Circularity in Integrated Systems: Resource Recovery for Feed, Fuel and (Organic) Fertilizer Self-sufficiency in Ethiopia

South Achefer Case Study

Location of the study area



Description of the study area

Geographic position (UTM)

- Latitude: 11°12'0''-11°42'0''N
- Longitude: 36°35'0"E-37°5'0"

Major soil types

- Nitisols
- Cambisols

Climate

Climate:

- Sub-humid
- Min t⁰ = 12.1⁰C
- Max t⁰ = 27 ⁰C
- Rainfall: 1499 mm
- Altitude: 1500 -2602masl



Crops in the study area

- Maize (Zea mays L.)
- *Tef* (*Eragrostis tef* Zucc.Trotter Trotter),
- Finger millet (*Eleusine coracan* (Gaertn),
- Faba bean (*Vicia faba*),
- Field pea (*Pisum sativum*)
- Chick pea (Cicer arietinum),
- Niger seed (Guizotia abyssinica),
- Line seed (Linum usitatissimum)
- Rape seed (brassica capmestris).

Livestock

Cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, mule, donkey, apiculture

Products

beef, mutton, chicken, milk, butter, local cheese, honey

Forest trees

 Ecualyptus, Croton macrosatchys, Cordia Africana, wild trees

Products

 wood fire, timber, wood poles, honey, medicinal plants

Major crop management practices

- Composting,
- weeding,
- cultivation,
- zero tillage,
- minimum tillage,
- crop rotation,
- intercropping.

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Why the project? Experience from CASCAPE

Manure used to prepare compost as input to potato and Rhodes grass

Potato and Rhodes grass helped farmers to introduce high yielding dairy cross breeds-More income from milk sale

Introduction of Rhodes grass to

was replaced by potato crop

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Effects of ISFM on maize yield

Changes in pH on farmers' fields (OTIPAVA)

Change in OM on farmers' fields (OTIPAVA)

Change in CEC on farmers' fields (OTIPAVA)

In CFS project, we go from linear to circular!

Conclusion:

Working on circularity contributes towards

- feed and fuel recovery;
- fertilizer self sufficiency;
- food self sufficiency;
- livelihood improvement;
- Ecosystem restoration.

Suggestion:

Include a PhD candidate in the research

Thank you

with greetings from the palm city of Bahir Dar at this victory day of March 02!