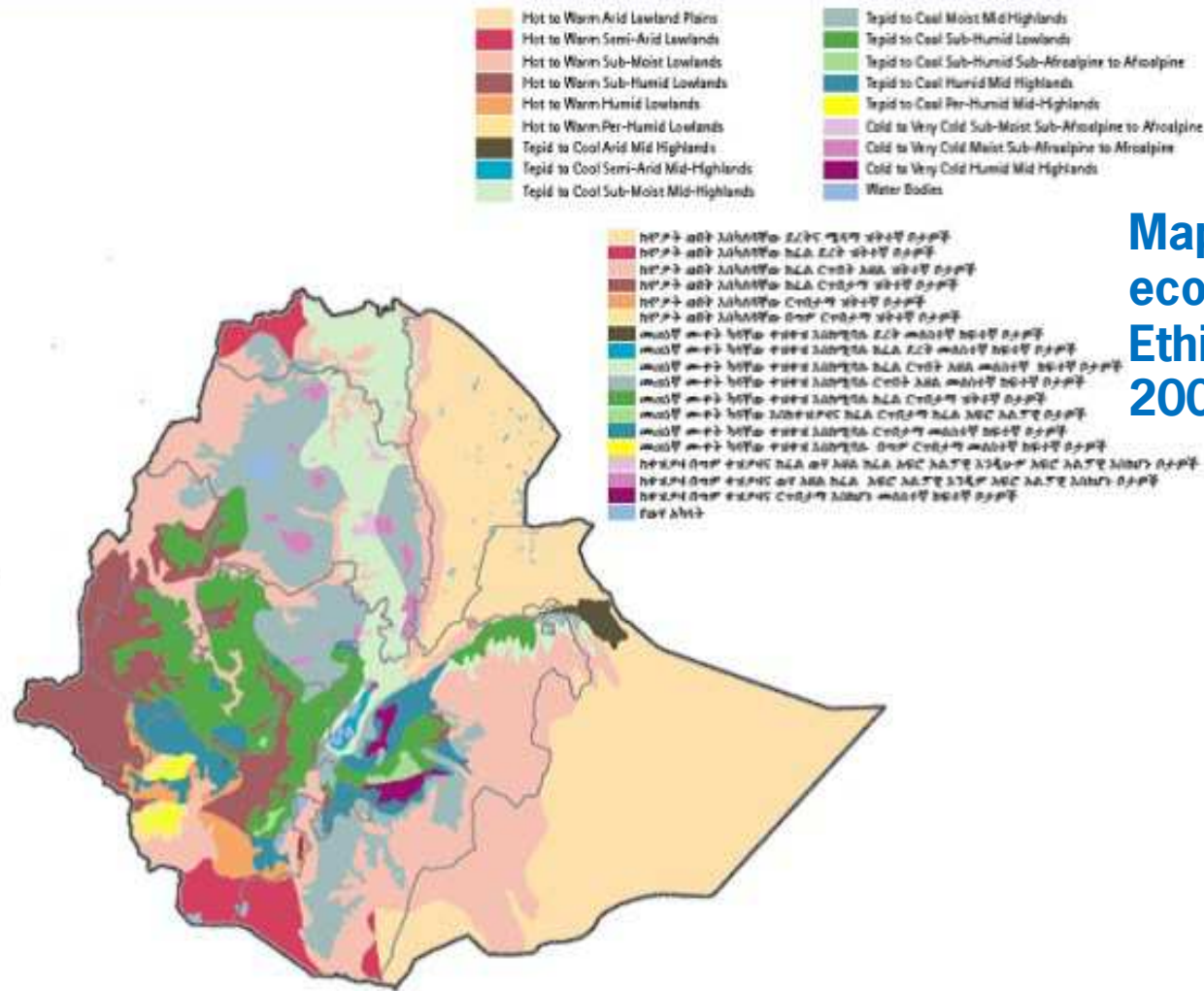
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- 18 modern agro ecological zones (MoA)
- Basis of classification =Temperature and moisture regimes

2. Bio physical characteristics



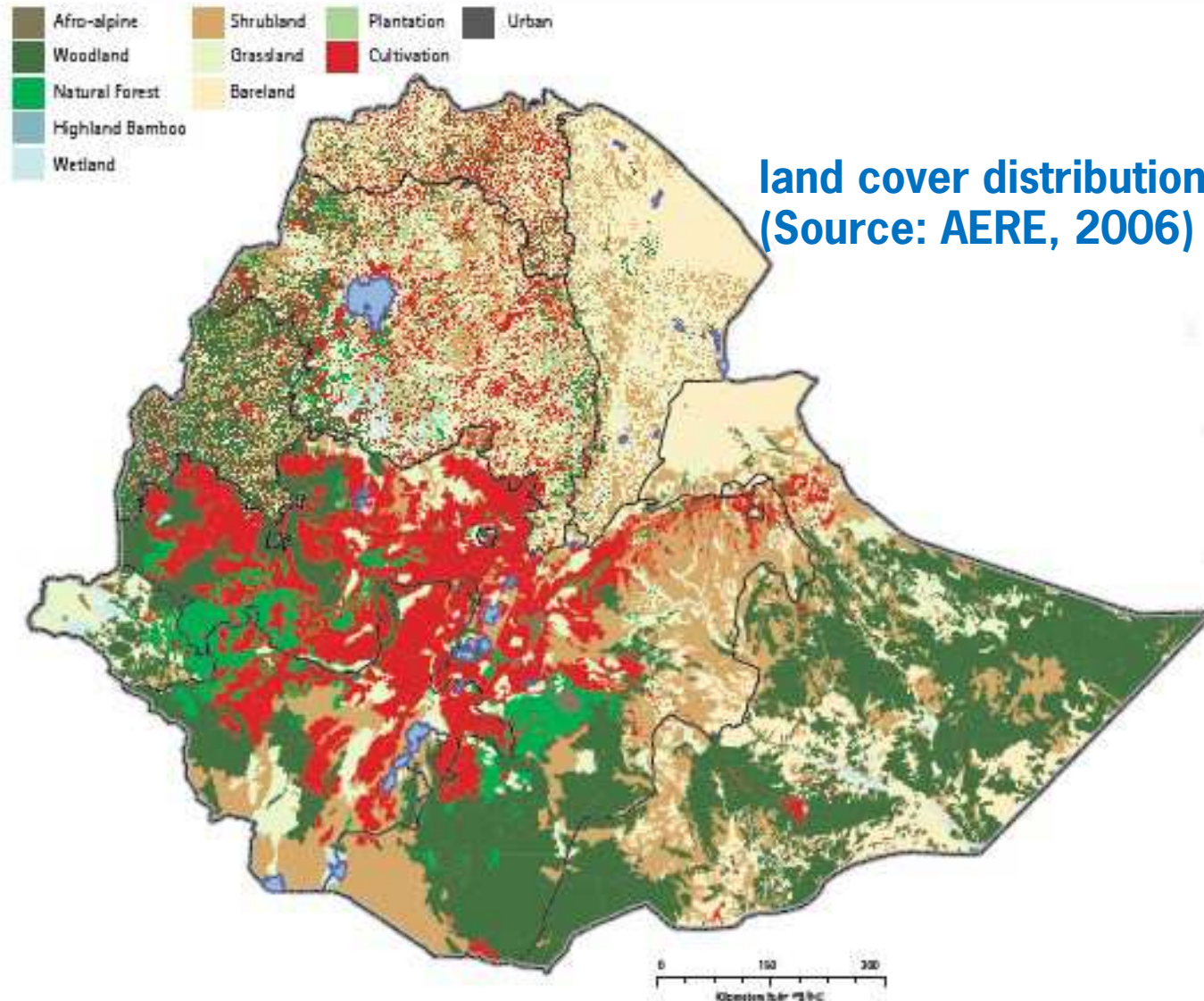
Map of modern agro ecological zones in Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2006)

2. Bio physical characteristics

Land cover

- most of the natural forest that once covered much of the temperate highlands is now seriously reduced, converted to agriculture and grazing land.
- At the year 2006, only 21 percent of the country is classified as cultivated. This figure is expected to rise by this time owing to the vast intensification of agricultural investment in the country (AERE, 2006).

