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PREFACE

In Karnataka, as in other Indian States, the livelihoods of rural people are intertwined with farming pursuits. Thechallenges in agriculture are seriously threatening the livelihood of a large number of farmers as they have been practicing farming in contextual factors beyond their control. Climatic factors are the most important ones and have become much more significant in recent times due to rapid climate changes induced by intensive anthropogenic activities affecting our ecosystem in multiple ways. Climate change has become the reality, it is happening and efforts to evolve and demonstrate climate resilient technologies have become essential. Due to the already over stressed scenario of agrarian sector, the climate change is resulting in manifold increase in the complexities, pushing the rural mass to face more and more unpredictable situations. The rising temperatures and unpredictable rainfall patterns are going to test seriously the informed decisions farmers have to make in order to survive in farming and sustain their livelihood.

It is generally recognized that impacts of climate change shall not be uniform across the globe. It is said that impact of climate change is more severe in South Asia. Based on the analysis of meteorological data, it is predicted that in India, there will be upward trend in mean temperature, downward trend in relative humidity, annual rainfall and number of wet days in a year. Also, in general, phenomena like erratic monsoon, spread of tropical diseases, rise in sea levels, changes in availability of fresh water, frequent floods, droughts, heat waves, storms and hurricanes are predicted. Each one of these adverse situations are already being experienced in various parts of India and also at the global level. Decline in agricultural productivity of small and marginal farmers becoming more vulnerable is already witnessed.

In Karnataka, more than 60 per cent of the population live in rural areas and depend on agriculture and allied activities for their livelihood. Though the state has achieved significant progress in increasing the yield of many crops, there is tremendous pressure on the land resources due to the growing and competing demands of various land uses. This is reflected in the alarming rate of land degradation observed. Already more than 50 per cent of the area is affected by various forms of degradation. If this trend continues, the sustainability of the fragile ecosystem will be badly affected. The adverse effects of change in the climatic factors are putting additional stress on the land resources and the farmers dependent on this.

The natural resources (land, water and vegetation) of the state need adequate and constant care and management, backed by site-specific technological interventions and investments particularly by the government. Detailed database pertaining to the nature of the land resources, their constraints, inherent potentials and suitability for various land

based rural enterprises, crops and other uses is a prerequisite for preparing location-specific action plans, which are in tune with the inherent capability of the resources. Any effort to evolve climate resilient technologies has to be based on the baseline scientific database. Then only one can expect effective implementation of climate resilient technologies, monitor the progress, make essential review of the strategy, and finally evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented programs. The information available at present on the land resources of the state are of general nature and useful only for general purpose planning. Since the need of the hour is to have site-specific information suitable for farm level planning and detailed characterization and delineation of the existing land resources of an area into similar management units is the only option.

ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Bangalore has taken up a project sponsored by the Karnataka Watershed Development Project-II, (Sujala-III), Government of Karnataka funded by the World Bank under Component -1 Land Resource Inventry. This study was taken up to demonstrate the utility of such a database in reviewing, monitoring and evaluating all the land based watershed development programs on a scientific footing. To meet the requirements of various land use planners at grassroots level, the present study on "Land Resource Inventory and Socio-Economic Status of Farm Households for Watershed Planning and Development of Bhimnalli Microwatershed, Gulbarga Taluk, Gulbarga District, Karnataka" for integrated development was taken up in collaboration with the State Agricutural Universities, IISC, KSRSAC, KSNDMC as Consortia partners. The project provides detailed land resource information at cadastral level (1:7920 scale) for all the plots and socio-economic status of farm households covering thirty per cent farmers randomely selected representing landed and landless class of farmers in the micowatershed. The project report with the accompanying maps for the microwatershed will provide required detailed database for evolving effective land use plan, alternative land use options and conservation plans for the planners, administrators, agricutural extention personnel, KVK officials, developmental departments and other land users to manage the land resources in a sustainable manner.

It is hoped that this database will be useful to the planners, administrators and developmental agencies working in the area in not only for formulating location specific developmental schemes but also for their effective monitoring at the village/watershed level.

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LAND RESOURCE INVENTORY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The land resource inventory of Bhimnalli microwatershed was conducted using village cadastral maps and IRS satellite imagery on 1:7920 scale. The false colour composites of IRS imagery were interpreted for physiography and these physiographic delineations were used as base for mapping soils. The soils were studied in several transects and a soil map was prepared with phases of soil series as mapping units. Random checks were made all over the area outside the transects to confirm and validate the soil map unit boundaries. The soil map shows the geographic distribution and extent, characteristics, classification and use potentials of the soils in the microwartershed.

The present study covers an area of 643 ha in Bhimnalli microwatershed in Gulbarga taluk of Gulbarga district, Karnataka. The climate is semiarid and categorized as drought prone with an average annual rainfall of 740 mm, of which about 540 mm is received during south–west monsoon, 126 mm during north-east and the remaining 74 mm during the rest of the year. An area of about 97 per cent is covered by soils, three per cent by waterbodies, settlements and others. The salient findings from the land resource inventory are summarized briefly below.

- *The soils belong to 11 soil series and 34 soil phases (management units) and 7 land use classes.*
- *The length of crop growing period is about 120-150 days starting from the 3rd week of May to 1rd week of October.*
- *From the master soil map, several interpretative and thematic maps like land capability, soil depth, surface soil texture, soil gravelliness, available water capacity, soil slope and soil erosion were generated.*
- *Soil fertility status maps for macro and micronutrients were generated based on the surface soil samples collected at every 250 m grid interval.*
- *Land suitability for growing major agricultural and horticultural crops were assessed and maps showing degree of suitability along with constraints were generated.*
- *About 97 per cent area is suitable for agriculture and 3 per cent is not suitable for agriculture but well suited for forestry, pasture, agroforestry, silvi-pasture, recreation, installation of wind mills and as habitat for wildlife.*
- *About 29 per cent of the soils are moderately deep to deep (75-150 cm), 2 per cent of the soils are very deep (>150cm), 54 per cent are shallow to moderately shallow (25-75 cm) and about 13 per cent are very shallow (<25 cm) soils.*
- *About 98 per cent of the area has clayey soils at the surface.*
- *About 22 per cent of the area has non-gravelly soils, 75 per cent gravelly to very gravelly soils (15-60 % gravel) and 1 per cent extremely gravelly soils (60- 80% gravel).*

- *About 7 per cent of the area has soils that are very high (>200mm/m) in available water capacity, 16 per cent medium (100-150 mm/m) and about 76 per cent low (51-100 mm/m) and very low (<50 mm/m).*
- *About 55 per cent of the area has very gently sloping (1-3%) lands and about 43 per cent area is gently (3-5%) to moderately sloping (5-10%) lands.*
- *An area of about 14 per cent has soils that are slightly eroded (e1), 64 per cent moderately eroded (e2) and 20 per cent severely eroded (e3) to very severely eroded.*
- *An area of about 58 per cent has soils that are moderately acid to slightly acid (pH 5.5 to 6.5), two per cent very strongly acid to strongly acid (pH 4.5 to 5.5), about 5 per cent slightly alkaline (pH 7.3-7.8) and 33 per cent area is neutral (pH 6.5-7.3) in soil reaction.*
- *The Electrical Conductivity (EC) of the soils are dominantly <2 dsm^{-1} indicating that the soils are non-saline.*
- *About 11 per cent medium (0.5-0.75%), 86 per cent high (>0.75%) and 1 per cent low (<0.5%) in organic carbon.*
- *Major area of 88 per cent has soils that are low (<23 kg/ha) and 10 per cent medium (23-57 kg/ha) in available phosphorus.*
- *About 63 per cent medium (145-337 kg/ha), 7 per cent high (>337 kg/ha) and 29 per cent low (<145 kg/ha) in available potassium.*
- *Available sulphur is low (<10 ppm) in about <1 per cent area, medium (10-20 ppm) in 53 per cent and 45 per cent high (>20 ppm).*
- *Available boron is low (<0.5 ppm) in about 2 per cent area, 74 per cent medium (0.5-1.0 ppm) and 22 per cent high (>1.0 ppm).*
- *Available iron, manganese and copper are sufficient in all the soils.*
- *About 23 per cent area has soils that are deficient (<0.6 ppm) in available zinc and 75 per cent sufficient (>0.6 ppm).*
- *The land suitability for 19 major crops grown in the microwatershed was assessed and the areas that are highly suitable (S1) and moderately suitable (S2) are given below. It is however to be noted that a given soil may be suitable for various crops but what specific crop to be grown may be decided by the farmer looking to his capacity to invest on various inputs, marketing infrastructure, price and finally the demand and supply position.*

Land suitability for various crops in the microwatershed

Crop	Suitability Area in ha (%)			Crop	Suitability Area in ha (%)	
	Highly suitable (S1)	Moderately suitable (S2)			Highly suitable (S1)	Moderately suitable (S2)
Sorghum	*80 (12)*	*71 (11)*		*Guava*	-	*174(21)*
Maize	-	*54 (8)*		*Jackfruit*	-	*6(1)*
Red gram	-	*137 (21)*		*Jamun*	-	*100(15)*
Sunflower	*80 (12)*	-		*Musambi*	*43 (7)*	*131(20)*
Cotton	*43 (7)*	*108 (17)*		*Lime*	*43 (7)*	*131(20)*
Sugarcane	-	-		*Cashew*	*6(1)*	*13(2)*
Soybean	*80(12)*	*57 (9)*		*Custard apple*	*157 (24)*	*286(44)*
Bengalgram	*137(21)*	*81(13)*		*Amla*	*157 (24)*	*119 (18)*
Mango	-	*6(1)*		*Tamarind*	-	*113 (17)*
Sapota	-	*161(25)*				

Apart from the individual crop suitability, a proposed crop plan has been prepared for the 7 identified LUCs by considering only the highly and moderately suitable lands for different crops and cropping systems with food, fibre and horticulture crops that helps in maintaining the ecological balance in microwatershed

- *Maintaining soil-health is vital to crop production and conserve soil and land resource base for maintaining ecological balance and to mitigate climate change. For this, several ameliorative measures have been suggested to these problematic soils like saline/alkali, highly eroded, sandy soils etc.,*
- *Soil and water conservation treatment plan has been prepared that would help in identifying the sites to be treated and also the type of structures required.*
- *As part of the greening programme, several tree species have been suggested to be planted in marginal and submarginal lands, field bunds and also in the hillocks, mounds and ridges.*

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

Soil being a vital natural resource on whose proper use depends the life supporting systems of a country and the socioeconomic development of its people. Soils provide food, fodder, fibre and fuel for meeting the basic human and animal needs. With the ever increasing growth in human and animal population, the demand on soil for more food and fodder production is on the increase. The area available for agriculture is about 51 per cent of the total geographical area and more than 60 per cent of the people are still dependant on agriculture for their livelihood. However, the capacity of a soil to produce is limited and the limits to the production are set by its intrinsic characteristics, agroclimatic setting, and, use and management. There is, therefore, tremendous pressure on land and water resources, which is causing decline in soil-health and stagnation in productivity. The soils have been degrading at an estimated rate of one million hectares per year and ground water levels have been receding at an alarming rate resulting in decline in the ground water resource. Further, land degradation has emerged as a serious problem which has already affected about 38 lakh ha of cultivated area in the State. Soil erosion alone has degraded about 35 lakh ha. Almost all the uncultivated areas are facing various degrees of degradation, particularly soil erosion; salinity and alkalinity has emerged as a major problem (>3.5 lakh ha) in the irrigated areas of the State. Nutrient depletion and declining factor productivity is common in both rainfed and irrigated areas. The degradation is continuing at an alarming rate and there appears to be no systematic effort among the stakeholders to contain this process. In recent times, an aberration of weather due to climate change phenomenon has added another dimension leading to unpredictable situation to be tackled by the farmers.

In this critical juncture, the challenge before us is not only to increase the productivity per unit area which is steadily declining and showing a fatigue syndrome, but also to prevent or at least reduce the severity of degradation. If the situation is not reversed at the earliest, then the sustainability of the already fragile crop production system and the overall ecosystem will be badly affected in the state. Added to this, every year there is a significant diversion of farm land and water resources for non-agricultural purposes. Thus, developing strategies to slow down the degradation process or reclaim the soils to normal condition and ensure sustainability of production system are the major issues today. This demands a systematic appraisal of our soil and land resources with respect to their extent, geographic distribution, characteristics, behaviour and use potential, which is very important for developing an effective land use and cropping systems for augmenting agricultural production on a sustainable basis.

The soil and land resource inventories made so far in Karnataka had limited utility because the surveys were of different types, scales and intensities carried out at different times with specific objectives. Hence, there is an urgent need to generate detailed site-

specific farm level database on various land resources for all the villages/watersheds in a time bound manner that would help to protect the valuable soil and land resources and also to stabilize the farm production. Therefore, the land resource inventory required for farm level planning is the one which investigates all the parameters which are critical for productivity *viz.*, soils, site characteristics like slope, erosion, gravelliness and stoniness, climate, water, topography, geology, hydrology, vegetation, crops, land use pattern, animal population, socio-economic conditions, infrastructure, marketing facilities and various schemes and developmental works of the government etc. From the data collected at farm level, the specific problems and potentials of the area can be identified and highlighted, conservation measures required for the area can be planned on a scientific footing, suitability of the area for various uses can be worked out and finally viable and sustainable land use options suitable for each and every land holding can be prescribed.

The Land Resource Inventory is basically done for identifying potential and problem areas, developing sustainable land use plans, estimation of surface run off and water harvesting potential, preparation of soil and water conservation plans, land degradation/desertification etc. The Bureau is presently engaged in developing an LRI methodology using high resolution satellite remote sensing data and Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data to prepare Landscape Ecological Units (LEU) map representing agro-ecosystem as a whole. The LEU is preferred over landform as the base map for LRI. LEU is the assemblage of landform, slope and land use. An attempt has already been made to upscale the soil resource information from 1:250000 and 1:50000 scale to the LEU map in Goa and in some other states. Here, an attempt will be made later to uplink the LRI data generated under Sujala-III Project to the Landscape Ecological Units (LEUs) map.

The land resource inventory aims to provide site specific database for Bhimnalli microwatershed in Gulbarga Taluk, Gulbarga District, Karnataka state for the Karnataka Watershed Development Department. The database was generated by using cadastral map of the village as a base along with high resolution IRS LISS IV and Cartosat-1 merged satellite imagery.

The study was organized and executed by the ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Regional Centre, Bangalore under Generation of Land Resource Inventory Data Base Component-1 of the Sujala-III Project funded by the World Bank.

Chapter 2

GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING

2.1 Location and Extent

The study area of Bhimnalli microwatershed (Kamlapur subwatershed) is located in the northern part of Karnataka in Gulbarga Taluk, Gulbarga District, Karnataka State (Fig.2.1). It comprises parts of Dhanura, Bachnal, Kurnur and Mormanchi villages. It lies between 17^0 36' and 17^0 38' north latitudes and between 77^0 0' and 77^0 2' east longitudes and covers an area of 643 ha. It is about 50 km from Gulbarga and is surrounded by Dhanura on the north, Bachnal on the west, Kurnur on the south and Mormanchi village on the eastern side.

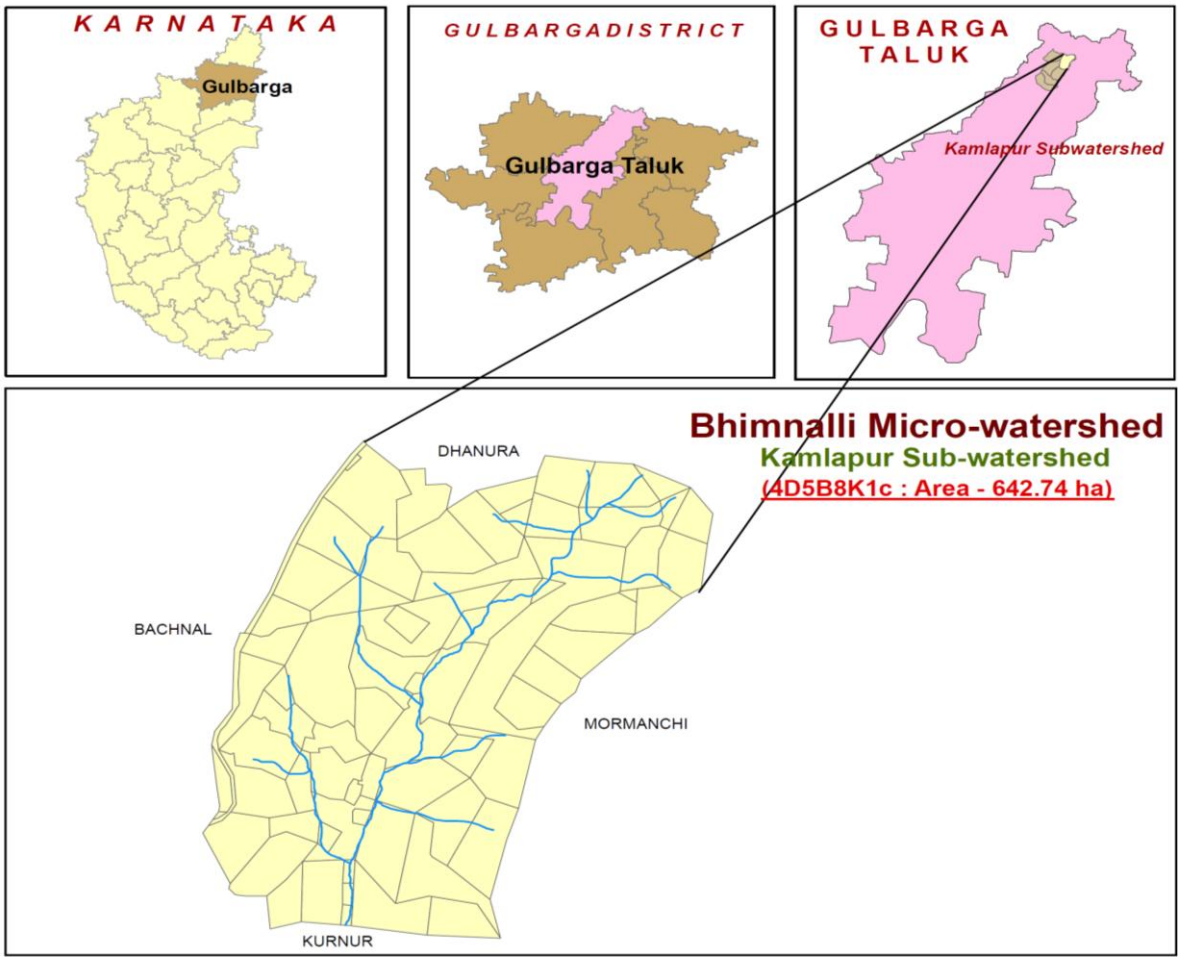


Fig.2.1 Location map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

2.2 Geology

Major rock formations observed in the microwatershed are Basalt (Fig.2.2) or Deccan Trap and Laterite. The Deccan Traps cover the whole of Bidar, parts of Gulbarga, Bijapur and Belgaum districts. In all, eight lava flows have been identified in Karnataka horizontally overlying the older formations. The thickness of the individual flows

averages about five meters. It is relatively uniform in petrographic character. The most common type is augite basalt. Dominant colour is grayish green and texture ranges from cryptocrystalline to glassy. The rock is often vesicular and scoriaceous filled up with secondary minerals like coloured agate, quartz, calcite and a large variety of zeolites. The Deccan Traps form an excellent building material and also used as road-metal and railway ballast.

Fig. 2.2 Basalt rocks

2.3 Physiography

Physiographically, the area has been identified as basalt and laterite landscapes based on geology. The area has been further subdivided into four landforms, viz; mounds/ridges, summits, side slopes and very gently sloping uplands based on slope and its relief features. The elevation ranges from 537 to 622 m. The mounds and ridges are mostly covered by rock outcrops.

2.4 Drainage

The area is drained by several small parallel streams that join Monia nala which further down stream joins Awarja river along its course. Though, it is not a perennial one, during rainy season it carries large quantities of rain water. The microwatershed has only few small tanks which are not capable of storing the water that flows during the rainy season. Due to this, the ground water recharge is very much affected. This is reflected in the failure of many bore wells in the villages. If the available rain water is properly harnessed by constructing new tanks and recharge structures at appropriate places in the villages, then the drinking and irrigation needs of the area can be easily met. The drainage network is parallel to sub parallel and dendritic.

2.5 Climate

The Gulbarga district lies in the northern plains of Karnataka and falls under semiarid tract of the state and is categorized as drought- prone with average annual rainfall of 740 mm (Table 2.1). Of the total rainfall, maximum of 540 mm is received during the south–west monsoon period from June to September, the north-east monsoon from October to early December contributes about 126 mm, and the remaining 74 mm during the rest of the year. December is the coldest month with mean daily maximum and minimum temperatures being 29.5^{0}C and 15^0 to 10^{0}C respectively. During peak summer, temperatures shoot up to 45^{0}C. Relative humidity varies from 26 per cent in summer to 62 per cent in winter. Rainfall distribution is shown in Figure 2.3. The average Potential Evapo-Transpiration (PET) is 159 mm and varies from a low of 115 mm in December to 232 mm high in the month of May. The PET is always higher than precipitation in all the months except August and September. Generally, the Length of crop Growing Period (LGP) is 120-150 days and starts from 3rd week of May to first week of October.

Table 2.1 Mean Monthly Rainfall, PET, 1/2 PET at Gulbarga Taluk

Sl. No.	Months	Rainfall	PET	1/2 PET
1	January	5.7	126.8	63.40
2	February	3.6	143.9	71.95
3	March	13.2	189.9	94.95
4	April	17.4	209.8	104.9
5	May	33.6	232.2	116.1
6	June	90.4	186.4	93.2
7	July	138.0	152.8	76.4
8	August	150.4	147.6	73.8
9	September	161.2	131.7	65.85
10	October	102.8	145.5	72.75
11	November	18.7	129.8	64.9
12	December	4.4	114.8	57.4
Total		**739.4**	**159.2**	

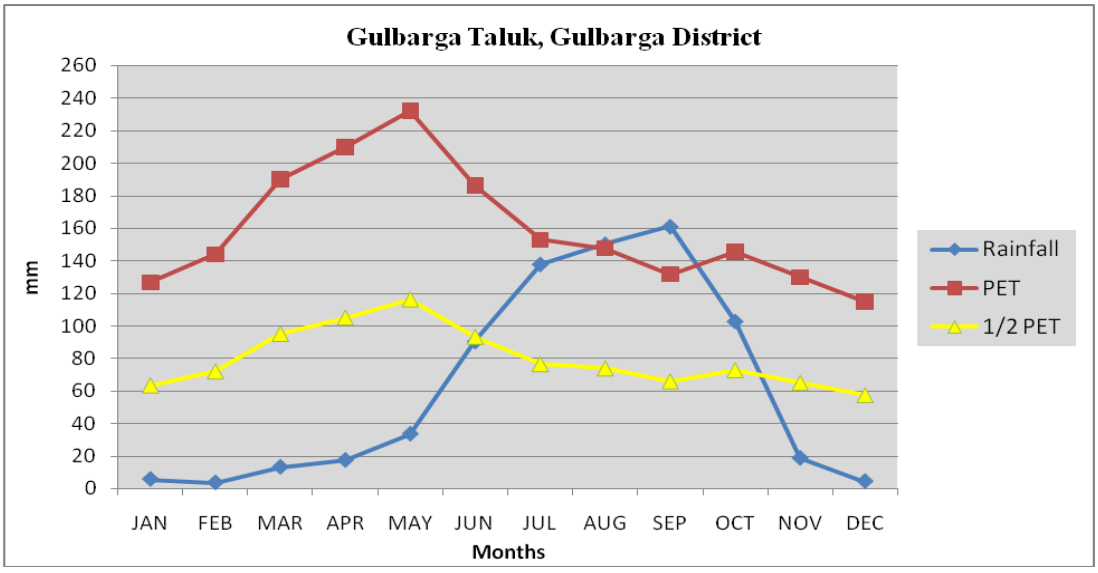


Fig 2.3 Rainfall distribution in Gulbarga Taluk

2.6 Natural Vegetation

The natural vegetation is sparse comprising few tree species, shrubs and herbs. The mounds, ridges and boulders occupy very sizeable area which is under thin to moderately thick forest vegetation. Still, there are some remnants of the past forest cover which can be seen in patches in some ridges and hillocks in the microwatershed (Fig. 2.4).

Apart from the continuing deforestation, the presence of large population of goats, sheep and other cattle in the microwatershed is causing vegetative degradation of whatever little vegetation left in the area. The uncontrolled grazing has left no time for the regeneration of the vegetative cover. This leads to the accelerated rate of erosion on the hill slopes resulting in the formation of deep gullies in the foot slopes that eventually result in the heavy siltation of tanks and reservoirs in the microwatershed.

Fig. 2.4 Natural Vegetation (Scrub) of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

2.7 Land Utilization

About 77 per cent area (Table 2.2) in Gulbarga taluk is cultivated at present. An area of about 2 per cent is permanently under pasture, 11 per cent under current fallows, 5 per cent under nonagricultural land and 2 per cent under currently barren. Forests occupy an area of about 2 per cent and the tree cover is in a very poor state. Most of the mounds, ridges and bouldery areas have very poor vegetative cover. Major crops grown in the area are sorghum, maize, cotton, sugarcane, red gram and sapota. While carrying out land resource inventory, the land use/land cover particulars are collected from all the survey numbers and a current land use map of the microwatershed is prepared. The current land use map prepared shows the arable and non-arable lands, other land uses and different types of crops grown in the area. The current land use map of Bhimnalli microwatershed is presented in Fig.2.6. Simultaneously, enumeration of wells (bore wells and open wells) and existing conservation structures in the microwatershed was made and their location in

different survey numbers is located on the cadastral map. Map showing the location of wells, soil conservation structures and other water bodies in the Bhimnalli microwatershed is given in Fig.2.5.

Table 2.2 Land Utilization in Gulbarga Taluk

Sl. No.	Agricultural land use	Area (ha)	Per cent
1	Total geographical area	173165	-
2	Total cultivated area	132954	76.77
3	Area sown more than once	2510	-
4	Cropping intensity	-	101.89
5	Trees and grooves	67	0.038
6	Forest	4121	2.37
7	Cultivable wasteland	78	0.045
8	Permanent Pasture land	4322	2.49
9	Barren land	4223	2.43
10	Non- Agriculture land	8150	4.70
11	Current Fallow land	18760	10.8

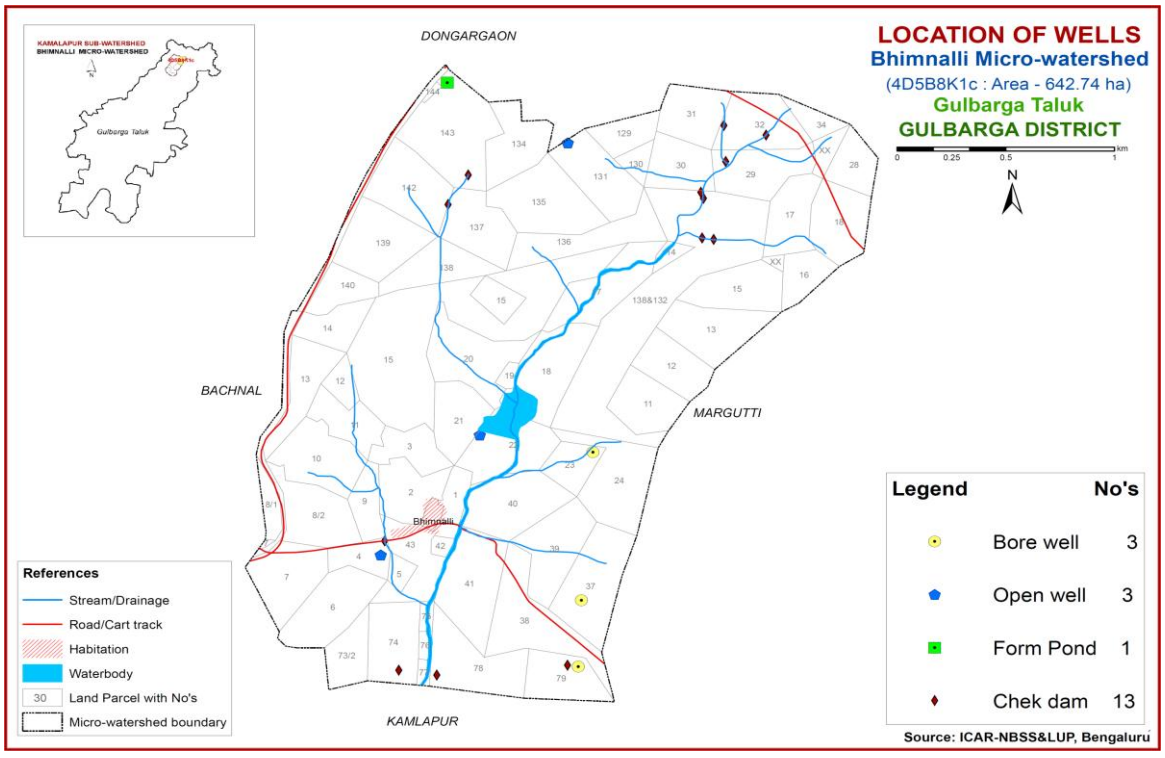


Fig.2.5 Location of Wells in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

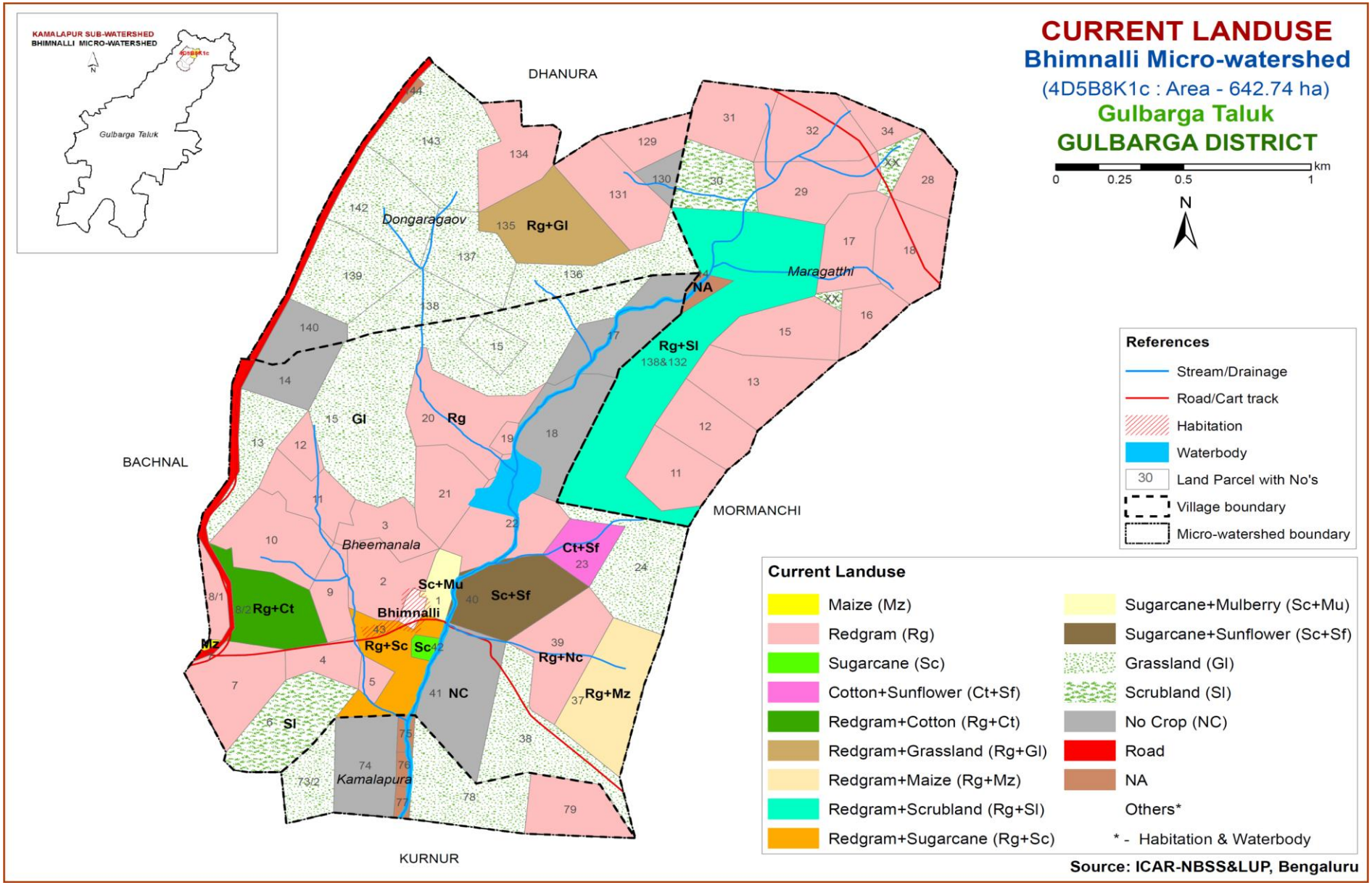


Fig.2.6 Current Land Use map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Chapter 3

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The purpose of land resource inventory is to delineate similar areas (soil series and phases), which respond or expected to respond similarly to a given level of management. This was achieved in Bhimnalli microwatershed by the detailed study of all the soil characteristics (depth, texture, colour, structure, consistence, coarse fragments, porosity, soil reaction, soil horizons etc.) and site (slope of the land, erosion, drainage, occurrence of rock fragments etc.) followed by grouping of similar areas based on soil-site characteristics into homogeneous (management units) units and showing their area extent and geographic distribution on the microwatershed cadastral map. The detailed survey at 1:7920 scale was carried out in 643 ha area. The methodology followed for carrying out land resource inventory was as per the guidelines given in Soil Survey Manual (IARI, 1971; Soil Survey Staff, 2006; Natarajan *et al.*, 2015) which is briefly described below.

