

Geographic Targeting for Diagnostic of Banana Fusarium Wilt

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Presentation outline

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Bioversity International



Bioversity International is a research-for-development organization seeking solutions to global issues through the **use** and **conservation** of agricultural and forest biodiversity.



Our Vision

Our vision is a world in which smallholder farming communities in developing countries are thriving and sustainable.



Our purpose

Using and conserving agricultural and forest biodiversity for...



Livelihoods



Nutrition



Sustainability



Productive & Resilient Ecosystems

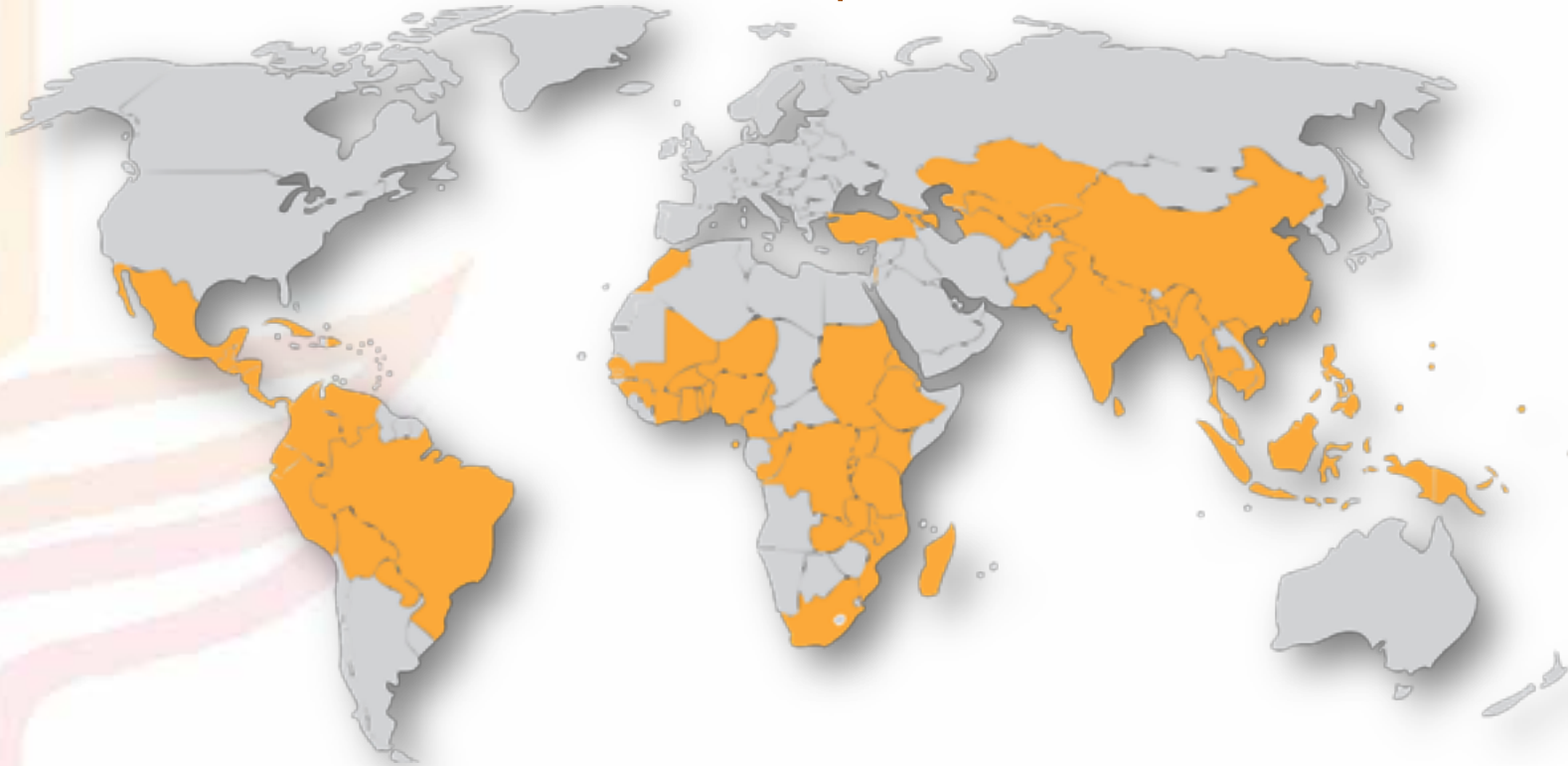


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Our global reach

We work in areas of significant levels of rural poverty where very often the world's remaining biodiversity is found. We focus on rain-fed farming systems, primarily managed by **smallholder farmers**, in areas where large-scale monoculture is not a viable option.



What is Banana Fusarium Wilt?

- Also known as “Panama Disease”
