



# **Crop monitoring as an E-agriculture tool in developing countries (E-AGRI)**

**FP7 STREP Project (GA 270351)**





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# **E-AGRI** :Background

**Agriculture: one of the principal shares of EU's competency (60 over 130 billion EUR ):**

- **Within 27 member states:** to implement its CAP
- **Global market:** to strengthen the competitive position of European agriculture
  - How to feed 7 billion people (food security)
  - How to deal with surging agricultural commodity prices (trade)





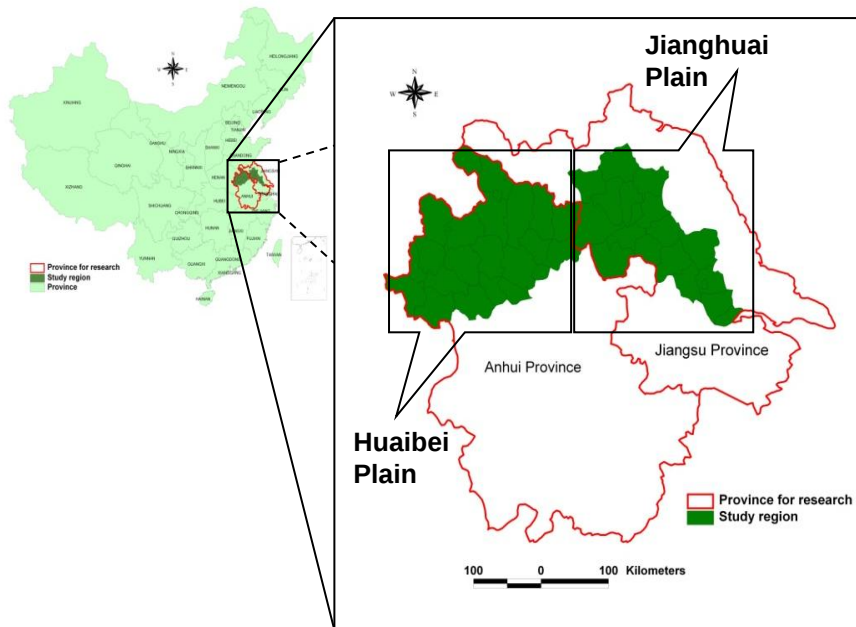
# **E-AGRI: General objectives**

- **Transfer and adaptation of European agricultural monitoring technology in developing countries (DEMONSTRATION)**
- **Establishing networks of users on the crop monitoring technology (DISSEMINATION)**
- **Providing the feedback and improvement for European expertise and know-how ( ADDED VALUES for EU)**
- **Creating synergy with other European crop monitoring actions (MARS-Food, GMFS...) (MORE COLLABORATION)**



# E-AGRI: 3 study areas

## HuaiBei (Anhui) and Jianghuai (Jiangsu) Plains



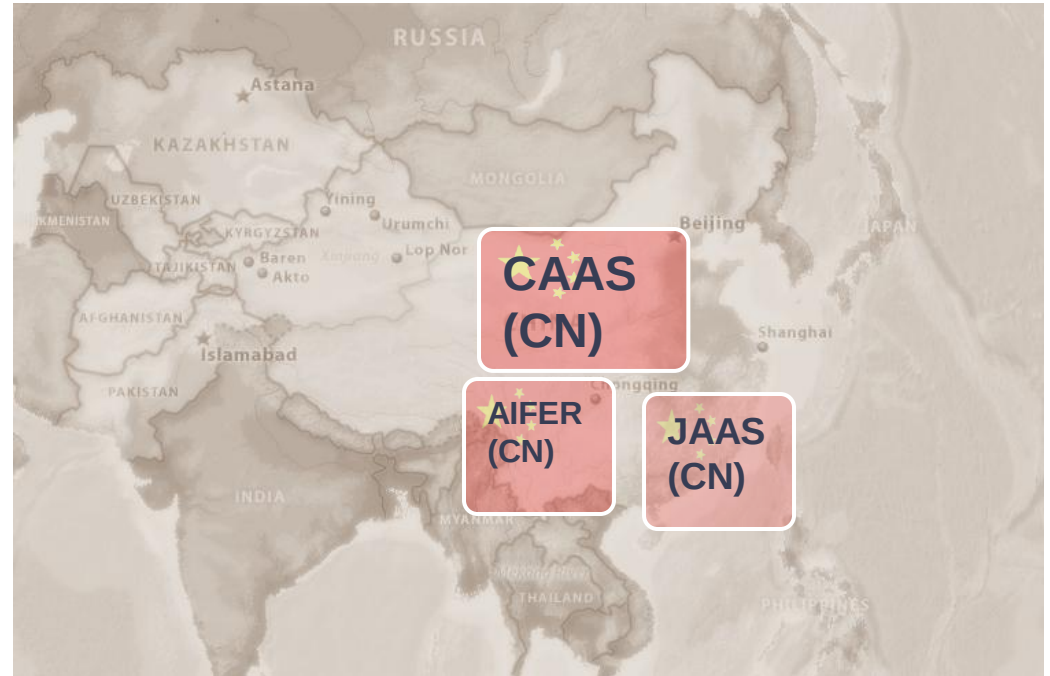
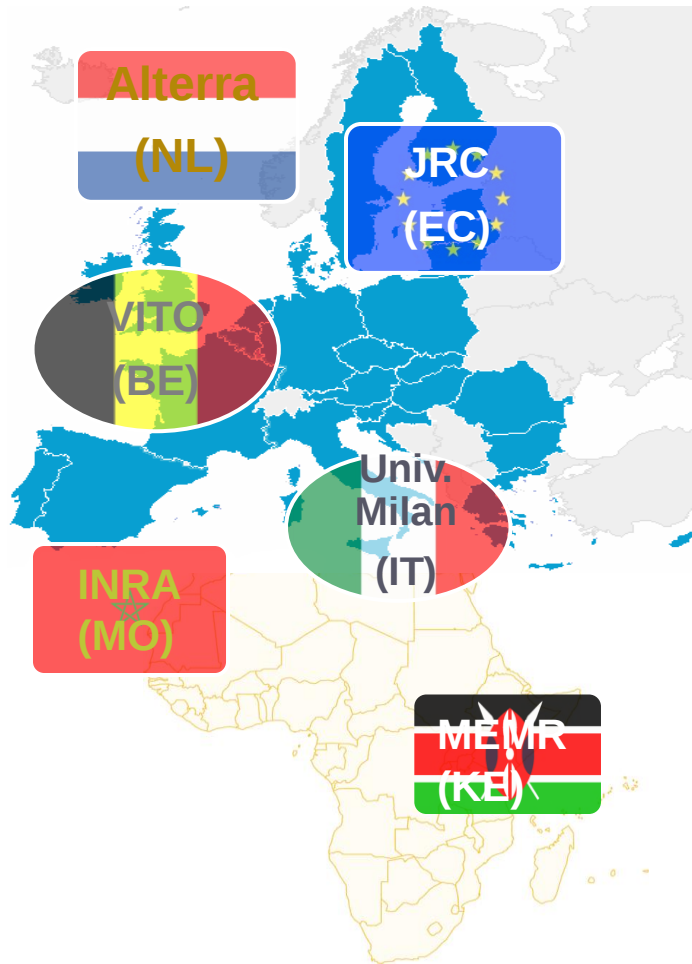
## Morocco