3.1 Base Maps

The detailed survey of the land resources occurring in the microwatershed was carried out by using digitized cadastral map as a base. The cadastral map shows field boundaries with their survey numbers, location of tanks, streams and other permanent features of the area (Fig. 3.1). Apart from the cadastral map, remote sensing data products from Cartosat-1 and LISS-IV merged at the scale of 1:7920 were used in conjunction with the cadastral map to identify the rock types, the landscapes, landforms and other surface features. The imagery helped in the identification and delineation of boundaries between hills, uplands and lowlands, water bodies, forest and vegetated areas, roads, habitations and other cultural features of the area (Fig. 3.2). The cadastral map was overlaid on the satellite imagery (Fig.3.3) that helps to identify the parcel boundaries and other permanent features. Apart from cadastral maps and images, toposheets of the area (1:50,000 scale) were used for initial traversing, identification of geology and landforms, drainage features, present land use and also for selection of transects in the microwatershed.

3.2 Image Interpretation for Physiography

False Colour Composites (FCCs) of Cartosat-I and LISS-IV merged satellite data covering microwatershed area was visually interpreted using image interpretation elements and all the available collateral data with local knowledge. The delineated physiographic boundaries were transferred on to a cadastral map overlaid on satellite imagery. Physiographically, the area has been identified as basalt and lateritic landscapes. It was divided into three landforms, *viz;* ridges and mounds, uplands and lowlands based

on slopes and image characteristics. They were further subdivided into physiographic/image interpretation units based on image characteristics.

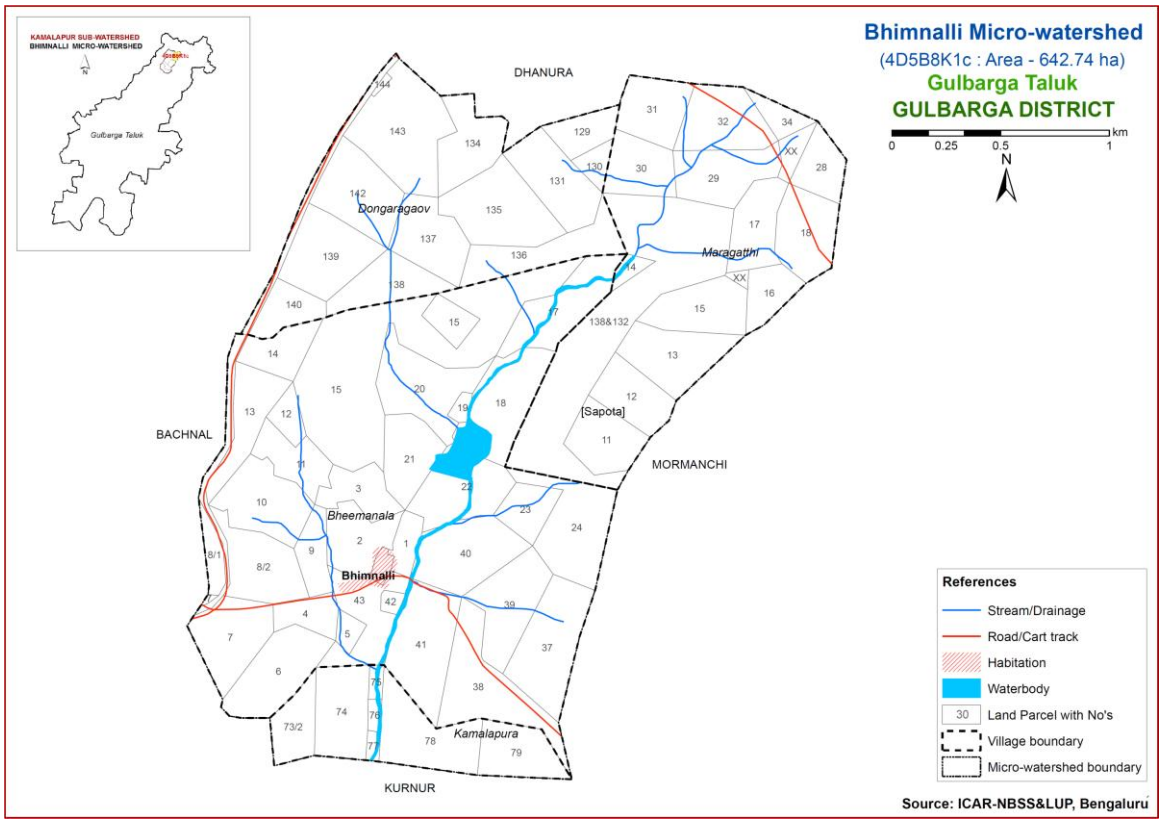


Fig 3.1 Scanned and Digitized Cadastral map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

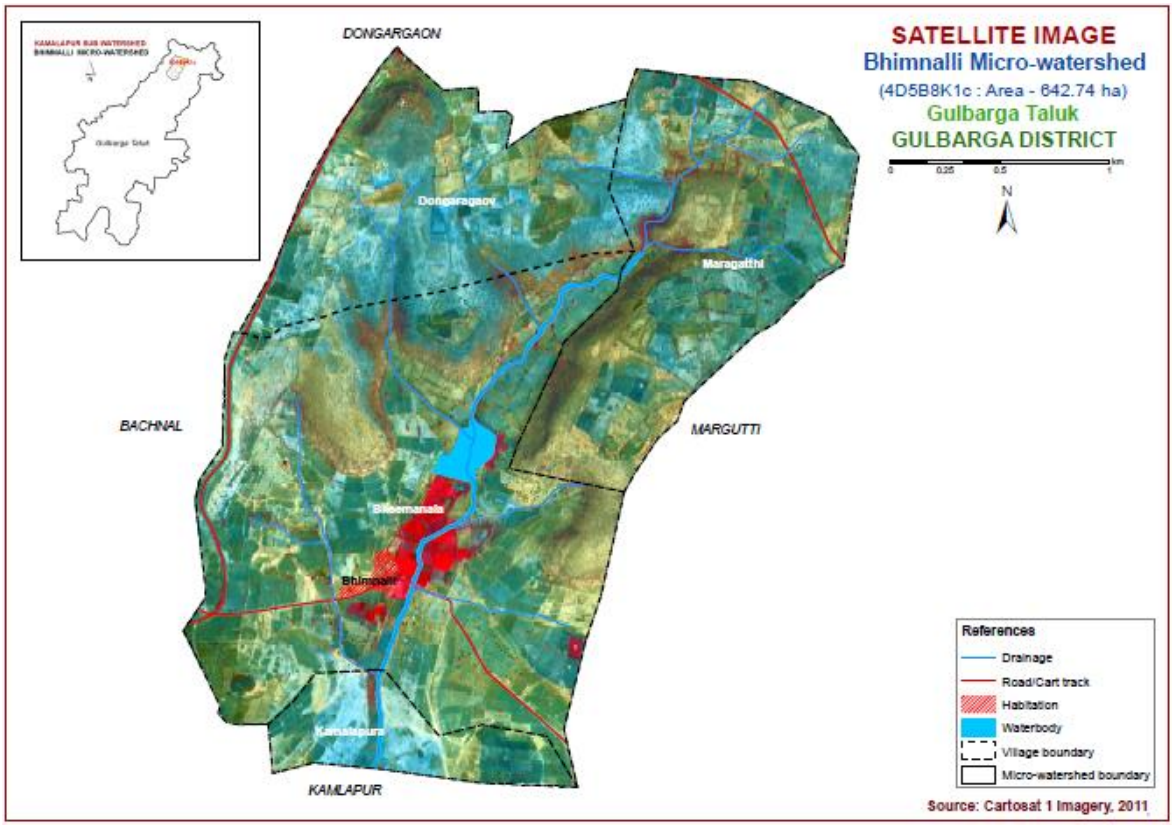


Fig.3.2 Satellite Image of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

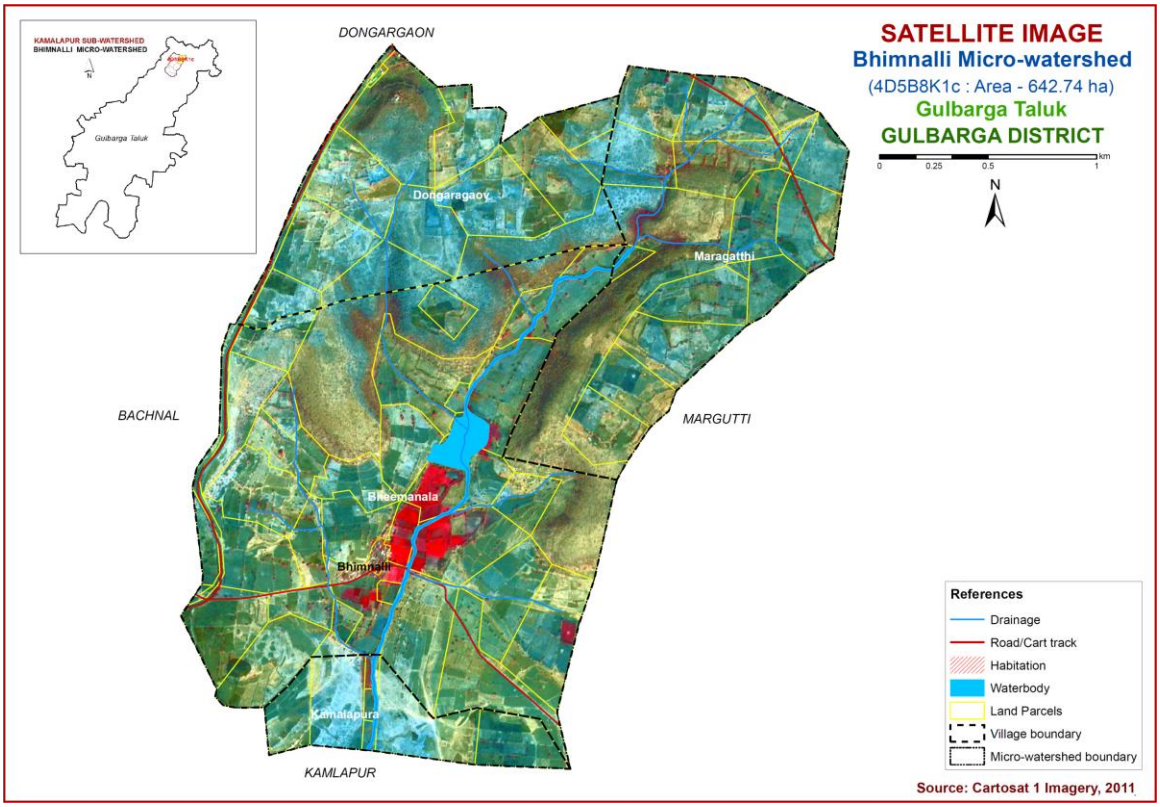


Fig.3.3 Cadastral map overlaid on IRS PAN+LISS IV merged imagery of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

3.3 Field Investigation

Preliminary traverse of the microwatershed was carried out with the help of cadastral map, imagery and toposheets. While traversing, landforms and physiographic units identified were checked and preliminary soil legend was prepared by studying soils at a few selected places. The field boundaries and survey numbers given on the cadastral sheet were located on the ground by following permanent features like roads, cart tracks, nallas, streams, tanks etc., and wherever changes were noticed, they were incorporated on the microwatershed cadastral map. Then, intensive traversing of each physiographic unit like hills, ridges and uplands was carried out. Based on the variability observed on the surface, transects were selected across the slope covering all the landform units in the microwatershed (Natarajan and Dipak Sarkar, 2010).

In the selected transect, soil profiles were located at closely spaced intervals to take care of any change in the land features like break in slope, erosion, gravel, stones etc. In the selected sites, soil profiles (vertical cut showing the soil layers from surface to the rock) were opened up to 200 cm or to the depth limited by rock or hard substratum and studied in detail for all their morphological and physical characteristics. The soil and site characteristics were recorded for all profile sites on a standard proforma as per the guidelines given in USDA Soil Survey Manual (Soil Survey Staff, 2012). Apart from the

transect study, profiles were also studied at random, almost like in a grid pattern, outside the transect areas.

Based on the soil-site characteristics, the soils were grouped into different soil series (soil series is the most homogeneous unit having similar horizons and properties and behaves similarly for a given level of management). Soil depth, texture, colour, kind of horizon and horizon sequence, amount and nature of gravel present, nature of substratum, calcareousness etc, were used as the major differentiating characteristics for identifying soil series occurring in the area. The differentiating characteristics used for identifying soil series are given in Table 3.1. Based on the above characteristics, 11 soil series were identified in the Bhimnalli microwatershed, of which 9 soil series are developed on basalt and 2 on laterite.

Table 3.1 Differentiating Characteristics used for Identifying Soil Series (Characteristics are of Series Control Section)

SOILS OF BASALT LANDSCAPE							
Sl. No.	**Soil Series**	**Depth (cm)**	**Colour (moist)**	**Texture**	**Gravel (%)**	**Horizon sequence**	**Calcar-eousness**
1	Dinsi (DSI)	50-75	10YR3/2,3/3,4/3 3/2	c	<15	Ap-BA-Bss	-
2	Hobli (HBL)	50-75	10YR3/2,3/3,4/3,4/4 7.5YR3/4,4/3	c	35-60	Ap-BA-Bss-cr	-
3	Kalamundargi (KGI)	25-50	10YR 4/3,4/2 7.5YR3/3,3/4,4/3	c	35-60	Ap-Bt-cr	-
4	Kamalapur (KMP)	75-100	10YR3/2,3/1	c	<15	Ap-BA-Bss-cr	-
5	Mahagaon (MAN)	>150	10YR3/2,3/1	c	<15	Ap-BA-Bss	-
6	Margutti (MGT)	<25	10YR3/3,4/3,5/ 7.5YR4/3	c	15-35	Ap- cr	-
7	Novinihala (NHA)	25-50	10YR3/2,3/1,4/2 7.5YR3/4	c	<15	Ap-Bw-cr/R	-
8	Ramnelli (RMN)	75-100	10YR3/1,3/2,4/2,4/ 3	c	35-60	Ap-Bw-Bss	-
9	Rajanala (RNL)	100-150	10YR3/2,3/1,4/2, 4/3	c	<15	Ap-BA-Bss-cr	-
SOILS OF LATERITE LANDSCAPE							
10	Dongargaon (GNG)	100-150	2.5YR4/6, 5YR4/4	c-sc	35-60	Ap-Bt-cr	-
11	Kurkotai (KTI)	75-100	2.5YR4/6 5YR4/4	c-sc	35-60	Ap-Bt-cr	-

3.4 Laboratory Characterization

Soil samples were collected from representative master profiles for laboratory characterization by following the methods outlined in the Laboratory Manual (Sarma *et al*, 1987). Surface soil samples collected in the year 2014 from farmer's fields (83 samples) for fertility status (major and micronutrients) at 250 m grid interval were analyzed in the laboratory. (Katyal and Rattan, 2003) By linking the soil fertility data to the survey numbers through GIS using kriging method, soil fertility maps for 11 elements including pH and EC were generated for the microwatershed.

3.5 Finalization of Soil Maps

The area under each soil series was further separated and mapped as soil phases and their boundaries delineated on the cadastral map based on the variations observed in the texture of the surface soil, slope, erosion, presence of gravel, stoniness etc. A soil phase is a subdivision of soil series based mostly on surface features that affect its use and management.

The soil mapping units are shown on the map (Fig.3.4) in the form of symbols. During the survey about 32 profile pits, few minipits and a few auger bores representing different landforms occurring in the microwatershed were studied. In addition to the profile study, spot observations in the form of minipits, road cuts, terrace cuts etc., were studied to validate the soil boundaries on the soil map. The soil map shows the geographic distribution of 34 mapping units representing 11 soil series occurring in the microwatershed. The soil map unit (soil legend) description is presented in Table 3.2.

The soil phase map (management units) shows the distribution of 34 phases identified and mapped in the microwatershed. Each mapping unit (soil phase) delineated on the map has similar soil and site characteristics. In other words, all the farms or survey numbers included in one phase will have similar management needs and have to be treated accordingly.

The 34 soil phases identified and mapped in the microwatershed were regrouped into 7 Land Use Classes (LUC's) for the purpose of preparing a proposed crop plan for sustained development of the microwatershed. The database (soil phases) generated under LRI was utilized for identifying Land Use Classes (LUCs) based on the management needs. One or more than one soil site characteristic having influence on the management have been choosen for identification and delineation of LUCs. For Bhimnalli microwatershed, five soil and site characteristics, namely soil depth, soil texture, slope, erosion and gravel content have been considered for defining LUCs. The land use classes are expected to behave similarly for a given level of management.

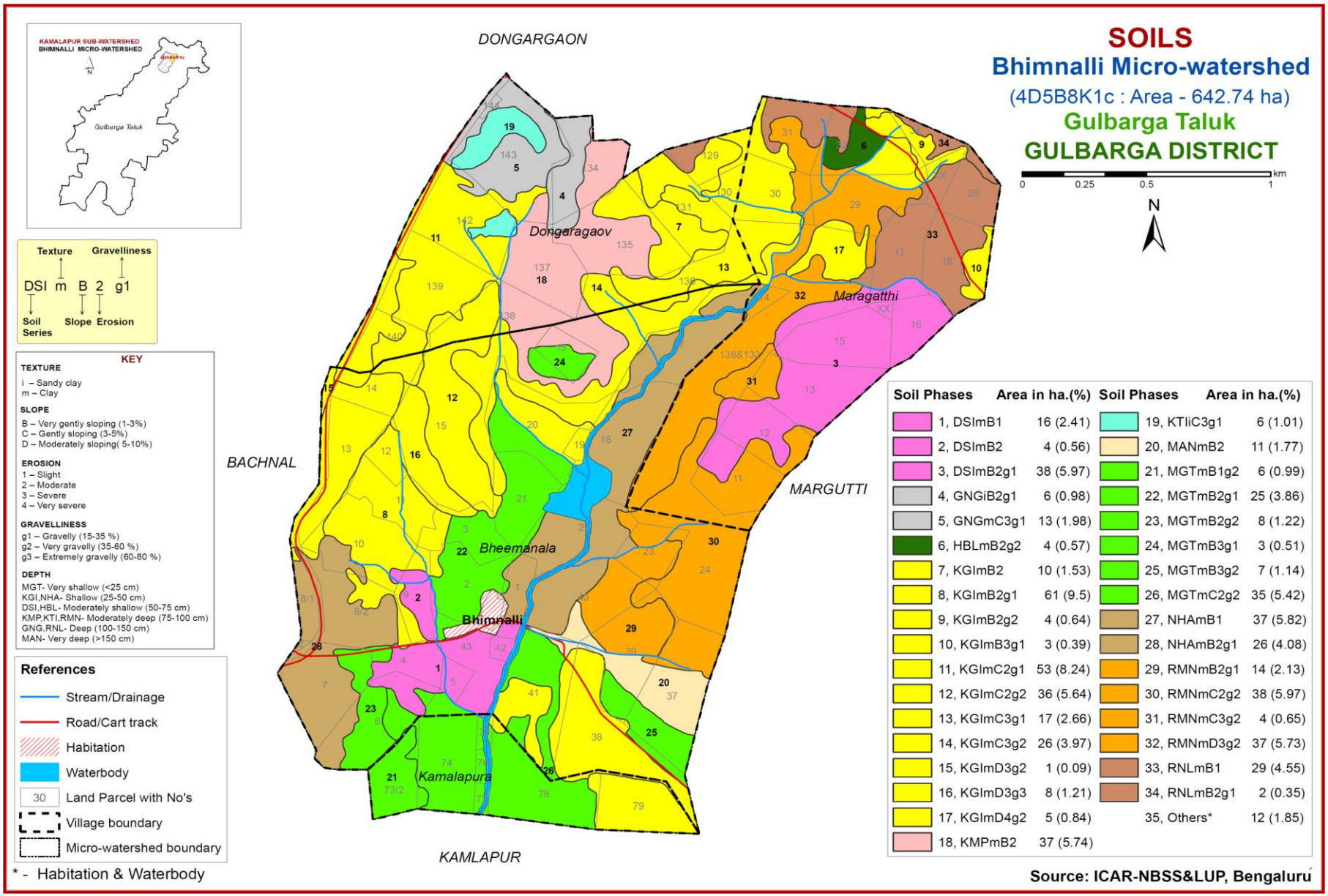


Fig 3.4 Soil phase or management units map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Table 3.2 Soil Map Unit Description of Bhimnalli Microwatwrshed

Sl. No.	Soil Series	Soil Phases	Mapping Unit description	Area in ha (%)
SOILS OF BASALT LANDSCAPE				
	DSI	Dinsi soils are moderately shallow (50-75 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark gray to brown clay soils occurring on very gently sloping uplands		**57.5 (8.94)**
1		DSImB1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, slightly eroded	15.50 (2.41)
2		DSImB2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded	3.61 (0.56)
3		DSImB2g1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-35 %).	38.39 (5.97)
	HBL	Hobli soils are moderately shallow (50-75 cm), well drained, have very dark brown to dark brown clay soils occuring on very gently sloping uplands.		**3.65 (0.57)**
4		HBLmB2g2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	3.65 (0.57)
	KGI	Kalamundargi soils are shallow (25-50 cm), well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark brown gravelly clay soils occuring on very gently sloping to moderately sloping uplands.		**223.2 (34.7)**
5		KGImB2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded,	9.82 (1.53)
6		KGImB2g1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	61.07 (9.50)
7		KGImB2g2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	4.13 (0.64)
8		KGImB3g1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, severely eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	2.52 (0.39)
9		KGImC2g1	Clay surface, 3-5% slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	52.96 (8.24)
10		KGImC2g2	Clay surface, 3-5% slope, moderately eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	36.28 (5.64)
11		KGImC3g1	Clay surface, 3-5% slope, severely eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	17.08 (2.66)
12		KGImC3g2	Clay surface, 3-5% slope, severely eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	25.55 (3.97)
13		KGImD3g2	Clay surface, 5-10% slope, severely eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	0.61 (0.09)

14		KGImD3g3	Clay surface, 5-10% slope, severely eroded, extremely gravelly (60-80 %)	7.81 (1.21)
15		KGImD4g2	Clay surface, 5-10% slope, very severely eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	5.41 (0.84)
	KMP	Kamalapur soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark reddish clay soils occuring on very gently sloping uplands.		**36.89 (5.74)**
16		KMPmB2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded	36.89 (5.74)
	MAN	Mahagaon soils are very deep (>150 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark gray to very dark grayish brown clay soils occuring on very gently sloping uplands.		**11.41 (1.77)**
17		MANmB2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded	11.41 (1.77)
	MGT	Margutti soils are very shallow (<25cm), well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark brown clay soils occuring on very gently sloping to gently sloping uplands.		**84.4 (13.14)**
18		MGTmB1g2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, slightly eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	6.35 (0.99)
19		MGTmB2g1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	24.81 (3.86)
20		MGTmB2g2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	7.81 (1.22)
21		MGTmB3g1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, severely eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	3.28 (0.51)
22		MGTmB3g2	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, severely eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	7.30 (1.14)
23		MGTmC2g2	Clay surface, 3-5 % slope, moderately eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	34.85 (5.42)
	NHA	Novinihala soils are shallow (25-50 cm), well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark brown clay soils occuring on very gently sloping uplands.		**63.64 (9.9)**
24		NHAmB1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, slightly eroded	37.39 (5.82)
25		NHAmB2g1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	26.25 (4.08)
	RMN	Ramnalli soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), well drained, dark gray to very dark grayish brown clay soils occurring on very gently sloping to gently sloping uplands		**93.1 (14.48)**

26		RMNmB2g1	Clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	13.71 (2.13)
27		RMNmC2g2	Clay surface, 3-5% slope, moderately eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	38.38 (5.97)
28		RMNmC3g2	Clay surface, 3-5% slope, severely eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	4.20 (0.65)
29		RMNmD3g2	Clay surface, 5-10% slope, severely eroded, very gravelly (35-60 %)	36.80 (5.73)
	RNL	Rajanala soils are deep (100-150 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark gray to brown clay soils occurring on gently sloping uplands.		**31.5 (4.90)**
30		RNLmB1	Clay surface, 1-3 % slope, slightly eroded	29.26 (4.55)
31		RNLmB2g1	Clay surface, 1-3 % slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	2.23 (0.35)
SOILS OF LATERITE LANDSCAPE				
	GNG	Dongargaon soils are deep (100-150 cm), well drained, have red to reddish brown gravelly sandy clay soils occuring on very gently sloping to gently sloping uplands.		**19.05 (2.96)**
32		GNGiB2g1	Sandy clay surface, 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, gravelly (15-%)	6.31 (0.98)
33		GNGmC3g1	Clay surface, 3-5% slope, severely eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	12.74 (1.98)
	KTI	Kurkotai soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), well drained, have red to reddish brown gravelly sandy clay soils occuring on gently sloping uplands.		**6.49 (1.01)**
34		KTIiC3g1	Sandy clay surface, 3-5% slope, severely eroded, gravelly (15-35 %)	6.49 (1.01)

Chapter 4

THE SOILS

Detailed information pertaining to the nature, extent and distribution of different kinds of soils occurring in Bhimnalli microwatershed is provided in this chapter. The microwatershed area has been identified as basalt and laterite landscapes. In all, 11 soil series were identified in these landscapes. Soil formation is the result of the combined effect of environmental and terrain factors that are reflected in soil morphology. In the basalt and laterite landscapes, it is by parent material, relief and climate. A brief description of each of the 11 soil series identified followed by 34 soil phases (management units) mapped under each series are furnished below. The soils in any one map unit differ from place to place in their depth, texture, slope, gravelliness, erosion or any other site characteristics that affect management. The soil phase map can be used for identifying the suitability of areas for growing specific crops or for other alternative uses and also for deciding the type of conservation structures needed. The detailed information on soil and site-characteristics like soil depth, surface soil texture, slope, erosion, gravelliness, AWC, LCC etc, with respect to each of the soil phase identified is given village/survey number wise for the microwatershed in Appendix-I.

4.1 Soils of Basalt Landscape

In this landscape, 9 soil series are identified and mapped. Of these, Kalamundargi (KGI) soil series occupies maximum area of about 223 ha (35%) followed by Ramnelli (RMN) 93 ha (14%). The brief description of each series identified in the microwatershed area is given below.

4.1.1 Dinsi (DSI) Series: Dinsi soils are moderately shallow (50-75 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark gray to brown clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 51 to 74 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 9 to 24 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 and chroma 1 to 3. The texture is clay with 5 to 10 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 27 to 62 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 4. Its texture is clay with gravel content of less than 15 per cent. The available water capacity is medium (101-150 mm/m). Three phases were identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Dinsi (DSI) Series

4.1.2 Hobli (HBL) Series: Hobli soils are moderately shallow (50-75 cm), well drained, have very dark brown to dark brown clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 50 to 75 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 9 to 25 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 3 and 4 and chroma 2 to 4. The texture is dominantly clay. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 31 to 55 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 4. Its texture is clay with gravel content of 35-60 per cent. The available water capacity is low (51-100 mm/m). Only one phase was identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Hobli (HBI) Series

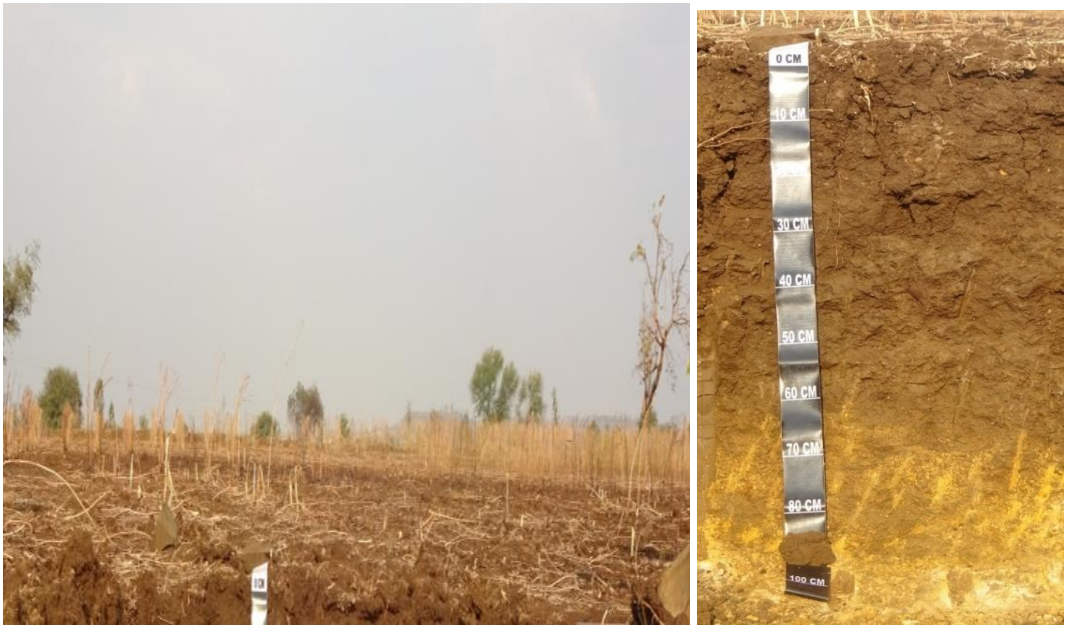
4.1.3 Kalamundargi (KGI) Series: Kalamundargi soils are shallow (25-50 cm), well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark brown gravelly clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping to moderately sloping uplands

The thickness of the solum ranges from 26 to 49 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 10 to 19 cm. Its colour is in 7.5 YR and 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 4. The texture is clay with 15 to 25 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 26 to 37 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 4. Its texture is clay with gravel content of 35 to 60 per cent. The available water capacity is very low (<50 mm/m). Eleven phases were identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Kalamundargi (KGI) Series

4.1.4 Kamalapur (KMP) Series: Kamalapur soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark reddish clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 75 to 98 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 10 to 30 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 1 to 4. The texture is clay with less than 10 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 45 to 84 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 1 to 4. Its texture is clay with gravel content of less than 15 per cent. The available water capacity is medium (101-150 mm/m). Only one phase was identified and mapped.



Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Kamalapur (KMP) Series

4.1.5 Mahagaon (MAN) Series: Mahagaon soils are very deep (>150 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark gray to very dark grayish brown clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum is >150 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 18 to 22 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 1 to 3. The texture is clay with less than 10 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 130 to 160 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 1 to 2. Its texture is clay with gravel content of less than 15 per cent. The available water capacity is very high (>200 mm/m). Only one phase was identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Mahagaon (MAN) Series

4.1.6 Margutti (MGT) Series: Margutti soils are very shallow (<25cm), well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark brown clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping to gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The total depth of the soil ranges from 10 to 21 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 10 to 24 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 3. The texture is clay with 15 to 35 per cent gravel. The available water capacity is very low (<50 mm/m). Six phases were identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Margutti (MGT) Series

4.1.7 Novanihala (NHA) Series: Novinihala soils are shallow (25-50 cm), well drained, have very dark grayish brown to dark brown clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 27 to 48 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 12 to 20 cm. Its colour is in 7.5 YR and 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 4. The texture is clay with 10 to 20 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 22 to 37 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 4. Its texture is clay with gravel content of 10 to15 per cent. The available water capacity is low (51-100 mm/m). Two phases were identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Novanihala (NHA) Series

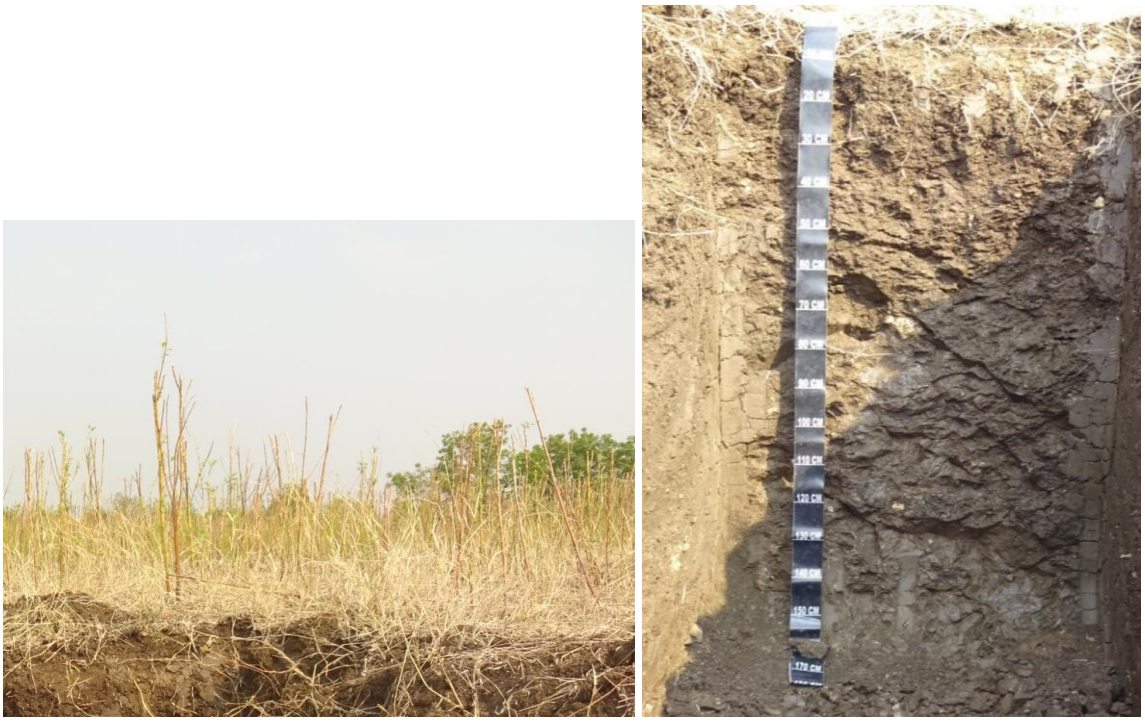
4.1.8 Ramnalli (RMN) Series: Ramnalli soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), well drained, dark gray to very dark grayish brown clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on very gently sloping to gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 76 to 100 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 12 to 27 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 1 to 4. The texture is clay with less than 10 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 60 to 78 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 2 to 3. Its texture is clay with gravel content is 35-60 per cent. The available water capacity is low (51-100 mm/m). Four phases were identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Ramnalli (RMN) Series

4.1.9 Rajanala (RNL) Series: Rajanala soils are deep (100-150 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark gray to brown clay soils. They have developed from basalt and occur on gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 108 to 150 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 14 to 23 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 1 to 2. The texture is clay with less than 10 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 85 to 130 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 3 to 4 and chroma 1 to 3. Its texture is clay with gravel content of less than 15 per cent. The available water capacity is very high (>200 mm/m). Two phases were identified and mapped.



Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Rajanala (RNL) Series

4.2 Soils of Laterite Landscape

In this landscape, only two soil series are identified and mapped. Out of two, Dongargaon (GNG) covers an area of about 19 ha (3%) and Kurkotai (KTI) covers about 6 ha (1%). Brief description of the series identified and mapped are given below.

4.2.1 Dongargaon (GNG) Series: Dongargaon soils are deep (100-150 cm), well drained, have red to reddish brown gravelly sandy clay soils. They have developed from weathered laterite and occur on very gently sloping to gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 101 to 140 cm. The thicknes of A horizon ranges from 20 to 36 cm. Its colour is in 5 YR hue with value 4 and chroma 3. The texture is sandy clay. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 85 to 130 cm. Its colour is in 5 YR and 2.5 YR hue with value 4 and chroma 4 to 6. Its texture is clay with gravel content of

35-60 per cent. The available water capacity is low (51-100 mm/m). Two phases were identified and mapped.

Landscape and Soil Profile Characteristics of Dongargaon (GNG) Series

4.2.2 Kurkotai (KTI) Series: Kurkotai soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), well drained, have red to reddish brown gravelly sandy clay soils. They have developed from weathered laterite and occur on very gently sloping to gently sloping uplands under cultivation.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 75 to 98 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 16 to 30 cm. Its colour is in 5 YR hue with value 4 and chroma 3. The texture is sandy clay. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 65 to 80 cm. Its colour is in 5 YR and 2.5YR hue with value 4 and chroma 4 to 6. Its texture is clay with gravel content of 35-60 per cent. The available water capacity is very low (<50 mm/m). Only one phase was identified and mapped.

Chapter 5

INTERPRETATION FOR LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The most important soil and site characteristics that affect the land use and conservation needs of an area are land capability, soil depth, soil texture, coarse fragments, available water capacity, soil slope, soil erosion, soil reaction etc. These are interpreted from the data base generated through land resource inventory and several thematic maps are generated. These would help in identifying the areas suitable for growing crops and, soil and water conservation measures and structures needed thus helping to maintain good soil health for sustained crop production. The various thematic maps generated are described below.

5.1 Land Capability Classification

Land capability classification is an interpretative grouping of soil map units (soil phases) mainly based on inherent soil characteristics, external land features and environmental factors that limit the use of land for agriculture, pasture, forestry, or other uses on a sustained basis (IARI, 1971). The land and soil characteristics used to group the land resources in an area into various land capability classes, subclasses and units are

Land characteristics: Slope, erosion, drainage, rock outcrops.

Climate: Total rainfall and its distribution, and length of crop growing period.

The Land capability classification system is divided into land capability classes, subclasses and units based on the level of information available. Eight land capability classes are recognized. They are

Class I: They are very good lands that have no limitations or very few limitations that restrict their use.

Class II: They are good lands that have minor limitations and require moderate conservation practices.

Class III: They are moderately good lands that have moderate limitations that reduce the choice of crops or that require special conservation practices.

Class IV: They are fairly good lands that have very severe limitations that reduce the choice of crops or that require very careful management.

Class V: Soils in these lands are not likely to erode, but have other limitations like wetness that are impractical to remove and as such not suitable for agriculture, but suitable for pasture or forestry with minor limitations.

Class VI: The lands have severe limitations that make them generally unsuitable for cultivation, but suitable for pasture or forestry with moderate limitations.

Class VII: The lands have very severe limitations that make them unsuitable for cultivation, but suitable for pasture or forestry with major limitations.

Class VIII: Soil and other miscellaneous areas (rock lands) that have very severe limitations that nearly preclude their use for any crop production, but suitable for wildlife, recreation and installation wind mills.

The land capability subclasses are recognised based on the dominant limitations observed within a given land capability class. The subclasses are designated by adding a lower case letter like 'e', 'w', 's', or 'c' to the class numeral. The subclass "e" indicates that the main hazard is risk of erosion, "w" indicates drainage or wetness as a limitation for plant growth, "s" indicates shallow soil depth, coarse or heavy textures, calcareousness, salinity/alkalinity or gravelliness and "c" indicates limitation due to climate.

The land capability subclasses have been further subdivided into land capability units based on the kinds of limitations present in each subclass. Ten land capability units are used in grouping the soil map units. They are stony or rocky (0), erosion hazard (slope, erosion) (1), coarse texture (sand, loamy sand, sandy loam) (2), fine texture (cracking clay, silty clay) (3), slowly permeable subsoil (4), coarse underlying material (5), salinity/alkali (6), stagnation, overflow, high ground water table (7), soil depth (8) and fertility problems (9). The capability units thus identified have similar soil and land characteristics that respond similarly to a given level of management. The soils of the microwatershed have been classified upto land capability subclass level.

The 34 soil map units identified in the Bhimnalli microwatershed are grouped under 4 land capability classes and 8 land capability subclasses. About 97 per cent area in the microwatershed is suitable for agriculture (Fig. 5.1) and 3 per cent is not suitable for agriculture.

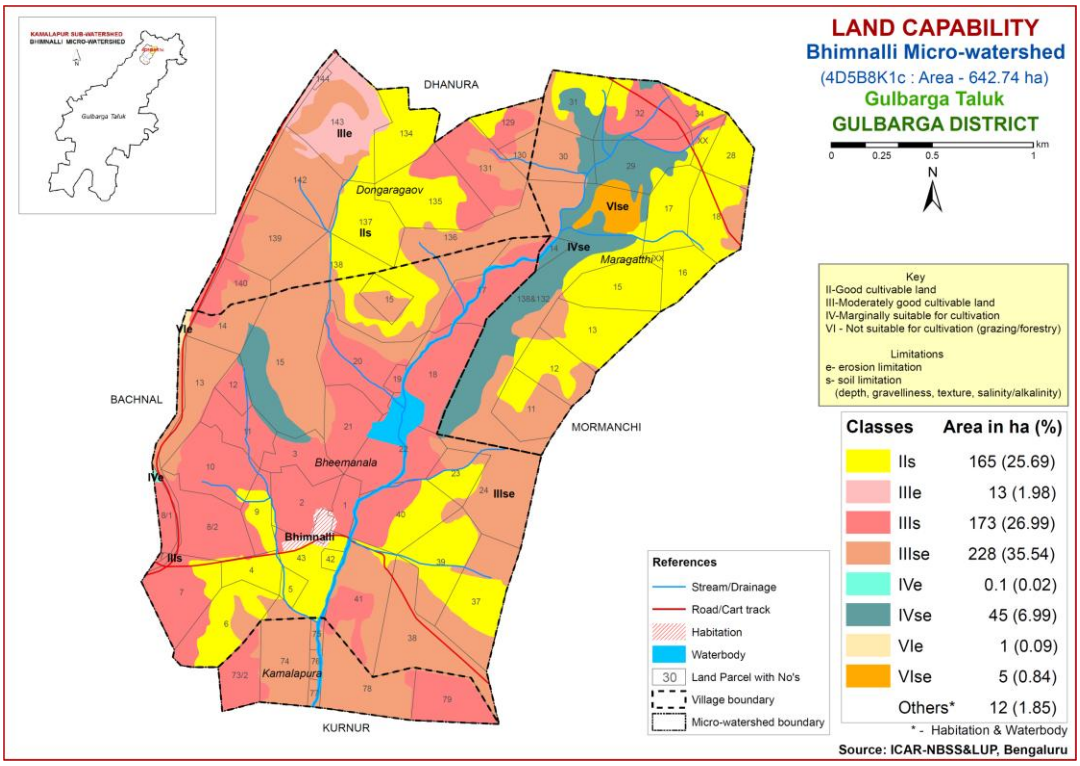


Fig. 5.1 Land Capability map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Good cultivable lands (Class II) cover about 26 per cent area and are distributed in the northern, southern, central and northeastern part of the micowatershed with minor problems of soil. Moderately good cultivable lands (Class III) cover major area of about 64 per cent and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed with moderate problems of erosion and soil. The fairly good cultivable lands (Class IV) cover about 7 per cent area. They have severe limitations of erosion and soil and are distributed in the northern and central part of the microwatershed. The class VI lands cover about 1 per cent and are distributed in the northern part of the microwatershed. They are well suited for pasture, foresty, wild life and recreation. They have severe limitations of erosion and soil.

5.2 Soil Depth

Soil depth refers to the depth of the soil occurring above the parent material or hard rock. The depth of the soil determines the effective rooting depth for plants and in accordance with soil texture, mineralogy and gravel content, the capacity of the soil column to hold water and nutrient availability. Soil depth is one of the most important soil characteristic that is used in differentiating soils into different soil series. The soil depth classes used in identifying soils in the field are very shallow (<25 cm), shallow (25-50 cm), moderately shallow (50-75 cm), moderately deep (75-100 cm), deep (100-150 cm) and very deep (>150 cm). They were used to classify the soils into different depth classes and a soil depth map was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution in the microwatershed is shown in Figure 5.2.

Moderately deep (75-100 cm) soils occupy an area of about 136 ha (21%) and are distributed in the northeastern, eastern and northern part of the microwatershed. Deep soils (100-150 cm) occur in about 51 ha (8%) and are distributed in the northern and northeastern part of the microwatershed and very deep soils (>150 cm) occur in very small area of about 11 ha (2%) and are distributed in the southeastern part of the microwatershed. Maximum area of about 287 ha (45%) is shallow soils (25-50 cm) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. Very shallow soils (<25 cm) occupy an area of about 84 ha (13%) and are distributed in the southern and central part of the microwatershed. Moderately shallow soils (50-75 cm) occupy an area of about 61 ha (9%) and are distributed in the central and eastern part of the microwatershed.

The most productive lands of about 62 ha (10%) with respect to soil rooting depth where all climatically adapted annual and perennial crops can be grown are deep (100-150 cm) to very deep soils (>150 cm) occurring in the northern, northwestern and southeastern part of the microwatershed.

The most problem lands with an area of about 371 ha (58%) having very shallow (<25 cm) and shallow (25-50 cm) rooting depth occur in all parts of the microwatershed. They are not suitable for growing agricultural crops but well suited for pasture, forestry or other recreational purposes. Occasionally, short duration crops may be grown if rainfall is normal.

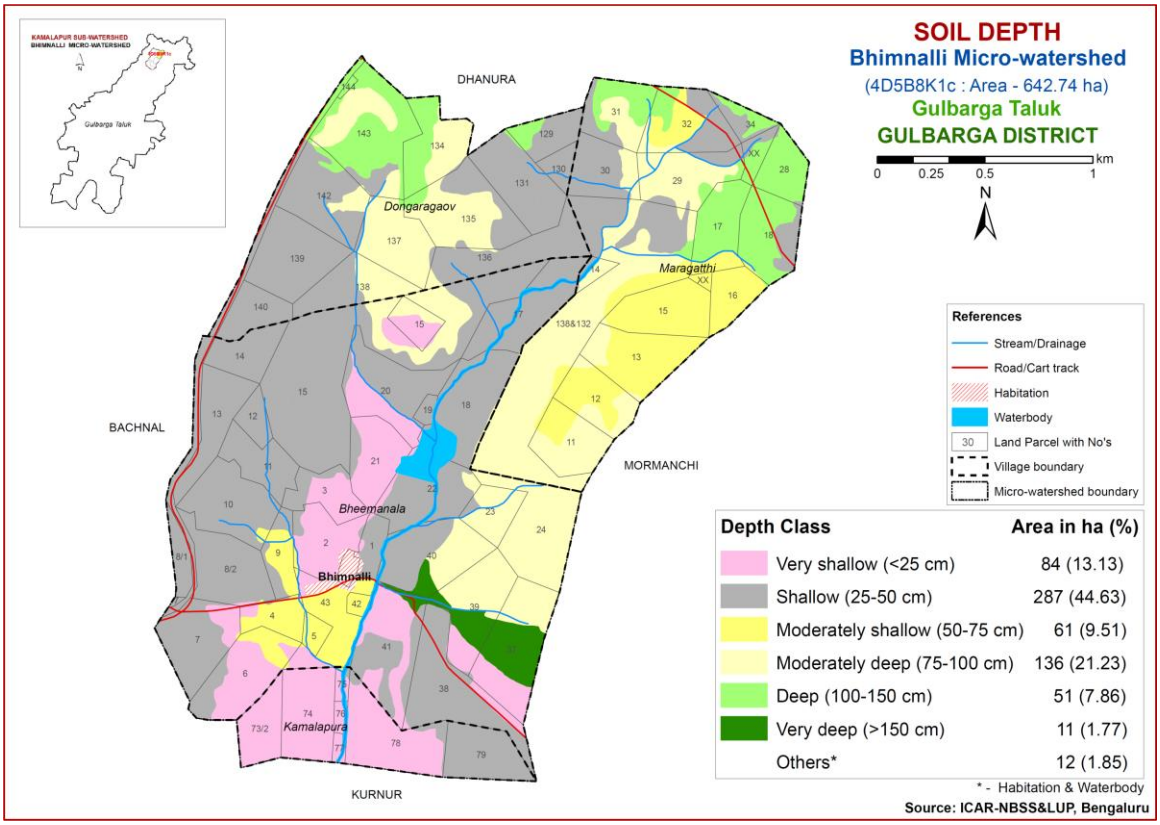


Fig. 5.2 Soil Depth map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

5.3 Surface Soil Texture

Texture is an expression to indicate the coarseness or fineness of the soil as determined by the relative proportion of primary particles of sand, silt and clay. It has a direct bearing on the structure, porosity, adhesion and consistence. The surface layer of a soil to a depth of about 25 cm is the layer that is most used by crops and plants. The surface soil textural class provides a guide to understanding soil-water retention and availability, nutrient holding capacity, infiltration, workability, drainage, physical and chemical behaviour, microbial activity and crop suitability. The textural classes used for LRI were used to classify and a surface soil texture map was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution in the microwatershed is shown in Figure 5.3.

The entire area of about 631 ha (98%) has soils that are clayey in surface soil texture. The most productive lands (98%) with respect to surface soil texture are the clayey soils (Fig. 5.3) that have high potential for soil-water retention and availability, and nutrient retention and availability, but have more problems of drainage, infiltration, workability and other physical problems.

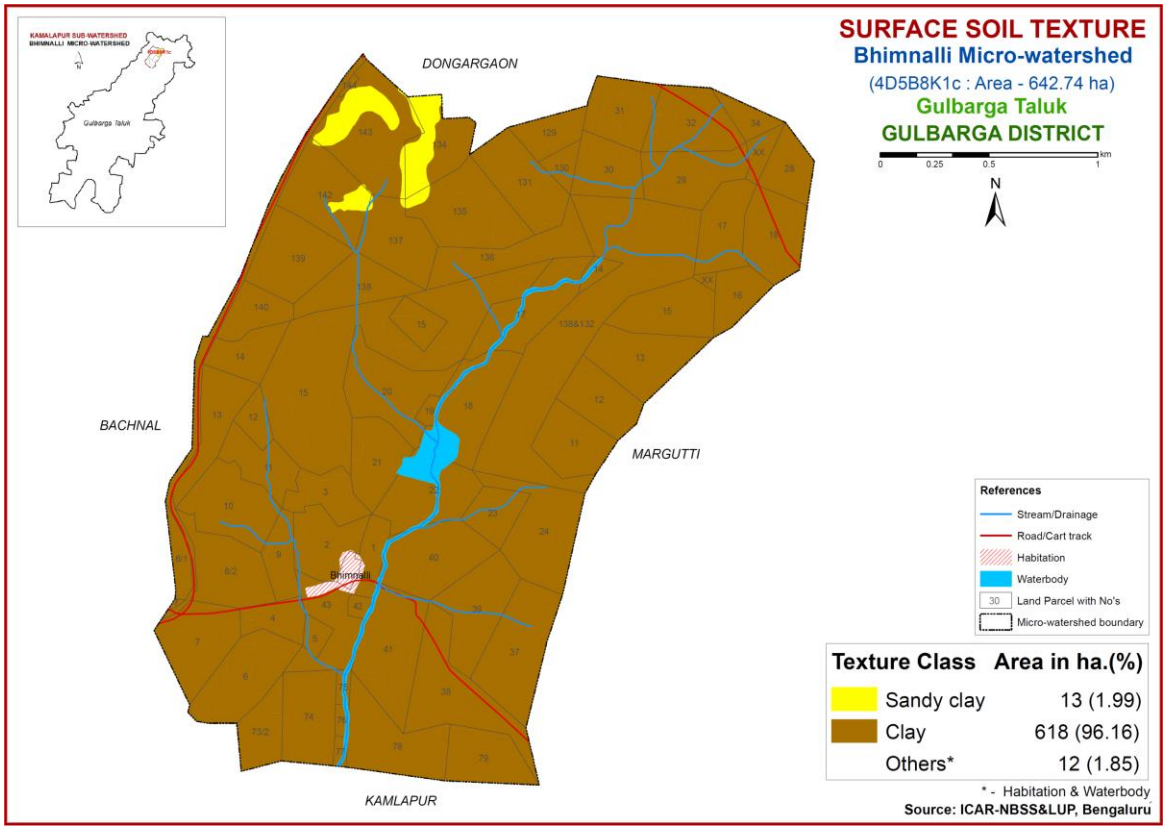


Fig. 5.3 Surface Soil Texture map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

5.4 Soil Gravelliness

Gravel is the term used for describing coarse fragments between 2 mm and 7.5 cm diameter and stones for those between 7.5 cm and 25 cm. The presence of gravel and stones in soil reduces the volume of soil responsible for moisture and nutrient storage, drainage, infiltration and runoff and hinders plant growth by impeding root growth and seedling emergence, intercultural operations and farm mechanization. The gravelliness classes used in LRI were used to classify the soils and using these classes a gravelliness map was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution in the microwatershed is shown in Figure 5.4.

Maximum area has soils that are gravelly (15-35%) covering about 268 ha (42%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed (Fig.5.4). About 211 ha (33%) area in the micro watershed has soils that are very gravelly (35-60%) and are distributed in the southern, central, eastern and northern part of the microwatershed followed by soils that are non gravelly (<15%) covering about 144 ha (22%) and are distributed in the northern, central, northeastern and southern part of the microwatershed. A very small area has soils that are extremely gravelly (60-80%).

The most productive lands with respect to gravelliness are found to be 22 per cent. They are non gravelly with less than 15 per cent gravel and have potential for growing both annual and perennial crops.

The problem soils that are very gravelly to extremely gravelly (35-80%) are found to cover about 34 per cent area, where only short duration crops can be grown.

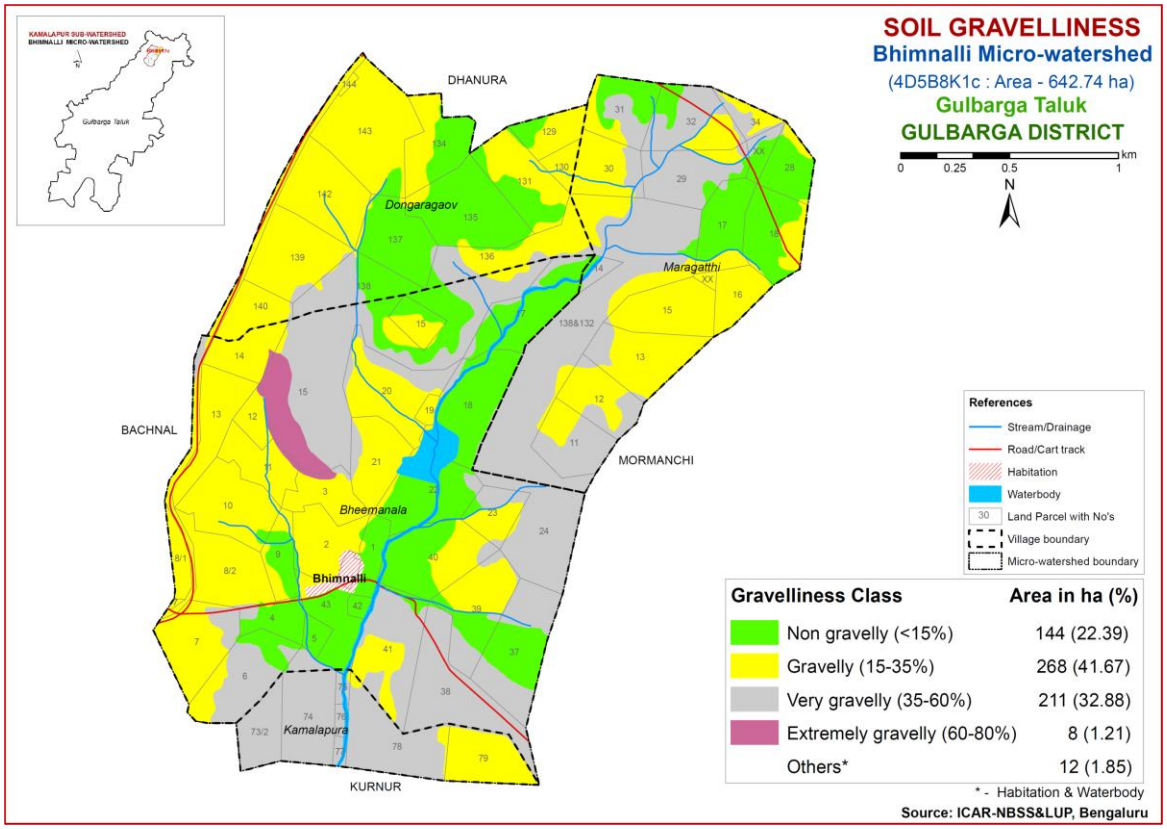


Fig. 5.4 Soil Gravelliness map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

5.5 Available Water Capacity

The soil available water capacity (AWC) is estimated based on the ability of the soil column to retain water between the tensions of 0.33 and 15 bar in a depth of 100 cm or the entire solum if the soil is shallower. The AWC of the soils (soil series) as estimated by considering the soil texture, mineralogy, soil depth and gravel content (Sehgal *et al.*, 1990) and accordingly the soil map units were grouped into five AWC classes *viz*, very low (<50 mm/m), low (50-100 mm/m), medium (100-150 mm/m), high (150-200 mm/m) and very high (>200 mm/m) and using those classes, an AWC map was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution in the microwatershed is shown in Figure 5.5.

Major area of about 301 ha (47%) has soils that are very low (<50 mm/m) in available water capacity and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. An area of about 186 ha (29%) has soils that are low (51-100 mm/m) in available water capacity and are distributed in the southwestern, eastern and central part of the microwatershed. An area in the microwatershed has soils that are medium (101-150 mm/m) in available water capacity. They occur in about 101 ha (16%) and are distributed in the central, eastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. The soils that are very high (>200 mm/m) in

AWC covering a small area of about 43 ha (7%) and are distributed in the northern and southeastern part of the microwatershed.

An area of about 43 ha (7%) has soils that have very high potential (>200 mm/m) with regard to available water capacity and are distributed in the central part of the microwatershed. In these areas, if the rainfall is normal and well distributed, all climatically adapted long duration annual and perennial crops can be grown. About 487 ha (76%) area in the microwatershed has soils that are problematic with regard to available water capacity. Here, only the short or medium duration crops can be grown and the probability of crop failure is very high. These areas are best put to other alternative uses.

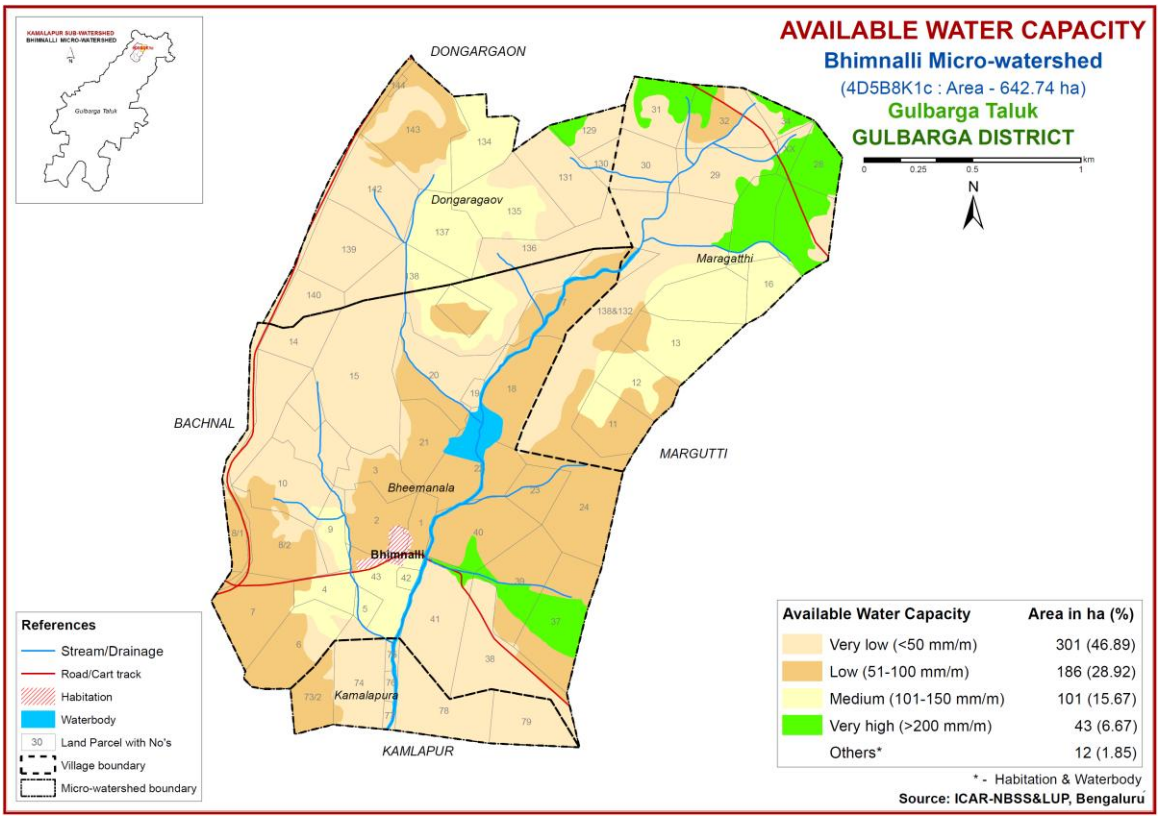


Fig. 5.5 Soil Available Water Capacity map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

5.6 Soil Slope

Soil slope refers to the inclination of the surface of the land. It is defined by gradient, shape and length, and is an integral feature of any soil as a natural body. Slope is considered important in soil genesis, land use and land development. The length and gradient of slope influences the rate of runoff, infiltration, erosion and deposition. The soil map units were grouped into four slope classes and a slope map was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution in the microwatershed is shown in Figure 5.6.

Major area of the microwatershed falls under very gently sloping (1-3%) lands. It covers an area of about 352 ha (55%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed.

An area of about 229 ha (36 %) falls under gently sloping (3-5%) lands and is distributed in the northwestern, northern, southwestern and central part of the microwatershed. Moderately sloping (5-10%) lands cover a minor area of about 51 ha (9%) and is distributed in the central part of the microwatershed.

An area of about 352 ha (55%) in the microwatershed has soils that have high potential in respect of soil slope. In these areas, all climatically adapted annual and perennial crops can be grown without much soil and water conservation and other land development measures.

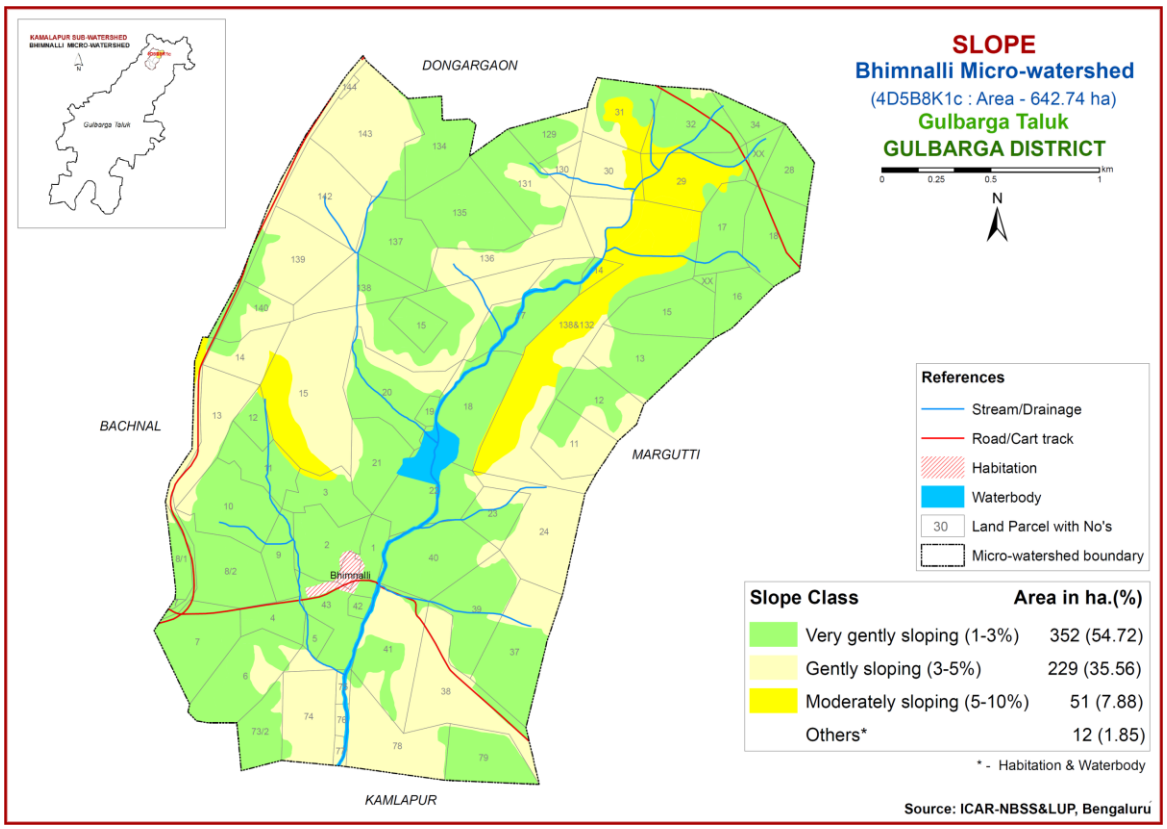


Fig. 5.6 Soil Slope map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

5.7 Soil Erosion

Soil erosion refers to the wearing away of the earth's surface by the forces of water, wind and ice involving detachment and transport of soil by raindrop impact. It is used for accelerated soil erosion resulting from disturbance of the natural landscape by burning, excessive grazing and indiscriminate felling of forest trees and tillage, all usually by man. The erosion classes showing an estimate of the current erosion status as judged from field observations in the form of rills, gullies or a carpet of gravel on the surface are recorded. Four erosion classes, viz, slight erosion (e1), moderate erosion (e2), severe erosion (e3) and very severe erosion (e4) are recognized. The soil map units were grouped into different erosion classes and a soil erosion map was generated. The area extent and their spatial distribution in the microwatershed is given in Figure 5.7.

Soils that are slightly eroded (e1 class) cover an area of about 89 ha (14%) and are distributed in the southern, northern and central part of the microwatershed. Soils that are moderately eroded (e2 class) cover a maximum area of about 413 ha (64%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. Severely eroded (e3 class) soils cover an area of about 124 ha (19%) and are distributed in the central, northern, northeastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. A small area 5 ha (1%) has very severe erosion and are distributed in the northern part of the microwatershed.

Top priority is to be given to 129 ha area where they are severely eroded for taking up soil and water conservation and other land development measures followed by moderately eroded lands that cover about 413 ha.

