



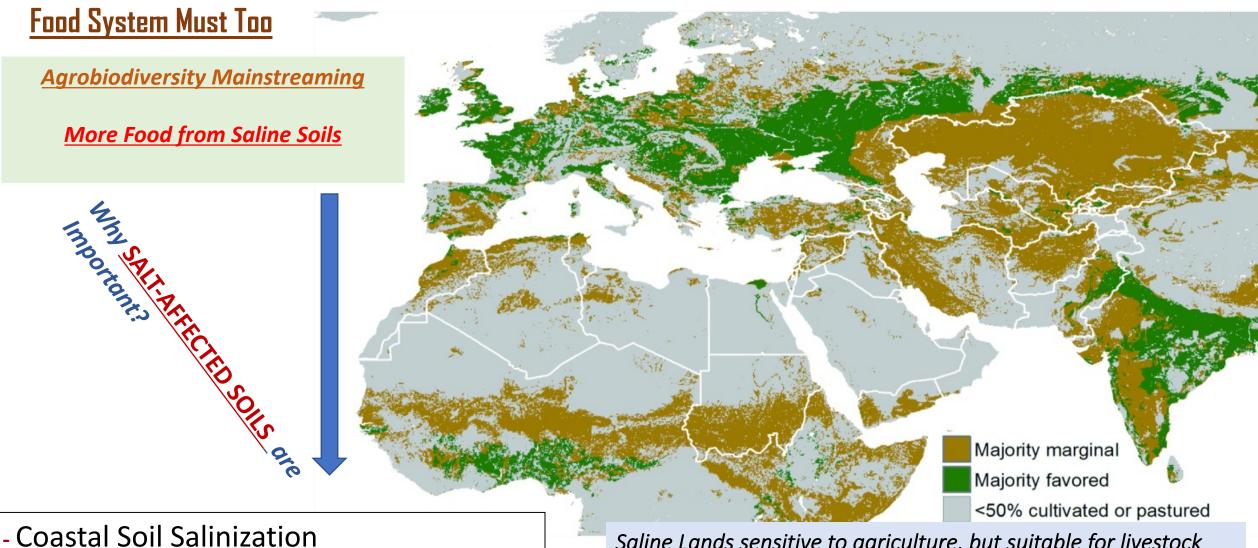
<u>SATREPS BLUE:</u> Climate resilient approaches for water-use efficiency and halophytic farming in the Aral Sea basin (Part II)

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**Main Working Hypothesis:** Since the Climate is changing (CC) then Agriculture and

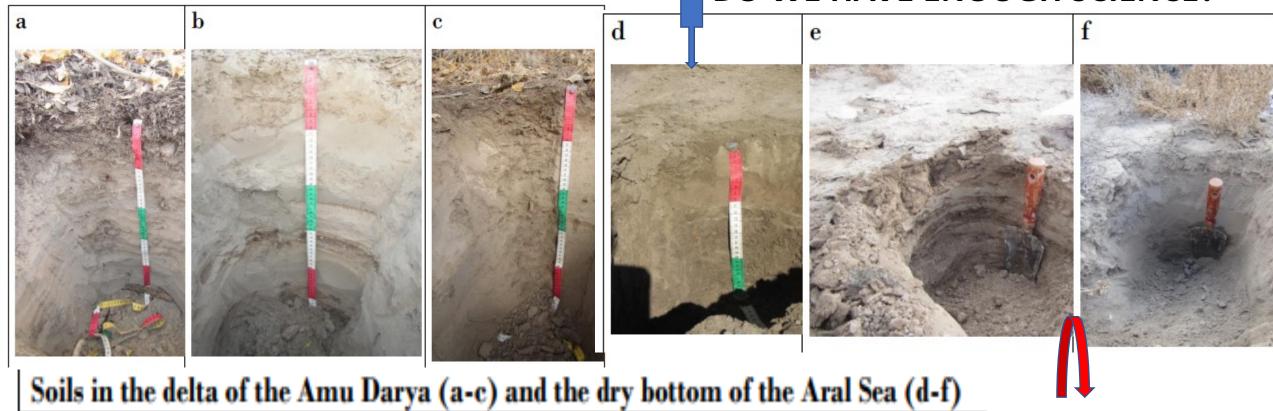


- **Dryland Salinization (Intercontinental** Salinization)

Saline Lands sensitive to agriculture, but suitable for livestock grazing; landscaping, fisheries; bio-energy, technical crops & other alternative land use