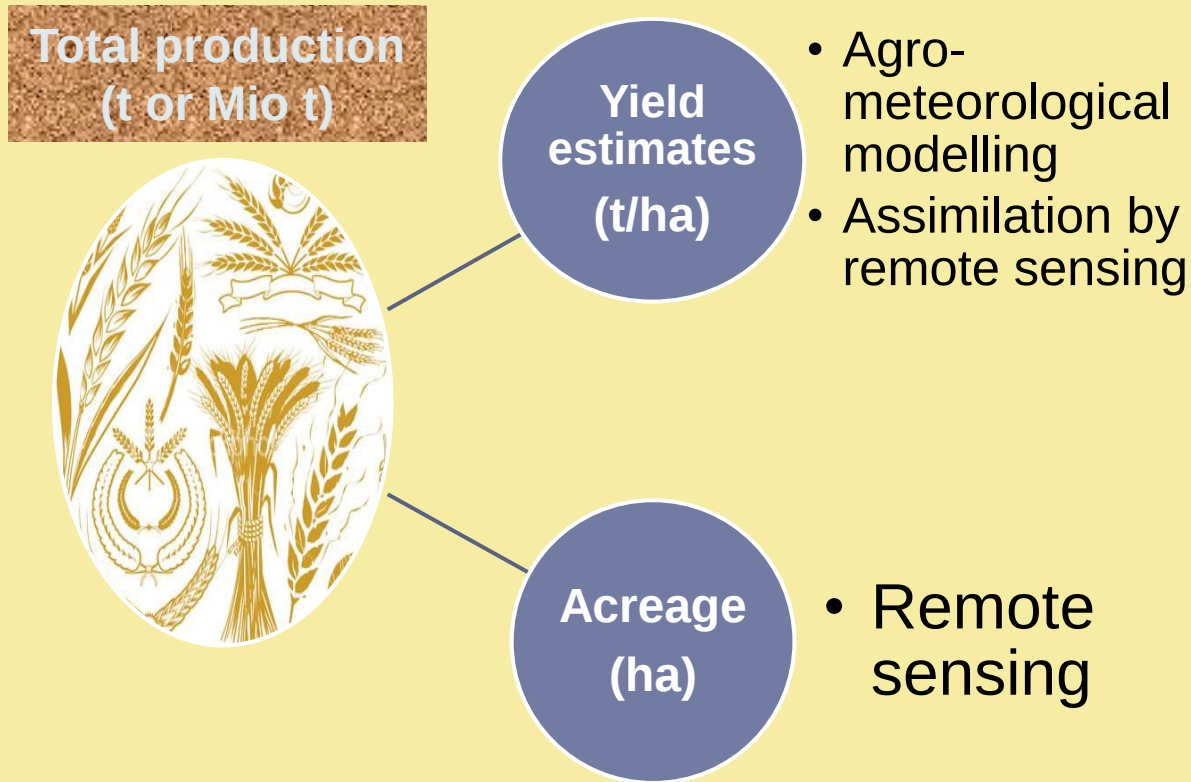
## Kenya



# E-AGRI: 9 partner organizations



# Approaches from 3 different angles





# E-AGRI: Specific objectives

- Implementing CGMS approach targeting wheat (*Alterra*)



Anhui (AIFER)



Morocco (INRA)

- Monitoring Using BioMA approach (UMI& JRC)



targeting wheat in Morocco (INRA)



targeting rice in Jiangsu (JAAS)