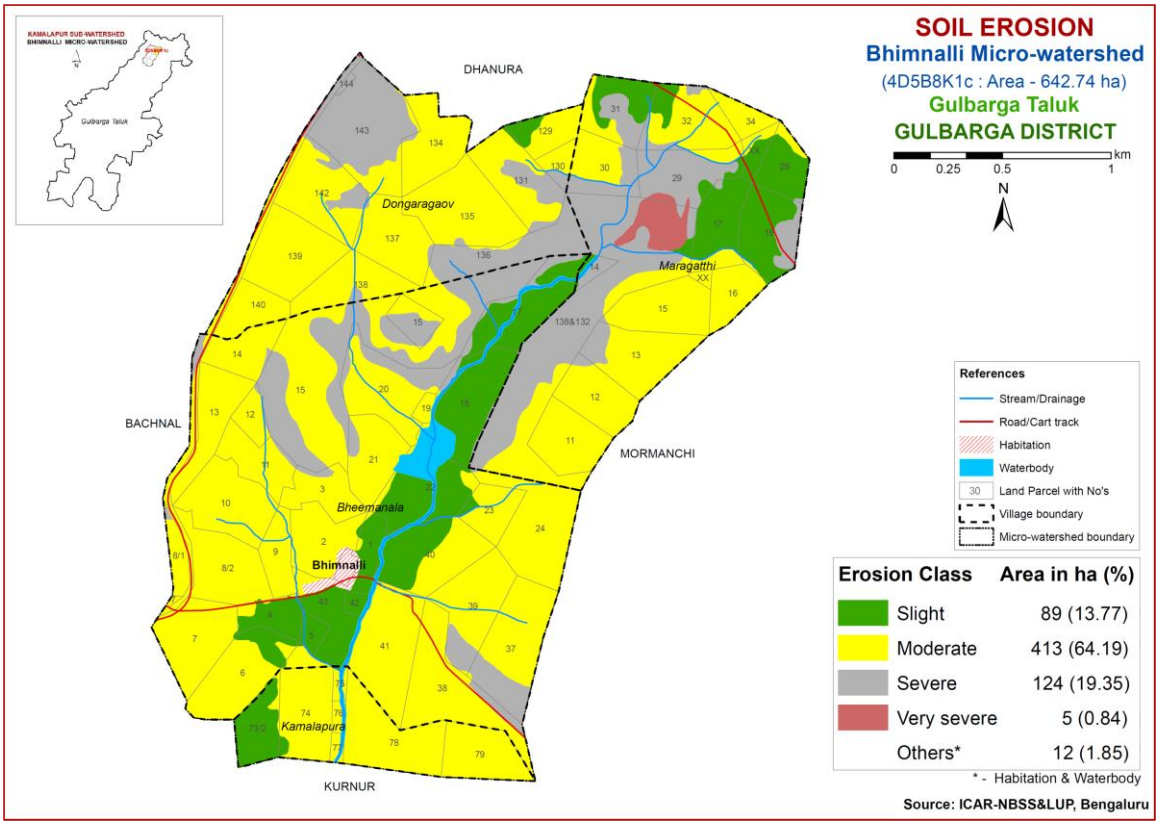


Fig. 5.7 Soil Erosion map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Chapter 6

FERTILITY STATUS

Soil fertility plays an important role in increasing crop yield. The adoption of high yielding varieties that require high amounts of nutrients has resulted in deficiency symptoms in crops and plants due to imbalanced fertilization and poor inherent fertility status, as these areas are characterised by low rainfall and high temperature. Hence, it is necessary to know the fertility (macro and micro nutrients) status of the soils of the watersheds for assessing the kind and amount of fertilizers required for each of the crop intended to be grown. For this purpose, the surface soil samples collected from the grid points (one soil sample at every 250 m interval) all over the microwatershed through land resource inventory in the year 2014 were analysed for pH, EC, organic carbon, available phosphorus and potassium and for micronutrients like zinc, copper, iron and manganese, and secondary nutrient sulphur.

Soil fertility data generated has been assessed and individual maps for all the nutrients for the microwatershed have been generated using kriging method under GIS. The village/survey number wise fertility data for the microwatershed is given in Appendix-II.

6.1 Soil Reaction (pH)

The soil fertility analysis of Bhimnalli microwatershed for soil reaction (pH) showed that maximum area of about 211 ha (33%) is neutral (pH 6.5-7.3) in reaction and is distributed in the southern, western, central and southeastern part of the microwatershed (Fig.6.1). Slightly alkaline (pH 7.3-7.8) is around 35 ha (5%) area and is distributed in the central and southwestern part of the microwatershed. An area of about 186 ha (29%) is slightly acid (pH 6.0-6.5) and is distributed in the western, eastern and northern part followed by moderately acid (pH 5.5-6.0) soils covering about 185 ha (29%) and are distributed in the northeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. A small area of about 12 ha (2%) is strongly acid (pH 5.0-5.5) and is distributed in the northwestern part of the microwatershed and 1 ha area is very strongly acid (pH 4.5-5.0).

6.2 Electrical Conductivity (EC)

The Electrical Conductivity of the soils of the entire microwatershed area is <2 dSm^{-1} (Fig 6.2) and as such the soils in the microwatershed are nonsaline.

6.3 Organic Carbon

The soil organic carbon content (Fig.6.3) of the soils in the microwatershed is high (>0.75%) in major area of about 554 ha (86%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. Medium (0.5-0.75%) organic carbon content accounts for 68 ha (11%) area and is distributed in the central, northern and eastern part of the microwatershed. Low (<0.5%) organic carbon content accounts for a very small area of 9 ha (1%) and is distributed in the central part of the microwatershed.

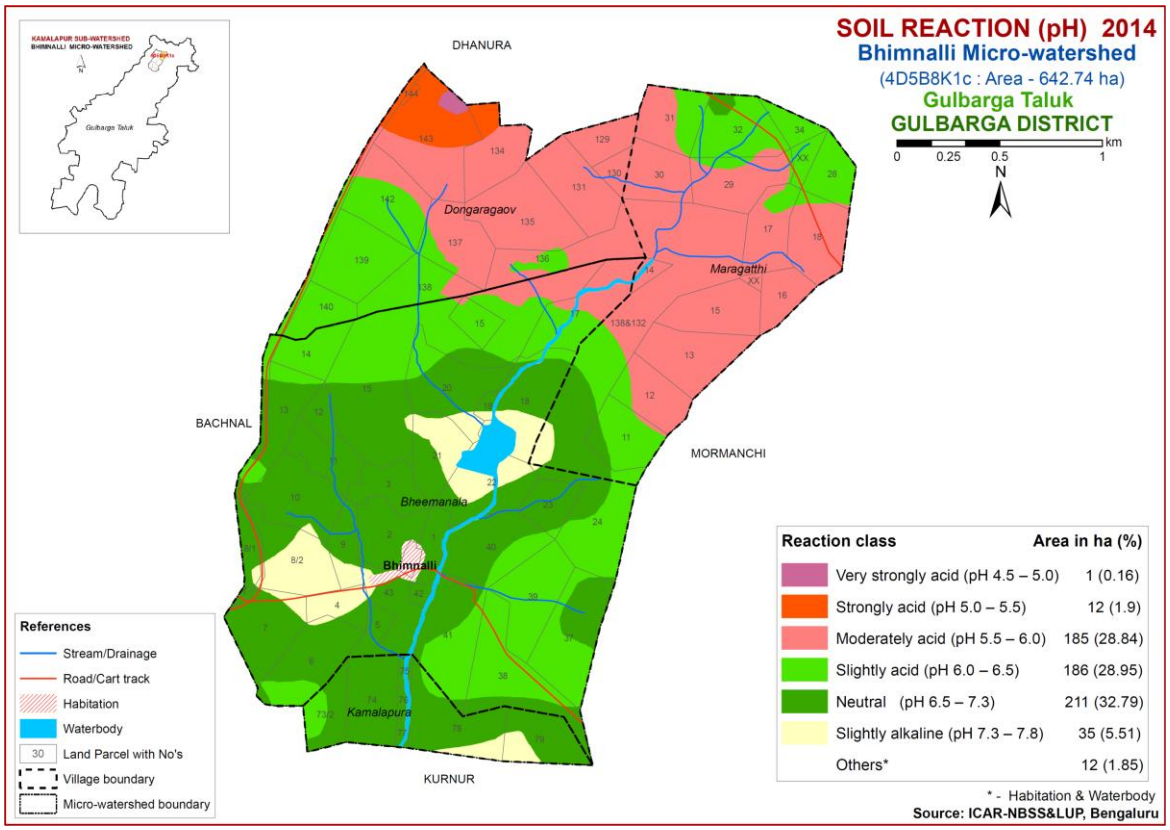


Fig.6.1 Soil Reaction (pH) map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

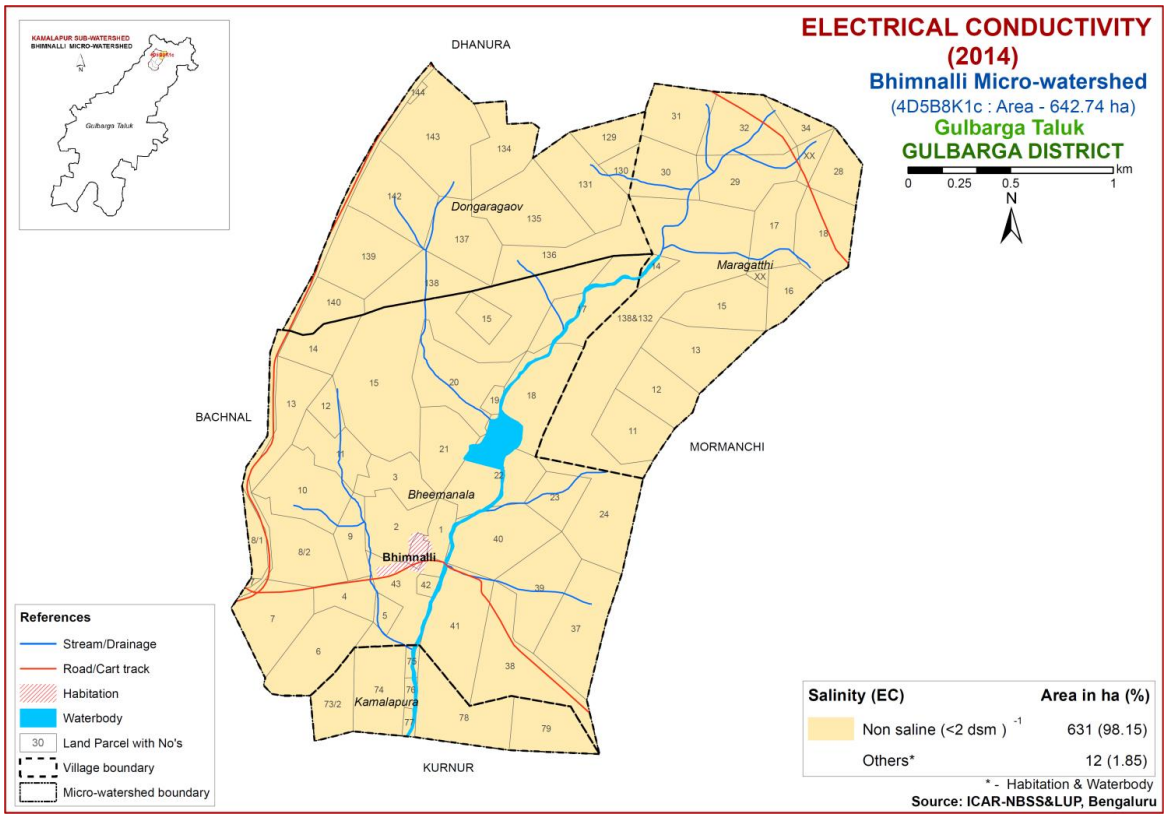


Fig.6.2 Electrical Conductivity (EC) map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

6.4 Available Phosphorus

The soil fertility analysis revealed that available phosphorus (Fig.6.4) is low (<23 kg/ha) in major area of about 564 ha (88%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. There is an urgent need to increase the dose of phosphorous for all the crops by 25 per cent over the recommended dose to realize better crop performance. About 67 ha (10%) area in the microwatershed is medium (23-57 kg/ha) and is distributed in the eastern, central and southwestern part of the microwatershed.

6.5 Available Potassium

Available potassium content is medium (145-337 kg/ha) in major area of about 402 ha (63%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed (Fig.6.5). High available potassium (>337 kg/ ha) content accounts for an area of 44 ha (7%) and is distributed in the central of the microwatershed. Low available potassium (<145 kg/ha) content accounts for an area of 184 ha (29%) and is distributed in the northwestern, western, central and southern part of the microwatershed.

6.6 Available Sulphur

Available sulphur content is medium (10-20 ppm) in major area of about 343 ha (53%) area and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. An area of about 287 ha (45%) is high (>20 ppm) in available sulphur and are distributed in western, eastern, central and southern part of the microwatershed (Fig.6.6). Available sulphur is low (<10 ppm) in only 1 ha area of the microwatershed.

6.7 Available Boron

Available boron content is medium (0.5-1.0 ppm) in major area of about 476 ha (74%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. About 143 ha (22%) has soils that are high (>1.0 ppm) in available boron (Fig 6.7) and is distributed in the southern, eastern, central and northern part of the microwatershed. A small area of about 11 ha (2%) has low (<0.5 ppm) in available boron and are distributed in southwestern part of the microwatershed.

6.8 Available Iron

Available iron content is sufficient (>4.5 ppm) in the entire microwatershed area (Fig 6.8).

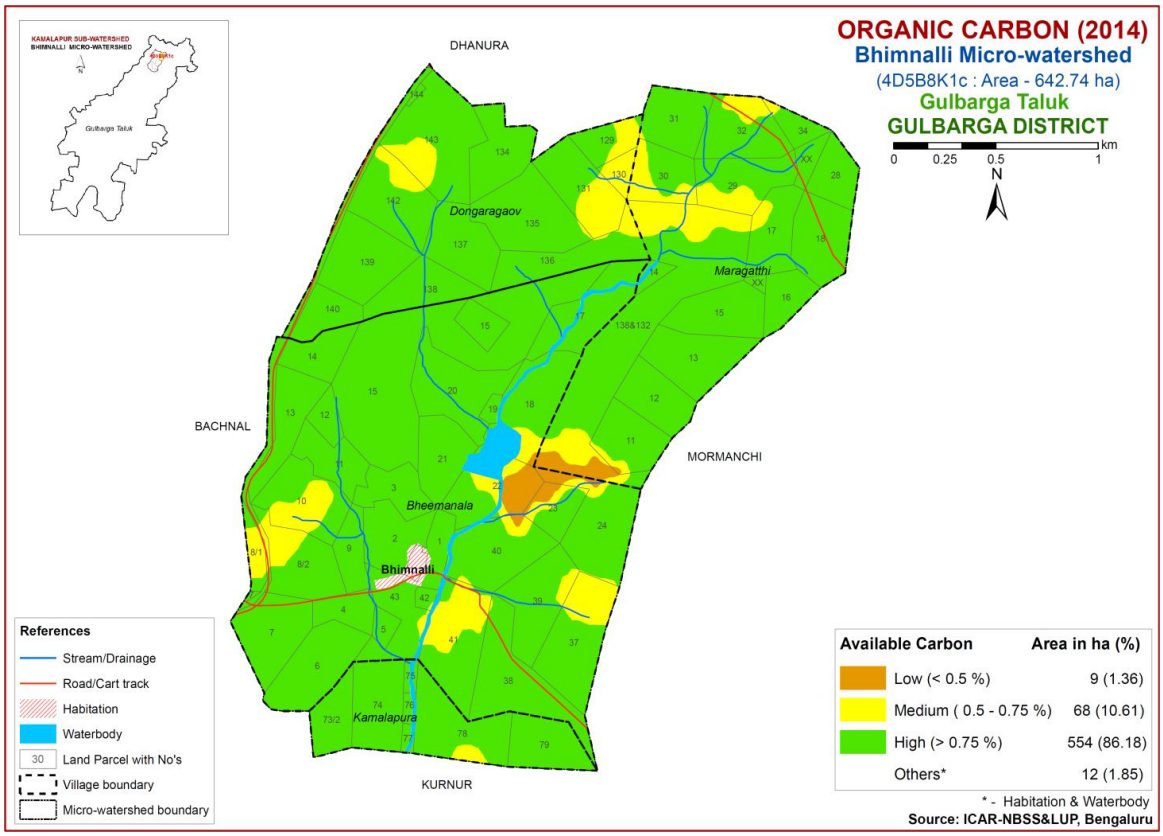


Fig.6.3 Soil Organic Carbon map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

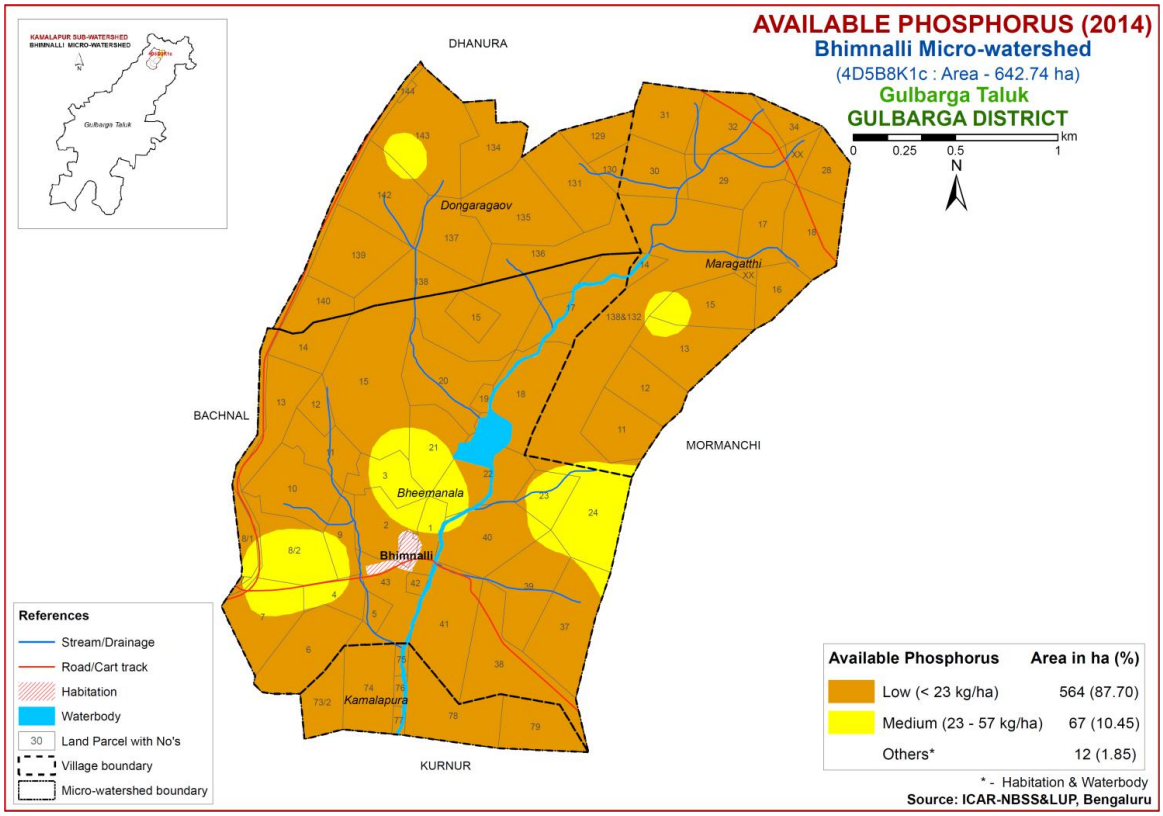
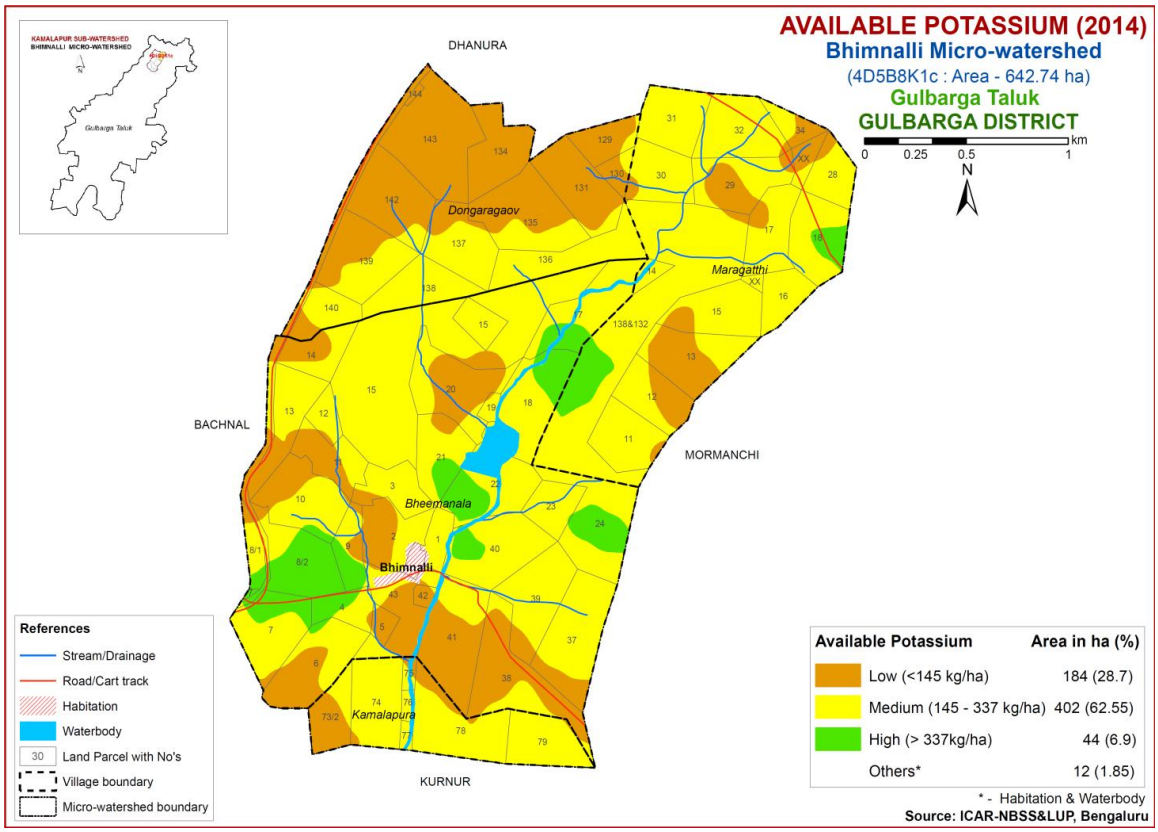


Fig.6.4 Soil available Phosphorus map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed



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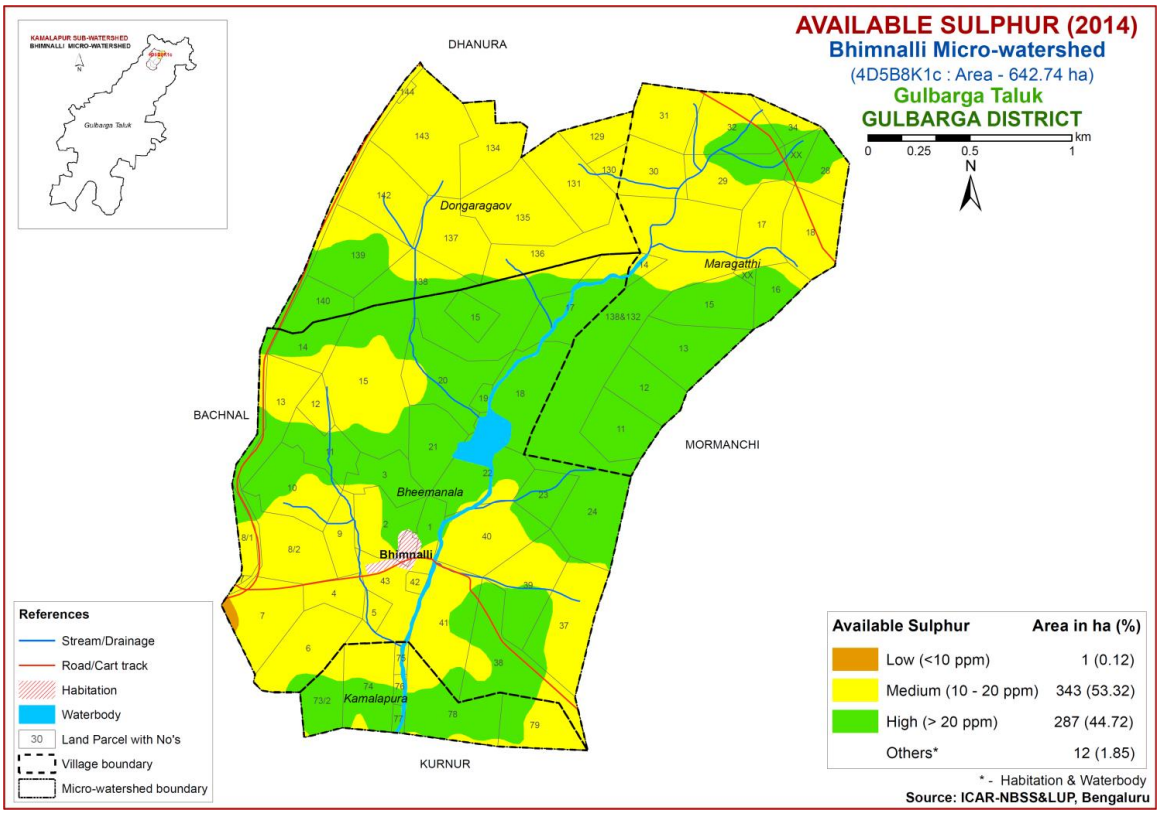

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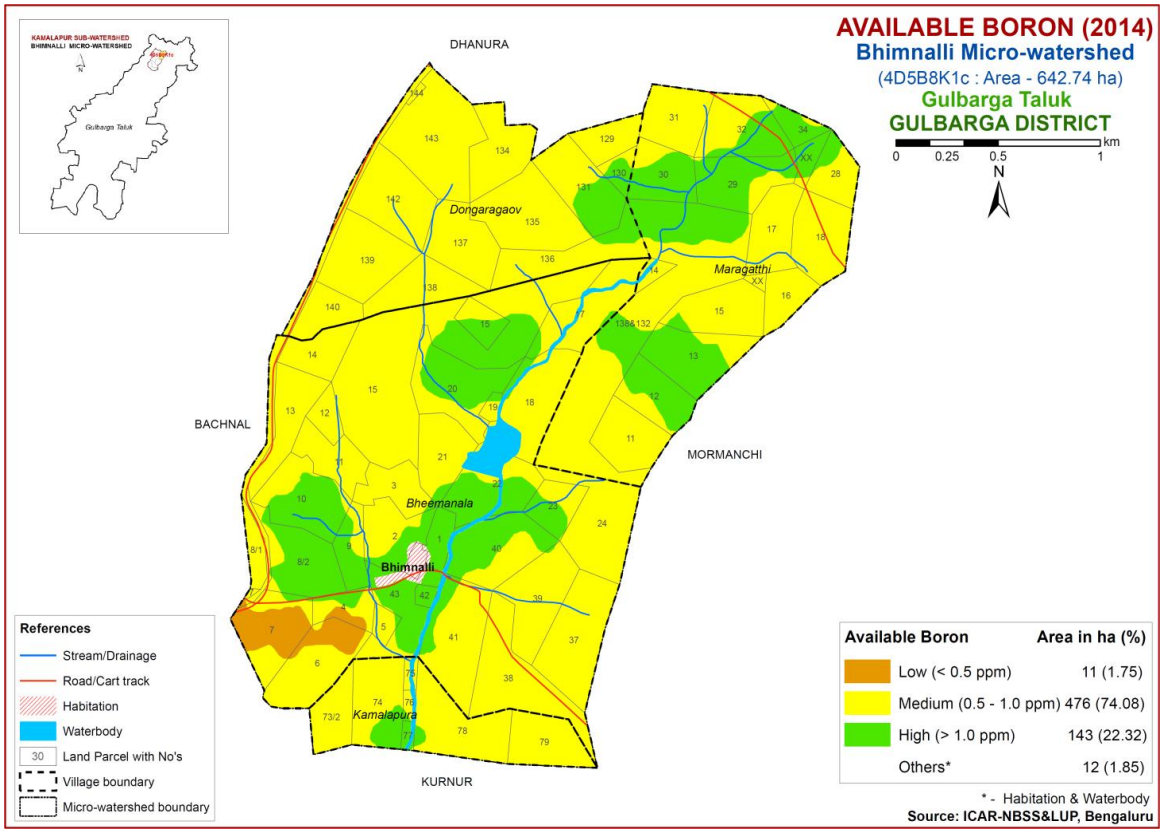


Fig.6.7 Soil available Boron map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

6.9 Available Manganese

Available manganese content is sufficient (>1.0 ppm) in the entire microwatershed area (Fig 6.9).

6.10 Available Copper

Available copper content is sufficient (>0.2 ppm) in the entire microwatershed area (Fig 6.10).

6.11 Available Zinc

Available zinc content is deficient (<0.6 ppm) in an area of about 147 ha (23%) and is distributed in the southern, western, central, eastern and northern part of the microwatershed (Fig 6.11). It is sufficient (>0.6 ppm) in major area of about 484 ha (75%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed.

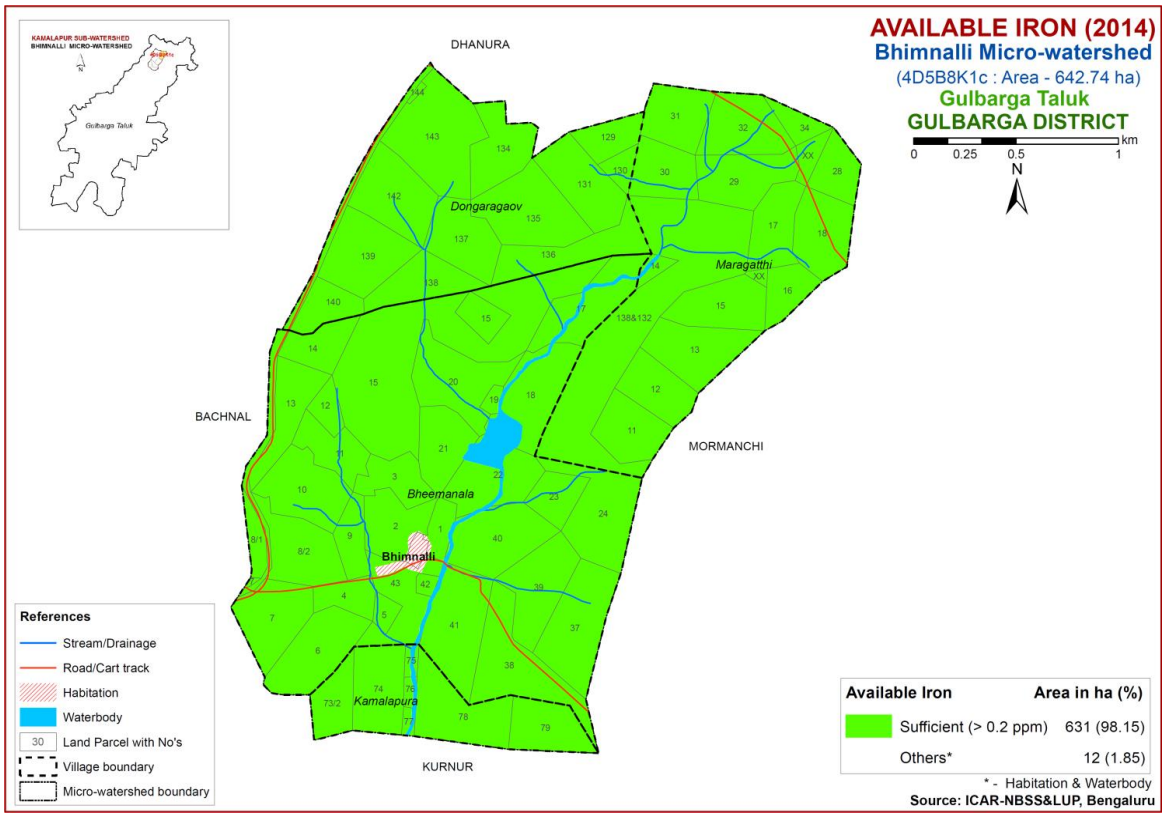


Fig.6.8 Soil available Iron map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

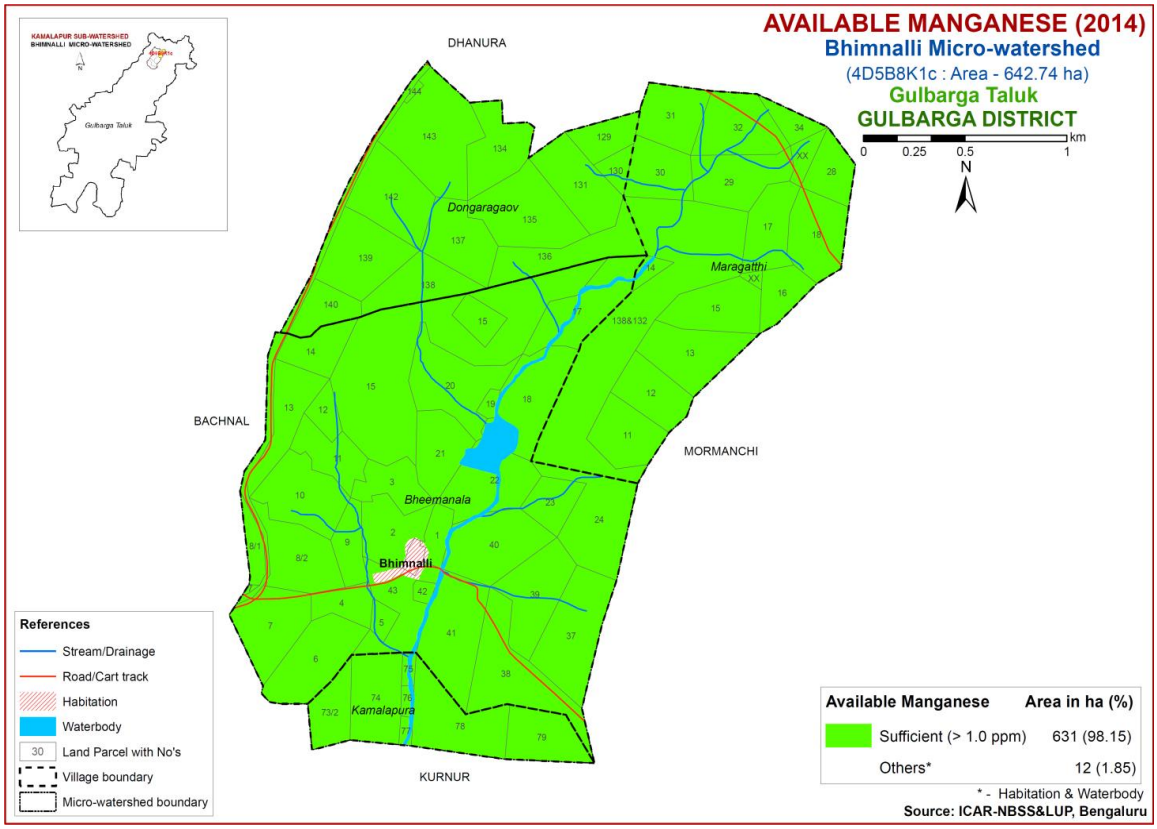


Fig.6.9 Soil available Manganese map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