2. Bio physical characteristics



land cover distribution in Ethiopia
(Source: AERE, 2006)

2. Bio physical characteristics

Major Soil Types

- According to AERE (2006)
- Leptosols (29.8 percent of total land area) mostly found in the north, are very shallow (< 30 cm), and have somewhat limited agricultural potential
- Nitosols (12.5 percent) that are mostly found in the west and are deep, well-drained soils. Despite low pH and low levels of phosphorus, they have relatively good agricultural potential.
- Vertisols (10 percent) have wider distribution. They are heavy, black clay soils that are difficult to work; and have poor drainage.
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2. Bio physical characteristics

Other soils including

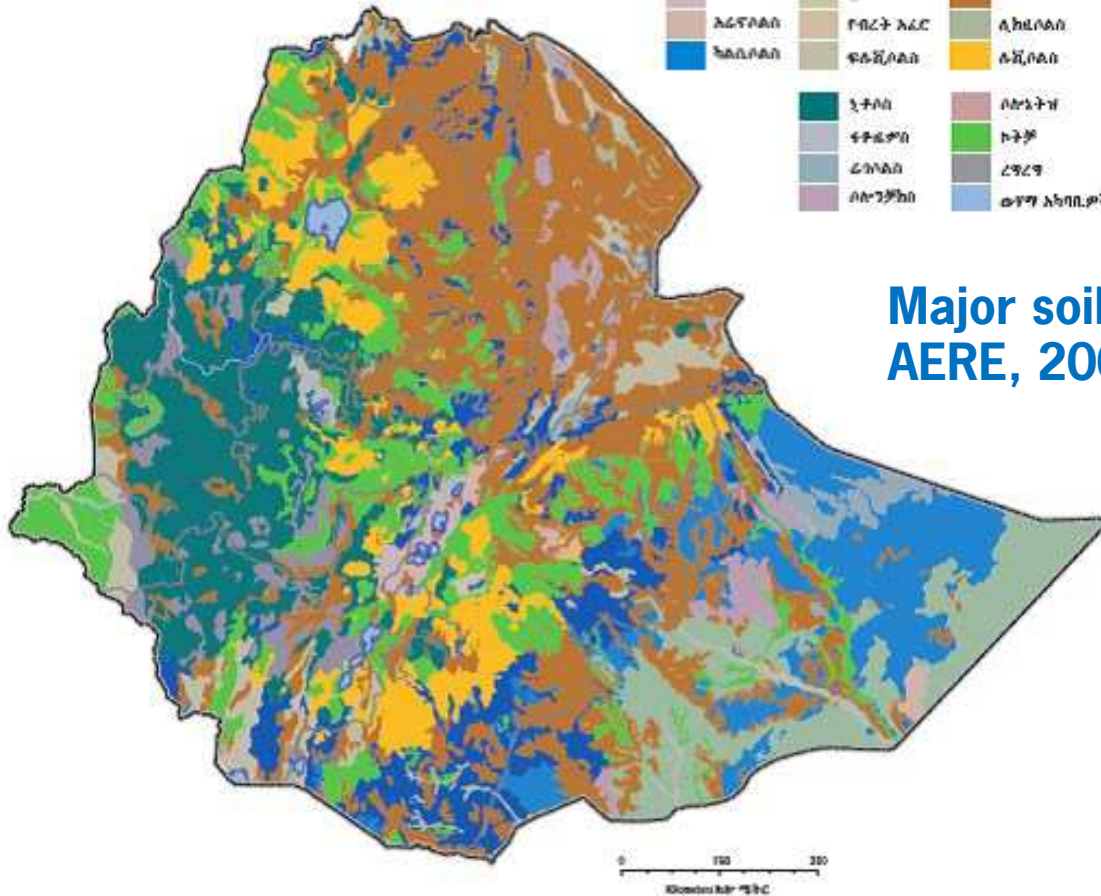
- Cambisols (9.4 percent)
- Calcisols (9.3 percent)
- Luvisols (7.8 percent)
- Gypsisols (7.6 percent)

Description (Annex 4)

2. Bio physical characteristics

Alisols	Cambisols	Gypsisols	Nitisols	Solonetz
Andosols	Chernozems	Leptosols	Phaeozems	Vertisols
Arenosols	Ferralsols	Lixisols	Regosols	Swamps
Calcisols	Fluvisols	Luvicols	Solonchaks	Water Bodies

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Major soil types in Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2004)

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Soil organic matter content

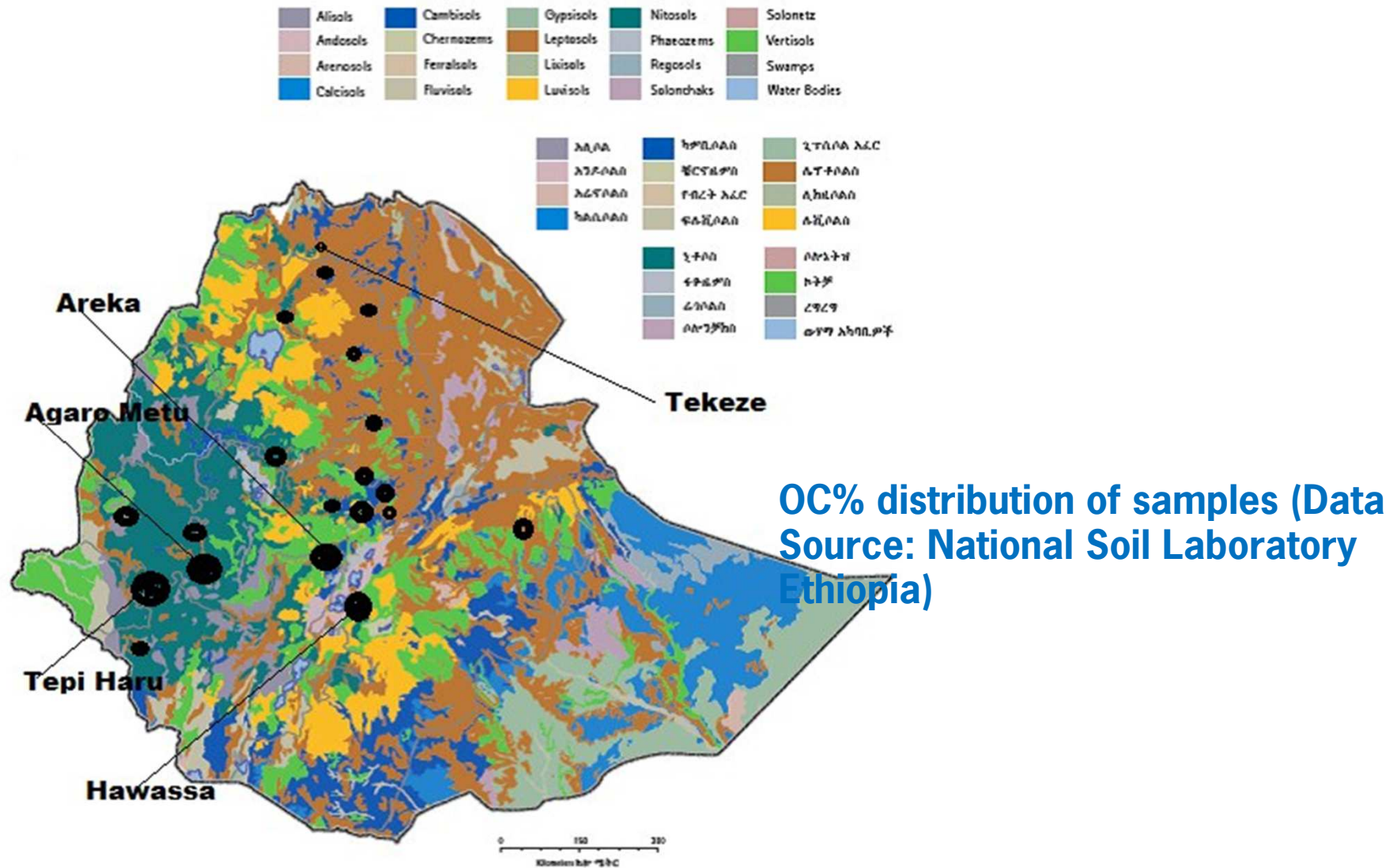
- OC% Data taken from National Soil lab Ethiopia
- Samples taken from of some river basins and agricultural research canterers
- Tepi Haru, Agaro metu, Arega and Hawassa areas seem to be with the highest OC% value for the top soil.
- Tekeze is the lowest

2. Bio physical characteristics

Top Soil OC%				
Location	Code	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Tekeze	TKZ	0.53	1.3	0
Omo river	OR	0.55	0.82	0.14
Abay river phase 1	ARP1	2.25	7.38	0
Abay river phase 2	ARP2	2.61	7.1	0.2
Adet/Debre Tabor	Ad	1.71	4.47	0.92
Alamata	Al	1.13	1.47	0.78
Areka	Ar	3.09	5.76	0.73
Assosa	As	2.56	5.5	0.1
Hwassa	Ha	3.29	11.6	1.4
Debrezeit	DZ	1.05	1.8	0.7
Debre Berhan	DB	2.28	6.8	0.6
Enewari	En	0.67	0.67	0.42
Jijiga	Ji	1.83	2.12	1.52
Agaro Mettu	AM	3.56	5.91	1.86
Kulumsa	Ku	1.5	2.95	0.15
Mekelle	Me	1.2	1.79	0.6
Melkasa	MI	1.63	3.75	0.5
Pawe	Pa	2.4	2.8	1.7
Sekota	Se	0.81	1.08	0.44
Sinana	Si	2.56	4.19	1.99
Tepi Haru	TH	3.88	5.98	1
Wendogenet	WG	2.94	4.2	1.8

Average OC% values for the top soil in sampled river basins and research centres across the country (Data source: National Soil Lab Ethiopia, 2011).