## Diagnostics of Salt-Affected Soils

#### DO WE HAVE ENOUGH SCIENCE?

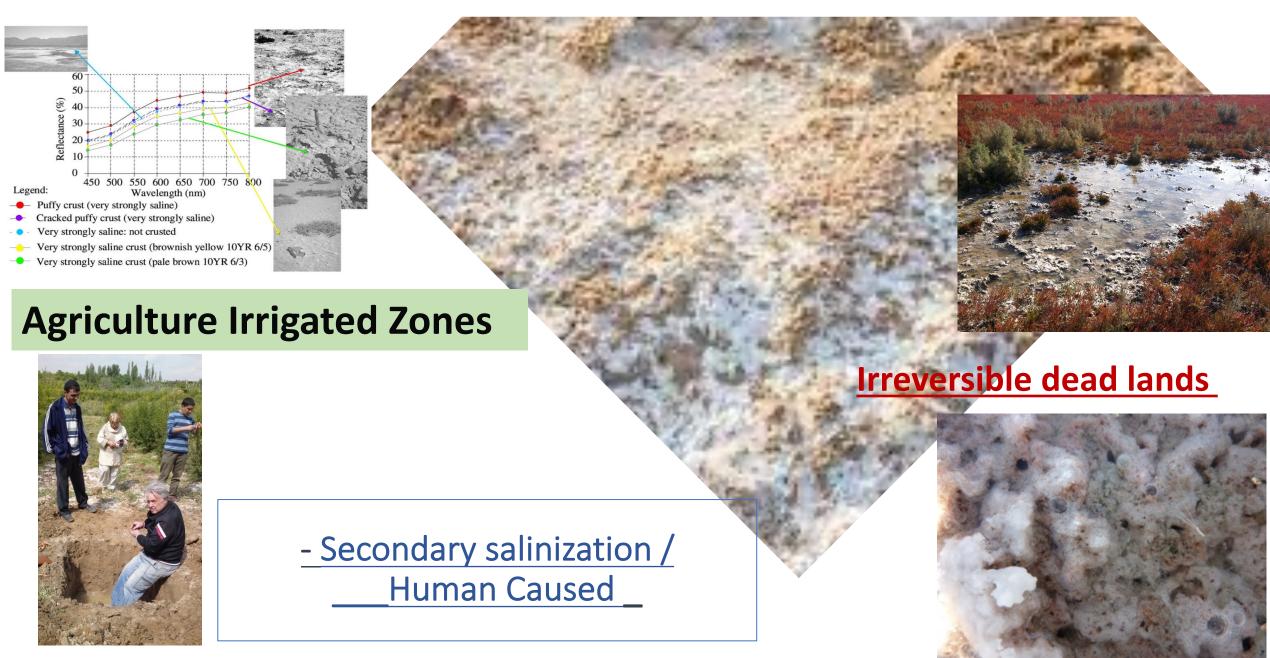


Soils containing high concentrations of soluble salts





#### **Potential Water/Lands for Restoration**



#### KEY ISSUES.....

- · <u>Water intensive pre-season leaching</u> to ameliorate saline soils
- Non-optimized irrigation system & Alternative Use of Water Resources/Water Recycling
- Few livelihood opportunities

Priority: finding solution/options to manage root zone salt crusts (content of toxic salts - 18-



Furrow irrigation with extensive water discharges



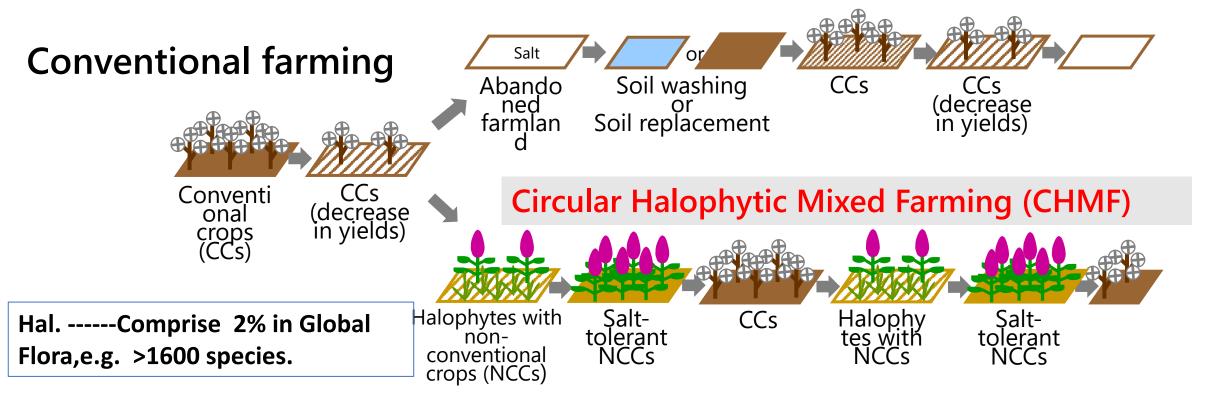
Drainage channels: source of water loss/water infiltration/salts Build Up