- Wheat yield estimation Using RS for



Anhui (VITO & AIFER)



Morocco (INRA & VITO)

- Acreage assessment



Anhui (CAAS & VITO)



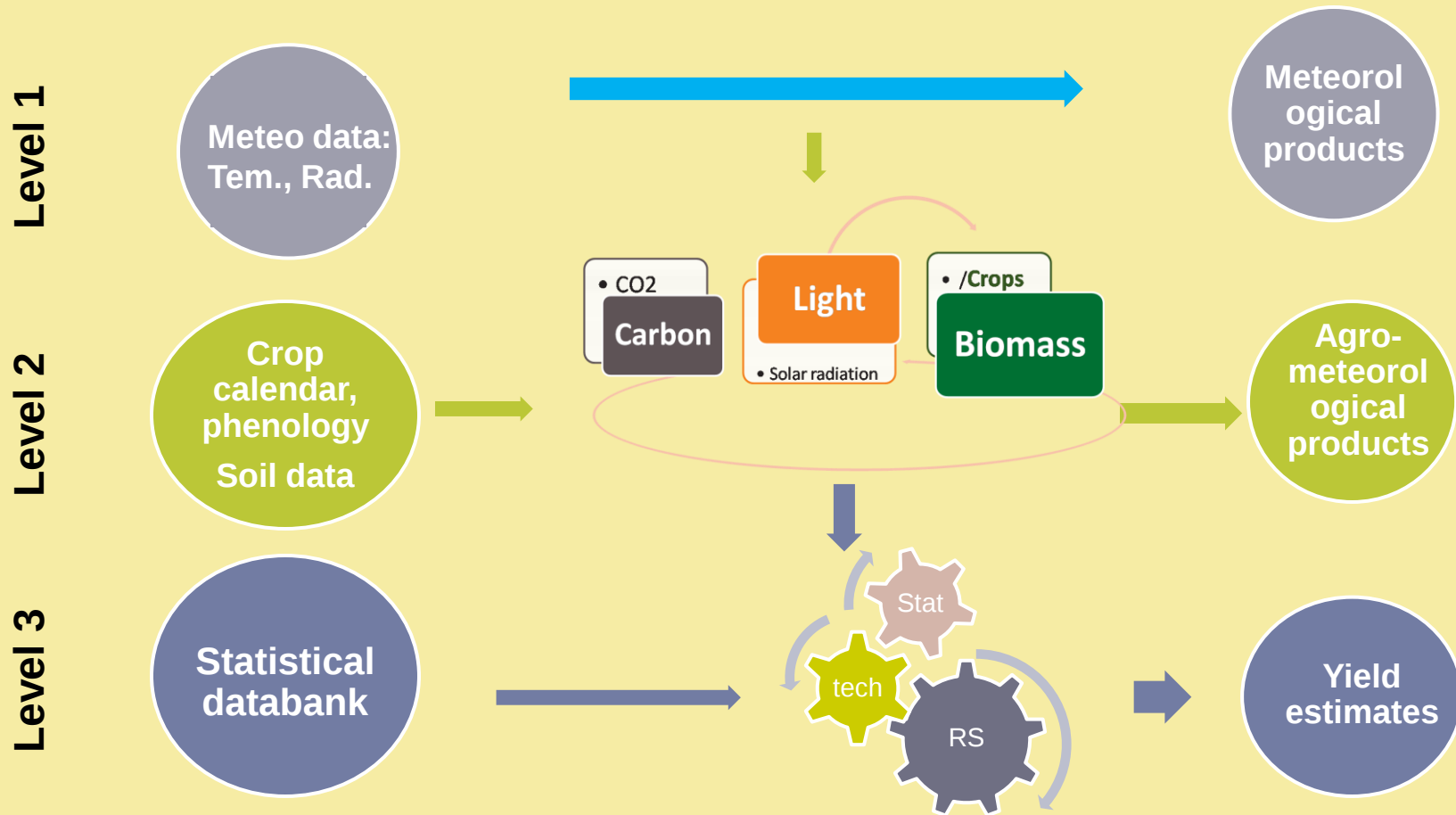
Morocco (INRA&CAAS)

- Statistic Integration (*Alterra*)

- Capacity building (Kenya) and international networking (VITO & DRSRS)