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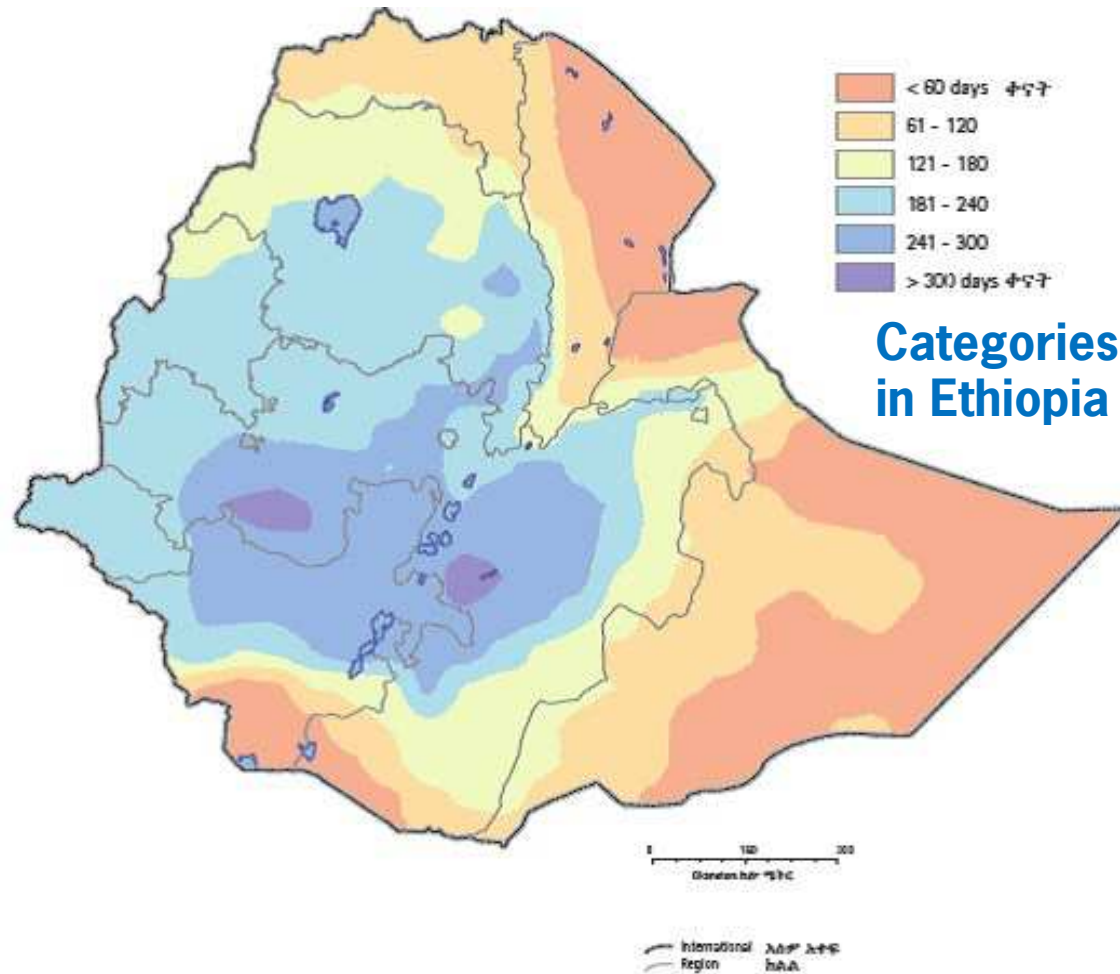


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Length of growing period

- The cumulative time in a normal year when moisture conditions are adequate for plant growth generally refers to The length of growing period (LGP).
- Thus a longer LGP generally indicates higher agricultural potential.
- central highlands including the Rift Valley are the places with the highest value of LGP (>300) followed by the western and eastern and north eastern regions surrounding the centre (241-300).

2. Bio physical characteristics



Categories of length of growing periods in Ethiopia (Source AERE, 2006)

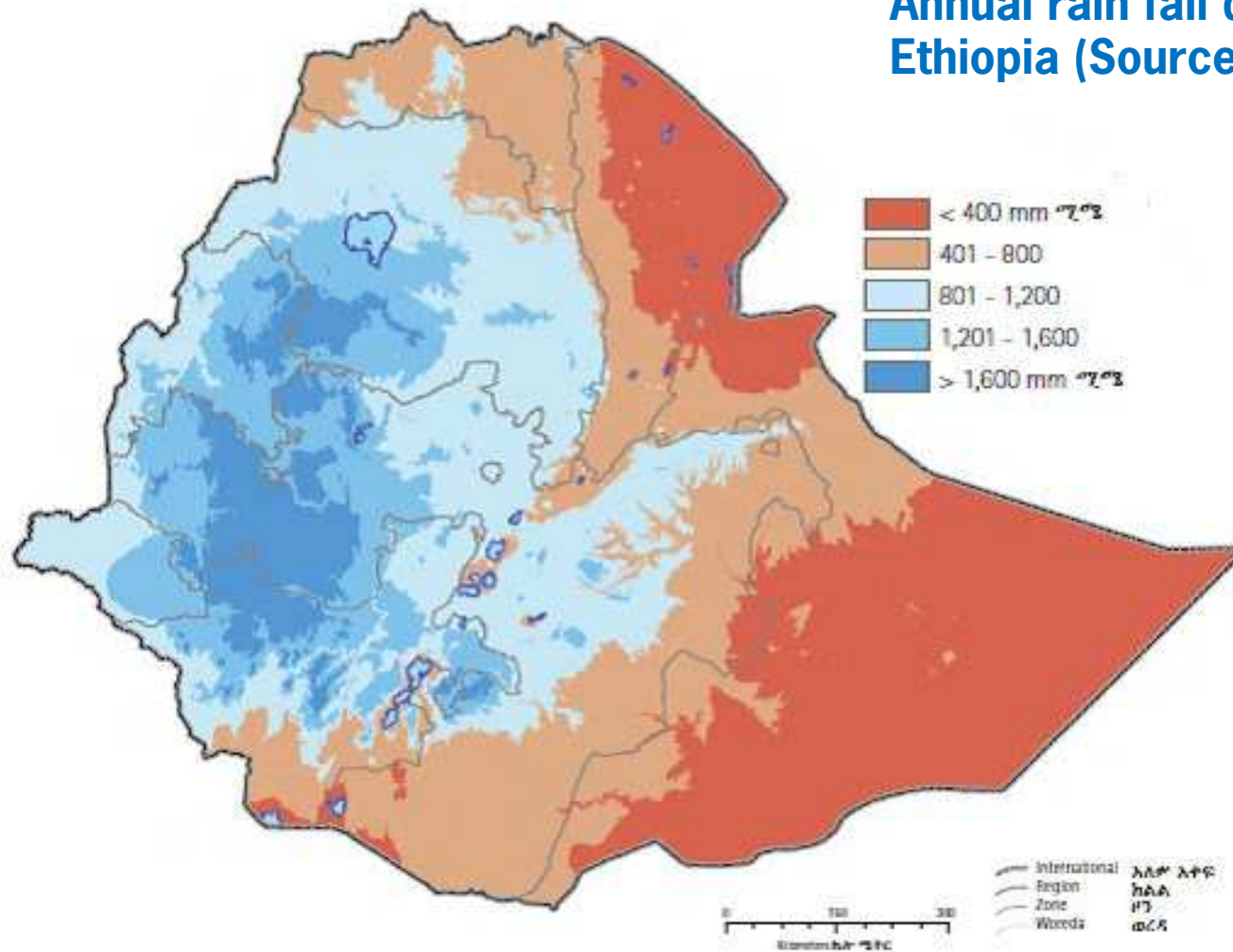
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Annual Rain Fall

- The western highlands have particularly high rainfall, averaging more than 1,200 millimetres annually in many areas.
- Rainfall is lower with loss of elevation, especially toward the east. Most of the eastern lowland areas of Afar and Somali are unsuitable for crop production because of lack of rainfall.

