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RICE SUITABILITY MAP (Key Rice Areas)

PROVINCE OF MASBATE



SCALE 1:130,000

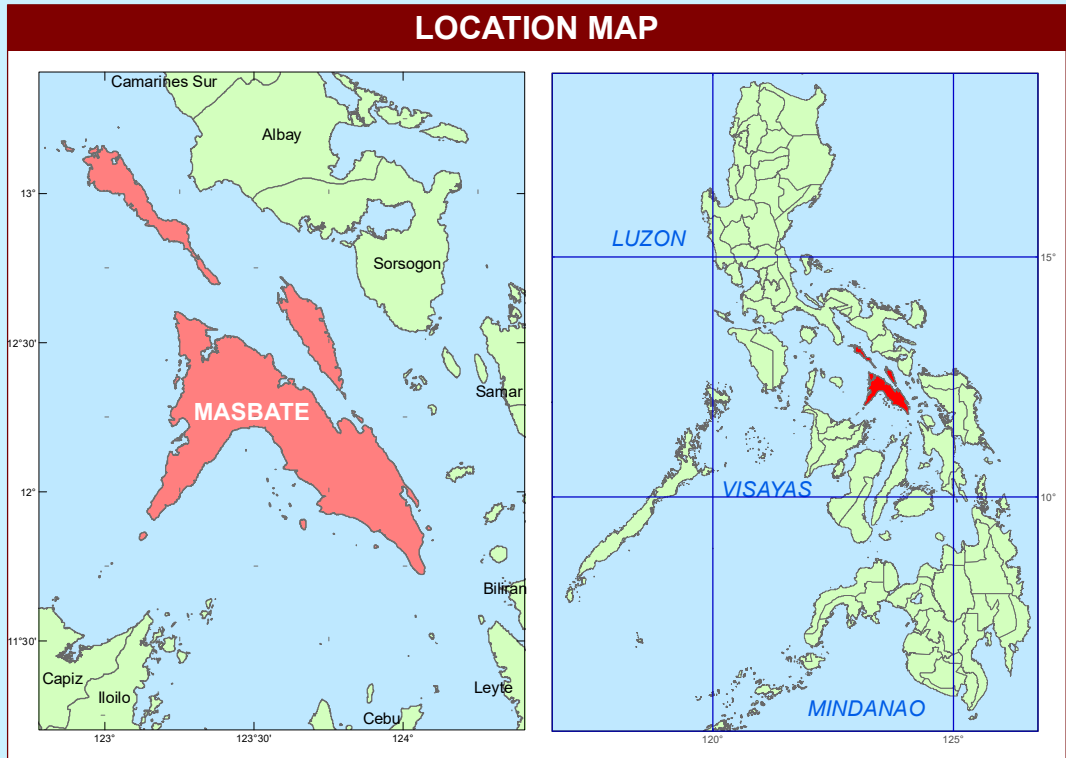
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Kilometers

Projection : Transverse Mercator
Datum : Luzon 1911
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LEGEND						
SUITABILITY RATING	DESCRIPTION	LIMITING FACTORS			AREA	
		Moderate	Marginal	Severe	ha	%
S1	Highly Suitable	-	-	-	414	2.92
S2df		d,f	-	-	102	0.72
S2dx		d,x	-	-	19	0.13
S2f		f	-	-	7,756	54.74
S2i		i	-	-	271	1.91
S2idx		i,d,x	-	-	115	0.81
S2if		i,f	-	-	2,423	17.10
S2if		i,f	-	-	147	1.04
S3f		-	f	-	242	1.71
S3x		-	x	-	1,685	11.89
S3xf	Marginally Suitable	-	x,f	-	82	0.58
Ndx		-	-	d,x	913	6.44
				TOTAL	14,168	100.00

LIMITING FACTORS	RATING ARRANGED IN INCREASING SEVERITY OF LIMITATION			
	Highly Suitable (S1)	Moderately Suitable (S2)	Marginally Suitable (S3)	Not Suitable (N)
Water Availability				
m - no dry months (<75mm)	0 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 9	>9
f - annual average rainfall (mm)	> 1500	1200 - 1500	800 - 1200	< 800
Temperature Regime				
t - annual average temperature (°C)	25 - 29	30 - 32	33 - 35	> 35
Terrain				
s - slope (%)	0 - 3	3 - 8	8 - 18	>18
a - steepness	none	slight	moderate	severe
e - erosion	none - slight	slight - moderate	moderate - severe	severe
f - flooding	none - slight	slight - moderate	moderate - severe	severe
Rooting Conditions				
d - soil drainage class	VFD - SPD	SPD - MWD	WD	SED - ED
x - soil texture	C, SC, SL, CL, SCL, SCL	L, SL, SI	SL, LS	S
h - soil depth (cm)	> 50	41 - 50	20 - 40	< 20
Nutrient Availability				
f - soil fertility	Moderately High to High (NPK-H)	Moderately Low (NPK)	Low (L)	-

Note:
Highly Suitable (S1) - with none to slight limitations for any given use. Slight limitations will not significantly reduce productivity or benefit nor raise inputs above an acceptable level.
Moderately Suitable (S2) - with limitations which are moderately severe for sustained application for a given use. Limitations will moderately reduce productivity or benefits. Requires increased input to the extent that the overall advantage to be gained will be inferior to that expected on S1 land.
Marginally suitable (S3) - with limitations which in aggregate are severe for sustained application of a given use and will significantly reduce productivity or benefits. Limitations will significantly increase required inputs, that this expenditure will only be marginally satisfied.
Not Suitable (N) - with severe limitations which are difficult to overcome in time or cannot be corrected at currently acceptable cost. Limitations are so severe that prevent successful sustained use of the land in the given manner.



CONVENTIONAL SIGNS		
ROADS	BOUNDARY	HYDROLOGY
Expressway	Regional	Rivers / Lake
Trunk line	Provincial	Shoreline
Primary	District	PLACES
Secondary	Municipal	Capital City / City
Tertiary		Capital Town / Town

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
SOURCES OF INFORMATION - Topographic information taken from NAMRIA Topographic Map at a scale of 1:50,000; Elevation data taken from SRTM 1 arc-second global dataset (2010). Summary information taken from British Oceanographic Centre, Fertility data gathered through the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), National Soil Sampling and Testing for Fertility and Crop Suitability Assessment Project led by the Soil Survey Division (SSD) in 2018.
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