# Methodology: Yield estimation: Agro-meteorological modelling - CGMS

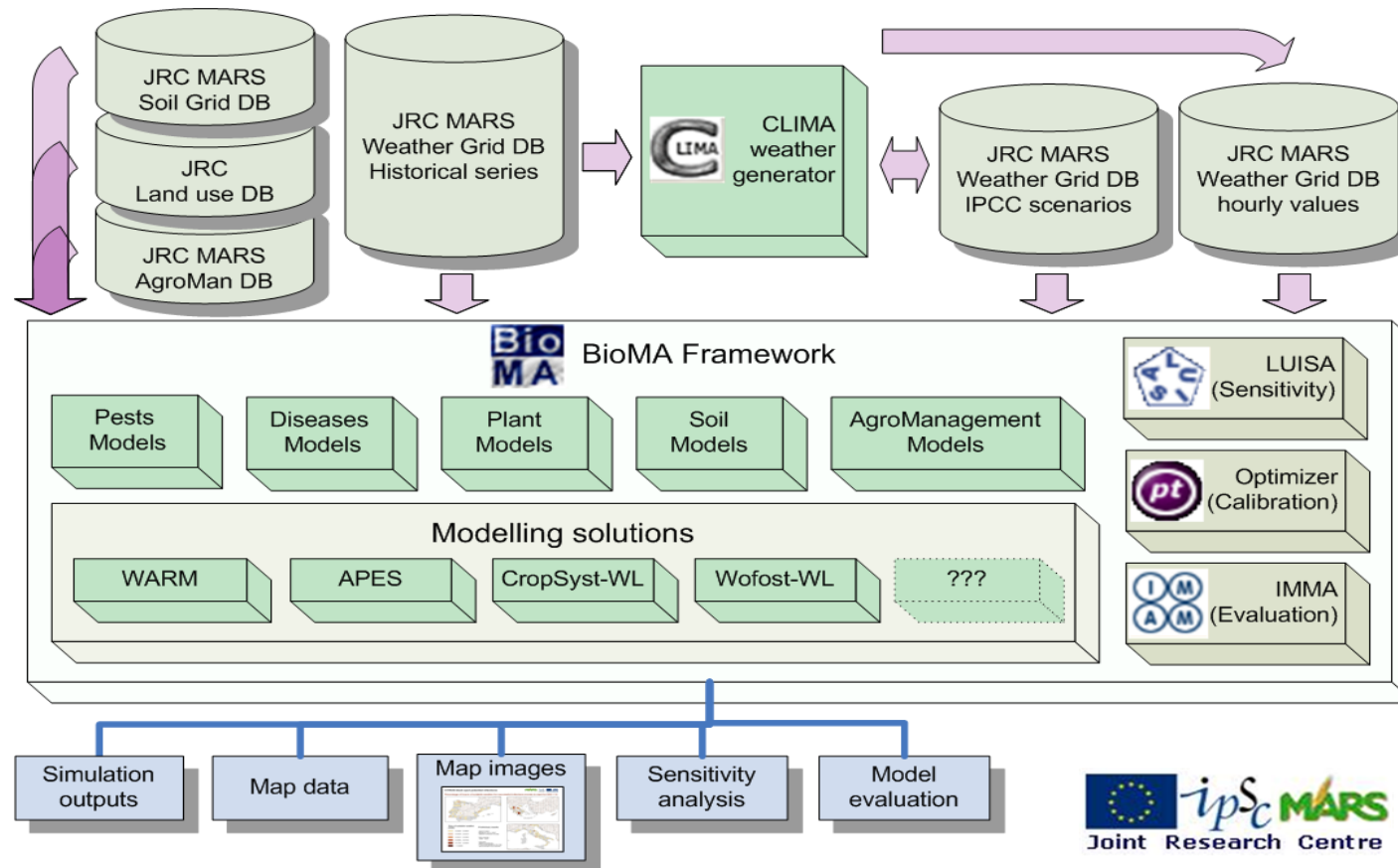




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|      | Actors<br>partners                   | Ground data                                                        | research                                                                                                         | Main Output<br>Deliverables                                   | dissemin<br>ation                             |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| CGMS | SDLO (NL)<br>INRA (MO)<br>AIFER (CN) | Crop calendar<br>Crop mask<br>Meteo<br><br>INRA (MO)<br>AIFER (CN) | Identifying<br>local crop<br>growth drivers<br><br>Adapted crop<br>parameters<br><br>Meteo data<br>interpolation | Regional statistic<br>databases<br><br>Adapted CGMS<br>models | Training<br>workshop<br><br>Piloting<br>demo. |

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|       | Actors<br>partners         | Ground data                                                      | research                                                                                       | Main Output<br>Deliverables                                                                                                                                          | dissemination                                                         |
|-------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BioMA | UMI<br>JRC<br>INRA<br>JAAS | Crop calendre;<br><br>Phenological<br>parameters of<br>cultivars | Spatially distributed<br>sensitivity analysis;<br><br>Calibration of rice<br>/wheat parameters | Database for<br>model<br>parameters<br><br>Multi-model<br>platforms for<br>rice/wheat<br>simulation<br><br>User guide for<br>local crop<br>monitoring<br>application | Training workshop<br><br>Pilot demo (field<br>and regional<br>scales) |



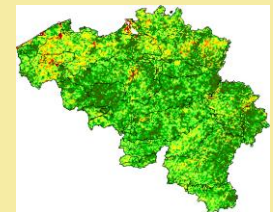
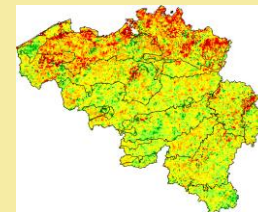
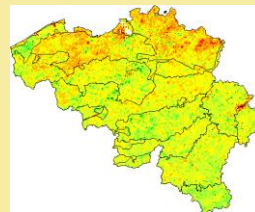
# Methodology: Yield estimation Remote sensing – LoRes Imagery

Product P (Segment)



**SPOT-VEGETATION**  
*Spatial: 1°/112 resolution (+/- 1km)*  
*Time series: Since 1998*  
*Derived vegetation/crop indices:*  
NDVI, fAPAR, DMP...