- Soilborne fungal disease caused by the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense*
- It blocks the pass of nutrients from roots to the rest of the plant
- Fungus can persist in soil for decades and cannot be managed using chemical pesticides

Source: **ProMusa**

For mor information visit: www.promusa.org

Typical symptoms



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Images: F. Haddad

Export Market - Monocrop

Shift from Gros Michel to Cavendish variety



Image: National Museum of Costa Rica

Consequences on Export Market

Changes in packing



Images: D. Brown

Local Markets (Smallholders)

Keep growing susceptible varieties



Image: D. Brown

Local Markets (Smallholders)

Consumers prefer Gros Michel



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The study location

- District: San Luis de Shuaro
- Province: Chanchamayo
- Department: Junín
- Country: Peru



Study purpose

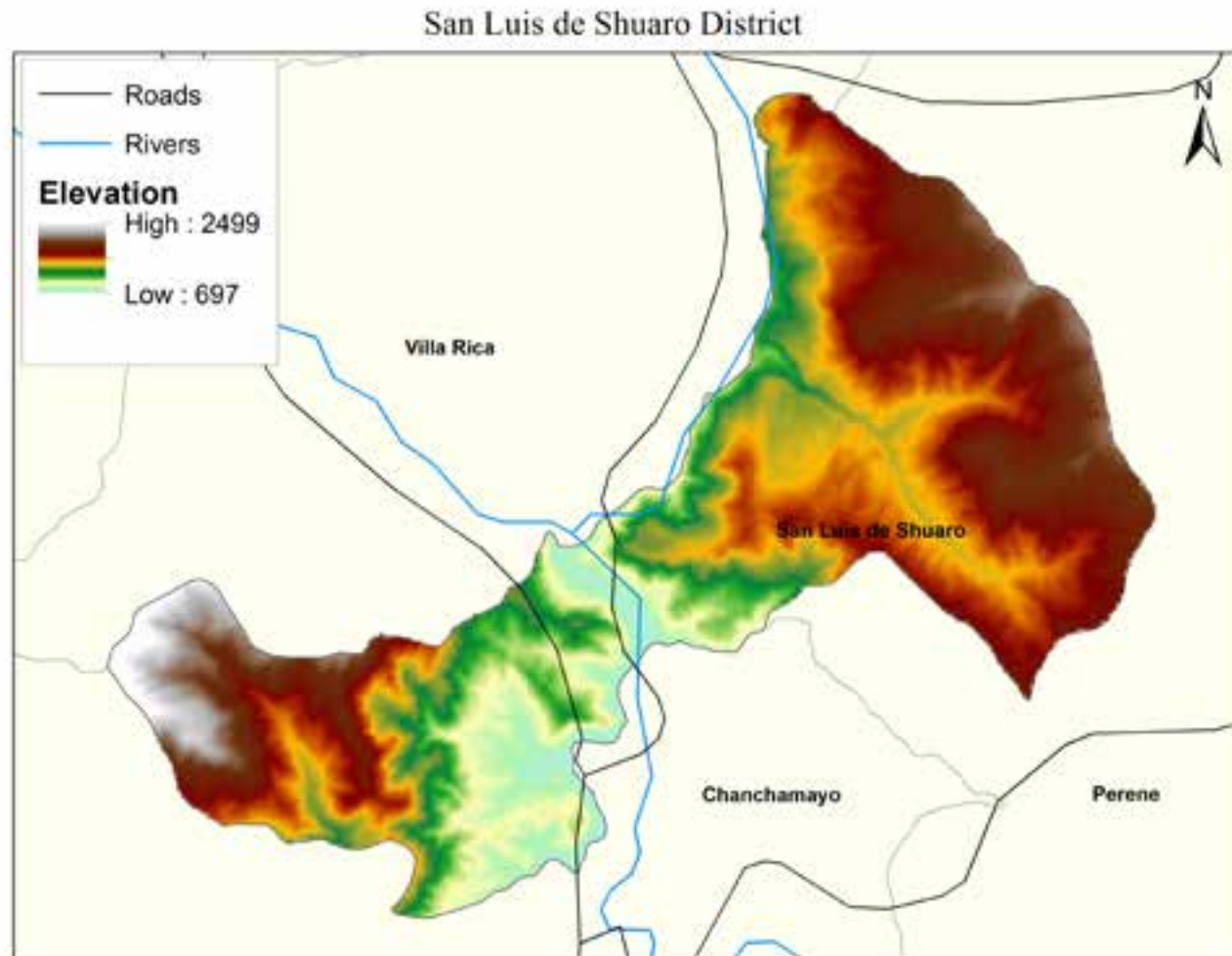
- **MSc Thesis:** Carlos Hugo Román Jerí. (2012). Consideraciones epidemiológicas para el manejo de la Marchitez por Fusarium (*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense*) del banano en la región central del Perú.