3. Meteorological data

Annual rain fall distribution of Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2006)



3. Meteorological data

Seasonality of rainfall

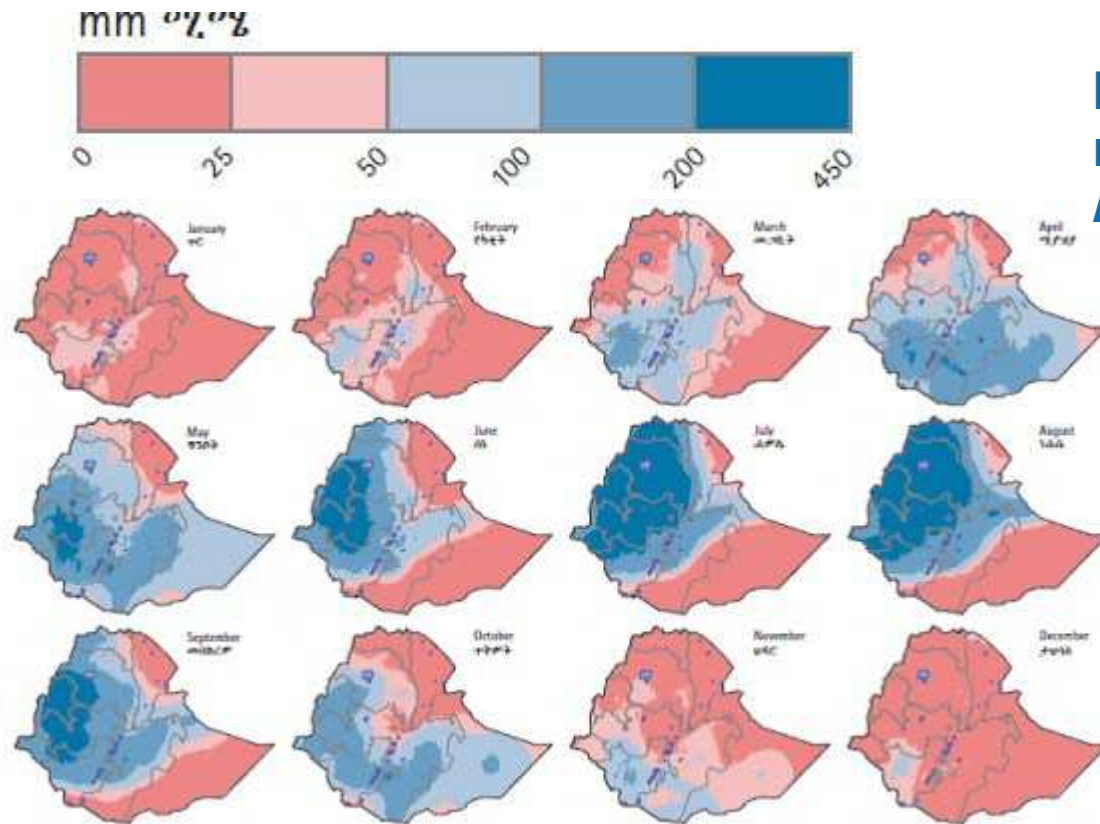
- Long rain=Kiremt=June-September
- Short rain=Belg=March-May

3. Meteorological data

Mean monthly rainfall

- Rainfall varies throughout the country, not only spatially but also temporally.
- Some parts of the western highlands experience rainfall for most of the year
- Most of the rest of the country experiences rainfall within either the main rainy season (Kiremt, roughly July through Sept) or possibly also the short rains (Belg, roughly March through May).

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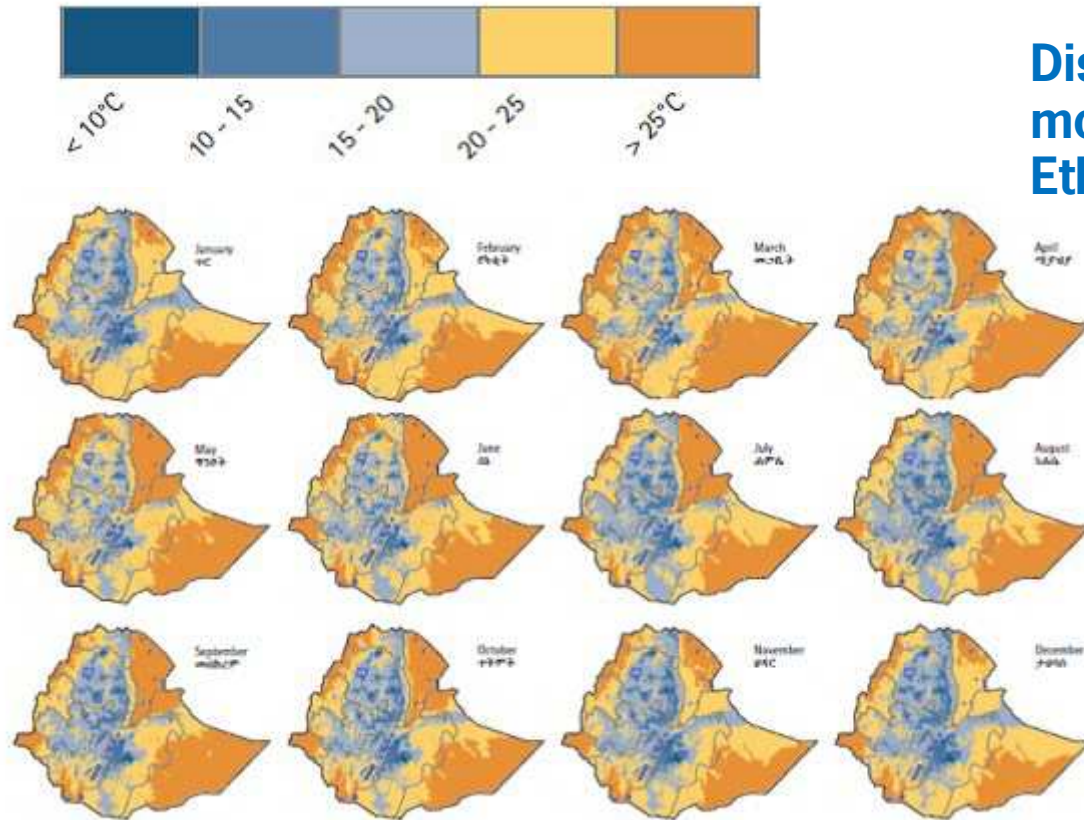
Distribution of Mean monthly rain fall in Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2006)

3. Meteorological data

Mean monthly temperature

- Variation in temperature is driven mostly by elevation.
- The upper parts of Rift Valley + the west and east lowlands got a mean maximum monthly temperature of $>25^{\circ}\text{c}$ almost throughout the year while some places in the central highlands are with an average temperature of $<10^{\circ}\text{c}$ (Source: AERE, 2006).

3. Meteorological data



Distribution of mean monthly temperature in Ethiopia (AERE, 2006).

3. Meteorological data

Mean monthly maximum temperature

- As with the maps of average temperature, there is relatively little variation between months for any particular location (the Afar lowlands show the most variation). Maximum temperatures are most constraining for crop production in the lowlands, where very high temperatures adversely affect the physiological functioning of many plants.

3. Meteorological data

Mean monthly minimum temperature

- Like the previous maps, there is relatively little variation between months for any particular location (again, the most variation can be seen in the Afar lowlands). Minimum daily temperatures are probably most limiting for crop production in the cooler highlands, where frost may curb crop development.

3. Meteorological data

- The National Meteorological Agency of Ethiopia (NMA) with 17 synoptic stations
- These synoptic stations with most of the readily available data, but stations are major cities of the regions and far away from the major agricultural activity
- the data should be from areas where much agricultural activity close to water bodies, especially the areas of the central Rift Valley of Ethiopia
- team sorted out some 21 sites; some synoptic stations are included
- daily rain fall and temperature = readily available data in digital form.
- The data for evapotranspiration and air pressure is not available
- Data for wind speed and sunshine duration is in form of hard copy (paper form). The NMA requests retrieval costs for these data.