## Showcase innovative solutions in Saline Agriculture, where each waste has an opportunity

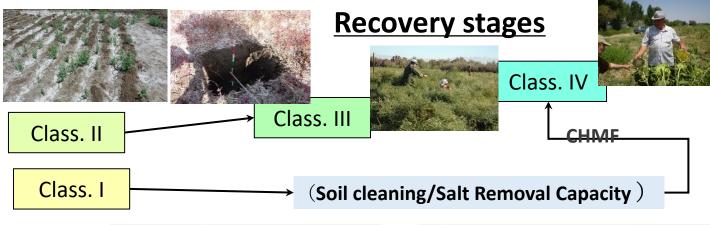
**USING HALOPHYTES TO GENERATE SALINE AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES** 



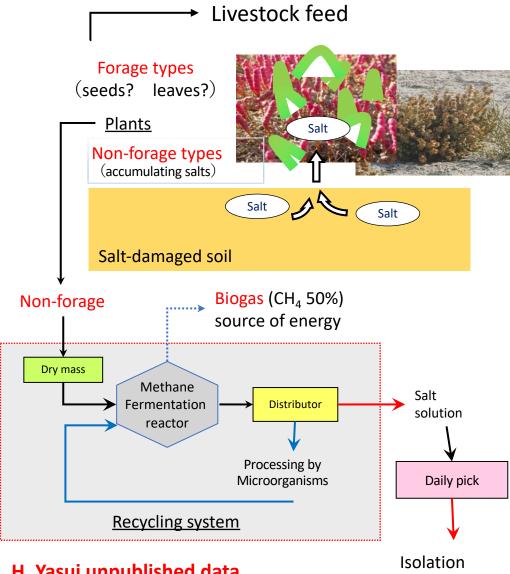
Comparison between conventional farming and the Circular Halophytes Mixed Farming (CHMF) proposed by this project. In CHMF, salt-affected farmlands can be remediated by cultivating a combination of halophytes with high salt removal capacity and non-conventional crops/Glycophytes (NCCs).

#### Biomelioration and reclamation of saline lands

Types of soils damaged by salt	Recoverable?	Soil restoration method
Class I.  Maximum  (desertification)	impossible	Soil removal
Class II. High (abandoned lads)	necessary	Soil restoration with halophytes (Bio-restoration, SATREPS)
Class III. Medium reduction of crop)	possible	Growing salt-tolerant crops (legumes, amaranth, quinoa, sunflower) Bio-cleaning of soil
Class IV. Non-saline	-	Basic cultivation of agricultural crops



Restoration of saline agricultural land by active cultivation of halophytes, which grow naturally in the field.







## 1) Sampling of halophytes in natural vegetation



- Kyzylkum Desert, Bukhara Oasis, etc. in June and September 2022
- The dry bottom of the Aral Sea in June and September 2023

Peganum garmala L.





Plant community with dominance of P. harmala (during



Fragment of plant in fruit maturation stage





Mature fruit morphology





Distribution of seeds inside of fruit capsule

Wet Solonchak on the shores of Lyavlyakan Salt Lake (August 2022)

# Chemical and isotopic analysis on <u>56 species</u> of halophytes

We are developing a simple evaluation method to select candidate species.