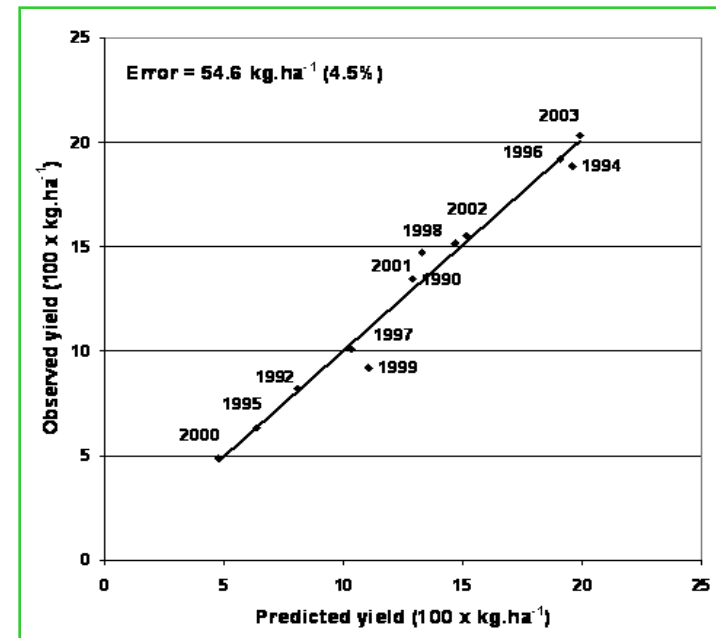
S10 (Ten daily synthesis)



# Methodology: Yield estimation Using RS vegetation indicators

## Wheat (Morocco) – using vegetation indicators

| Province   | $\Sigma$ NDVI                        | Rainfall                          | Temperat.          | df | R <sup>2</sup> | R <sub>p</sub> <sup>2</sup> |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Safi       | -11.053 + 3.137 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (79) | 0.058 s1o2 + (7) 0.052 f1a2 (10)  |                    | 10 | 97***          | 92***                       |
| El Jadida  | -1.781 + 3.579 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (78)  | 0.011 o3j3 (12)                   |                    | 10 | 90***          | 82***                       |
| Fes        | -12.196 + 3.140 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (76) | 0.095 n1d1 + (18) 0.028 j3a1 (3)  |                    | 10 | 97***          | 93***                       |
| Khouribga  | -8.539 + 2.400 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (74)  | 0.034 n3d2 + (4) 0.028 j3a3 (20)  |                    | 11 | 97***          | 92***                       |
| Kenitra    | -27.561 + 7.992 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (74) | 0.127 m3a1 + (11) 0.564 y2y3 (8)  |                    | 10 | 93***          | 86***                       |
| Essaouira  | -6.812 + 3.074 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (73)  | 0.014 j3a3 (12)                   |                    | 11 | 85***          | 80***                       |
| Taza       | 6.276 + 4.096 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (69)   | 0.029 n3d3 (20)                   | - 1.186 t04 (6)    | 11 | 96***          | 90***                       |
| Meknès     | 15.790 + 5.886 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (67)  | 0.170 y2y3 (26)                   | - 1.995 t03t04 (5) | 11 | 98***          | 94***                       |
| Settat     | -5.096 + 1.359 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (66)  | 0.064 o3n2 + (7) 0.076 j1m3 (24)  |                    | 10 | 97***          | 91***                       |
| Casablanca | -13.319 + 5.667 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (65) | 0.054 j3f2 (12)                   |                    | 11 | 78**           | 62**                        |
| Nador      | -8.029 + 4.988 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (62)  | 0.077 a1a2 (18)                   |                    | 11 | 80***          | 51**                        |
| Rabat      | -30.560 + 7.213 $\Sigma$ NDVI + (42) | 0.065 n2n3 + (14) 0.158 m2a2 (32) |                    | 11 | 88***          | 38*                         |





# Methodology: Yield estimation: Yield forecasting using remote sensing

|                               | Actors<br>partners    | Ground data                                                              | Research                                                                                                             | Main Output<br>Deliverables                                                          | Dissemination                                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yield<br>forecast<br>using RS | VITO<br>INRA<br>AIFER | Official<br>Statistics<br><br>Time series of<br>vegetation<br>indicators | Best indicators or<br>combination of<br>indicators for<br>assimilating the<br>cereal yields in the<br>target regions | Best regression<br>models for<br>forecasting the<br>cereal yields in<br>two regions. | Training Workshop<br><br>Exchange of<br>experts<br><br>Bulltins |

# E-AGRI: Statistic Integration

CGMS Level 3 Tool

File View Tools Help

Time trend analysis  
Regression analysis  
Scenario analysis  
Overview

Area:  
Beijing  
Beijing Jiaogu  
Beijing Shi  
Hebei  
Henan  
Shandong

Crop:  
wheat

Period:  
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I C C C C C C C C C C C  
II C C C C C C C C C C C C  
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Retrieve Analyst Settings