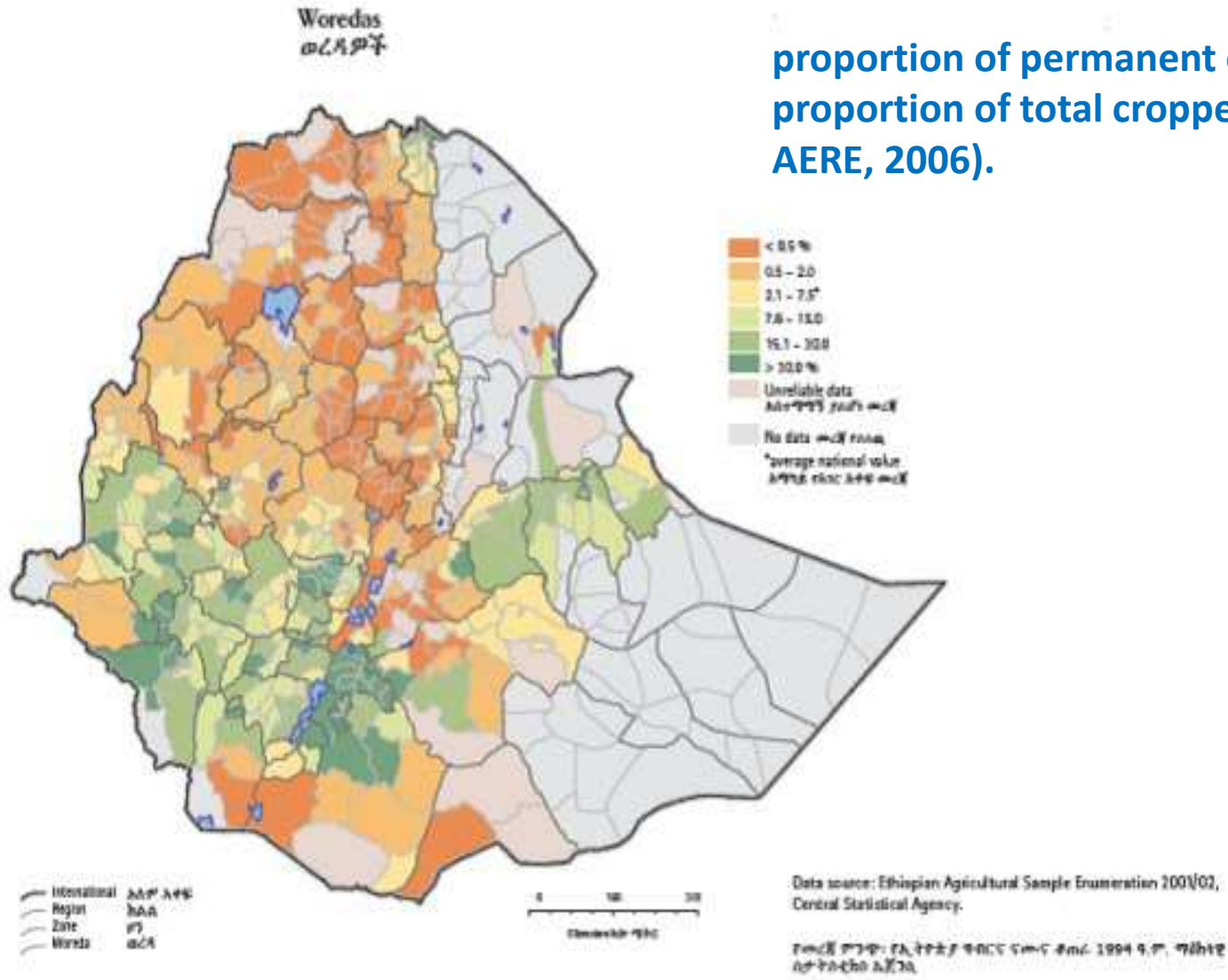
4. Crop production

permanent vs temporary crops coverage

- 7.5 percent is dedicated to permanent crops.
- Major cash crops, such as coffee and chat (*Catha edulis*), as well as tree crops, such as enset (*Ensete ventricosum*), bananas, oranges, mangos, papayas, and avocados.
- Greatest proportion in the S. and W. highlands, the S. Rift Valley, and the E. highlands (AERE, 2006).
- The authors of this report believe that there are considerable changes in this regard by the year 2011 following the intensification of large-scale agricultural production through investment promotion in the country.

4. Crop production

proportion of permanent crop area as a proportion of total cropped area (Source: AERE, 2006).



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The crops which judged to be with the highest pesticide use in Ethiopia are teff, maize, wheat and cotton. All the four belong to the temporary crops out of which the three are cereals

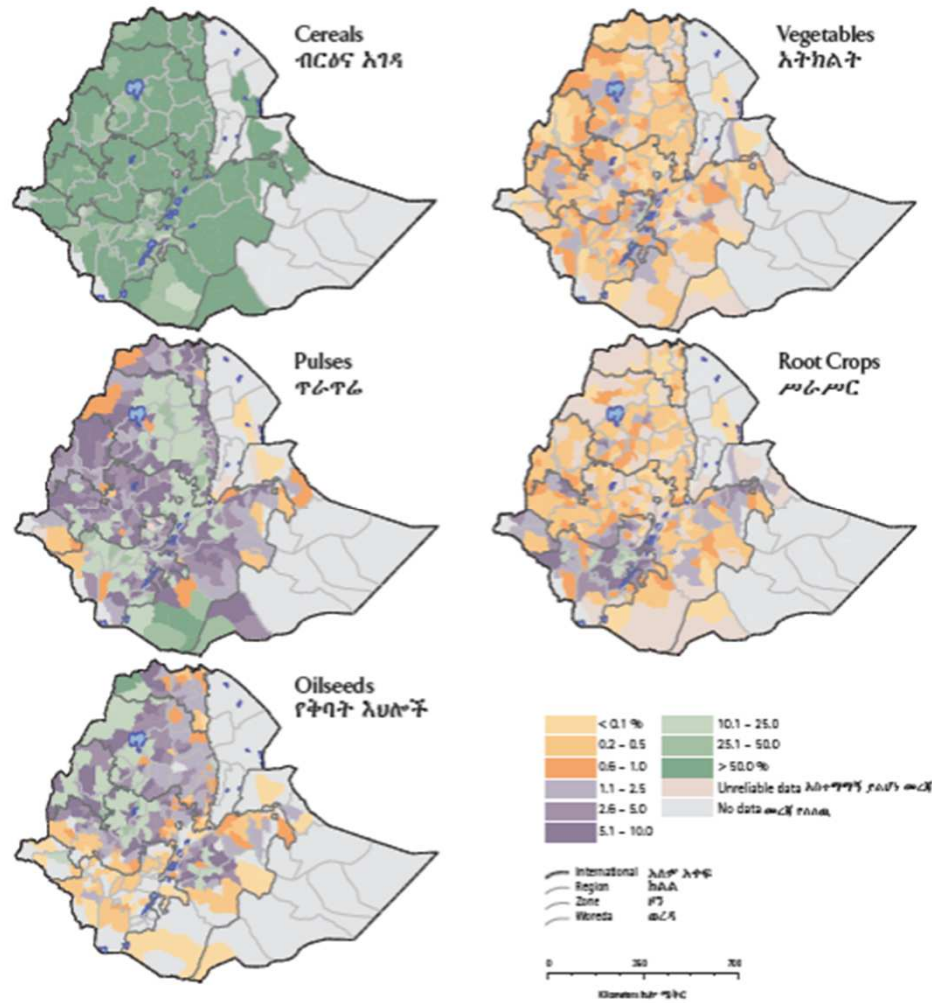
- Of the total cropped area in Ethiopia, 92.5 percent is dedicated to temporary crops.
- cereals 80 %
- Pulses 13%.
- Oilseeds < 5 percent of the temporary crop areas, while vegetables and root crops account for only 1 and 3 percent, respectively.

4. Crop production

- In addition to this horticulture and floriculture at commercial farms have an intensive pesticide use. The four main locations with flower cultivation are (i) Lake Ziway, (ii) Lake Bishoftu (Debre Zeit), (iii) Sebeta area and (iv) Menagesha-Holeta area.
- Controversial to put the exact pesticide application status of coffee in Ethiopia
- Small-scale coffee farmers are known for low input production of coffee often referred as organic.
- (Ethiopian Agricultural Research Institute) EIAR categorized commercial coffee as a fungicide and insecticide rarely used and a herbicide and fertilizer often used crop.