*Epidemiological
considerations for
Banana Fusarium
Wilt management in
the central region of
Peru*

Image: C. Román

Defining the target

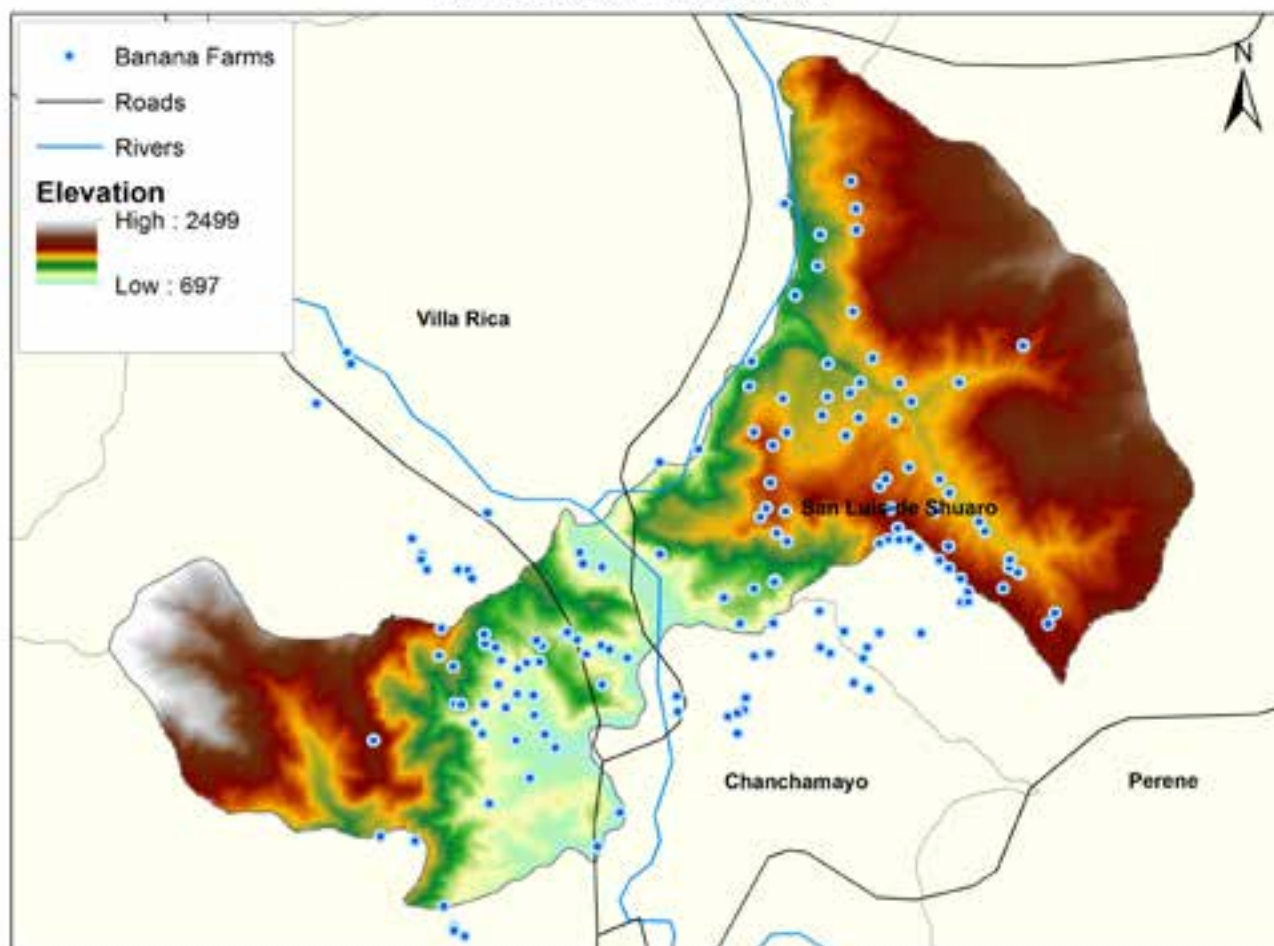


Farmers Survey – 149 Farms



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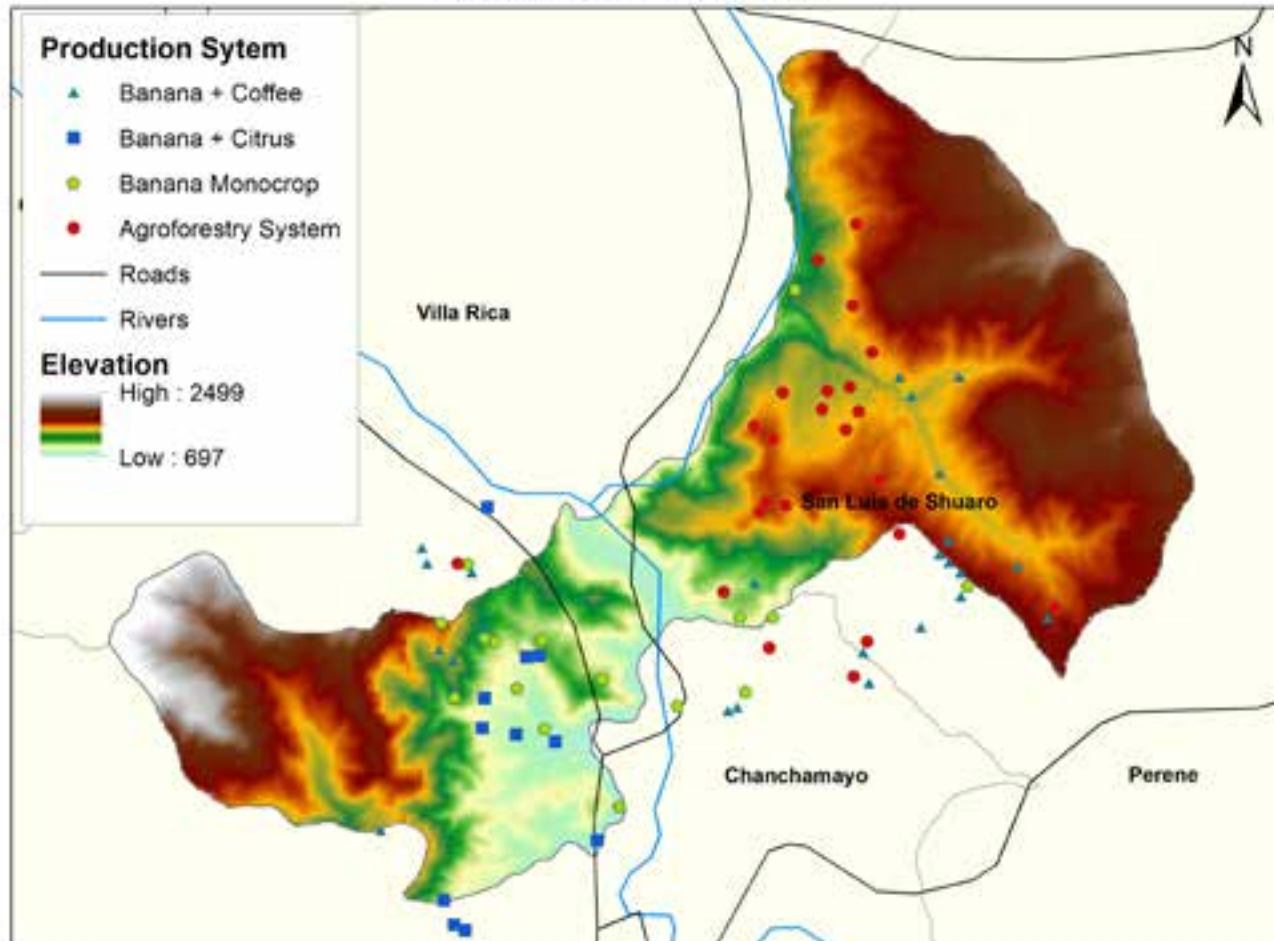