Indicators Options Output Model details

Model  
consists of linear trend (forced) and free:

| Model               | R-squared | Residual standard deviation | Root mean squared error for prediction | Standard error of prediction | t-values |        |        |        |             |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
|                     |           |                             |                                        |                              | 01       | 02     | 03     | 04     | linear term |
| none                | 72.83     | 0.24                        | 0.25                                   | 0.29                         | -        | -      | -      | -      | -4.630      |
| + 04                | 88.01     | 0.17                        | 0.20                                   | 0.21                         | -        | -      | -      | 2.977  | -5.826      |
| + 01                | 72.85     | 0.25                        | 0.28                                   | 0.31                         | 0.071    | -      | -      | -      | -4.307      |
| + 03                | 75.04     | 0.24                        | 0.30                                   | 0.30                         | -        | -      | 0.789  | -      | -4.480      |
| + 02                | 76.15     | 0.24                        | 0.30                                   | 0.30                         | -        | 0.987  | -      | -      | -4.147      |
| + 01 + 03           | 95.13     | 0.12                        | 0.12                                   | 0.14                         | -4.973   | -      | 5.238  | -      | -10.126     |
| + 02 + 04           | 94.74     | 0.12                        | 0.14                                   | 0.15                         | -        | -2.773 | -      | 4.608  | -8.570      |
| + 01 + 04           | 93.68     | 0.13                        | 0.16                                   | 0.17                         | -2.320   | -      | -      | 4.447  | -7.395      |
| + 03 + 04           | 92.89     | 0.14                        | 0.18                                   | 0.18                         | -        | -      | -2.030 | 3.881  | -6.613      |
| + 01 + 02           | 88.46     | 0.18                        | 0.22                                   | 0.23                         | -2.530   | 2.849  | -      | -      | -4.219      |
| + 01 + 02 + 03      | 95.16     | 0.13                        | 0.16                                   | 0.17                         | -4.303   | 0.182  | 2.630  | -      | -6.209      |
| + 01 + 02 + 04      | 95.02     | 0.13                        | 0.16                                   | 0.17                         | 0.529    | -1.162 | -      | 2.568  | -6.152      |
| + 01 + 03 + 04      | 95.15     | 0.13                        | 0.16                                   | 0.17                         | -1.526   | -      | 1.231  | 0.155  | -6.065      |
| + 02 + 03 + 04      | 95.04     | 0.13                        | 0.16                                   | 0.17                         | -        | -1.474 | 0.550  | 4.240  | -6.094      |
| + 01 + 02 + 03 + 04 | 95.38     | 0.14                        | 0.20                                   | 0.19                         | -0.540   | 0.447  | 0.557  | -0.439 | -5.024      |

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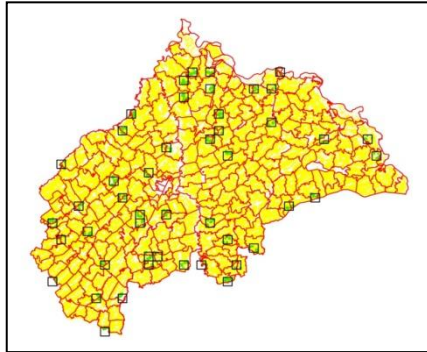
# Methodology: Yield estimation: Statistic Tool-box

|                                                                | Actors<br>partners | Ground<br>data         | Research                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Main Output<br>Deliverables | Dissemination                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Statistical<br>integration<br>for E-<br>Agriculture<br>service | SDLO<br>INRA       | Official<br>Statistics | time trend analyses,<br>(multiple) regression<br>analyses and<br>scenario analyses<br><br>Efficiency of models<br>relative to the trend<br>only<br><br>Hypothesis testing<br>for determining<br>significance of<br>results | Statistic toolbox           | Demo Workshop<br><br>Training sessions |