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Proportion of temporary crops cropped area in Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2006)



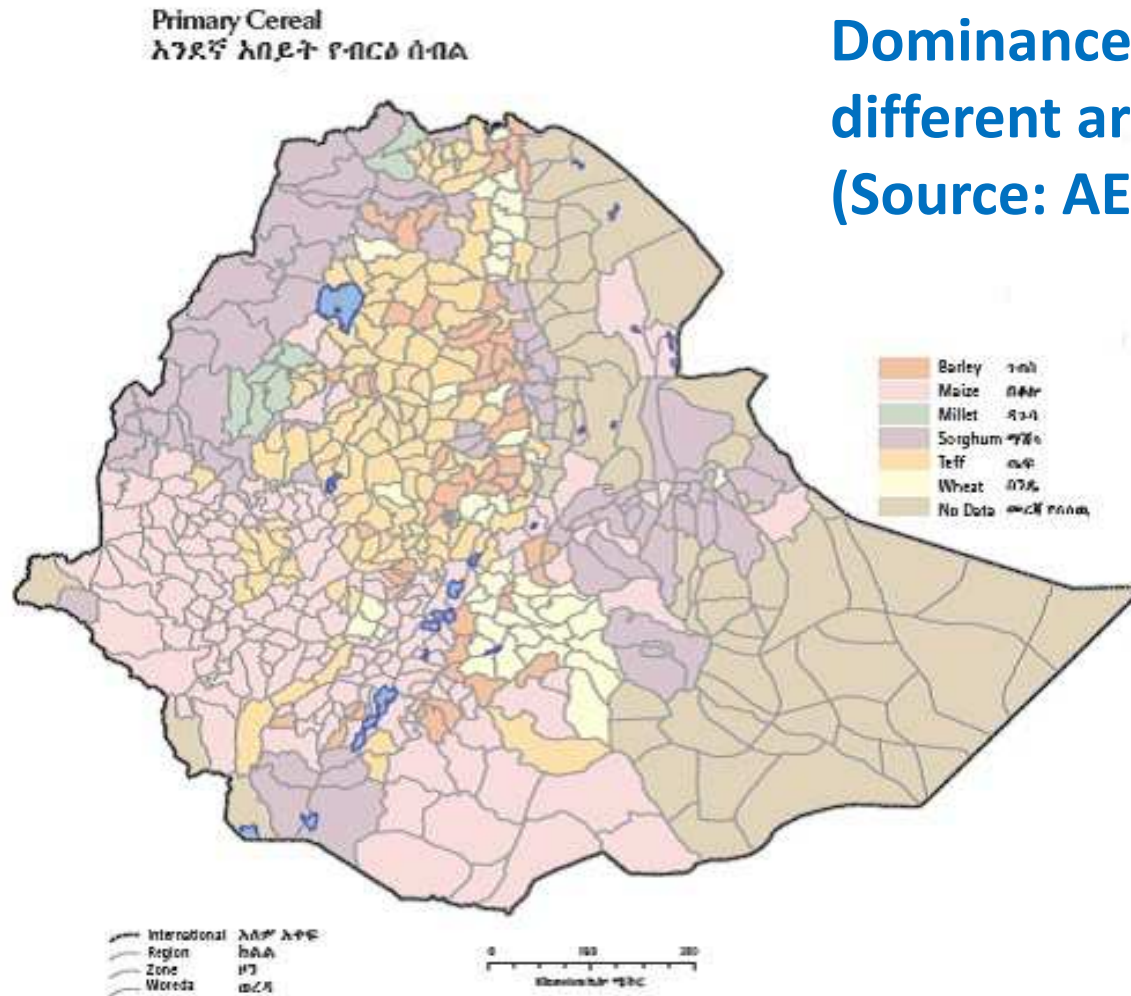
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Dominant cereals

- Cereals, mainstay of agricultural production in the highlands; they are also produced in lowland areas.
- Different cereals in different areas, /climatic and cultural contexts./
- Teff predominant in the central and northern highlands, where it is both endemic, having adapted to local climatic conditions, and is also the preferred food grain.
- Barley tends to dominate in cooler areas.
- Wheat production is concentrated in the Arsi-Bale highlands of eastern Oromia.
- Maize and sorghum are produced over a wider range of climates and elevations than other cereals.

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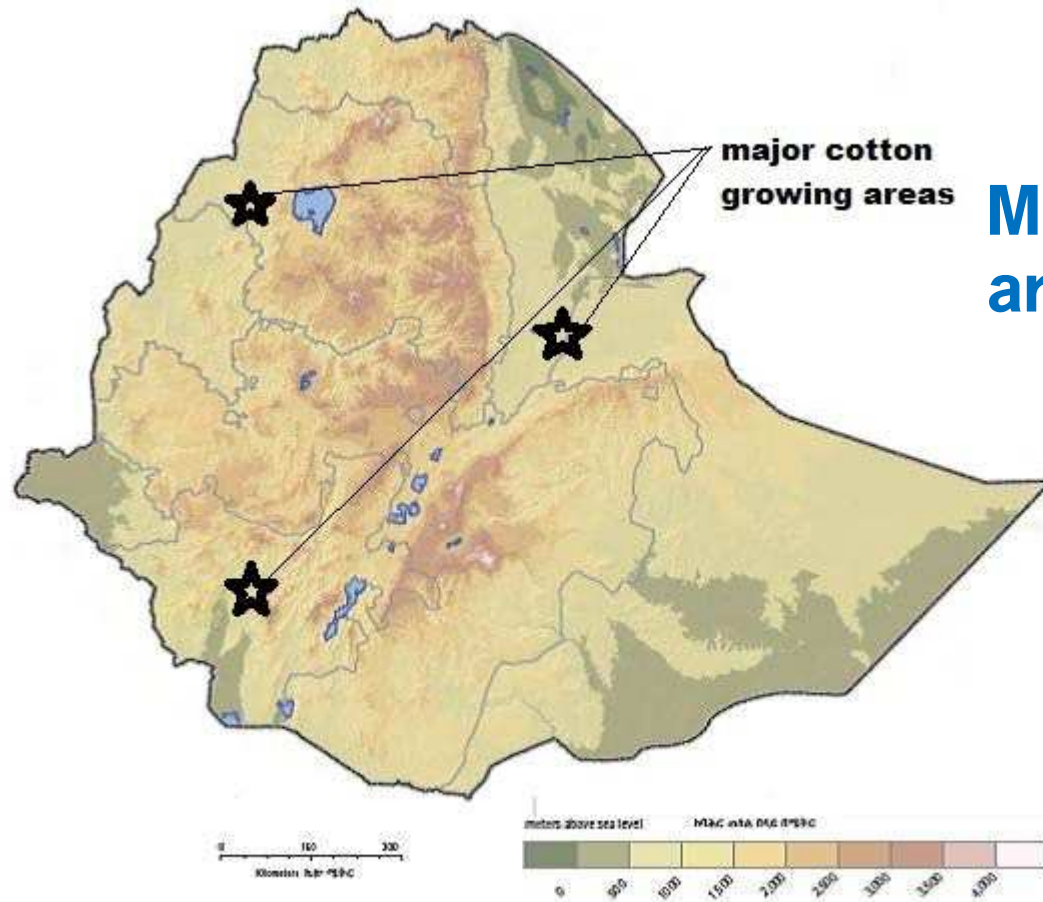
Dominance of various cereals in different areas of Ethiopia
(Source: AERE,2006)



Data source: Ethiopian Agricultural Sample Enumeration 2001/02, Central Statistical Agency.

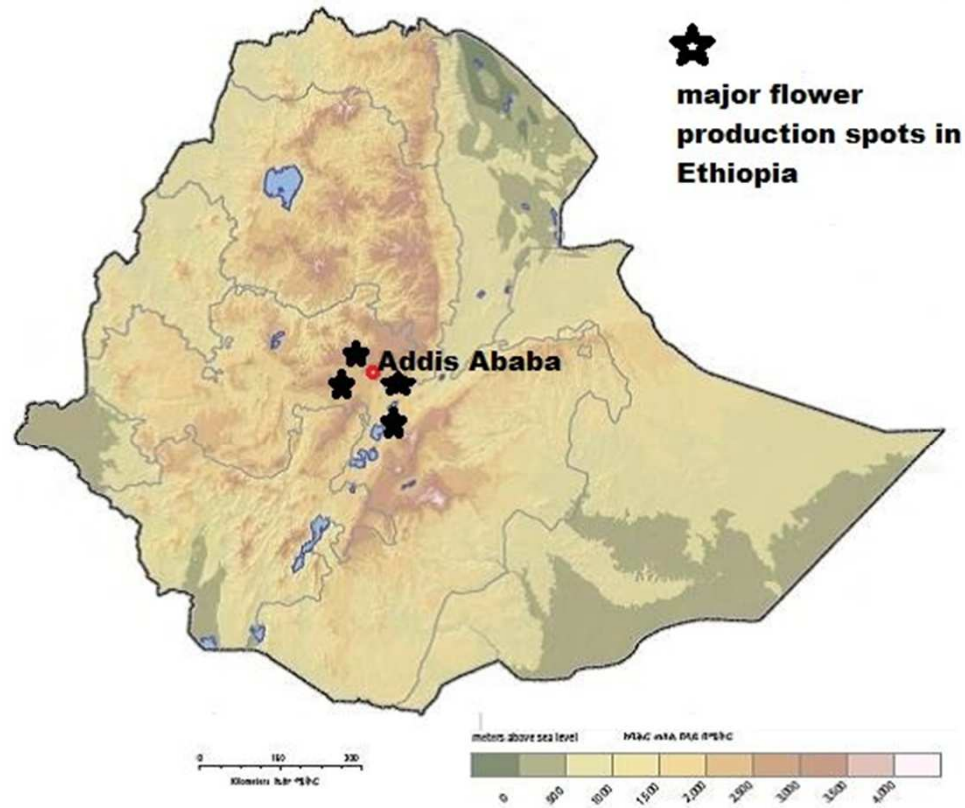
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Major cotton growing areas in Ethiopia

