

# A-Z Site Assessment for Plantations MYANMAR

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## “Soil Assessment & Agronomic Specificities to Raise Yield”

- How to assess and evaluate site conditions in Myanmar?
- How to choose the suitable crops (rubber, oil palm, cassava, etc.) in term of soils and climates?
- How to establish the plantation appropriately?
  - Training & Development – localization of staffing
  - Sourcing of right planting materials – both quality and availability
  - Challenges of costing
  - Infrastructure development within plantation including irrigation
  - Introduction of mechanization from land development to planting to harvesting
- How to use the best agronomic practices?
  - Evaluate the soils & climate assessment for crops suitability in specific agro-ecological zones) in Myanmar and other parts of region
  - Landscape consideration (flat or slope),
  - Irrigation, infrastructure
- How many agro-ecological zones in Myanmar?
  - What are the challenging and opportunities in large scale plantations?
  - Lessons learn from other regions? How can farm productivity be improved?
  - Technical issues on planting crops rather than economic or political issues.
  - Crop production , protection and natural resource conservation approaches
  - Minimum / zero tillage
  - Crop protection and natural resource conservation approaches
  - Developments in farming implements

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