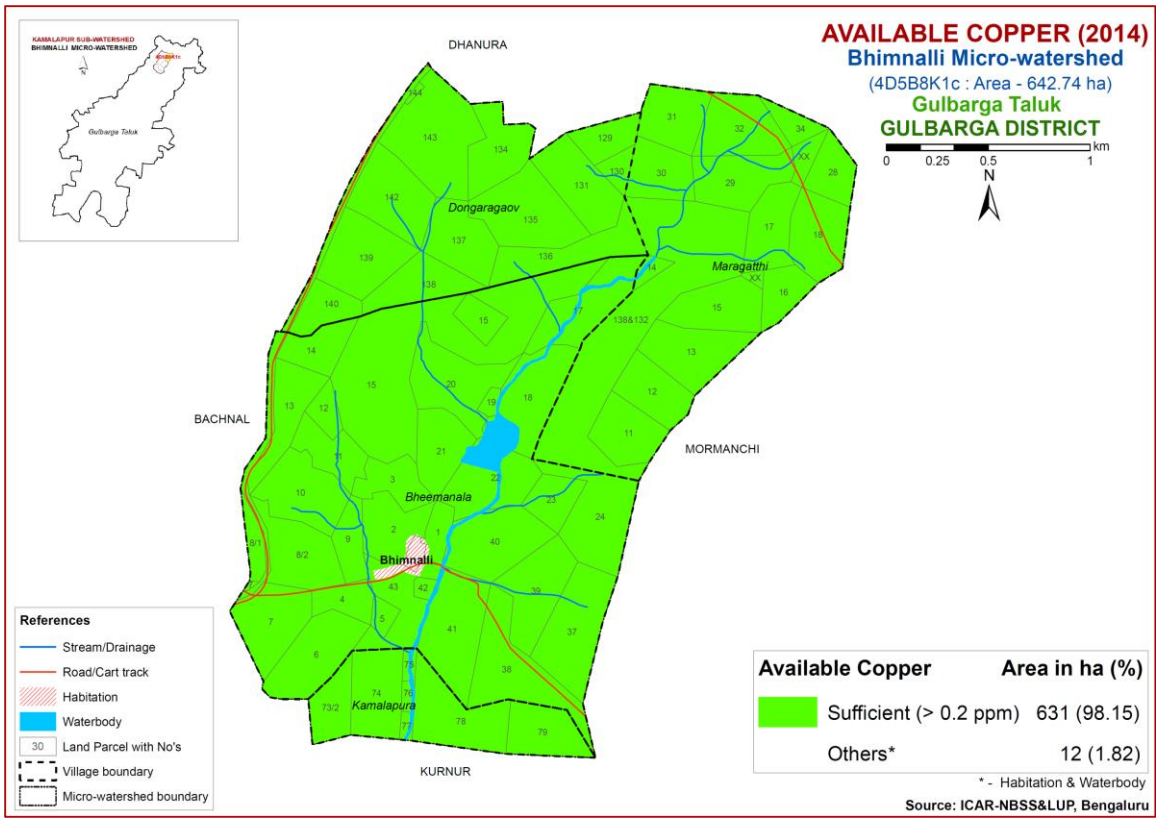


Fig.6.10 Soil available Copper map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

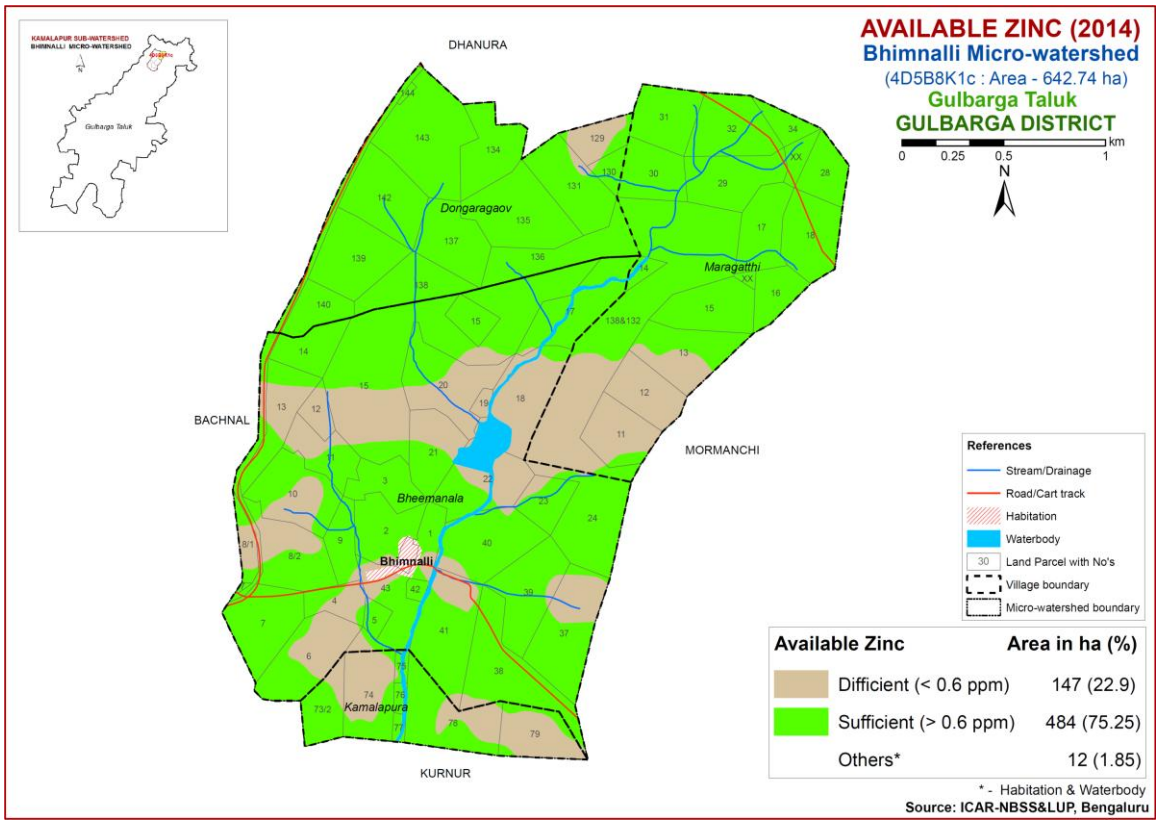


Fig.6.11 Soil available Zinc map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Chapter 7

LAND SUITABILITY FOR MAJOR CROPS

The soil and land resource units (soil phases) of Bhimnalli microwatershed were assessed for their suitability for growing food, fibre, fodder and other horticulture crops by following the procedure as outlined in FAO, 1976 and 1983. Crop requirements were developed for each of the crop from the available research data, and also by referring to Naidu *et. al.* (2006) and Natarajan *et. al* (2015). The crop requirements were matched with the soil and land characteristics (Table 7.1) to arrive at the crop suitability. In FAO land suitability classification, two orders are recognized. Order S-Suitable and Order N-Not Suitable. The orders have classes, subclasses and units. Order-S has three classes, Class S1-Highly Suitable, Class S2-Moderately Suitable and Class S3-Marginally Suitable. Order N has two classes, N1-Currently not Suitable and N2-Permanently not Suitable. There are no subclasses within the class S1 as they will have very minor or no limitations for crop growth. Classes S2 and S3 are divided into subclasses based on the kinds of limitations encountered. The limitations that affect crop production are 'c' for erratic rainfall and its distribution and length of growing period (LGP), 'e' for erosion hazard, 'r' for rooting condition, 't' for lighter or heavy texture, 'g' for gravelliness or stoniness, 'n' for nutrient availability, 'l' for topography, 'm' for moisture availability, 'z' for calcareousness and 'w' for drainage. These limitations are indicated as lower case letters to the class symbol. For example, moderately suitable land with the limitations of soil depth and erosion is designated as S2re. For the microwatershed, the soil mapping units were evaluated and classified up to subclass level.

Using the above criteria, the soil map units of the microwatershed were evaluated and land suitability maps for 19 major annual and perennial crops were generated. The detailed information on the kind of suitability of each of the soil phase for the crops assessed are given village/ survey number wise for the microwatershed in Appendix-III.

7.1 Land Suitability for Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*)

Sorghum is one of the major crops grown in Karnataka in an area of 10.47 lakh ha in northern Karnataka in Bijapur, Kalaburgi, Raichur, Bidar, Belgaum, Dharwad and Bellary districts. The crop requirements for growing sorghum (Table 7.2) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) of the soils of the microwatershed and a land suitability map for growing sorghum was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure. 7.1.

An area of about 80 ha (12%) in the microwatershed has soils that are highly suitable (Class S1) for growing sorghum. They have minor or no limitations for growing sorghum and are distributed mainly in the central, southeastern and northeastern part of the microwatershed.

Table 7.1 Soil-Site Characteristics of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Soil Map Units	Climate (P) (mm)	Growing period (Days)	Drai-nage class	Soil depth (cm)	Soil texture		Gravelliness		AWC (mm/m)	Slope (%)	Erosion	pH	EC	ESP	CEC [Cmol (p^+) kg^{-1}]	BS (%)
					Surf-ace	Sub-surface	Surface (%)	Subsurface (%)								
DSImB1	740	150	WD	50-75	c	c	-	<15	101-150	1-3	Slight	6.8	0.3	0.2	46	100
DSImB2	740	150	WD	50-75	c	c	-	<15	101-150	1-3	Moderate	6.8	0.3	0.2	46	100
DSImB2g1	740	150	WD	50-75	c	c	15-35	<15	101-150	1-3	Moderate	6.8	0.3	0.2	46	100
GNGiB2g1	740	150	WD	100-150	c	c-sc	15-35	35-60	51-100	1-3	Moderate	6.8	0.3	0.2	46	100
GNGmC3g1	740	150	WD	100-150	c	c-sc	15-35	35-60	51-100	3-5	Slight	6.8	0.3	0.2	46	100
HBLmB2g2	740	150	WD	50-75	c	c	35-60	35-60	51-100	1-3	Moderate	6.8	0.3	0.2	46	100
KGImB2	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	-	35-60	<50	1-3	Moderate	7.2	0.1	0.3	40	100
KGImB2g1	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	15-35	35-60	<50	1-3	Moderate	7.2	0.1	0.3	40	100
KGImB2g2	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	35-60	35-60	<50	1-3	Moderate	7.2	0.1	0.3	40	100
KGImB3g1	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	15-35	35-60	<50	1-3	Severe	7.2	0.1	0.3	40	100
KGImC2g1	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	15-35	35-60	<50	3-5	Moderate	7.2	0.1	0.3	40	100
KGImC2g2	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	35-60	35-60	<50	3-5	Moderate	7.2	0.1	0.3	40	100
KGImC3g1	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	15-35	35-60	<50	3-5	Severe	7.0	0.1	0.2	28	100
KGImC3g2	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	35-60	35-60	<50	3-5	Severe	7.0	0.1	0.3	62	100
KGImD3g2	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	35-60	35-60	<50	5-10	Severe					
KGImD3g3	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	>60	35-60	<50	5-10	Severe					
KGImD4g2	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	35-60	35-60	<50	5-10	Severe					
KMPmB2	740	150	WD	75-100	c	c	-	<15	101-150	1-3	Moderate					
KTIiC3g1	740	150	WD	75-100	c	c-sc	15-35	35-60	<50	3-5	Slight					
MANmB2	740	150	WD	>150	c	c	-	<15	>200	1-3	Moderate					

MGTmB1g2	740	150	WD	<25	c	c	35-60	15-35	<50	1-3	Slight					
MGTmB2g1	740	150	WD	<25	c	c	15-35	15-35	<50	1-3	Moderate					
MGTmB2g2	740	150	WD	<25	c	c	35-60	15-35	<50	1-3	Moderate					
MGTmB3g1	740	150	WD	<25	c	c	15-35	15-35	<50	1-3	Severe					
MGTmB3g2	740	150	WD	<25	c	c	35-60	15-35	<50	1-3	Severe					
MGTmC2g2	740	150	WD	<25	c	c	35-60	15-35	<50	3-5	Moderate					
NHAmB1	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	-	<15	51-100	1-3	Slight					
NHAmB2g1	740	150	WD	25-50	c	c	15-35	<15	51-100	1-3	Slight					
RMNmB2g1	740	150	WD	75-100	c	c	15-35	35-60	51-100	1-3	Moderate					
RMNmC2g2	740	150	WD	75-100	c	c	35-60	35-60	51-100	3-5	Moderate					
RMNmC3g2	740	150	WD	75-100	c	c	35-60	35-60	51-100	3-5	Severe					
RMNmD3g2	740	150	WD	75-100	c	c	35-60	35-60	51-100	3-5	Severe					
RNLmB1	740	150	WD	100-150	c	c	-	<15	>200	1-3	Slight					
RNLmB2g1	740	150	WD	100-150	c	c	15-35	<15	>200	1-3	Moderate					

*Symbols and abbreviations are according to Field Guide for LRI under Sujala-III Project, Karnataka

An area of about 71 ha (11%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) for growing sorghum and are distributed in the southern and eastern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. Marginally suitable lands (Class S3) occupy maximum area of about 319 ha (50%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of rooting depth, erosion and gravelliness. An area of about 160 ha (25%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing sorghum and are distributed in the southern, central and northern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness rooting depth and texture.

Table 7.2 Crop suitability criteria for Sorghum

Crop requirement		Rating			
Soil –site characteristics	**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately Suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
Slope	%	2-3	3-8	8-15	>15
LGP	Days	120-150	120-90	<90	
Soil drainage	class	Well to mod. drained	imperfect	Poorly/excessively	V. poorly
Soil reaction	pH	6.0-8.0	5.5-5.9 8.1-8.5	<5.5 8.6-9.0	>9.0
Surface soil texture	Class	C, cl, sicl, sc	l, sil, sic	Sl, ls	S, fragmental skeletal
Soil depth	Cm	100-75	50-75	30-50	<30
Gravel content	% vol.	5-15	15-30	30-60	>60
Salinity (EC)	dSm^{-1}	2-4	4-8	8-10	>10
Sodicity (ESP)	%	5-8	8-10	10-15	>15

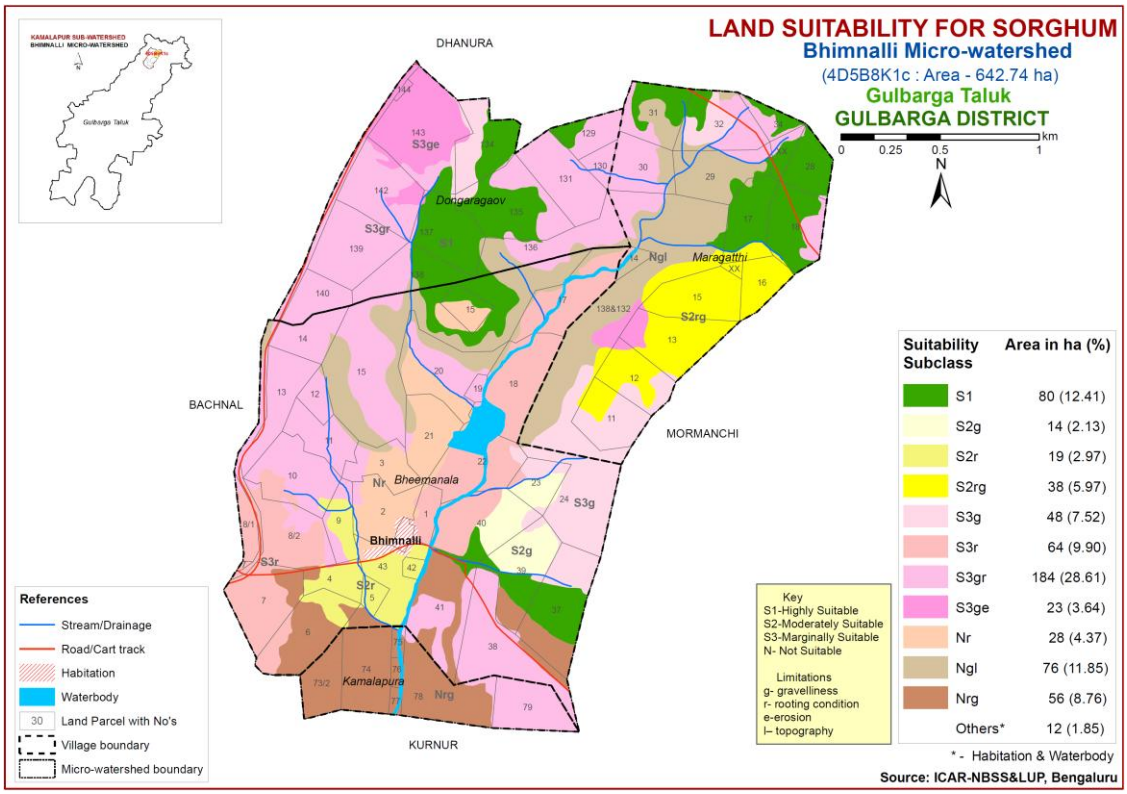


Fig. 7.1 Land Suitability map of Sorghum

7.2 Land Suitability for Maize (*Zea mays*)

Maize is the most important food crop grown in an area of 13.73 lakh ha in all the district of the state. The crop requirements for growing maize (Table 7.3) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing maize was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.2.

In Bhimnalli microwatershed, there are no lands that are highly (Class S1) suitable for growing maize. An area of about 54 ha (8%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) for growing maize and are distributed in the southern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness, texture and rooting depth. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a maximum area of about 352 ha (55%) and occur in all parts of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness, texture, erosion and rooting depth. About 223 ha (35%) area is not suitable (Class N) for growing maize and occur in the southern, central and northern part of the microwatershed. They have very severe limitations of gravelliness, erosion, rooting depth and texture.

Table 7.3 Crop suitability criteria for Maize

Crop requirement		**Rating**			
Soil –site characteristics	**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately suitable (S2)**	**Marginally Suitable (S3)**	**Not Suitable (N)**
Slope	%	<3	3.5	5-8	
LGP	Days	>100	100-80	60-80	
Soil drainage	class	Well drained	Mod. to imperfectly	Poorly/excessively	V.poorly
Soil reaction	pH	5.5-7.5	7.6-8.5	8.6-9.0	
Surface soil texture	Class	l, cl, scl, sil	Sl, sicl, sic	C(s-s), ls	S,fragmental
Soil depth	Cm	>75	50-75	25-50	<25
Gravel content	% vol.	<15	15-35	35-50	>50
Salinity (EC)	dSm^{-1}	<1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-4.0	
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	>15	

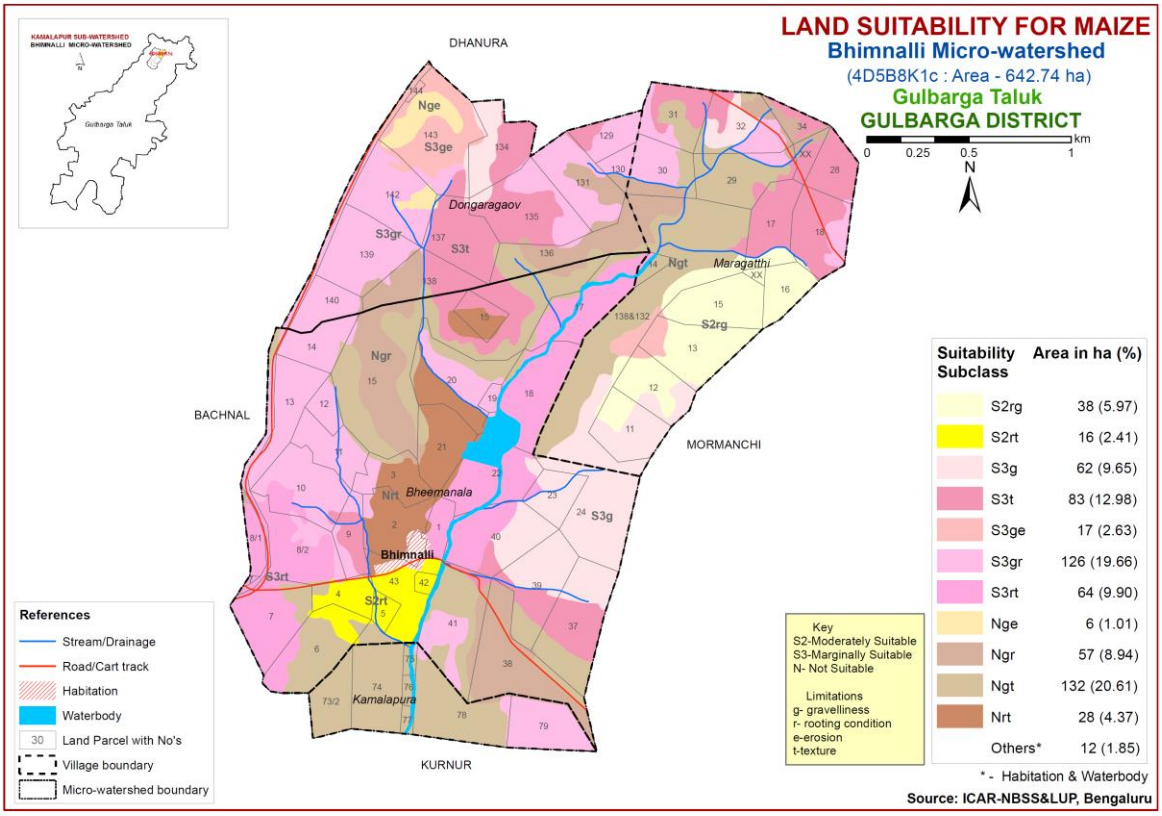


Fig. 7.2 Land Suitability map of Maize

7.3 Land Suitability for Red gram (*Cajanus cajan*)

Red gram is one of the major pulse crop grown in an area of 7.28 lakh ha mainly in northern Karnataka in Bijapur, Kalaburgi, Raichur, Bidar, Belgaum, Dharwad and Bellary districts. The crop requirements for growing red gram (Table 7.4) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) of the soils of the microwatershed and a land suitability map for growing red gram was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.3.

In Bhimnalli microwatershed, there are no highly (Class S1) suitable lands for growing redgram. An area of about 137 ha (21%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) for red gram and are distributed dominantly in the northern, southern, eastern and central part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of texture, gravelliness, rooting depth and erosion. Maximum area of about 275 ha (43%) is marginally suitable (Class S3) for growing red gram and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. They have major limitations of rooting depth, texture, gravelliness and erosion. An area of about 217 ha (34%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing red gram and are distributed in the southern, central, northern and northeastern part of the microwatershed. They have very severe limitations of gravelliness, erosion, rooting depth and texture.

Table 7.4 Crop suitability criteria for Red gram

Crop requirement		Rating			
Soil–site characteristics	**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately Suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	>10
LGP	Days	>210	180-210	150-180	<150
Soil drainage	class	Well drained	Mod. to well drained	Imperfectly drained	Poorly drained
Soil reaction	pH	6.5-7.5	5.0-6.5 7.6-8.0	8.0-9.0	>9.0
Surface soil texture	Class	l, scl, sil, cl, sl	sicl, sic, c(m)	ls	S, fragmental
Soil depth	Cm	>100	85-100	40-85	<40
Gravel content	% vol.	<20	20-35	35-60	>60
Salinity (EC)	dSm^{-1}	<1.0	1.0-2.0	>2.0	
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	>15	

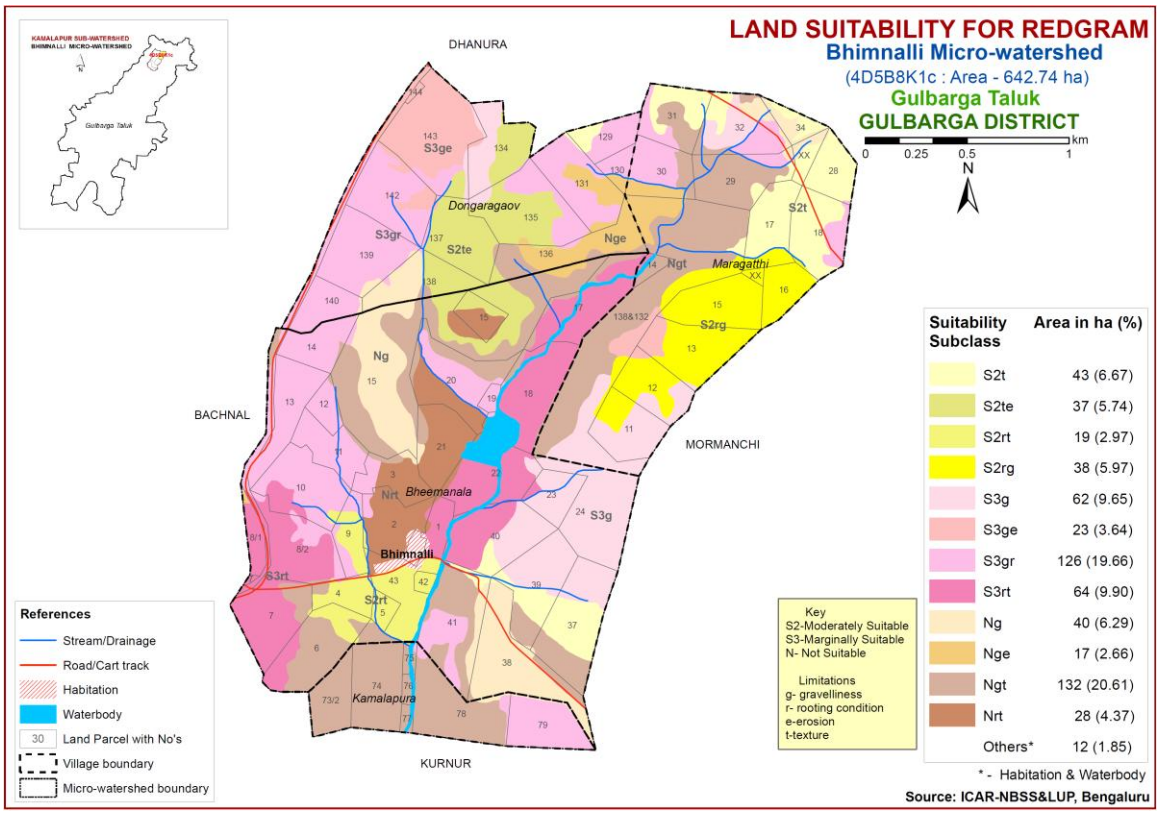


Fig. 7.3 Land Suitability map of Red gram

7.4 Land Suitability for Sunflower (*Helianthus annus*)

Sunflower is the most important oilseed crop grown in an area of 3.56 lakh ha in the State in all the districts. The crop requirements for growing sunflower (Table 7.5) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing sunflower was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.4.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur in an area of 80 ha (12%) and are distributed in the northern, southeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. They have minor or no limitations for growing sunflower. Marginally suitable (Class S3) lands are found to occur major area of about 263 ha (41%). The soils have limitations of gravelliness, erosion and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the western, northern, central and southeastern part of the microwatershed. An area of about 288 ha (45%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing sunflower and occur in all parts of the microwatershed. They have very severe limitations of gravelliness, erosion, rooting depth and texture.

Table 7.5 Crop suitability criteria for Sunflower

Crop requirement		Rating			
Soil –site characteristics	**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	>10
LGP	Days	>90	80-90	70-80	<70
Soil drainage	class	Well drained	mod. Well drained	imperfectly drained	Poorly drained
Soil reaction	pH	6.5-8.0	8.1-8.5 5.5-6.4	8.6-9.0; 4.5-5.4	>9.0 <4.5
Surface soil texture	Class	l, cl, sil, sc	Scl, sic, c,	c (>60%), sl	ls, s
Soil depth	Cm	>100	75-100	50-75	<50
Gravel content	% vol.	<15	15-35	35-60	>60
Salinity (EC)	dSm^{-1}	<1.0	1.0-2.0	>2.0	
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	>15	

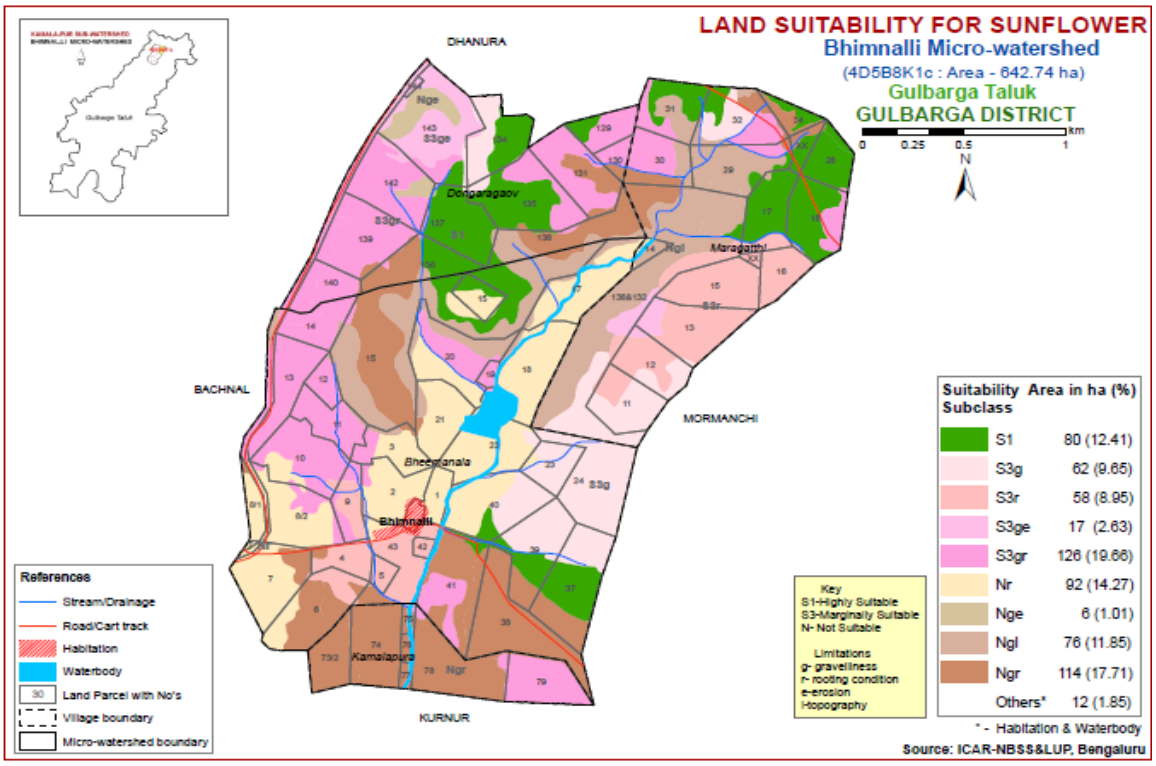


Fig. 7.4 Land Suitability map of Sunflower

7.5 Land Suitability for Cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*)

Cotton is the most important fibre crop grown in the State in about 8.75 lakh ha area in Raichur, Dharwad, Belgaum, Kalaburgi, Bijapur, Bidar, Bellary, Chitradurga and Chamarajnagar districts. The crop requirements for growing cotton (Table 7.6) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing cotton was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.5.

An area of about 43 ha (7%) in the microwatershed has soils that are highly suitable (Class S1) for growing cotton. They have minor or no limitations for growing cotton and are distributed in the southeastern and northern part of the microwatershed. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 108 ha (17%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. They are distributed in the southern, central, southeastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover maximum area of about 261 ha (41%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of rooting depth, erosion and gravelliness. An area of about 217 ha (34%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing cotton and are distributed in the southern, central and northern part of the microwatershed. They have very severe limitations of gravelliness, erosion, rooting depth and texture.