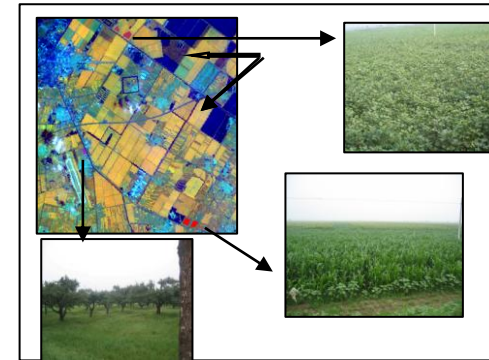
# Methodology: *Area estimation*

## Ground surveys + Remote sensing

### Sampling design



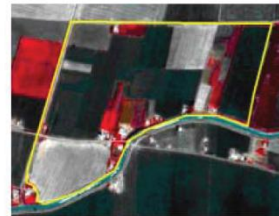
### Ground survey



### Stratified Area Frame Sampling

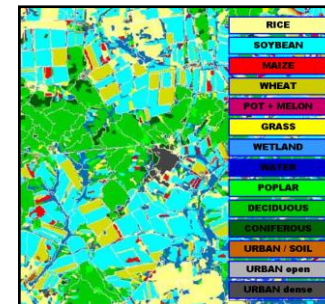


Segment d'origine



Segment ajusté

### Image classification



Acreage estimation = Area frame estimator + image classification estimator

# Methodology: Area estimation

| COUNTY                 | FUYUAN | TON-JIANG | SUIBIN | FUJIN  | RAOHE  | YOUYI  | TOTAL  |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SOYBEAN                | 23.90  | 33.17     | 36.53  | 39.96  | 17.79  | 17.77  | 28.85  |
| MAIZE                  | 0.75   | 1.44      | 5.07   | 0.90   | 0.83   | 0.00   | 1.22   |
| WHEAT                  | 1.83   | 3.36      | 2.66   | 4.45   | 3.26   | 15.41  | 3.50   |
| MELON                  | 1.03   | 1.69      | 1.22   | 5.77   | 0.53   | 3.42   | 3.00   |
| POTATO                 | 0.00   | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| RICE                   | 17.77  | 28.24     | 29.04  | 32.39  | 27.77  | 58.08  | 28.18  |
| WETLAND                | 48.45  | 19.60     | 2.83   | 9.24   | 13.82  | 1.14   | 19.21  |
| WATER                  | 0.00   | 0.52      | 5.31   | 0.01   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.93   |
| GRASS                  | 0.62   | 0.52      | 0.03   | 0.35   | 1.16   | 0.00   | 0.53   |
| POPLAR                 | 0.30   | 0.67      | 0.13   | 1.03   | 1.74   | 0.24   | 0.88   |
| DECI. FOR.             | 1.19   | 6.18      | 1.70   | 1.47   | 20.98  | 0.01   | 6.71   |
| PINE                   | 0.01   | 0.13      | 0.28   | 0.14   | 0.12   | 0.00   | 0.15   |
| CONI. FOR.             | 2.48   | 0.54      | 1.51   | 0.81   | 9.99   | 0.08   | 2.73   |
| URB open               | 0.56   | 1.18      | 2.39   | 1.32   | 0.53   | 0.22   | 1.15   |
| URB+SOIL               | 0.38   | 0.79      | 6.09   | 1.03   | 0.84   | 1.72   | 1.43   |
| URB dense              | 0.71   | 1.96      | 5.20   | 1.14   | 0.62   | 1.89   | 1.54   |
| TOTAL %                | 100.00 | 100.00    | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| km <sup>2</sup> - CLAS | 1040   | 5357      | 1010   | 6337   | 3703   | 155    |        |
| km <sup>2</sup> - CTY  | 6238   | 6074      | 3332   | 8068   | 6338   | 1663   |        |
| km <sup>2</sup> %      | 17     | 88        | 30     | 79     | 58     | 9      |        |

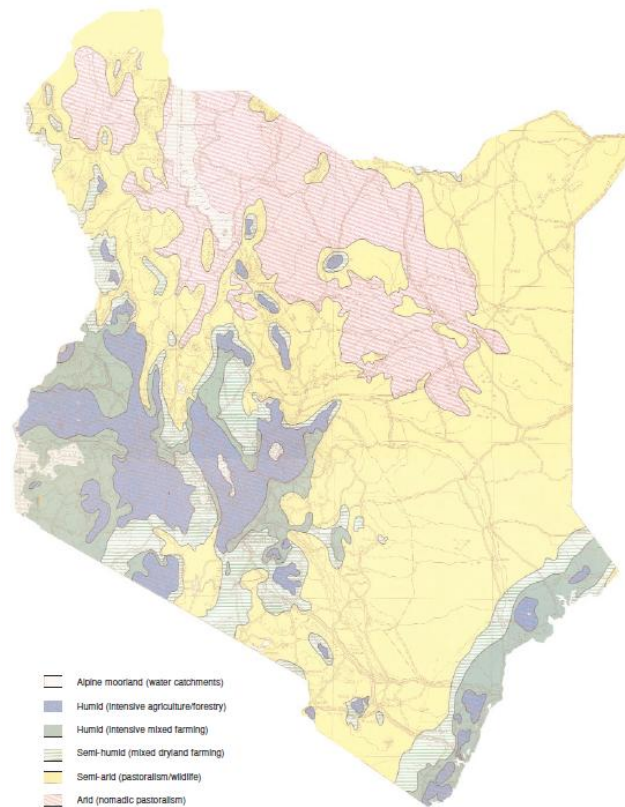


# Methodology: Yield estimation: Crop Area Estimation

|                                                                | Actors<br>partners            | Ground<br>data                                  | Research                                                                                                                                                      | Main Output<br>Deliverables                                                 | Dissemination        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Area<br>estimation<br>using<br>smapling<br>technique<br>and RS | CAAS<br>VITO<br>AIFER<br>INRA | Official<br>Statistics<br><br>Ground<br>samples | Most accurate<br>statistic models for<br>each target region.<br><br>The most cost-<br>efficient way in<br>sampling and using<br>remote sensing<br>estimators. | Field sample<br>databases<br><br>Validation with<br>official<br>statisticas | Training<br>Workshop |

# E-AGRI: Capacity building in Kenya

Capacity building for a third developing country: Kenya  
In collaboration with other projects