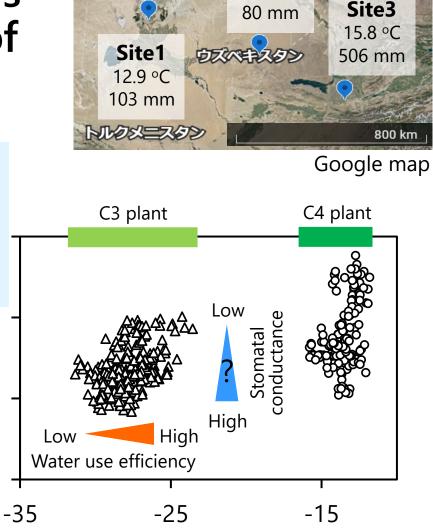
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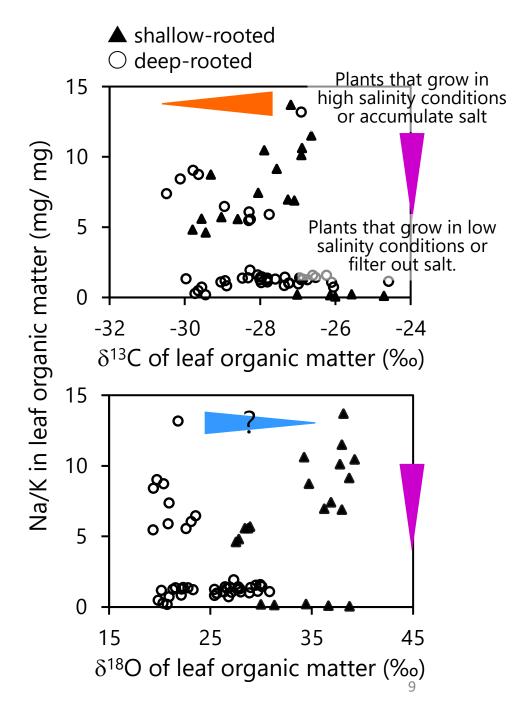
matter (%



 $\delta^{13}$ C of leaf organic matter (‰)

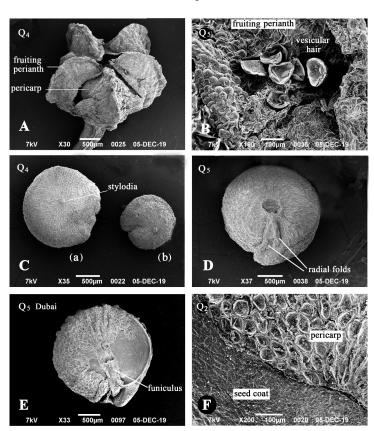
Site2

16.3 °C



- 1. Structural and functional mechanisms of halophytes/NCC to drought and salinity stresses
- 2. Environment-induced changes and salt stress effect on seed ontogenesis and seed compound biosynthesis in halophytes and non-conventional crops





3. International Nursery/Collection on Evaluation, Breeding and Seed Multiplication

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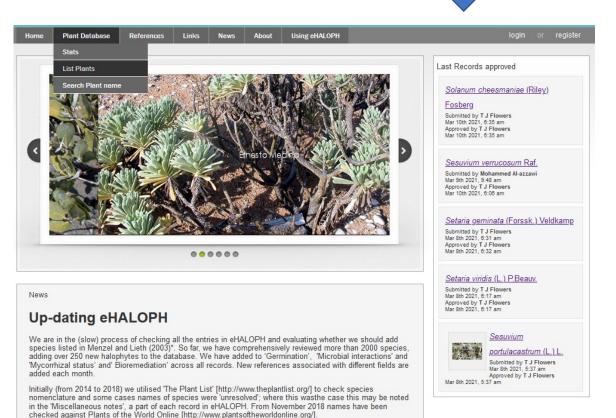


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### eHALOPH Flora Survey and Documentation



**eHALOPH** 



Halophytes & NCC holds excellent promise for degraded/salt-affected areas –

- Comprise 2% in Global Flora ;>1600 species.

Explore New Germplasm & Exchange – International Nurseries/between TU/IICAS /XIE/ CAC /and Iran\_Turanian Cold Desert Flora

- Crop Diversification, Biofortification and Biotechnology
- Evaluation and Adoption a wider range of germplasm a new sources of variability for enhanced grain quality;
- Advanced Breeding and Genetic Engineering

#### In - Situ Conservation

#### Outsite of Plant Habitat

#### **Genepool** in the field





Tissue or cell culture





Phytotron Agro-Products; Agro-Biotechnology

#### **SEED BANKS**



at low and controlled
Temperature and humidity.
Replication and Seed Quality and Seed Viability
Monitoring

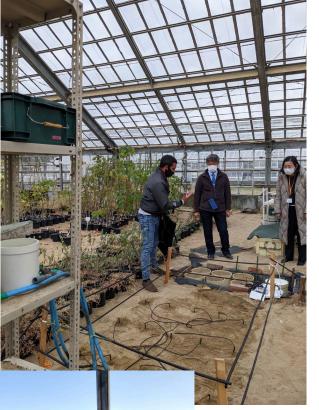


seeds;embryos;pollen grains



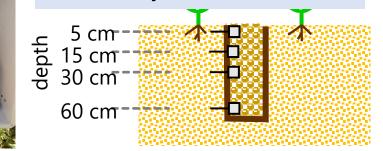
TRANSFER OF NOVEL CHMF APPROACHES & TECHNOLOGIES from LAB. INTO THE FIELD