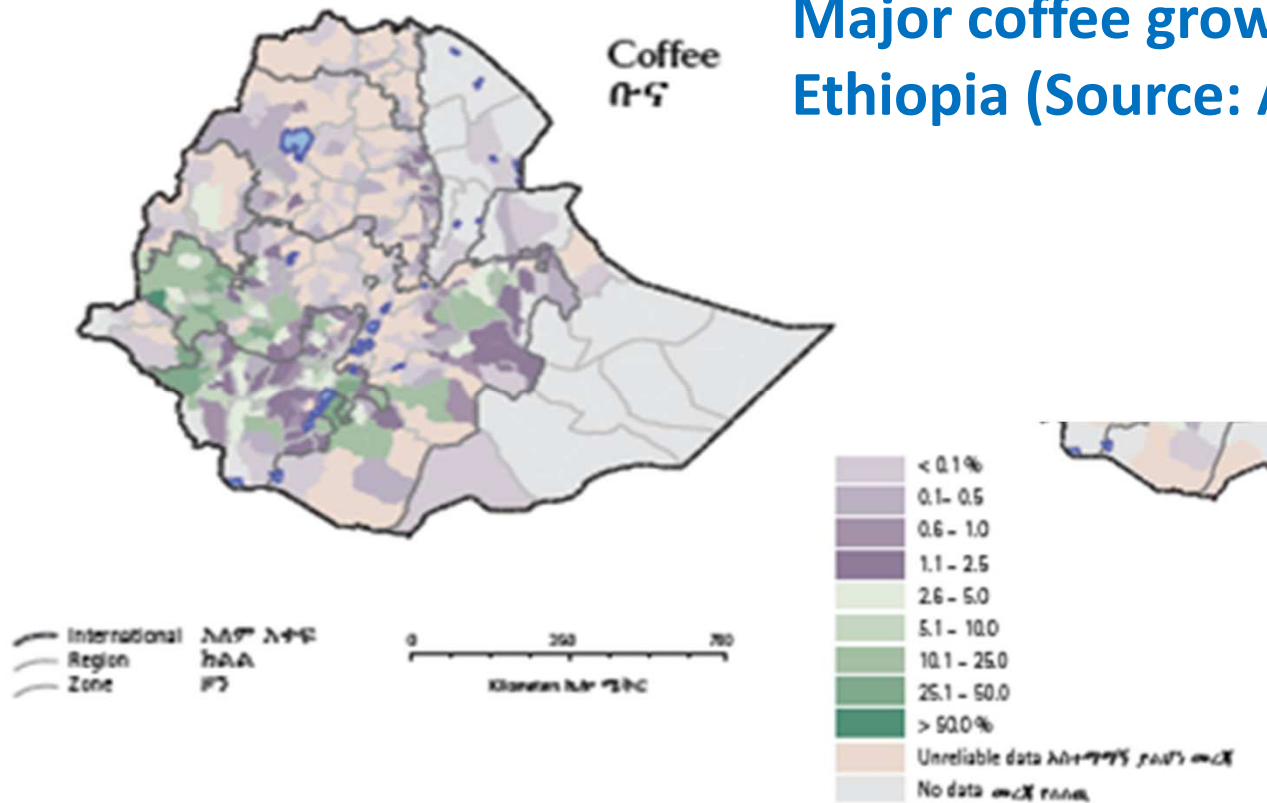
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Major flower producing areas in Ethiopia

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Major coffee growing areas in Ethiopia (Source: AERE, 2006)



5. Other farming characteristics

Agricultural intensification and possible pesticide risk

- Ethiopia is with an immense agricultural potential
- Crop has the soils and climate required for the production of a variety of food crops.
- The four crops which are judged to be with the highest pesticide use in Ethiopia are teff, maize, wheat and cotton. All four belong to the temporary crops out of which three are cereals

5. Other farming characteristics

Potential areas for farming in Ethiopia (Source: Ethiopia Investment Guide, 2010)

No.	Type of farming	Area (ha)	Region
1	Rice	280,000	SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara, Benshangul Gumuz, and Somali
2	Maize	1,400,000	SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara, Benshangul Gumuz, Gambella and Somali
3	Horticultur	763,300	SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara and Dire Dawa
4	Coffee	426,000	SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara and Gambella
5	Tea	150,000	SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara and Gambella
6	Cotton	3,000,810	Tigray, SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara, Benshangul Gumuz, Gambella, Afar and Somali
7	Oil crops	1,601,323	Tigray, SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara, Benshangul Gumuz, Gambella, Afar and Somali
8	Puls	1,601,323	Tigray, SNNP, Oromiya, Amhara, and Benshangul Gumuz
9	Rubber	3,274,469	SNNP and Gambella
10	Palm oil	200,000	SNNP, Oromiya and Gambella
Total		11,545,902	

SOURCE: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

5. Other farming characteristics

- Agricultural intensification is underway in the country
- As one can expect, the rate of use of pesticides in the country will increase in connection with this huge agro investment activity.
- The water bodies found in the eastern and western lowlands are at greater risk of future pesticide application, since most projects are believed to be concentrated in these areas.

5. Other farming characteristics

- Surface waters found in the Rift Valley are also believed to be at increased rate of pesticide risk for the fact that recent developments in horticultural crops production brought about increased use of pesticides in this area.
- environmental safety precautions in connection with intensified agriculture need to be implemented to mitigate the negative impact of pesticides.

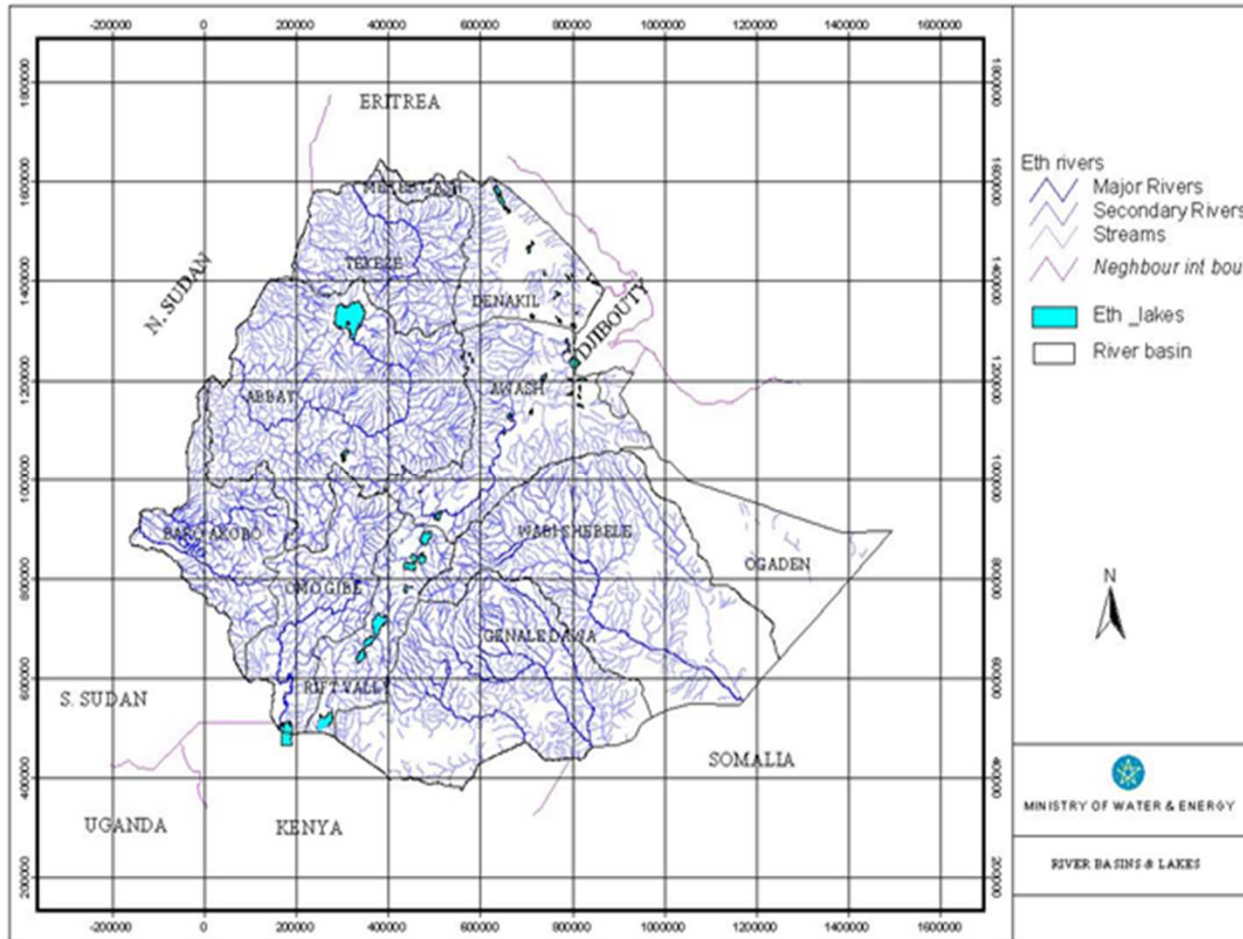
6. Presence of groundwater and surface water and their use