Table 7.6 Crop suitability criteria for Cotton

Crop requirement		**Rating**			
Soil–site characteristics	**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
Slope	%	1-2	2-3	3-5	>5
LGP	Days	180-240	120-180	<120	
Soil drainage	class	Well to moderately well	imperfectly drained	Poor somewhat excessive	Stagnant/excessive
Soil reaction	pH	6.5-7.5	7.6-8.0	8.1-9.0	>9.0 >6.5
Surface soil texture	Class	Sic, c	Sicl, cl	Si, sil, sc, scl, l	Sl, s,ls
Soil depth	Cm	100-150	60-100	30-60	<30
Gravel content	% vol.	<5	5-10	10-15	15-35
$CaCO_3$ in root zone	%	<3	3-5	5-10	10-20
Salinity (EC)	dSm^{-1}	2-4	4.0-8.0	8.0-12	>12
Sodicity (ESP)	%	5-10	10-20	20-30	>30

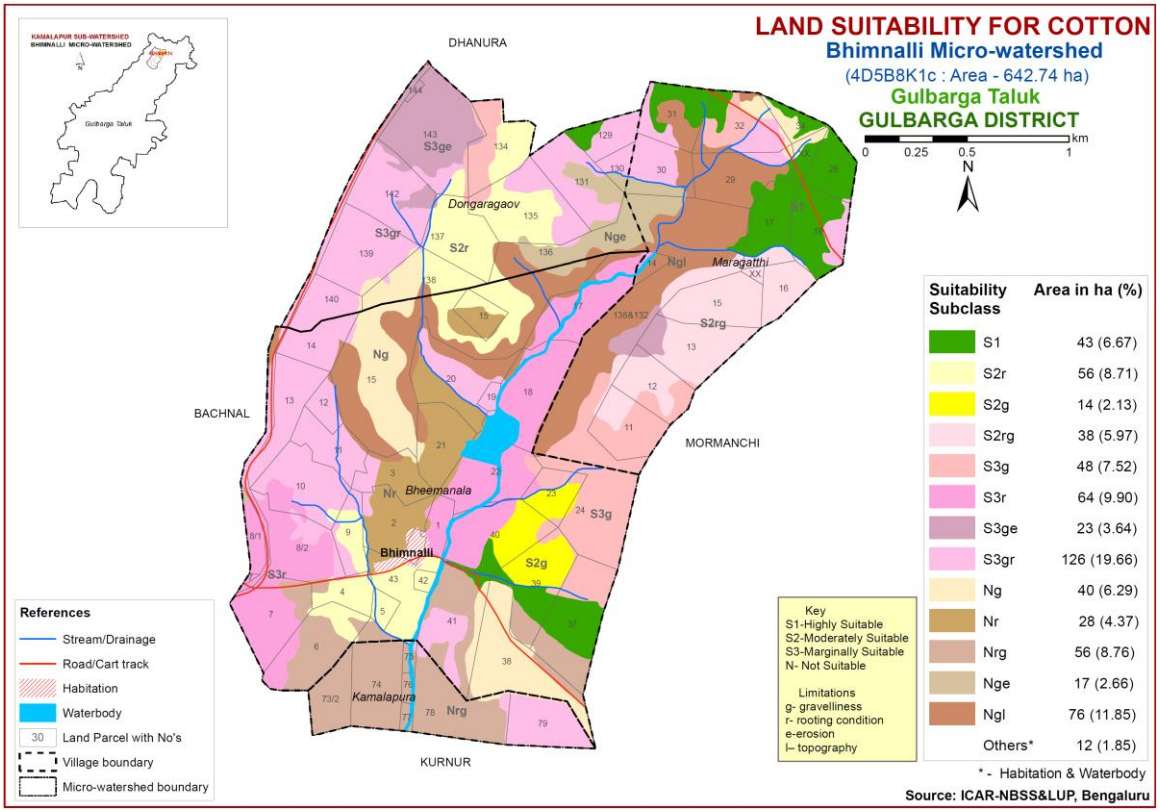


Fig. 7.5 Land Suitability map of Cotton

7.6 Land Suitability for Sugarcane (*Saccharum officinarum*)

Sugarcane is the most important commercial crop grown in 6.9 lakh ha area in Kalaburgi, Bijapur, Bagalkot, Bidar, Mysore, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts under irrigated conditions. The crop requirements for growing sugarcane (Table 7.7) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing sugarcane was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.6.

Highly (Class S1) and moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are not available for growing sugarcane in Bhimnalli microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover major area of about 342 ha (53%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness, erosion, rooting depth and texture. An area of about 287 ha (45%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing sugarcane and occur in the southern, central, northern and southwestern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness, erosion, topography, rooting depth and texture.

Table 7.7 Crop suitability criteria for Sugarcane

Crop requirement		Rating			
Soil–site characteristics	**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately Suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-8	>8
Soil drainage	class	Well drained	Mod./imperfectly drained	Poorly drained	V.poor/ excessively drained
Soil reaction	pH	7.0-8.0	6.0-6.9 8.1-9.0	4.0-5.9 9.1-9.5	<4.0/ >9.5
Surface soil texture	Class	l, cl, sil, sicl	C(m/k), sl	C+(ss)	
Soil depth	cm	>100	100-75	75-50	<50
stoniness	%	<15	15-35	35-50	>50
Salinity (EC)	dSm^{-1}	<2.0	2.0-4.0	4.0-9.0	>9
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	15-25	>25

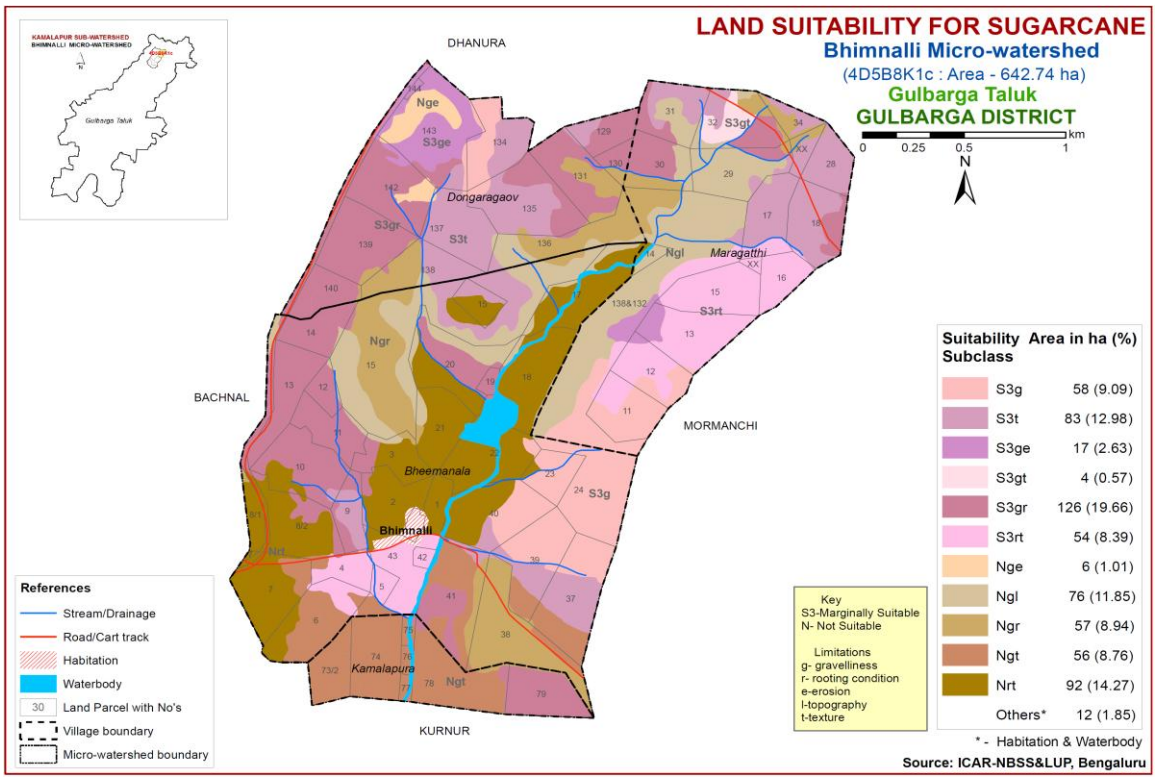


Fig. 7.6 Land Suitability map of Sugarcane

7.7 Land Suitability for Soybean (*Glycine max*)

Soybean is the most important pulse and oil seed crop grown in about 2.56 lakh ha area in Bijapur, Raichur, Kalaburgi, Dharwad, Belgaum and Bellary districts. The crop requirements for growing soybean were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing soybean was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.7.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur in an area of 80 ha (12%). They have minor or no limitations for growing soybean and are distributed in the southeastern, central, northern, northeastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 57 ha (9%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the central and northeastern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 333 ha (52%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of rooting depth, erosion and gravelliness. An area of about 160 ha (25%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing soybean and occur in the southern, central and northern part of the microwatershed. They have very severe limitations of gravelliness, topography and rooting depth.

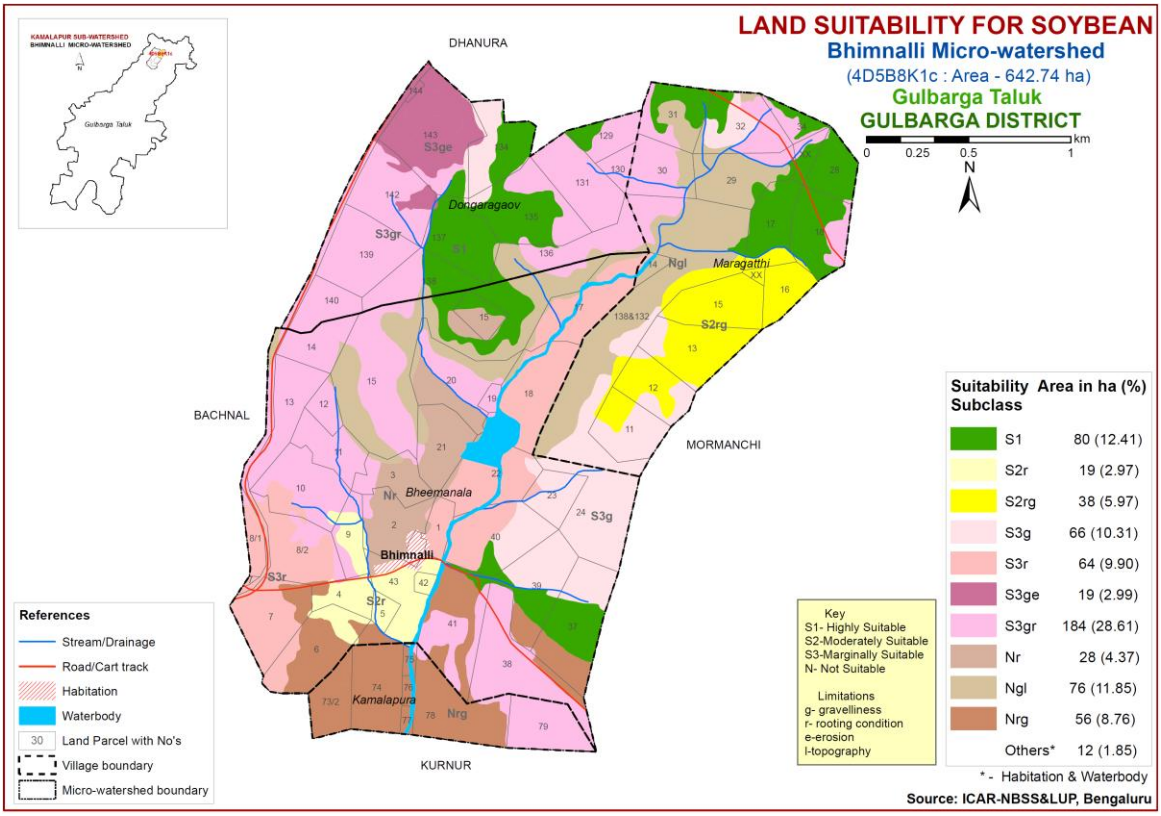


Fig. 7.7 Land Suitability map of Soybean

7.8 Land Suitability for Bengal gram (*Cicer arietinum*)

Bengal gram is the most important pulse crop grown in about 9.39 lakh ha area in Bijapur, Raichur, Kalaburgi, Dharwad, Belgaum and Bellary districts. The crop requirements for growing Bengal gram were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing Bengal gram was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.8.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur in an area of 137 ha (21%). They have minor or no limitations for growing bengalgram and are distributed in the central, northern, northeastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 81 ha (13%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the central and southwestern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 335 ha (52%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of rooting depth, erosion and gravelliness. An area of about 76 ha (12%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing Bengal gram and occur in the central and northern part of the microwatershed. They have very severe limitations of gravelliness and topography.

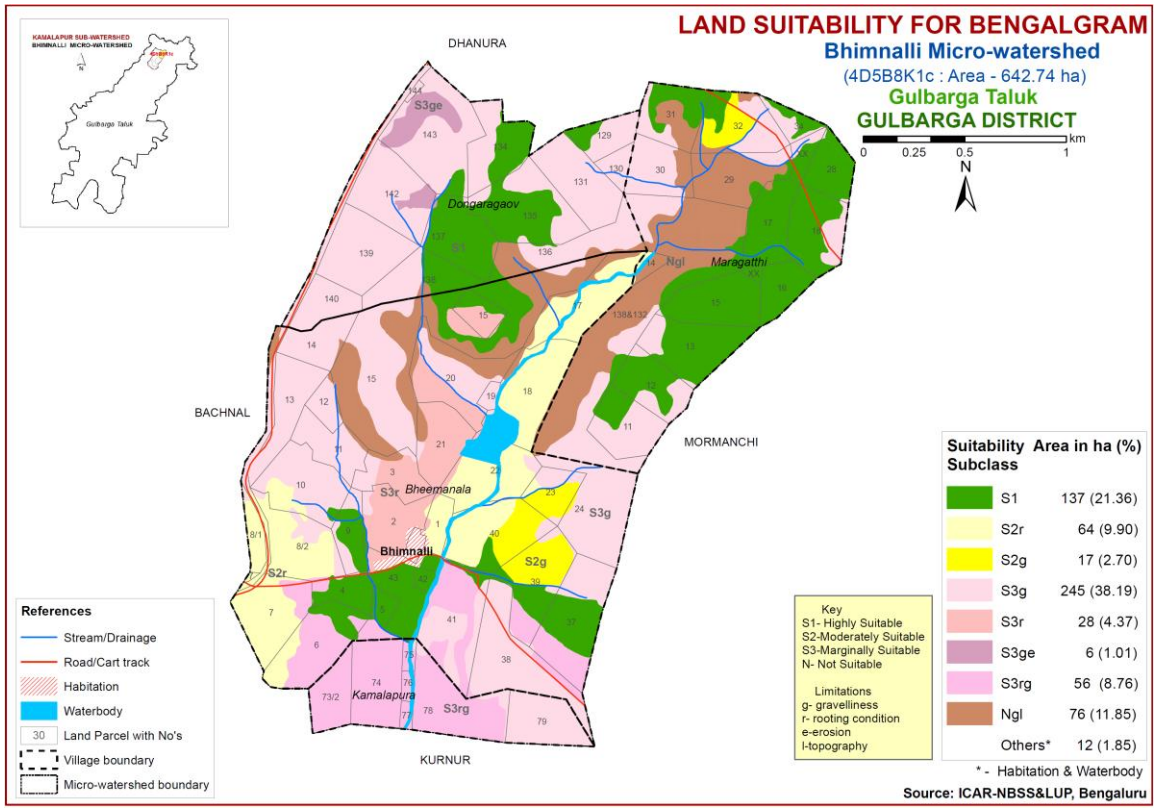


Fig. 7.8 Land Suitability map of Bengalgram

7.9 Land Suitability for Mango (*Mangifera indica*)

Mango is the most important fruit crop grown in about 1.73 lakh ha in all the districts of the State. The crop requirements for growing mango (Table 7.8) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing mango was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.9.

No highly (Class S1) suitable lands are available for growing mango in the Bhimnalli microwatershed. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in

very small area of about 6 ha (1%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. They are occur in northwestern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (class S3) lands cover an area of about 113 ha (18%) and mainly occur in the northern, southeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness, rooting depth, texture and topography. Major area of about 512 ha (80%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing mango and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

Table 7.8 Crop suitability criteria for Mango

Crop requirement			**Rating**			
soil-site characteristics		**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
climate	Temp in growing season	^{0}C	28-32	24-27 33-35	36-40	20-24
	Min. temp. before flowering	^{0}C	10-15	15-22	>22	
Soil moisture	Growing period	Days	>180	150-180	120-150	<120
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	class	Well drained	Mod. To imperfectly drained	Poor drained	Very poorly drained
	Water table	M	>3	2.50-3.0	2.5-1.5	<1.5
Nutrient availability	Texture	Class	Sc, l, sil, cl	Sl, sc, sic, l, c	C (<60%)	C (>60%),
	pH	1:2.5	5.5-7.5	7.6-8.55.0-5.4	8.6-9.0 4.0-4.9	>9.0 <4.0
	OC	%	High	medium	low	
	$CaCO_3$ in root zone	%	Non calcareous	<5	5-10	>10
Rooting conditions	Soil depth	cm	>200	125-200	75-125	<75
	Gravel content	% vol.	Non gravelly	<15	15-35	>35
Soil toxicity	Salinity	dS/m	Non saline	<2.0	2.0-3.0	>3.0
	Sodicity	%	Non sodic	<10	10-15	>15
Erosion	Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	

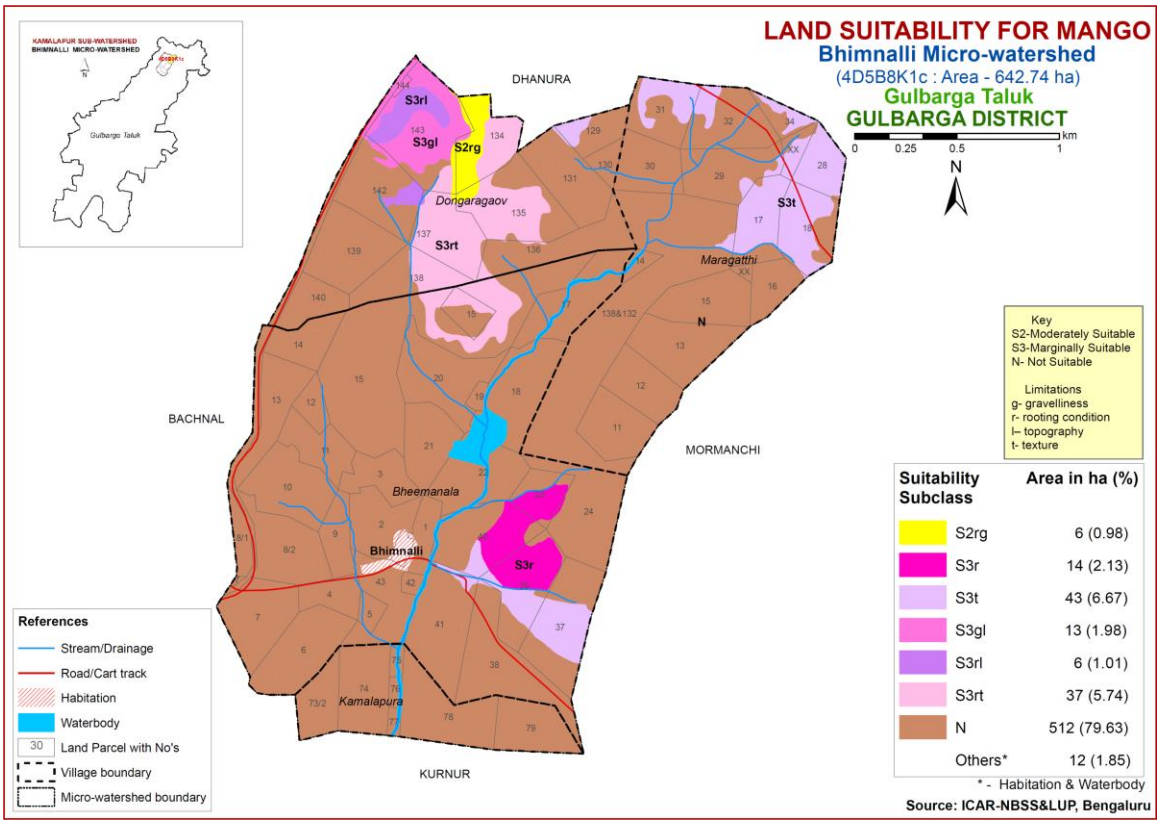


Fig. 7.9 Land Suitability map of Mango

7.10 Land Suitability for Sapota (*Manilkara zapota*)

Sapota is the most important fruit crop grown in about 29373 ha in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing sapota (Table 7.9) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing sapota was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.10.

In Bhimnalli microwatershed, there are no lands that are highly (Class S1) suitable for growing sapota. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 161 ha (25%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness, texture and rooting depth and are distributed in central, northeastern, northwestern and northern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 57 ha (9%) and mainly occur in the eastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness, rooting depth and topography. Major area of about 412 ha (64%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing sapota and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

Table 7.9 Crop suitability criteria for Sapota

Crop requirement			Rating			
Soil –site characteristics		**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
climate	Temperature in growing season	^{0} C	28-32	33-36 24-27	37-42 20-23	>42 <18
Soil moisture	Growing period	Days	>150	120-150	90-120	<120
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	class	Well drained	Moderately well drained	Imperfectly drained	Poorly drained
Nutrient availabiliy	Texture	Class	Scl, l, cl, sil	Sl, sicl, sc	C (<60%)	ls, s, C (>60%)
	pH	1:2.5	6.0-7.5	7.6-8.0 5.0-5.9	8.1-9.0 4.5-4.9	>9.0 <4.5
	$CaCO_3$ in root zone	%	Non calcareous	<10	10-15	>15
Rooting conditions	Soil depth	cm	>150	75-150	50-75	<50
	Gravel content	% vol.	Non gravelly	<15	15-35	<35
Soil toxicity	Salinity	dS/m	Non saline	Up to 1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-4.0
	Sodicity	%	Non sodic	10-15	15-25	>25
Erosion	Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	>10

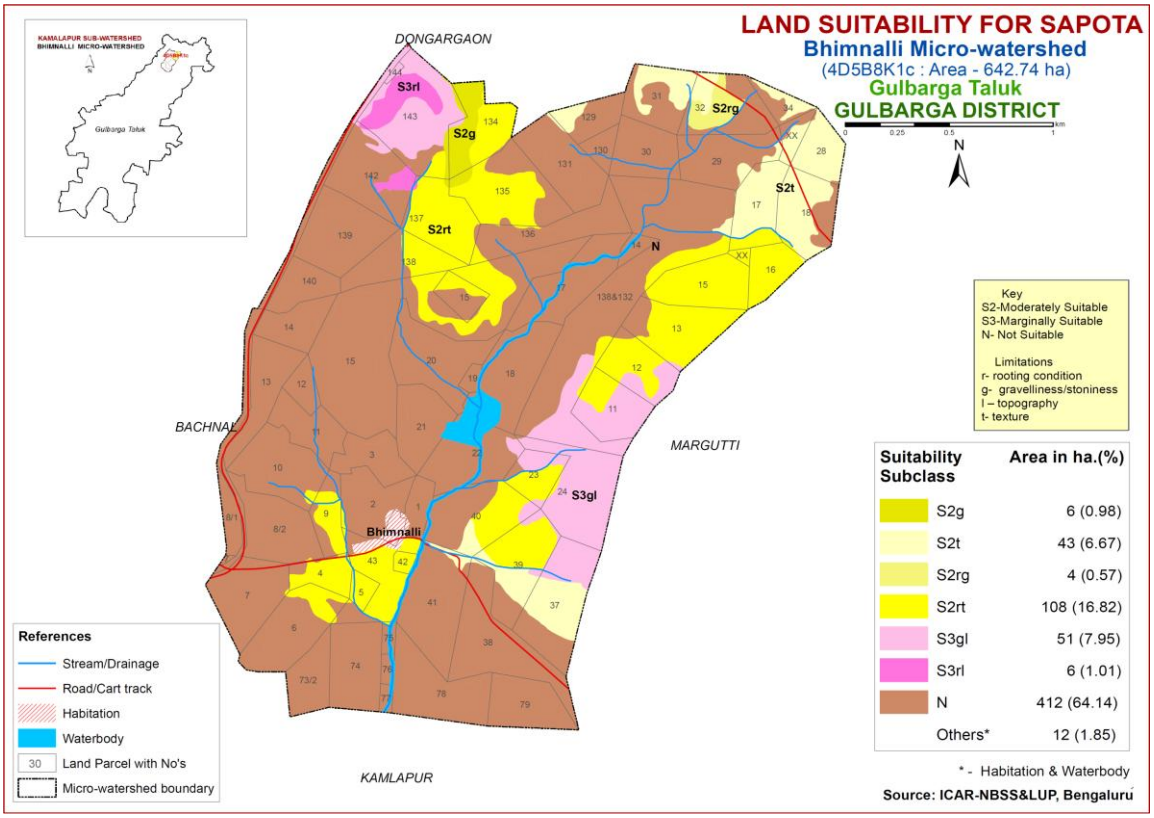


Fig. 7.10 Land Suitability map of Sapota

7.11 Land Suitability for Guava (*Psidium guajava*)

Guava is the most important fruit crop grown in about 6558 ha in the State in Raichur, Dharwad, Belgaum, Kalaburgi, Bijapur, Bidar, Bellary, Chitradurga, Bangalore and Chamarajnagar districts. The crop requirements for growing guava (Table 7.10) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing guava was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.11.

In Bhimnalli microwatershed, there are no highly (Class S1) suitable lands available for growing guava. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 174 ha (27%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness, topography, texture and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the central, northern, northeastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a small area of about 44 ha (7%) and mainly distributed in the eastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness, topography and rooting depth. Major area of about 412 ha (62%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing guava and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

Table 7.10 Crop suitability criteria for Guava

Crop requirement			**Rating**			
Soil –site characteristics		**unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately Suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
climate	Temperature in growing season	^{0}C	28-32	33-36 24-27	37-42 20-23	
Soil moisture	Growing period	Days	>150	120-150	90-120	<90
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	class	Well drained	Mod. to imperfectly	poor	Very poor
Nutrient availability	Texture	Class	Scl, l, cl, sil	Sl,sicl,sic.,sc, c	C (<60%)	C (>60%)
	pH	1:2.5	6.0-7.5	7.6-8.0:5.0-5.9	8.1-8.5:4.5-4.9	>8.5:<4.5
	$CaCO_3$ in root zone	%	Non calcareous	<10	10-15	>15
Rooting conditions	Soil depth	cm	>100	75-100	50-75	<50
	Gravel content	% vol.	<15	15-35	>35	
Soil toxicity	Salinity	dS/m	<2.0	2.0-4.0	4.0-6.0	
	Sodicity	%	Non sodic	10-15	15-25	>25
Erosion	Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	>10

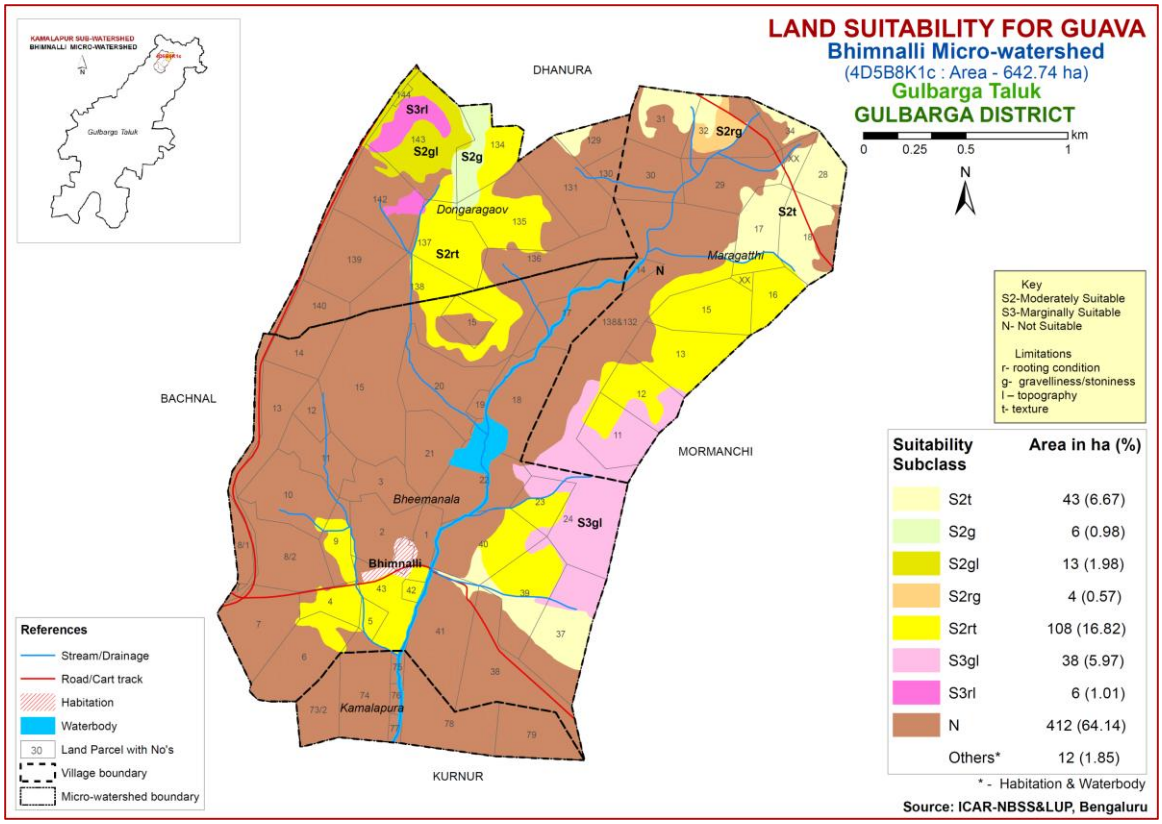


Fig 7.11 Land Suitability map of Guava

7.12 Land Suitability for Jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*)

Jackfruit is the most important fruit crop grown in 5368 ha in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing jackfruit were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing jackfruit was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.12.

No highly (Class S1) suitable lands are available for growing jackfruit in the microwatershed. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in very small area of about 6 ha (1%). The soils have moderate limitations of rooting depth and are distributed in the northwestern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 152 ha (23%) and mainly occur in the northern, northeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of texture and rooting depth. Major area of about 474 ha (74%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing jackfruit and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

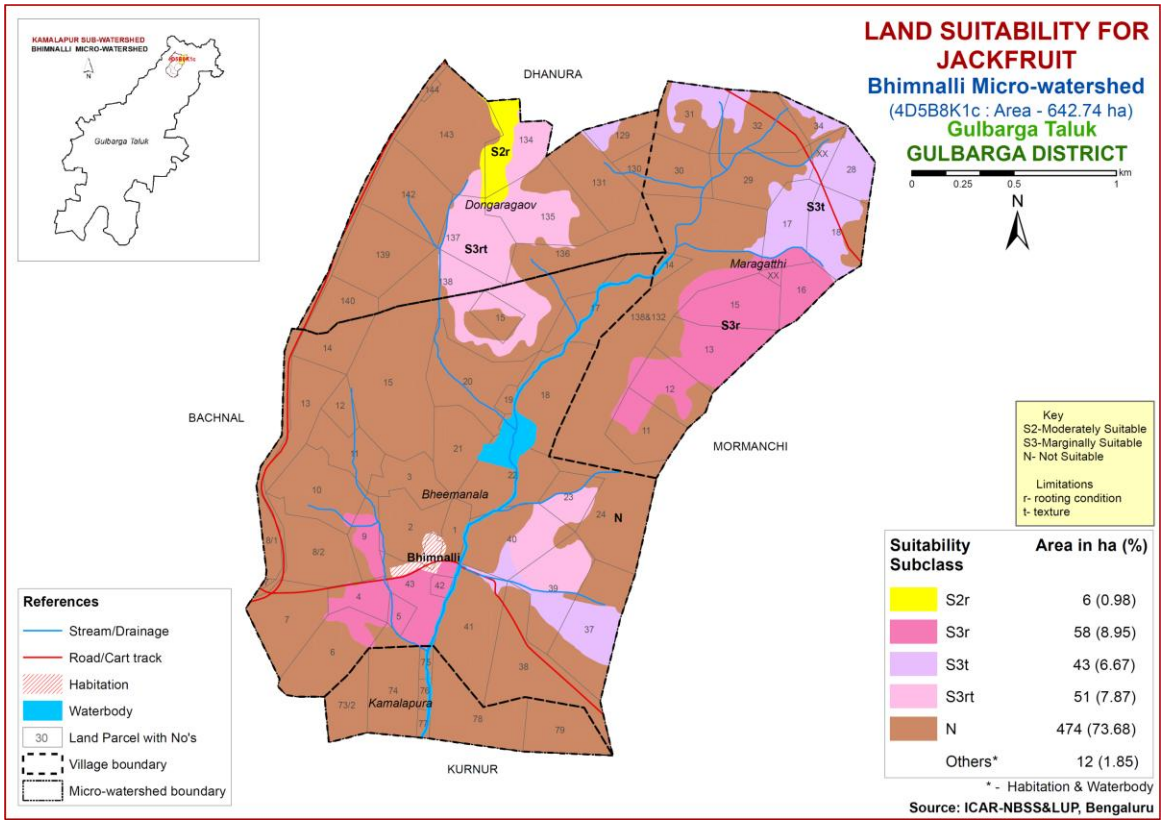


Fig 7.12 Land Suitability map of Jackfruit

7.13 Land Suitability for Jamun (*Syzygium cumini*)

Jamun is the most important fruit crop grown in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing jamun were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing jamun was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.13.