#### REAL-TIME SOIL DATA DOCUMENTATION AND **MONITORING**





**Digital New Generation Soil Sensors System** 



Artemisia halophila

10m

Artemisia halophila I

Artemisia halophila

Salsola sclerantha Salsola sclerantha

5m cable x4 (#1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4)

Climacop -tera lanata

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Atriplex

Data logger 1 Medicago sativa

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Kochia scoparia Atriplex nitens

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Medicago sativa

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Atriplex nitens

vires<sub>5m cable x4</sub>

Kochi scoparia

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nitens

| \_\_\_ (#2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12) <mark>|</mark>

Data logger 2

Camphorosma lessingii

Medicago sativa

Amaranthus virescens

Control

Kochia scoparia

> 15m cable x4 (#1-5, 1-6, 1-7. 1-8)

Mulch

Atriplex undulata

N90P50K40

N180P80K60

## 2) Cultivation trial in Karabuga site







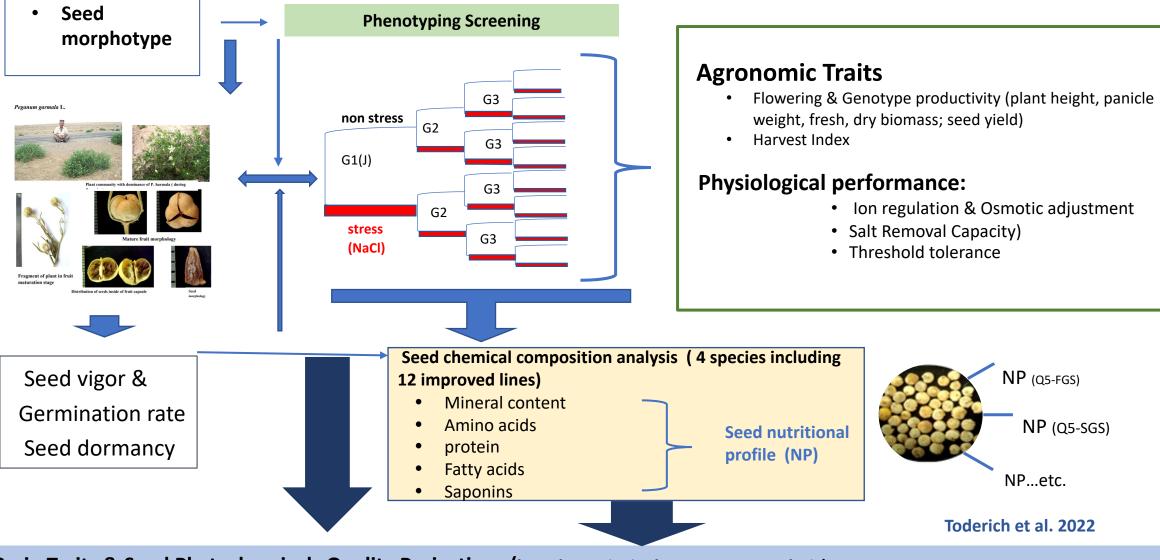
Biomass, salt removal capacities, and nutrient values will be compared among species and among treatments.







#### Seed Morphology, Germination and Nutritional Value screening in AS Halophytes (78). Tottori University)



**Grain Traits & Seed Phytochemicals Quality Projections (based on Principal Component Analysis)** 

Saline Agriculture Knowledge HUB (to be established .....monitoring and Updating with support of all teams)



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**JOINT EVENTS** 



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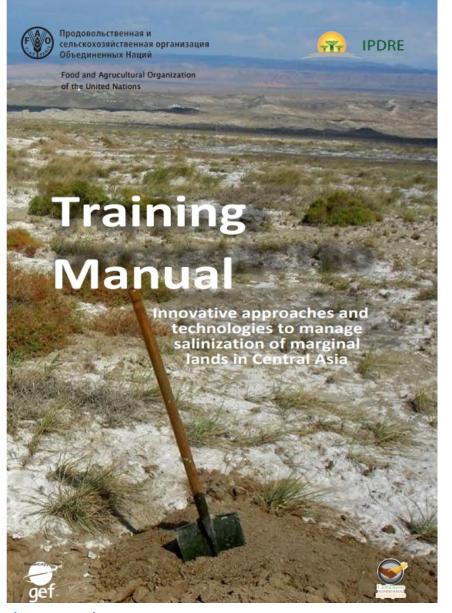
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