- Ethiopia = the water tower of Africa,
- The country is with plenty of rivers (~96 rivers),
- Nile (locally called Abay) originating from lake Tana and the river Awash are among the popular
- Ethiopia has 11 fresh and 9 saline lakes, 4 crater lakes and over 12 major swamps or wetlands. Majority of the lakes are found in the Rift Valley Basin.
- the total surface area of these natural and artificial lakes in Ethiopia is about 7,500 km².

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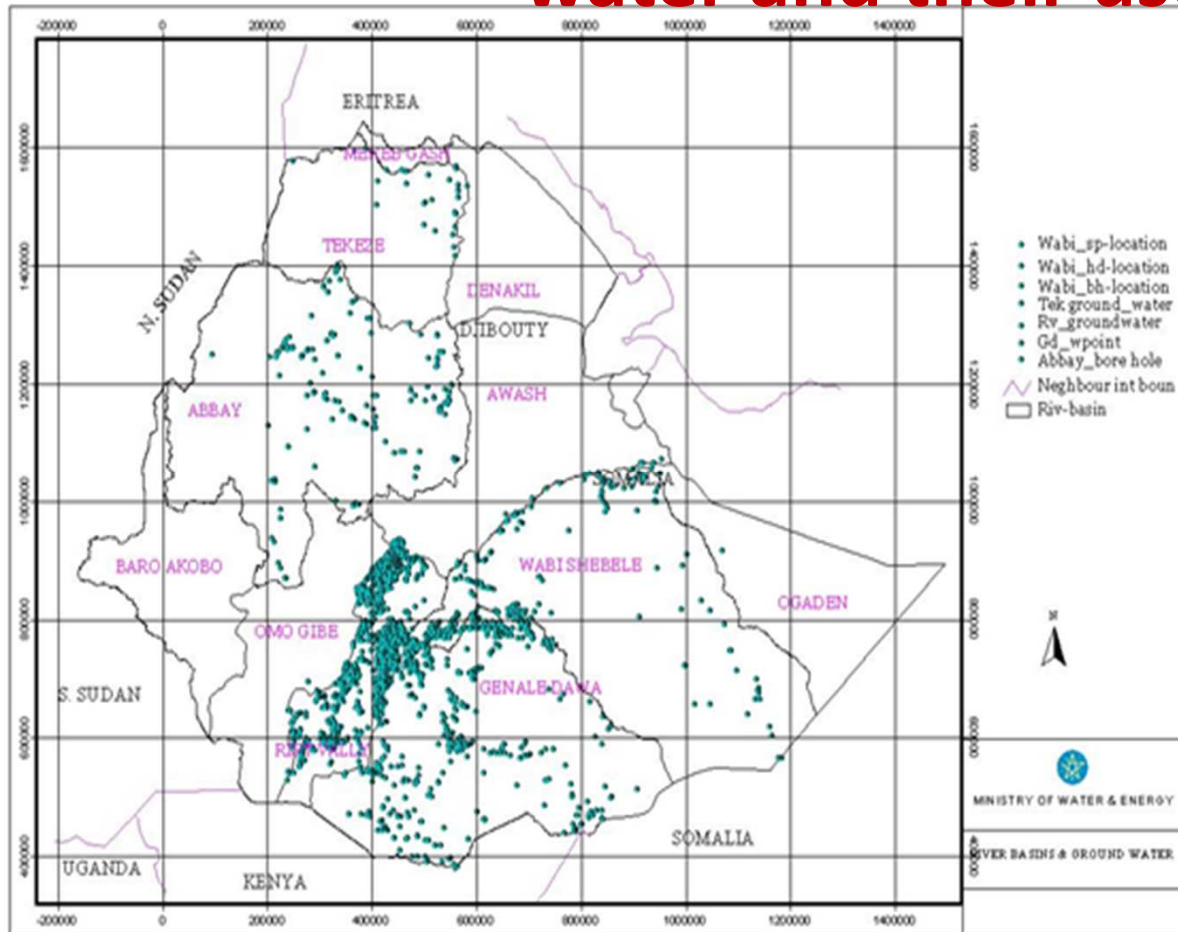
- The majority of Ethiopian lakes are rich in fish.
- Most of the lakes except Ziway, Tana, Langano, Abbaya and Chamo have no surface water outlets, i.e., they are endhoric.
- Lakes Shala and Abiyata have high concentrations of chemicals and Abiyata is currently exploited for production of soda ash (Seleshi et al., 2007).
- As compared to surface water resources, Ethiopia has lower ground water potential.
- However, by many countries' standard the total exploitable groundwater potential is high. potential ~ 2.6 BMC (Billion Metric Cube) annually rechargeable resource (Seleshi *etal.*, 2007).

6. Presence of groundwater and surface water and their use



Major rivers and the tributary system along the river basins in Ethiopia (Source: Ministry of Water and Energy)

6. Presence of groundwater and surface water and their use



Distribution of ground water wells in Ethiopia (Source: Ministry of Water and Energy)

7. Use of pesticides in agriculture, impact on the environment

Registration status in the EU countries of some of the pesticides under use for flower farms in Ethiopia (Data source: APHRD, <http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/aeru/iupac/640.htm>)

Pesticide trade name	Active ingredient	Type of pesticide	Date of Introduction	Registration status in EU	Number of member states Approved for use
BIOMECTINE	Abamectin	Insecticide/Miticide	1985	Annex 1	Approved for use in most EU member states also registered in Australia and USA
APPLAUD	Buprofezin	Insecticide	1984	Annex 1	Only in Poland
BAVESTIN DF	Carbendazim 50 sc	Fungicide	1974	Annex 1	Approved for use in most EU member states also registered in Australia and USA
DECIS 2.5 EC	Deltamethrine	Insecticide	1984	Annex 1	Approved in all EU countries also registered in USA and Australia
VERTIA	Fenamidone 44.4	Fungicide	2001	Annex 1	Approved for use in most EU member states
BIOFILM	Glycel Ethers	Insecticide	-	-	-
NISSURON 10 EC	Hexythiazox	Acricide	1985	Annex 1	Approved for use in most EU member states
GAUCHO FS 350	Imidacloprid	Insecticide	1991	Annex 1	Approved in all EU countries
ARDENT	Kresoxim methyl	Fungicide	1998	Annex1	Approved for use in al but one EU member states also registered in Australia and USA
MATCH	Lufenuron	Insecticide	1990	Annex 1	Approved by half the EU member countries. Also registerd in Australia
METHAMORE	Metham Sodium	Fungicide	1960	Excluded from Annex 1 (re-submitted)	Approved by half the EU member states, Also registered in USA and Australia
ZEEMGUARD	Neem oil	Insecticide	-	-	-
AMINO GOLD	Organosilicone	Insecticide /Fungicide	-	-	-
DAYNON	Propamocarb	Fungicide	1967	Excluded for annex 1	No EU member state approved
IMPULSE 500 EC	Spiroxamine	Fungicide		Annex 1(Re-Review)	Approved in most EU member states, Also registered in Australia
TOPNATE 50 SC	Thiophanate-methyl	Fungicide	1971	Annex 1	Approved for use in most EU member states also registered in Australia and USA

Amesege'nallo', thank you!