No highly (Class S1) suitable lands are available for growing jamun in the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 100 ha (15%). The soils have moderate limitations of texture, gravelliness and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the southeastern, northeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of 113 ha (17%) and mainly occur in the eastern, northwestern and northeastern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of rooting depth, gravelliness and topography. Major area of about 419 ha (65%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing jamun and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

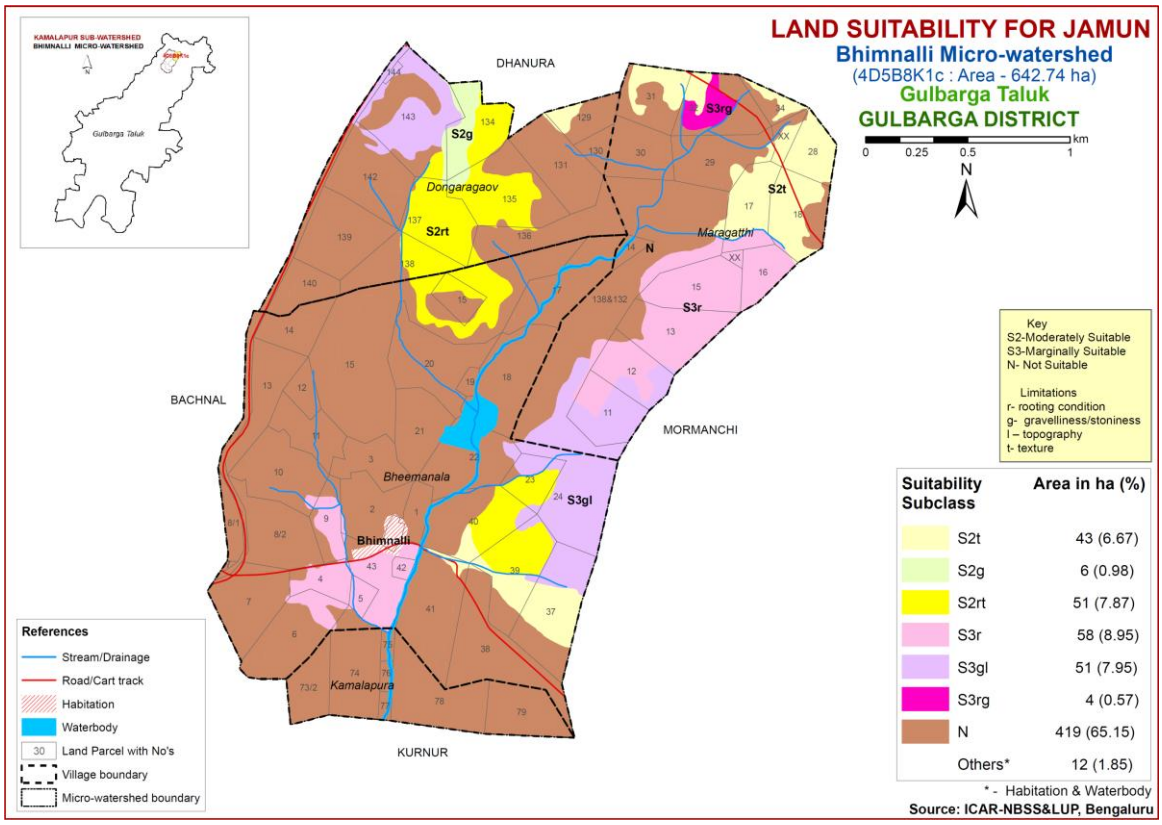


Fig 7.13 Land Suitability map of Jamun

7.14 Land Suitability for Musambi (*Citrus limetta*)

Musambi is the most important fruit crop grown in an area of 5446 ha in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing musambi were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing musambi was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.14.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur in an area of about 43 ha (7%) and are distributed in the southeastern and northeastern part of the microwatershed. They have minor or no limitations for growing musambi. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands occur in an area of about 131 ha (20%). The soils have moderate limitations of texture, gravelliness, topography and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the eastern, central and northwestern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a small area of about 38 ha (6%) in the microwatershed and mainly occur in the eastern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitation of gravelliness and topography. Major area of about 419 ha (65%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing musambi and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

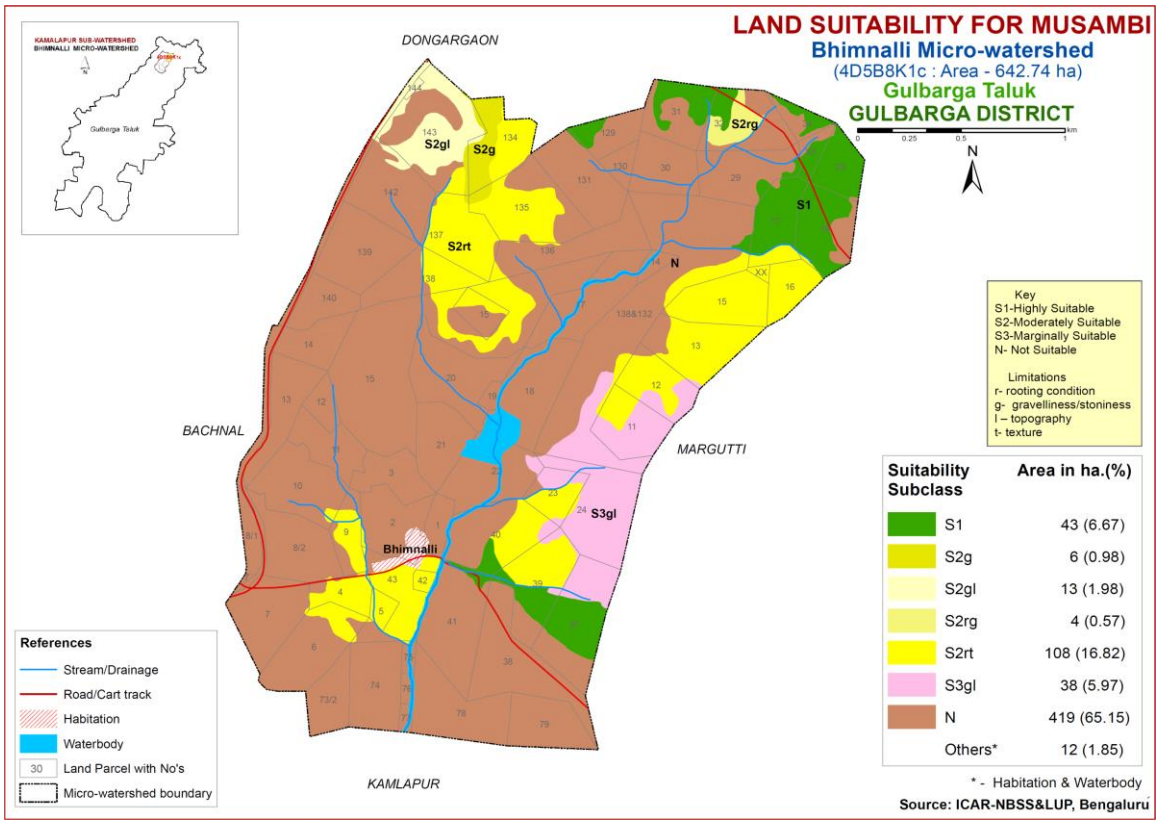


Fig 7.14 Land Suitability map of Musambi

7.15 Land Suitability for Lime (*Citrus sp*)

Lime is the most important fruit crop grown in 11752 ha in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing lime (Table 7.11) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing lime was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.15.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur in an area of about 43 ha (7%) and are distributed in the southeastern, northern and northeastern part of the microwatershed. They have minor or no limitations for growing lime. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands occur in an area of about 131 ha (20%). The soils have moderate limitations of texture, gravelliness, topography and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the northeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a small area of about 38 ha (6%) and are distributed in the eastern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness and topography. Major area of about 419 ha (65%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing lime and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

Table 7.11 Crop suitability criteria for Lime

Crop requirement			Rating			
Soil –site characteristics		**Unit**	**Highly suitable (S1)**	**Moderately suitable (S2)**	**Marginally suitable (S3)**	**Not suitable (N)**
Climate	Temp in growing season	^{0}C	28-30	31-35 24-27	36-40 20-23	>40 <20
Soil moisture	Growing period	Days	240-265	180-240	150-180	<150
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	class	Well drained	Mod. to imperfectly drained	poorly	Very poorly
Nutrient availability	Texture	Class	Scl, l, sicl, cl, s	Sc, sc, c	C (>70%)	S, ls
	pH	1:2.5	6.0-7.5	5.5-6.4/ 7.6-8.0	4.0-5.4 8.1-8.5	<4.0 >8.5
	$CaCO_3$ in root zone	%	Non calcareous	Upto 5	5-10	>10
Rooting condition	Soil depth	cm	>150	100-150	50-100	<50
	Gravel content	% vol.	Non gravelly	15-35	35-55	>55
Soil toxicity	Salinity	dS/m	Non saline	Upto 1.0	1.0-2.5	>2.5
	Sodicity	%	Non sodic	5-10	10-15	>15
Erosion	Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	

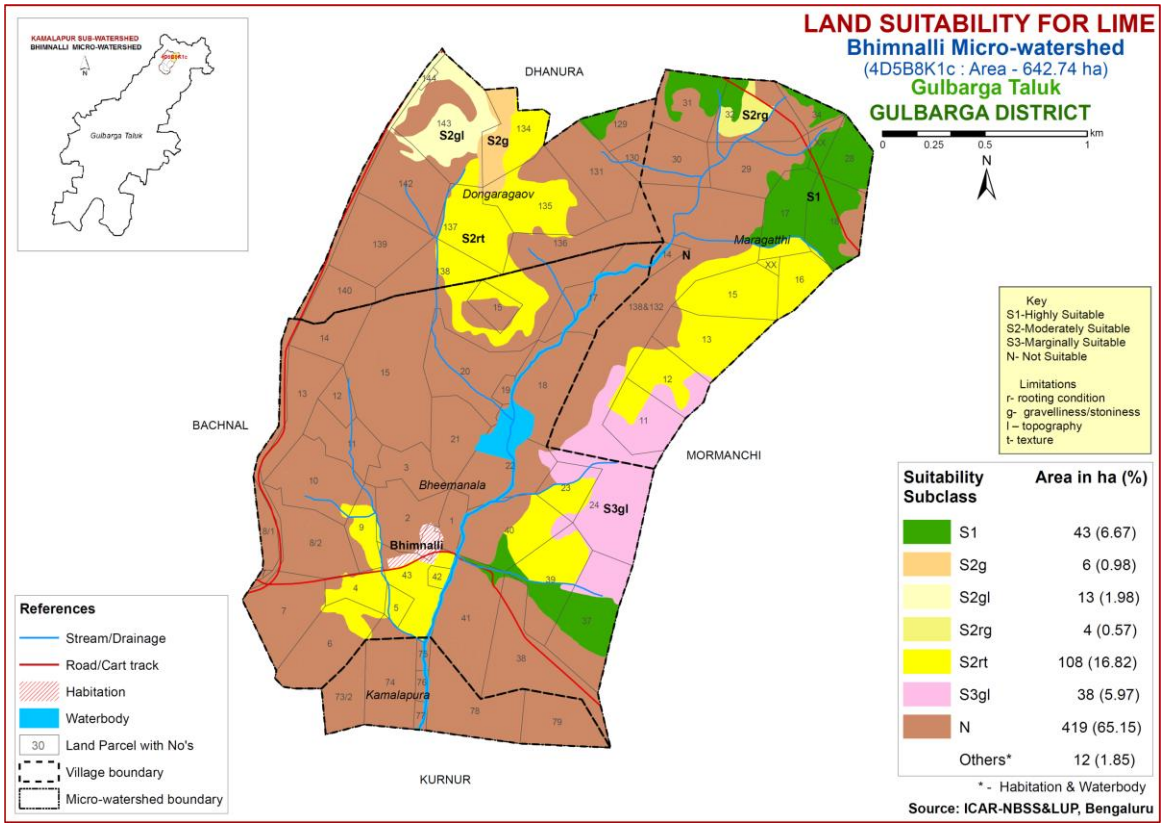


Fig 7.15 Land Suitability map of Lime

7.16 Land Suitability for Cashew (*Anacardium occidentale)*

Cashew is the most important plantation crop grown in an area of about 70552 ha almost all the districts. The crop requirements for growing Cashew were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing Cashew was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.16.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur in a very small area of about 6 ha (1%) and are distributed in the northwestern part of the microwatershed. They have minor or no limitations for growing cashew. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands occur in a small area of about 13 ha (2%) and are distributed in the northwestern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a very small area of about 6 ha (1%) and are distributed in the northwestern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of gravelliness and topography. Major area of about 605 ha (94%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing cashew and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

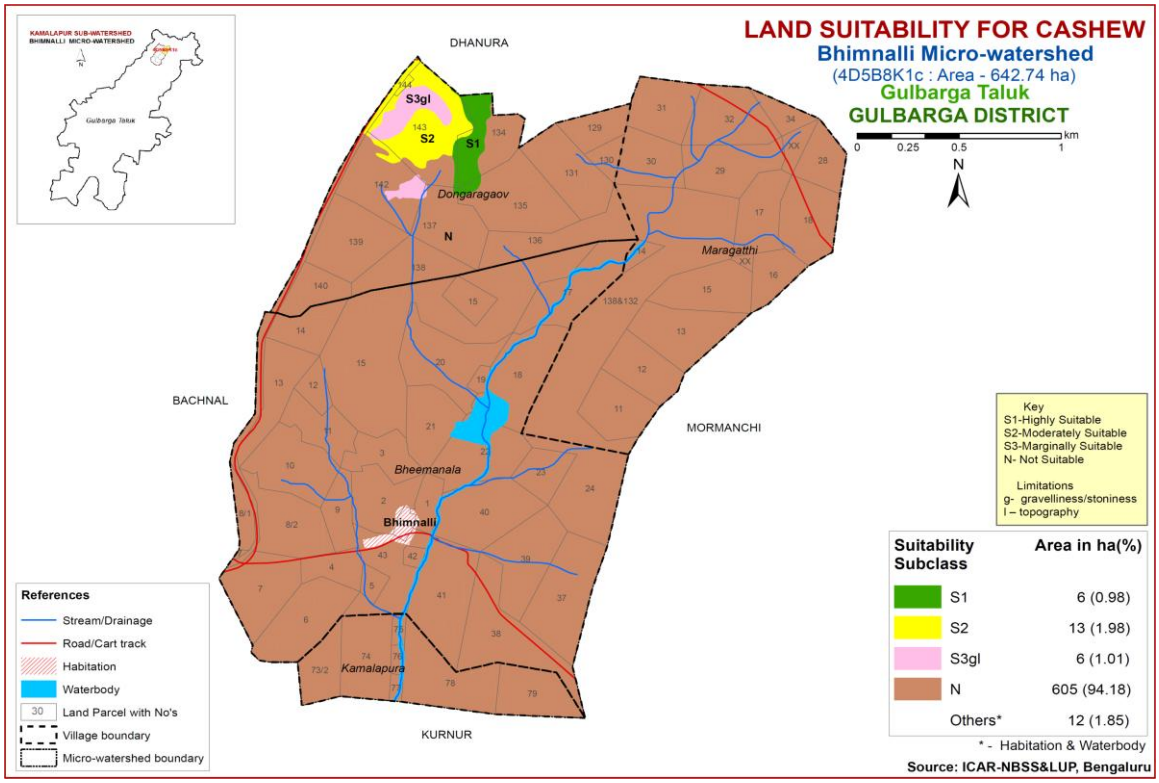


Fig 7.16 Land Suitability map of Cashew

7.17 Land Suitability for Custard Apple (*Annona reticulata*)

Custard apple is the most important fruit crop grown in 1426 ha area in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing custard apple were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing custard apple was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.17.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur in an area of 157 ha (24%) and are distributed in the northern, northeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. They have minor or no limitations for growing custard apple. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in major area of about 286 ha (44%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness, topography and rooting depth. They are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover about 133 ha (21%) area and mainly occur in the southern, central, southeastern and northwestern part of the microwatershed. They have severe limitations of rooting depth, topography and gravelliness. An area of about 55 ha (9%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing custard apple and occur in northern and central part of the microwatershed.

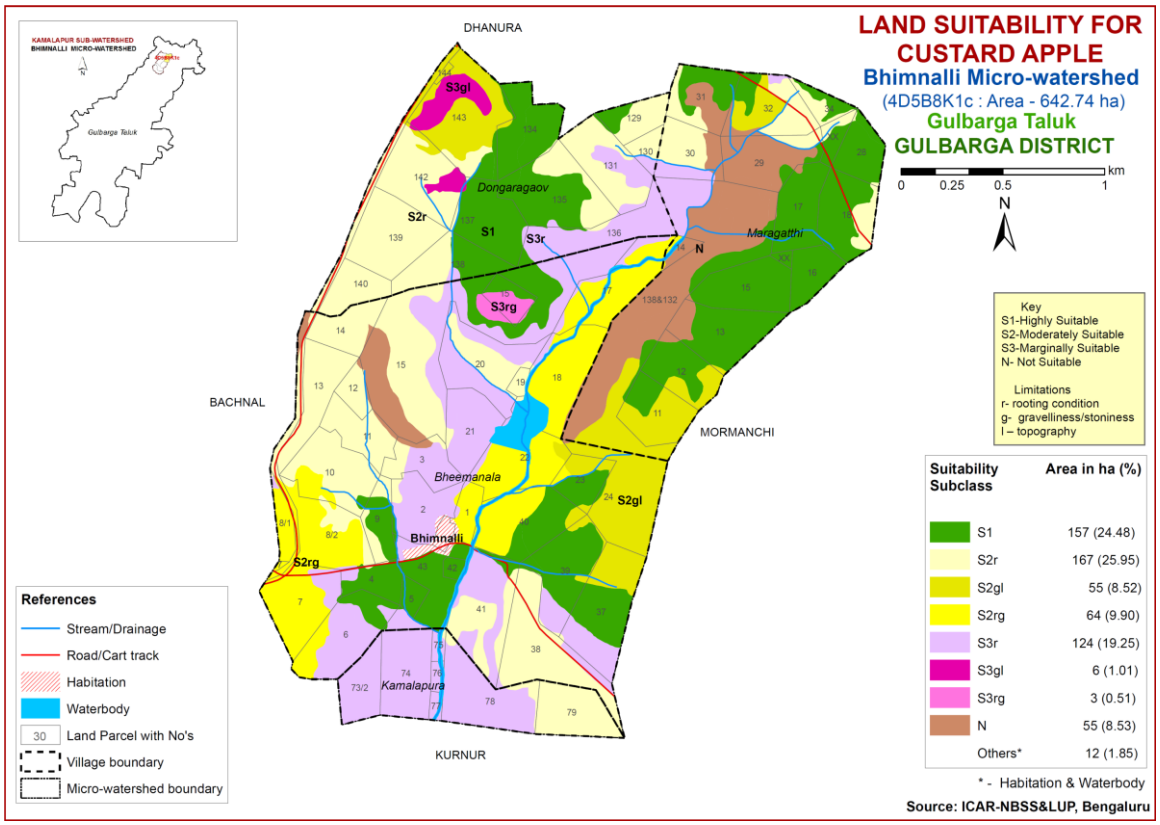


Fig 7.17 Land Suitability map of Custard Apple

7.18 Land Suitability for Amla (*Phyllanthus emblica*)

Amla is the most important medicinal crop grown in 151 ha in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing amla were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing amla was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.18.

Highly suitable (Class S1) lands are found to occur an area of 157 ha (24%). They have minor or no limitations for growing custard apple and are distributed in the northern,

northeastern, northwestern and central part of the microwatershed. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 119 ha (18%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness, topography and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the southwestern, eastern, central and northwestern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands are found to occur in an area of about 173 ha (27%). The soils have moderate limitations of gravelliness, topography and rooting depth. They are dominantly distributed in the western, northern, northeastern, central and southeastern part of the microwatershed. Major area of about 182 ha (28%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing amla and the distributed in the southern, southeastern, central and northern part of the microwatershed.

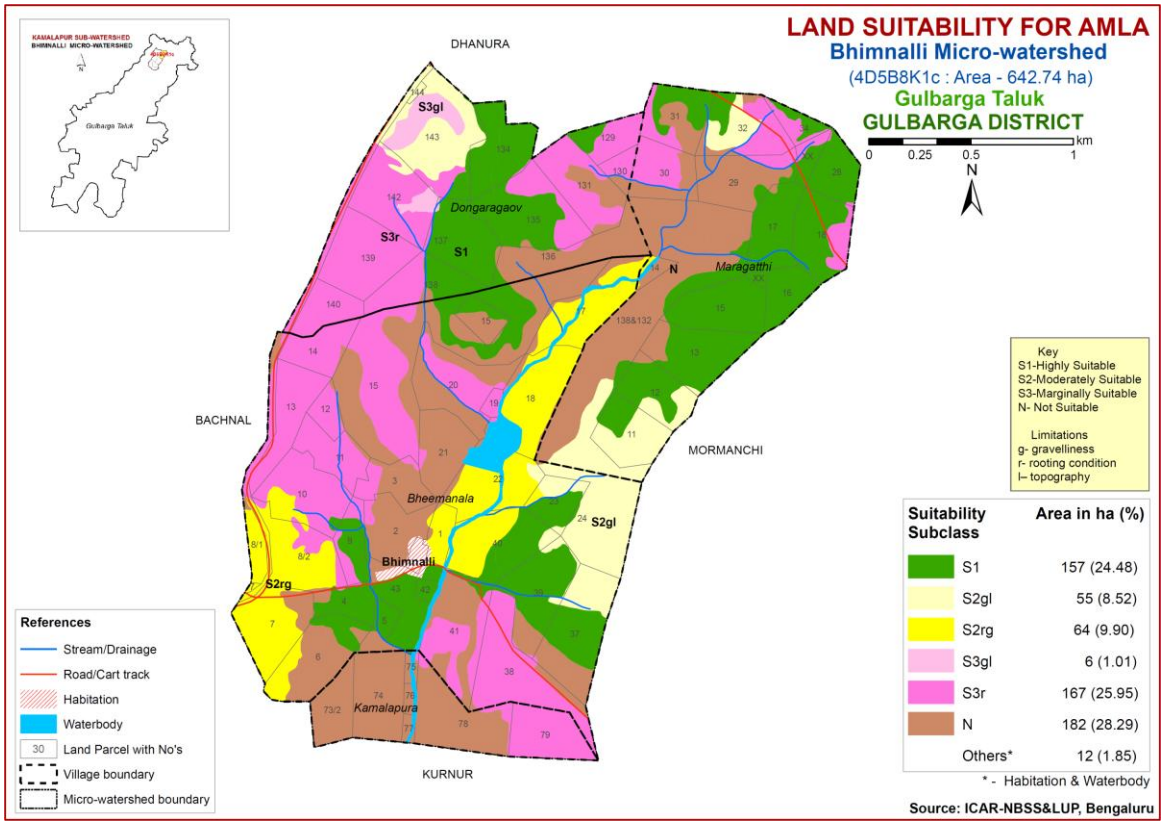


Fig 7.18 Land Suitability map of Amla

7.19 Land Suitability for Tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*)

Tamarind is the most important spice crop raised in 14897 ha in all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing tamarind were matched with the soil-site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing tamarind was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.19.

No highly (Class S1) suitable lands are available for growing tamarind in the Bhimnalli microwatershed. Moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 113 ha (17%). The soils have moderate limitation of gravelliness,

topography, texture and rooting depth. They are distributed in the northern, northeastern, northwestern, southeastern and central part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover about 100 ha (15%) area and mainly occur in the eastern and central part of the microwatershed. The soils have severe limitations of gravelliness, topography and rooting depth. Major area of about 419 ha (65%) is not suitable (Class N) for growing tamarind and occur in all parts of the microwatershed.

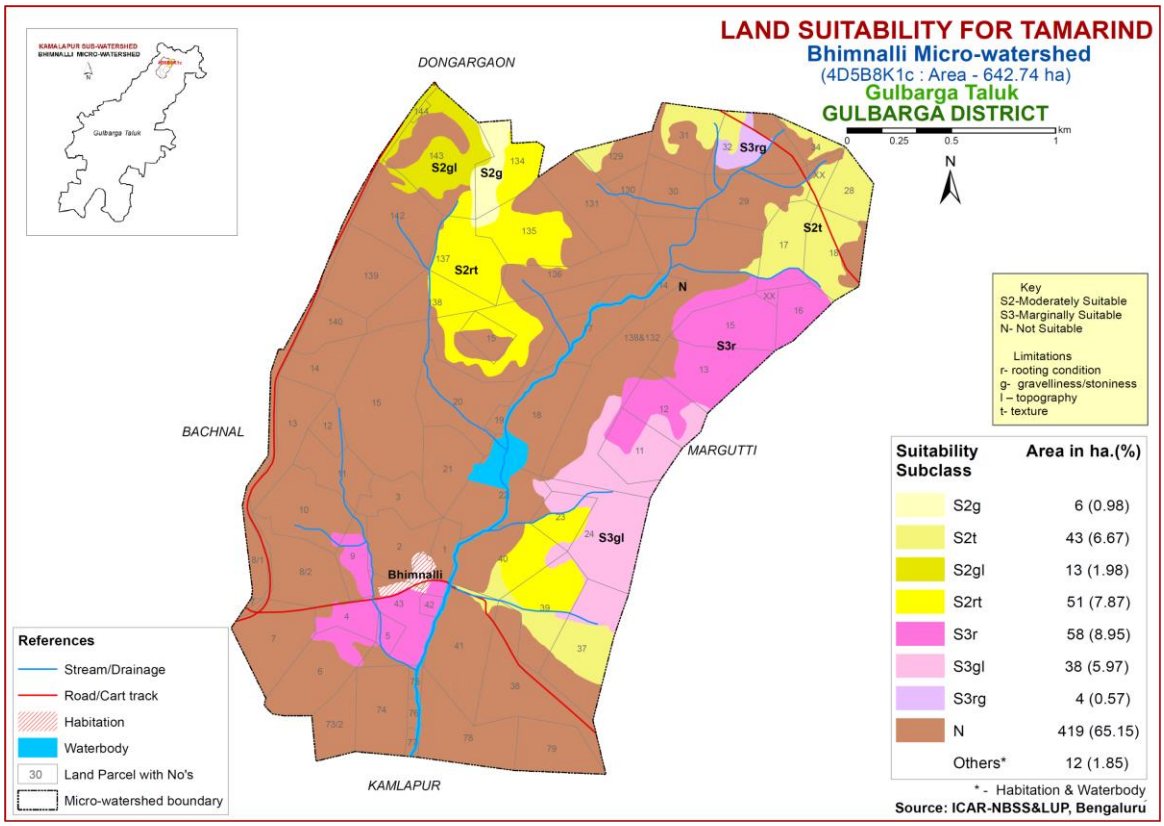


Fig 7.19 Land Suitability map of Tamarind

7.20 Land Use Classes (LUCs)

The 34 soil map units identified in Bhimnalli microwatershed have been regrouped into 7 Land Use Classes (LUC's) for the purpose of preparing a Proposed Crop Plan. Land Use Classes are grouped based on the similarities in respect of the type of soil, the depth of the soil, the surface soil texture, gravel content, AWC, slope, erosion etc. and a Land Use Classes map (Fig.7.20) has been generated. These Land Use Classes are expected to behave similarly for a given level of management.

The map units that have been grouped into 7 land use classes along with brief description of soil and site characteristics are given below.

LUCs	Soil map units	Soil and site characteristics
1	MGTmB1g2, MGTmB2g1 MGTmB2g2, MGTmB3g1 MGTmB3g2, MGTmC2g2 KGImC3g1, 1KGImC3g2 KGImD3g2, KGImD3g3 KGImD4g2	Very shallow, black gravelly clay soils with slopes of 1-10%, gravelly to extremely gravelly (15-80%) and slight to severe erosion
2	KGImB2, KGImB2g1 KGImB2g2, KGImB2g1 KGImC2g1, KGImC2g2 NHAmB1, NHAmB2g1	Shallow black soils with slopes of 1-3%, gravelly to very gravelly (15-60%) and slight to moderate erosion
3	DSImB1, DSImB2 DSImB2g1, HBLmB2g2 RMNmD3g2	Moderately shallow black clayey soils with slopes of 1-10 %, gravelly to very gravelly (15-60%) and slight to severe erosion
4	KMPmB2, RMNmB2g1 RMNmC2g2, RMNmC3g2	Moderately deep black soils with slopes of 1-5 %, gravelly to very gravelly (15- 60) and moderate to severe erosion
5	KTIiC3g1	Moderately deep red clayey soils with slopes of 3-5%, gravelly (15-35%) and severe erosion
6	GNGiB2g1 GNGmC3g1	Deep red clayey soils with slopes of 1-5 %, gravelly (15- 35) and moderate to severe erosion
7	RNLmB1, RNLmB2g1 MANmB2	Deep to very deep black clayey soils with slopes of 1-3 %, gravelly (15-35%) and slight to moderate erosion

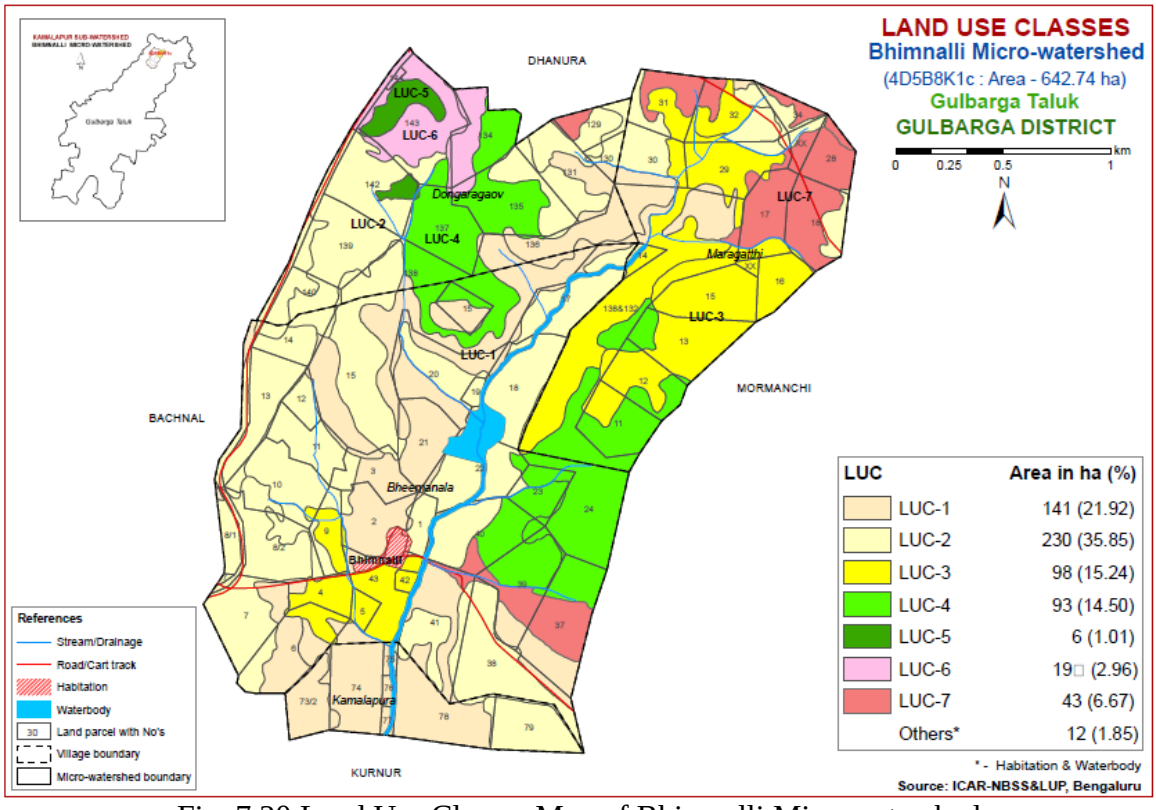


Fig. 7.20 Land Use Classes Map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

7.21 Proposed Crop Plan for Bhimnalli Microwatershed

After assessing the land suitability for the 19 crops, a proposed crop plan has been prepared for the 7 identified LUCs by considering only the highly (Class S1) and moderately (Class S2) suitable lands for each of the nineteen crops. The resultant proposed crop plan is presented below in Table 7.12.