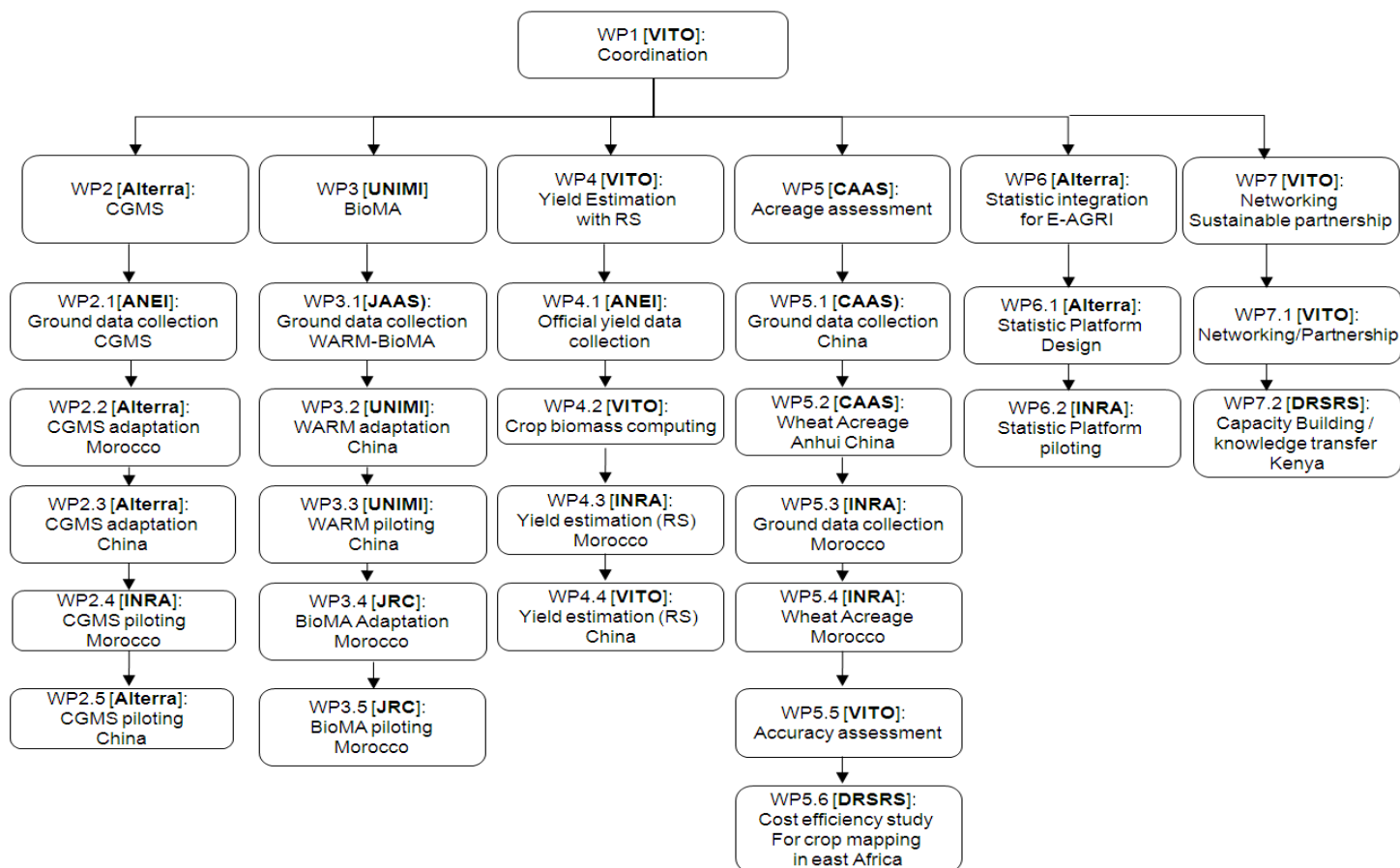


# Capacity building in Kenya

|                                                            | Actors partners             | Ground data | Research                                                                                        | Main Output Deliverables                  | Dissemination                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Networking and capacity building – targeted country: Kenya | MEMR<br>VITO<br>INRA<br>JRC |             | Applicability of yield estimation using RS indicators<br><br>Improving area estimation approach | Feasability and capacity building reports | Networking and exchange with experts from Morocco and China |

# E-AGRI: Project structure

Crop monitoring as an E-agriculture tool in Developing Economies (E-AGRI)



# E-AGRI: Project Planning

|             |                                           |                | TO | T0+6 | T0+12 | T0+18 | T0+24 | T0+30 |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>WP 1</b> | <b>COORDINATION</b>                       | <b>VITO</b>    |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| <b>WP 2</b> | <b>CGMS</b>                               | <b>ALTERRA</b> |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 21       | Ground data collection                    | APEI           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 22       | CGMS adaptation in MOROCCO                | ALTERRA        |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 23       | CGMS adaptation in CHINA                  | ALTERRA        |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 24       | CGMS pilot in CHINA                       | ALTERRA        |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 25       | CGMS pilot in MOROCCO                     | INRA           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| <b>WP 3</b> | <b>BIOMAWARM</b>                          | <b>UNIMI</b>   |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 31       | Ground data collection WARM-BioMA         | JAAS           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 32       | WARM adaptation in CHINA                  | UNIMI          |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 33       | WARM pilot in CHINA                       | UNIMI          |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 34       | BIOMA adaptation in MOROCCO               | JRC            |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 35       | BIOMA pilot in MOROCCO                    | JRC            |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| <b>WP 4</b> | <b>Yield Estimation with RS</b>           | <b>VITO</b>    |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 41       | Official yield data collection            | APEI           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 42       | Crop biomass computing                    | VITO           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 43       | Yield estimation in MOROCCO               | INRA           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 44       | Yield estimation in CHINA                 | VITO           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| <b>WP 5</b> | <b>Acreage assessment</b>                 | <b>CAAS</b>    |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 51       | Ground data collection in CHINA           | CAAS           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 52       | Wheat acreage in CHINA                    | CAAS           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 53       | Ground data collection in MOROCCO         | INRA           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 54       | Wheat acreage in MOROCCO                  | INRA           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 55       | Accuracy assessment                       | VITO           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 56       | Cost Eff. for crop mapping in E.A.        | DRSRS          |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| <b>WP 6</b> | <b>Statistic platform</b>                 | <b>ALTERRA</b> |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 61       | Statistic platform design                 | ALTERRA        |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 62       | Statistic platform pilot                  | INRA           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| <b>WP 7</b> | <b>Networking sustainable partnership</b> | <b>VITO</b>    |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 71       | Networking/Partnership                    | VITO           |    |      |       |       |       |       |
| WP 72       | Capacity building in KENYA                | DRSRS          |    |      |       |       |       |       |





# A fruitful Collaboration



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