Farms characterization

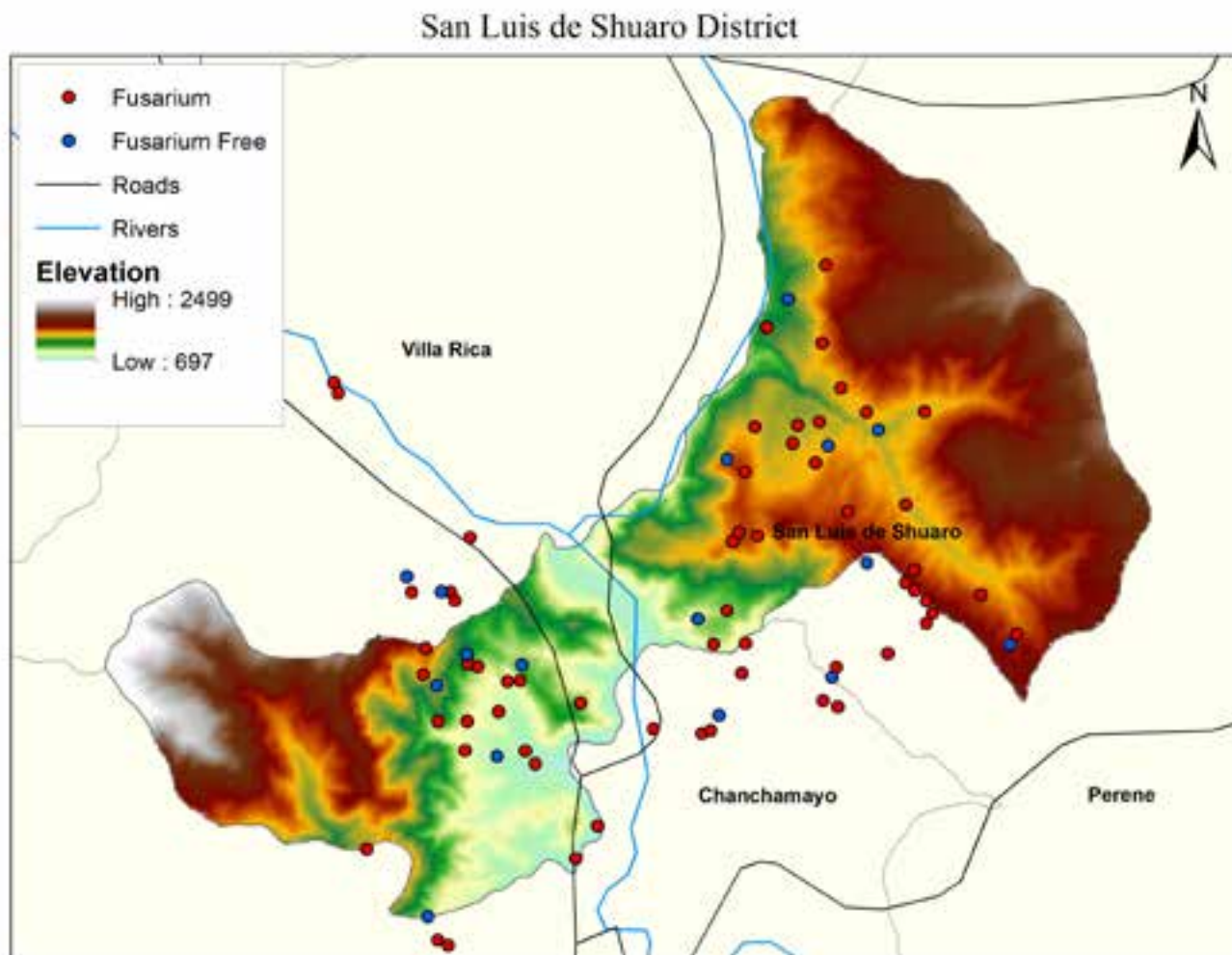


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Fusarium Wilt presence



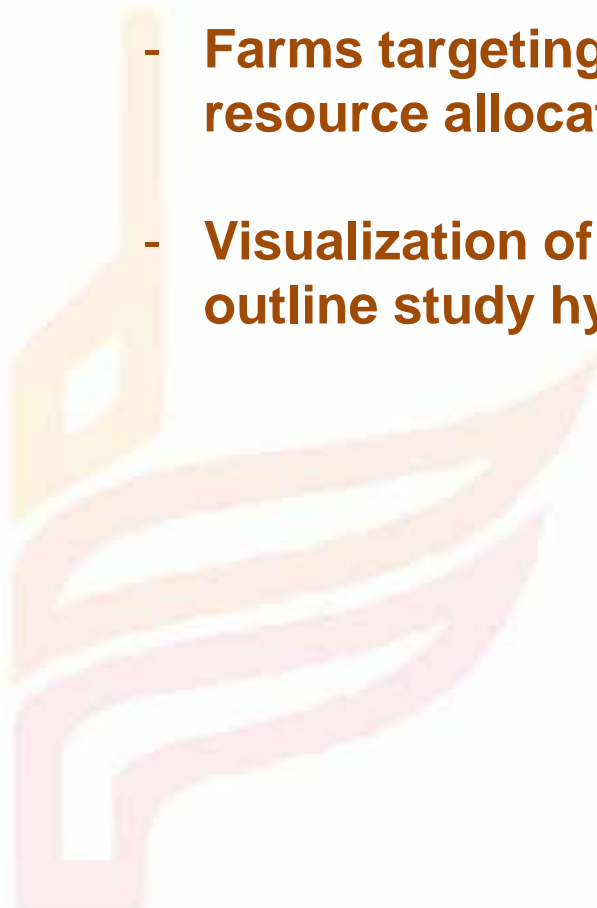
Results

- 76 Farms selected (Total)
- 60 Farms with Fusarium Wilt presence
- 16 Farms without Fusarium Wilt
- Visualization of Spatial Distribution
 - *Fusarium Wilt*
 - *Production System*



Conclusions

- **ArcGIS Desktop was a key tool defining the target farms**
- **Farms targeting was traduced into a more efficient resource allocation**
- **Visualization of the spatial distribution allows to outline study hypothesis**



Many thanks



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