

Conservation Agriculture Promotion and Uptake in Mufulira, Zambia-A Political Agronomy

Approach

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Oxen ripping



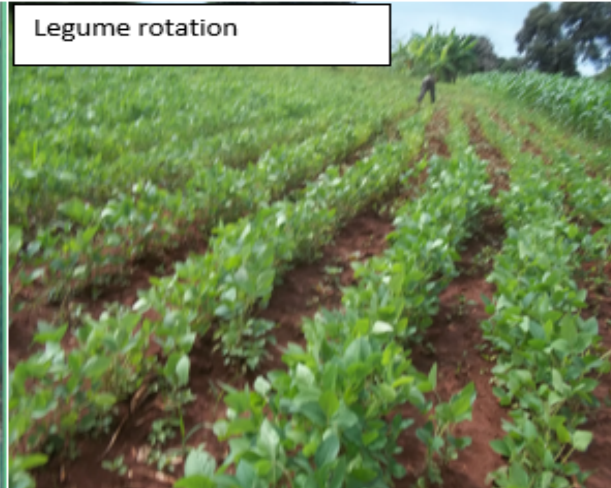
Manually dug basins



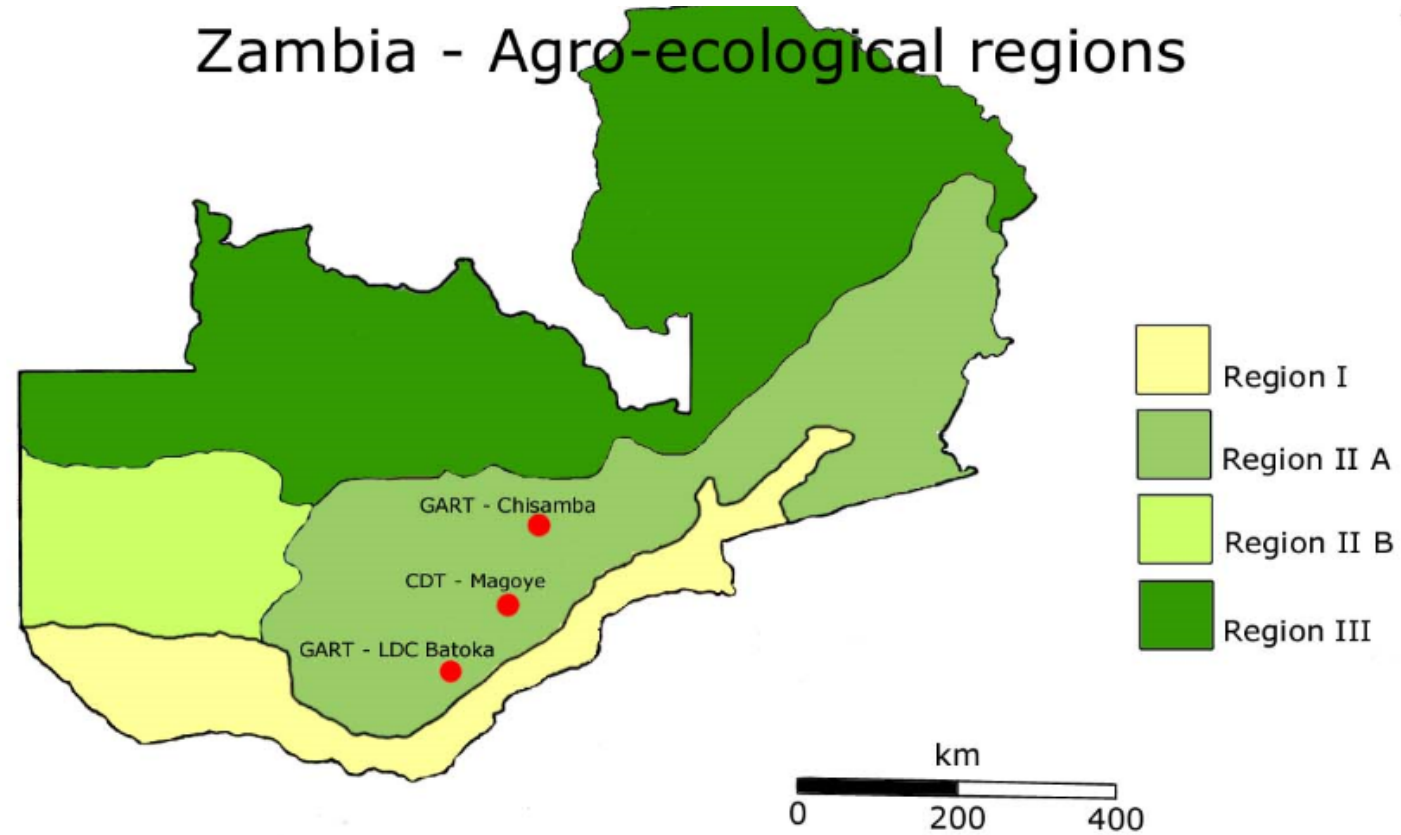
Crop and crop residues



Legume rotation



Suitability of CA in Zambia



CA Promotion in Mufulira

- CA recommended by consultant for labour constrained, HIV/AIDS households.
- Basins, crop rotations, and 'exotic' goats.
- **Farmers:** waterlogging, high labour needs, only adopt if given free inputs, high maintenance goats.
- **Ministry of Agric crop section:** Basins inappropriate for area. NGO ignored them, used their extension officers in the field.
- **Ministry of Livestock:** District veterinary officer prevented from certifying the goats as demanded by law. He refuses to treat the goats in protest.
- **CA NGO:** basin waterlogging, low yields, very short project period.

Way forward for NGO.....

Promote CA among labour constrained HIV/AIDS households in a different town with **exactly same rainfall patterns in exactly the same way..... as if there were no contestations.**

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