

Adaptation to climate change by smallholder coffee farmers in the Central Highland of Vietnam



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Introduction

By 2050, the loss of climatic suitability for VN's coffee cultivation could be up to 50% (International Center for Tropical Agricultural-CIAT 2012).



Figure 1: Chart courtesy of CIAT 2012

Based on the Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB), Structural Equation Model (SEM) consists of 4 factors (F_1-F_4) and 3 groups of items (X_i, X_i, X_h) .



Figure 4: SEM based on the TPB

- Meanwhile, more than 0.5 millions Vietnamese small-scale coffee farmers are struggling against the impacts of climate change to maintain their livelihoods.
- Though adaptation strategies considered for sustainable development, they have yet to draw farmers' attention.

 \rightarrow The research aims to explore drivers and barriers to Vietnamese coffee farmers' attention to adaptation strategies.

Materials and methods





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- More than 90% of Vietnamese coffee is grown in the Central Highland (Figure 2).
- The two areas namely Dak Lak and Lam Dong provinces will be studied because of their highest vulnerability towards climate change.



Figure 2: Major coffee planting provinces in Vietnam

High temperature, severe droughts and low-level water are the climatic hazards small farmers have been suffered the most from climate change.

- X_i, X_i, X_h (observed variables) are items taken from questionnaire survey of min 300 farmers, 30-50 of which will be selected for interviews.
- F_1 - F_3 are elements of TPB.

In 1st model: Measurement model

 $X_i = \alpha_i F_1 + e_i$ Ex:

Coefficient α will specify how each element of TPB (F₁, F₂, F₃) is measured by its group of items (X_i, X_i, X_h) respectively.

• F₄ is farmers' adaptation intention towards climate change. In 2nd model: Structural model

 $\mathbf{F}_4 = \mathbf{\beta}_1 \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{\beta}_2 \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{\beta}_3 \mathbf{F}_3 + \mathbf{\varepsilon}_4$

Coefficient β represents the relationship between each influencing factors (F_1 , F_2 , F_3) with factor F_4 .

 \rightarrow Shows the direction of impact (positive/negative) as well how significantly these influences are \rightarrow determine which one has the highest impact.

Expected outcomes

- The drivers and barriers of coffee's intention to adopt the climate change adaptation will be identified.
- Could answer whether adaptation strategies are efficient
- Especially, during dry season, water insecurity has caused serious damages galore on coffee growth.
- \rightarrow Data collection period will be from March to Jun 2021.

Figure 3: Growth stages of coffee plant

Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Flowe initia	→ r-bud tion		Flowering			Cherry development				← → Aipening & Harvesting	
Dry season					Rainy season						

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Conclusions

- The research attempts to extend the knowledge in the field of adaptation attention of Vietnamese coffee farmers by:
 - The drivers of adaptation should be promoted and the barriers should be moderated.
 - Adaptation found to be efficient should be promoted while the inefficient ones should be enhanced.

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