Table 7.12 Proposed Crop Plan for Bhimnalli Microwatershed

LUC	Mapping unit	Characters	Survey No	Field crops	Forestry Crop/ Grasses	Horticulture crops (Rainfed Condition)	Horticulture crops with suitable intervention	Suitable Intervention
LUC 1	MGTmB1g2 MGTmB2g1 MGTmB2g2 MGTmB3g1 MGTmB3g2 MGTmC2g2 KGImC3g1 1KGImC3g2 KGImD3g2 KGImD3g3 KGImD4g2	Very shallow soils, Depth (<25 cm) Slight to moderately gravelly, severely eroded	**Bheemanala:** 2,3,6,15,21,41 **Dongaragaov:** 136 **Kamalapura:** 73/2,74,75,76,77, 78	-	Silvipastures, Neem, Glyricydia, Teak,Agave	-	-	Crescent bunds
LUC 2	KGImB2 KGImB2g1 KGImB2g2 KGImB2g1 KGImC2g1 KGImC2g2 NHAmB1 NHAmB2g1	Shallow black soils (25-50 cm) depth, 1-3 % slope, slightly to moderately eroded, slight to moderately gravelly	**Bheemanala:** 1,7,8/1,8/2,10,11, 12,13,14,17,18,19, 20, 22,38,40 **Dongaragaov:** 129,130,131,138, 139,140,142 **Kamalapura:** 79 **Maragathi:** 30	Bajra, Linseed, Green gram, Black gram, Chick pea	Subabhul, Neem, Teak	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber, Amla Vegetables: Ladies finger, Brinjal, Cowpea, Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber, Amla Vegetables: Onion, Tomato, Brinjal, Chillies, Bhendi Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Drip irrigation, suitable soil and water conservation measures like cultivation on raised beds with mulches and drip

LUC 3	DSImB1 DSImB2 DSImB2g1 HBLmB2g2 RMNmD3g2	Moderately shallow black soils (50-75 cm) depth, 1-3 % slope, moderately eroded.	**Bheemanala:** 4,5,9,42,43 **Maragathi:** 12,13,14,15, 16,29,32,138 & 132	Sorghum, Cotton, Red Gram, Black gram, Green gram, Soybean, Sesame, Sunflower, Safflower Rabi: Sorghum, Chickpea	Subabhul, Neem, Teak	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber, Amla Vegetables: Ladies finger, Brinjal, Cowpea, Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber, Amla, Papaya, Banana, Lime, Citrus Vegetables: Onion, Tomato, Brinjal, Chillies, Bhendi Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Drip irrigation, suitable soil and water conservation measures like cultivation on raised beds with mulches and drip Graded bunds, Strengthening of field bunds
LUC 4	KMPmB2 RMNmB2g1 RMNmC2g2 RMNmC3g2	Moderately deep black soils (75-100 cm) depth, 1-3 % slope, moderately eroded.	**Bheemanala: 23,24,39** **Dongaragaov: 135,137** **Maragathi: 11**	Sorghum, Cotton, Red Gram, Black gram, Green gram, Soybean, Sesame, Sunflower, Safflower Rabi: Sorghum, Chickpea	Subabhul, Neem, Teak	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber, Amla Vegetables: Ladies finger, Brinjal, Cowpea, Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber, Amla, Papaya, Banana, Lime, Citrus Vegetables: Onion, Tomato, Brinjal, Chillies, Bhendi Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Drip irrigation, suitable soil and water conservation like cultivation on raised beds with mulches and drip Graded bunds, Strengthening of field bunds
LUC 5	KTIiC3g1	Moderately deep red soil (75-100 cm), 3-5 % slope, severely eroded, moderately gravelly	**Dongaragaov: 143,144,137**	Ragi, sorghum,bajra horsegram, castor	Silviculture: Accacia arculiformis, Glyricidia, Agave, Simaruba, Cassia spp. Grasses:Styloxanthes hamata, Styloxanthes scabra, Khus grass	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber	suitable soil and water conservation like trench cum bunds

LUC 6	GNGiB2g1 GNGmC3g1	Deep red soils (100-150 cm) depth, 1-5 % slope, moderately to severely eroded, slightly gravelly	**Dongaragaov: 134,143,144**	Sorghum, Cotton, Red Gram, Black gram, Green gram, Sesame	Silviculture: Accacia arculiformis, Glyricidia, Agave, Simaruba, Cassia spp. Grasses:Styloxanthes hamata, Styloxanthes scabra, Khus grass	Custard apple, Charoli, Ber, Amla Mango,	Mango, sapota, Guava, Lime, Banana, Papaya, Jamun. Mixed orchards: Mango+Guava+Drumstick+curryleaf Sapota+ Guava+Drumstick+curryleaf. Vegetables: Tomota, Capscicum, Green chilli, french bean, Bhendi, Crucifers Cucurbits. Flower crops: Tuberose, Aster, Chrysanthemum, Rose, Jasmine, spider lilly. Turmeric.	Drip irrigation, suitable soil and water conservations like cultivation on raised beds with mulches and drip Trench cum bunds
LUC 7	RNLmB1 RNLmB2g1 MANmB2	Deep to very deep Black soil (100-150 & >150 cm) depth, 1-3 % slope, slight erosion	**Bheemanala: 37 Maragathi: 17,18,28,31, 34**	Sorghum, Cotton, Red Gram Black gram, Green gram, Soybean, Sesame, Sunflower, Safflower, Rabi: Sorghum, Chickpea	-	Vegetables: Ladies finger, Brinjal, Cowpea, coriander Field crops: Sorghum, Cotton, Red Gram, Sunflower, Safflower, Perennial component: Guava, Tamarind, Sapota, Lime, Mosambi Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Banana, Papaya, Lime. Mosambi, Guava, Tamrind Vegetables: Onion, Tomato, Brinjal, Chillies, Bhendi Flowers: Marigold, Chrysanthemum	Drip irrigation, suitable soil and water conservation like cultivation on raised beds with mulches and drip Graded bunds, Strengthening of field bunds

Chapter 8

SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

8.1 Soil Health

Soil is fundamental to crop production. Without soil, no food could be produced nor would livestock be fed on a large scale. Because it is finite and fragile, soil is a precious resource that requires special care from its users.

Soil health or the capacity of the soil to function is critical to human survival. Soil health has been defined as: "the capacity of the soil to function as a living system without adverse effect on the ecosystem". Healthy soils maintain a diverse community of soil organisms that help to form beneficial symbiotic associations with plant roots, recycle essential plant nutrients, improve soil structure with positive repercussions for soil, water and nutrient holding capacity and ultimately improve crop production and also contribute to mitigating climate change by maintaining or increasing its carbon content.

Functional interactions of soil biota with organic and inorganic components, air and water determine a soil's potential to store and release nutrients and water to plants and to promote and sustain plant growth. Thus, maintaining soil health is vital to crop production and conserve soil resource base for sustaining agriculture.

The most important characteristics of a healthy soil are

- Good soil tilth
- Sufficient soil depth
- Good water storage and good drainage
- Adequate supply, but not excess of nutrients
- Large population of beneficial organisms
- Small proportion of plant pathogens and insect pests
- Low weed pressure
- Free of chemicals and toxins that may harm the crop
- Resistance to degradation
- Resilience when unfavourable conditions occur

Characteristics of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

- The soil phases with sizeable area identified in the microwatershed belonged to the soil series of KGI (223 ha), RMN (93 ha), MGT (84 ha), NAH (64 ha), DSI (57 ha), KMP (37 ha), RNL (31 ha), GNG (19 ha), MAN (11 ha), KTI (6 ha) and HBL (4 ha).
- As per land capability classification, nearly 97 per cent area comes under arable land category (Class II, III and IV) and 3 per cent area belongs to nonarable land (Class VI) category. The major limitations identified in the arable lands were soil and erosion.

- On the basis of soil reaction, about 186 ha (29%) area is slightly acid (pH 6.0-6.5) followed by moderately acid (pH 5.5-6.0) soils in 185 ha (29%) and strongly to very strongly acid (pH 4.5-5.5) 13 ha (2.0%). Maximum area of about 211 ha (33%) is neutral (pH 6.5-7.3) in reaction. Strongly alkaline (pH 7.3-7.8) soils cover about 35 ha (6%). Thus, about 60 per cent of the soils in the microwatershed are acidic in reaction.

Soil Health Management

The following actions are required to improve the current land husbandry practices that provide a sound basis for the successful adoption of sustainable crop production system.

Alkaline soils

(Slightly alkaline to moderately alkaline soils)

1. Regular addition of organic manure, green manuring, green leaf manuring, crop residue incorporation and mulching needs to be taken up to improve the soil organic matter status.
2. Application of biofertilizers (Azospirullum, Azatobacter, Rhizobium).
3. Application of 25% extra N and P (125 % RDN&P).
4. Application of $ZnSO_4$ – 12.5 kg/ha (once in three years).
5. Application of Boron – 5kg/ha (once in three years).

Neutral soils

1. Regular addition of organic manure, green manuring, green leaf manuring, crop residue incorporation and mulching needs to be taken up to improve the soil organic matter status.
2. Application of biofertilizers, (Azospirullum, Azotobacter, Rhizobium).
3. Application of 100 per cent RDF.
4. Need based micronutrient applications.

Acid soils

(Slightly acid to strongly acid soils)

1. Application of lime in the form of calcium carbonate or lime stone ($CaCO_3$)
2. Regular addition of organic manure, green manuring, green leaf manuring, crop residue incorporation and mulching needs to be taken up to improve the soil organic matter status.
3. Use of rock phosphate (30-50 % of CaO, which helps in improving soil pH).
4. Application of basic fertilizers (Sodium nitrate, basic slag etc, reduces acidity in acid soils)

   Besides the above recommendations, the best transfer of technology options are also to be adopted.

Soil Degradation

Soil erosion is one of the major factor affecting the soil health in the microwatershed. Out of total area of 643 ha in the microwatershed, major area of 542 ha is suffering from either moderate to severe and very severe erosion. These areas need immediate soil and water conservation and other land husbandry practices for restoring soil health.

Disseminate of information and communicate benefits

Any large scale implementation of soil health management requires that supporting information is made available widely, particularly through channels familiar to farmers and extension workers. Given the very high priority attached to soil health especially by the Central Government on issuing Soil-Health Cards to all the farmers, media outlets like regional, state and national newspapers, Radio and Dooradarshan programs in local languages but also modern information and communication technologies such as Cellular phones and the Internet, which can be much more effective in reaching the younger farmers.

Inputs for Net Planning (Saturation Plans) and Interventions needed

Net planning (Saturation Plans) in IWMP is focusing on preparation of

1. Soil and Water Conservation Plan for each plot or farm.
2. Productivity enhancement measures/ interventions for existing crops/livestock/other farm enterprises.
3. Diversification of farming mainly with perennial horticultural crops and livestock.
4. Improving livelihood opportunities and income generating activities.

   In this connection, how various outputs of Sujala-III are of use in addressing these objectives of Net Planning (Saturation Plans) are briefly presented below.

- **Soil Depth:** The depth of a soil decides the amount of moisture and nutrients it can hold, what crops can be taken up or not, depending on the rooting depth and the length of growing period available for raising any crop. Deeper the soil, better for a wide variety of crops. If sufficient depth is not available for growing deep rooted crops either choose medium or short duration crops or deeper planting pits need to be opened and additional good quality soil brought from outside has to be filled into the planting pits.
- **Surface soil texture:** Lighter soil texture in the top soil means, better rain water infiltration, less run-off and soil moisture conservation, less capillary rise and less evaporation losses. Lighter surface textured soils are amenable to good soil tilth and are highly suitable for crops like groundnut, root vegetables (carrot, raddish, potato etc) but not ideal for crops that need stagnant water like lowland paddy. Heavy textured soils are poor in water infiltration and percolation. They are prone for sheet

erosion; such soils can be improved by sand mulching. The technology that is developed by the AICRP-Dryland Agriculture, Vijayapura, Karnataka may be adopted.

- **Gravelliness:** More gravel content is favorable for run-off harvesting but poor in soil moisture storage and nutrient availability. It is a significant parameter that decides the kind of crop to be raised.
- **Land Capability Classification:** The land capability map shows the areas suitable and not suitable for agriculture and the major constraints in each of the plot/survey number. Hence, one can decide what kind of enterprise is possible in each of these units. In general, erosion and soil are the major constraints in Bhimnalli microwatershed.
- **Organic Carbon:** In about 9 ha (1%) area, the OC content is low (<0.5%), in about 68 ha (11%) area, the OC content is medium (0.5-0.75%) and in about 554 ha (86%) area it is high (>0.75%). The areas that are low and medium in OC needs to be further improved by applying farmyard manure and rotating crops with cereals and legumes or mixed cropping.
- **Promoting green manuring:** Growing of green manuring crops cost Rs. 1250/ha (green manuring seeds) and about Rs. 2000/ha towards cultivation that totals to Rs. 3250/- per ha. On the other hand, application of organic manure @ 10 tons/ha costs Rs. 5000/ha. The practice needs to be continued for 2-3 years or more. Nitrogen fertilizer needs to be supplemented by 25% in addition to the recommended level in 77 ha area where OC is low to medium. For example, for rainfed maize, recommended level is 50 kg N per ha and an additional 12 kg /ha needs to be applied for all the crops grown in these plots.
- **Available Phosphorus**: In 564 ha (88%) area, the available phosphorus is low and about 67 ha (10%) area it is medium in available phosphorus in the microwatershed. Hence for all the crops, 25% additional P-needs to be applied.
- **Available Potassium:** Available potassium is medium in 402 ha (63%) area of the microwatershed, low in 184 ha (29%) area of the microwatershed Hence, in all these plots, for all crops, an additional 25 % potassium may be applied. It is high in 44 ha (7%) area of the microwatershed.
- **Available Sulphur:** Available sulphur is a very critical nutrient for oilseed crops. It is low in only 1 ha area of the microwatershed and medium in 343 ha (53%).These areas need to be applied with magnesium sulphate or gypsum or Factamphos (p) fertitilizer (13% sulphur) for 2-3 years for the deficiency to be corrected. About 287 ha (45%) area has soils that are high in available sulphur.
- **Available iron:** It is sufficient in entire area of the microwatershed.
- **Available Zinc:** It is deficient in 147 ha (23%) area of the microwatershed. Application of zinc sulphate @25kg/ha is to be applied. It is sufficient in 484 ha (75%) area in the microwatershed.

Soil acidity: The microwatershed has 384 ha area with soils that are acidic. These areas need application of lime ($CaCO_3$) and wherever acidity is in excess, rock phosphate and basic slag can be recommended. Management practices like soil management, water management *etc*, increase the efficiency of nitrogen and potassic fertilizers and growing of acid tolerant crops like Rice, Potato, Tomato, Barley, Wheat *etc*., are recommended.

Soil alkalinity: The microwatershed has 35 ha area with soils that are alkaline. These areas need application of gypsum and wherever calcium is in excess, iron pyrites and element sulphur can be recommended. Management practices like treating repeatedly with good quality water to drain out the excess salts and, provision of subsurface drainage and growing of salt tolerant crops like Casuarina, Acasia, Neem, Ber etc., are recommended.

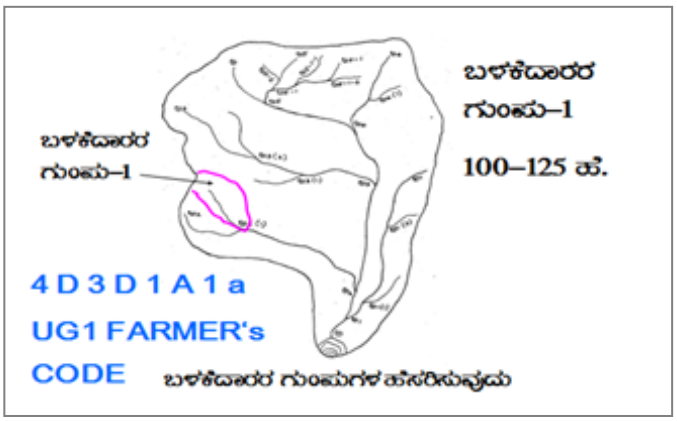
Land Suitability for various crops: Areas that are highly, moderately and marginally suitable for growing various crops are indicated. Along with the suitability, various constraints that are limiting the productivity are also indicated. For example, in case of cotton, gravel content, rooting depth and salinity/alkalinity are the major constraints in various plots. With suitable management interventions, the productivity can be enhanced. In order to increase water holding capacity of light textured soils, growing of green manure crops and application of organic manure is recommended.

Chapter 9

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION TREATMENT PLAN

For preparing soil and water conservation treatment plan for Bhimnalli microwatershed, the land resource inventory database generated under Sujala-III project has been transformed as information through series of interpretative (thematic) maps using soil phase map as a base. The various thematic maps (1:7920 scale) generated were

- Soil depth
- Surface soil texture
- Available water capacity
- Soil slope
- Soil gravelliness
- Land capability
- Present land use and land cover
- Crop suitability
- Rainfall
- Hydrology
- Water Resources
- Socio-economic data



- Contour plan with existing features- Network of waterways, pothissa boundaries, cut up/ minor terraces etc.
- Cadastral map (1:7920 scale)
- Satellite imagery (1:7920 scale)

Apart from these, Hand Level/ Hydro Marker/ Dumpy Level/ Total Station and Kathedars' List has to be collected.

Steps for Survey and Preparation of Treatment Plan

The boundaries of Land User Groups' and Survey No. boundaries are traced in the field.

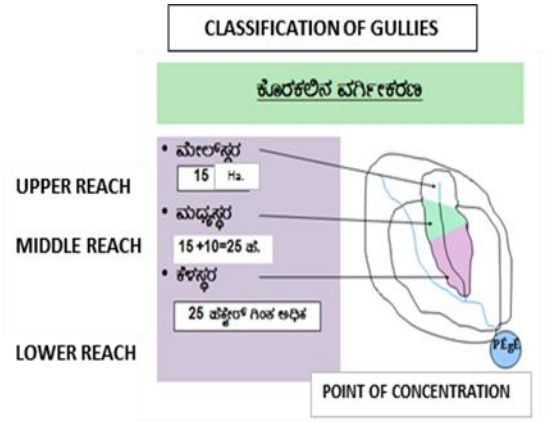
- Naming of user groups and farmers
- Identification of arable and non arable lands
- Identification of drainage lines and gullies
- Identification of non treatable areas
- Identification of priority areas in the arable lands
- Treatment plan for arable lands
- Location of water harvesting and recharge structures

9.1 Treatment Plan

The treatment plan recommended for arable lands is briefly described below

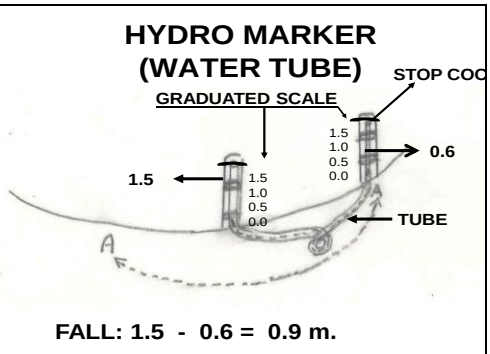
9.1.1 Arable Land Treatment

A. BUNDING

Steps for Survey and Preparation of Treatment Plan		**USER GROUP-1**
• Cadastral map (1:7920 scale) is enlarged to a scale of 1:2500 scale • Existing network of waterways, pothissa boundaries, grass belts, natural drainage lines/ watercourse, cut ups/ terraces are marked on the cadastral map to the scale • Drainage lines are demarcated into		
Small gullies	(up to 5 ha catchment)	
Medium gullies	(5-15 ha catchment)	
Ravines	(15-25 ha catchment) and	
Halla/Nala	(more than 25ha catchment)	

Measurement of Land Slope

Land slope is estimated or determined by the study and interpretation of contours or by measurement in the field using simple instruments like Hand level or Hydromarker.



Vertical and Horizontal intervals between bunds as recommended by the Watershed Development Department.

Slope percentage	Vertical interval (m)	Corresponding Horizontal Distance (m)
2 - 3%	0.6	24
3 - 4%	0.9	21
4 - 5%	0.9	21
5 - 6%	1.2	21
6 - 7%	1.2	21

Note: (i) The above intervals are maximum.

(ii) Considering the slope class and erosion status (A1-A=0-1 % slope, 1= slight erosion) the intervals have to be decided.

Bund length recording: Considering the contour plan and the existing grass belts/partitions, the bunds are aligned and lengths are measured.

Section of the Bund

Bund section is decided considering the soil texture class and gravelliness class (bg_0, b=loamy sand, g_0 = <15% gravel). The recommended Sections for different soils are given below.

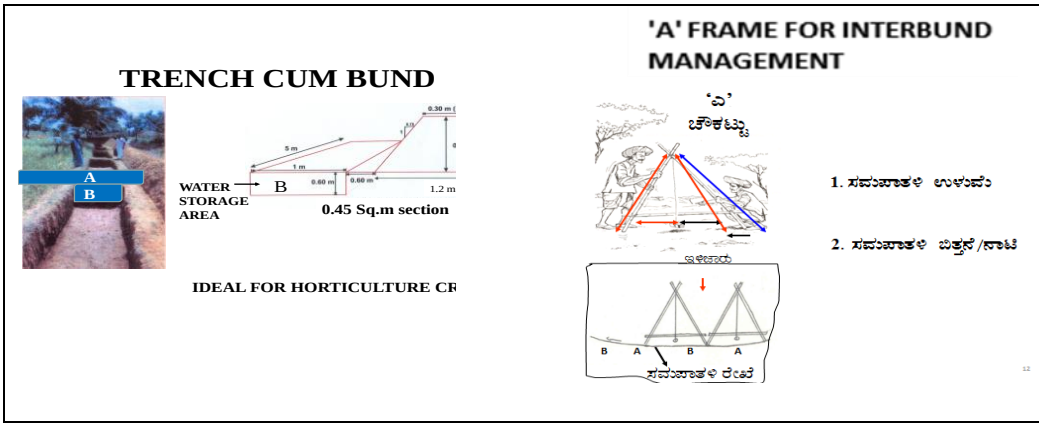
Recommended Bund Section

Top width (m)	Base width (m)	Height (m)	Side slope (Z:1;H:V)	Cross section (sq m)	Soil Texture	Remarks
0.3	0.9	0.3	01:01	0.18	Sandy loam	Vegetative bund
0.3	1.2	0.3	1.5:1	0.225	Sandy clay	
0.3	1.2	0.5	0.9:1	0.375	Red gravelly soil	
0.3	1.2	0.6	0.75:1	0.45		
0.3	1.5	0.6	01:01	0.54	Red sandy loam	
0.3	2.1	0.6	1.5:1	0.72	Very shallow black soils	
0.45	2	0.75	01:01	0.92		
0.45	2.4	0.75	1.3:1	1.07	Shallow black soils	
0.6	3.1	0.7	1.78:1	1.29	Medium black soils	
0.5	3	0.85	1.47:1	1.49		

Formation of Trench cum Bund

Dimensions of the Borrow Pits/Trenches to be excavated (machinery are decided considering the Bund Section).

Details of Borrow Pit dimensions are given below:



Size of Borrow Pits/ Trench recommended for Trench cum Bund (by machinery)

Bund section	Bund length	Earth quantity	Pit				Berm (pit to pit)	Soil depth class
m^2	m	m^3	L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	QUANTITY (m^3)	m	
0.375	6	2.25	5.85	0.85	0.45	2.24	0.15	Shallow
0.45	6	2.7	5.4	1.2	0.43	2.79	0.6	Shallow
0.45	6	2.7	5	0.85	0.65	2.76	1	Moderately Shallow
0.54	5.6	3.02	5.5	0.85	0.7	3.27	0.1	Moderately shallow
0.54	5.5	2.97	5	1.2	0.5	3	0.5	Shallow
0.72	6.2	4.46	6	1.2	0.7	5.04	0.2	Moderately shallow
0.72	5.2	3.74	5.1	0.85	0.9	3.9	0.1	Moderately deep

B. Water Ways

- Existing waterways are marked on the cadastral map (1:7920 scale) and their dimensions are recorded.
- Considering the contour plan of the MWS, additional waterways/ modernization of the existing ones can be thought of.
- The design details are given in the Manual.

C. Farm Ponds

Waterways and the catchment area will give an indication on the size of the Farm Pond. Location of the pond can be decided based on the contour plan/ field condition and farmers' need/desire.

D. Diversion Channel

Existing EPT/ CPT are marked on the cadastral map. Looking to the need, these can be modernized or fresh diversion channel can be proposed and runoff from this can be stored in Gokatte/ Recharge ponds.

9.1.2 Non-Arable Land Treatment

Depending on the gravelliness and crops preferred by the farmers, the concerned authorities can decide appropriate treatment plan. The recommended treatments may be Contour Trench, Staggered Trench, Crescent Bund, Boulder Bund or Pebble Bund are formed in the field.

9.1.3 Treatment of Natural Water Course/ Drainage Lines

a) The cadastral map has to be updated as regards the network of drainage lines (gullies/ nalas/ hallas) and existing structures are marked to the scale and storage capacity of the existing water bodies are documented.
b) The drainage line will be demarcated into Upper Reach, Middle Reach and Lower Reach.
c) Considering the Catchment, Nala bed and bank conditions, suitable structures are decided.
d) Number of storage structures (Check dam/ Nala bund/ Percolation tank) will be decided considering the commitments and available runoff from water budgeting and quality of water in the wells and site suitability.
e) Detailed Levelling Survey using Dumpy Level / Total Station has to be carried out to arrive at the site-specific designs as shown in the Manual.
f) The location of ground water recharge structures are decided by examining the lineaments and fracture zones from geological maps.
g) Rainfall intensity data of the nearest Rain gauge station is considered for Hydrologic Designs.
h) Silt load to the Storage/Recharge structures is reduced by providing vegetative, boulder and earthern checks in the natural water course. Location and design details are given in the Manual.

9.2 Recommended Soil and Water Conservation Measures

The appropriate conservation structures best suited for each of the land parcel/ survey number (Appendix-I) are selected based on the slope per cent, severity of erosion, amount of rainfall, land use and soil type. The different kinds of conservation structures recommended are:

1. Graded / Strengthening of bunds
2. Trench cum Bunds (TCB)
3. Trench cum Bunds / Strengthening
4. Crescent Bunds

A map (Fig. 9.1) showing soil and water conservation plan with different kinds of structures recommended has been prepared which shows the spatial distribution and extent of area. An area of about 76 ha (12%) requires crescent bunds or trench cum bunding and an area of about 555 ha (86%) needs graded bunding / strengthening of field bunds.

The conservation plan prepared may be presented to all the stakeholders including farmers and after considering their suggestions, the conservation plan for the microwatershed may be finalised in a participatory approach.

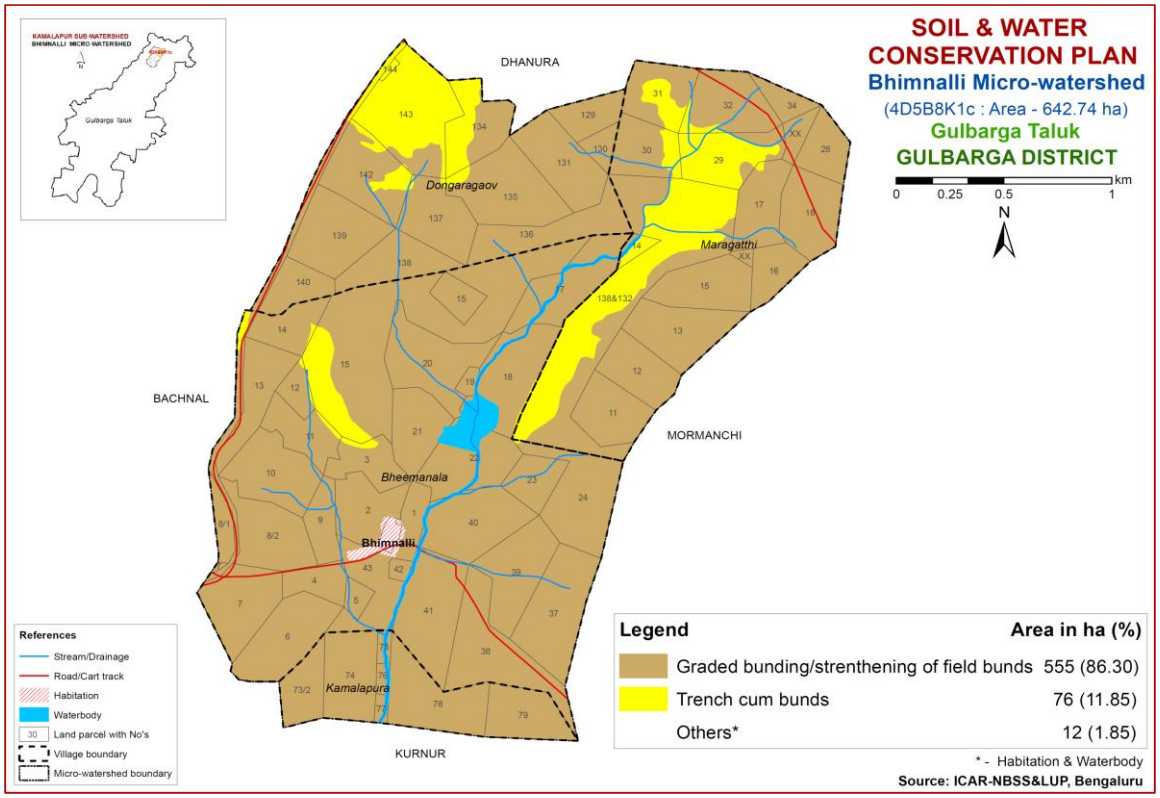


Fig. 9.1 Soil and Water Conservation Plan map of Bhimnalli Microwatershed

9.3 Greening of Microwatershed

As part of the greening programme in the watersheds, it is envisaged to plant a variety of horticultural and other tree plants that are edible, economical and produce lot of biomass which helps to restore the ecological balance in the watersheds. The lands that are suitable for greening programme are non-arable lands (land capability classes V, VI and VII) and also the lands that are not suitable or marginally suitable and field bunds for growing annual and perennial crops. The method of planting these trees is given below.

It is recommended to open pits during the 1st week of March along the contour and heap the dug out soil on the lower side of the slope in order to harness the flowing water and facilitate weathering of soil in the pit. Exposure of soil in the pit also prevents spread of pests and diseases due to scorching sun rays. The pits should be filled with mixture of soil and organic manure during the second week of April and keep ready with sufficiently tall seedlings produced either in poly bags or in root trainer nurseries so that planting can be done during the 2nd or 3rd week of April depending on the rainfall.

The tree species suitable for the area considering rainfall, temperature and adaptability is listed below; waterlogged areas are recommended to be planted with species like Neral (*Sizyzium cumini*) and Bamboo. Dry areas are to be planted with species like Honge, Bevu, Seetaphal *etc*.

Dry Deciduous Species			Temp (°C)	Rainfall (mm)
1.	Bevu	*Azadiracta indica*	21–32	400 –1,200
2.	Tapasi	*Holoptelia integrifolia*	20-30	500 - 1000
3.	Seetaphal	*Anona Squamosa*	20-40	400 - 1000
4.	Honge	*Pongamia pinnata*	20 -50	500– 2,500
5.	Kamara	*Hardwikia binata*	25 -35	400 - 1000
6.	Bage	*Albezzia lebbek*	20 - 45	500 - 1000
7.	Ficus	*Ficus bengalensis*	20 - 50	500–2,500
8.	Sisso	*Dalbargia Sissoo*	20 - 50	500 -2000
9.	Ailanthus	*Ailanthus excelsa*	20 - 50	500 - 1000
10.	Hale	*Wrightia tinctoria*	25 - 45	500 - 1000
11.	Uded	*Steriospermum chelanoides*	25 - 45	500 -2000
12.	Dhupa	*Boswella Serrata*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
13.	Nelli	*Emblica Officinalis*	20 - 50	500 -1500
14.	Honne	*Pterocarpus marsupium*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
Moist Deciduous Species			**Temp (°C)**	**Rainfall (mm)**
15.	Teak	*Tectona grandis*	20 - 50	500-5000
16.	Nandi	*Legarstroemia lanceolata*	20 - 40	500 - 4000
17.	Honne	*Pterocarpus marsupium*	20 - 40	500 - 3000
18.	Mathi	*Terminalia alata*	20 -50	500 - 2000
19.	Shivane	*Gmelina arboria*	20 -50	500 -2000
20.	Kindal	*T.Paniculata*	20 - 40	500 - 1500
21.	Beete	*Dalbargia latifolia*	20 - 40	500 - 1500
22.	Tare	*T. belerica*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
23.	Bamboo	*Bambusa arundinasia*	20 - 40	500 - 2500
24.	Bamboo	*Dendrocalamus strictus*	20 – 40	500 – 2500
25.	Muthuga	*Butea monosperma*	20 - 40	400 - 1500
26.	Hippe	*Madhuca latifolia*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
27.	Sandal	*Santalum album*	20 - 50	400 - 1000
28.	Nelli	*Emblica officinalis*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
29.	Nerale	*Sizyzium cumini*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
30.	Dhaman	*Grevia tilifolia*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
31.	Kaval	*Careya arborea*	20 - 40	500 - 2000
32.	Harada	*Terminalia chebula*	20 - 40	500 - 2000

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Appendix I

Bhimanalli Microwatershed

Soil Phase Information

Village	Survey Num-ber	Area (ha)	Soil Phase	Land Use Classes (LUCs)	Soil Depth	Surface Soil Texture	Sub-Surface-Texture	Soil Gravelliness	Sub-Surface-Gravelliness	Available Water Capacity	Slope	Soil Erosion	Current Land Use	WELLS	Land Capa-bility	Conservation Plan
Bheemanala	1	3.17	NHAmB1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Sugarcane +Mulberry (Sc+Mu)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	2	8.31	MGTmB2g1	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	3	6.35	MGTmB2g1	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	4	4.55	DSImB1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram (Rg)	1 Open well,1 Chek dam	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	5	1.76	DSImB1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	6	12.34	MGTmB2g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Scrubland (Sl)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	7	11.5	NHAmB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	8/1	2.86	NHAmB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	8/2	10.94	NHAmB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram+ Cotton (Rg+Ct)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	9	4.93	DSImB2	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	10	11.85	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	11	6.85	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	12	2.85	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds

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Bheemanala	13	8.74	KGImC2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	14	6.11	KGImC2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	No Crop (NC)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	15	47.42	KGImC3g2	LCU-1	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Severe	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	17	11.73	NHAmB1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	No Crop (NC)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	18	13.29	NHAmB1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	No Crop (NC)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	19	1.05	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	20	13.19	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	21	8.56	MGTmB2g1	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	22	12.66	NHAmB1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram (Rg)	1 Open well	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	23	5.3	RMNmB2g1	LCU-4	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Cotton+Sunflower (Ct+Sf)	1 Bore well	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	24	14.17	RMNmC2g2	LCU-4	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	37	14.96	MANmB2	LCU-7	Very deep (>150 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Very high (>200 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram+Maize (Rg+Mz)	1 Bore well	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	38	15.69	KGImC2g2	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	39	11.87	RMNmB2g1	LCU-4	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds

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Bheemanala	40	13.24	NHAmB1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Sugarcane +Sunflower (Sc+Sf)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	41	14.78	MGTmC2g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	No Crop (NC)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	42	0.96	DSImB1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Sugarcane (Sc)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Bheemanala	43	9.77	DSImB1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram+ Sugarcane (Rg+Sc)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	129	5.05	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	130	2.3	KGImC2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	No Crop (NC)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	131	11.09	KGImB2	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	1 Open well	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	134	9.61	GNGiB2g1	LCU-6	Deep (100-150 cm)	Sandy clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Trench cum bunds
Dongaragaov	135	14.84	KMPmB2	LCU-4	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram+ Grassland (Rg+Gl)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	136	10.87	KGImC3g1	LCU-1	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Severe	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	137	10.18	KMPmB2	LCU-4	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	138	8.69	KGImC2g2	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	139	12.55	KGImC2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	140	5.53	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	No Crop (NC)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Dongaragaov	142	12.42	KGImC2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	1 Chek dam	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds

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Dongaragaov	143	18.59	GNGmC3g1	LCU-6	Deep (100-150 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Severe	Grassland (Gl)	1 Chek dam,1 Form Pond	IIIe	Trench cum bunds
Dongaragaov	144	0.33	GNGmC3g1	LCU-6	Deep (100-150 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Severe	NA	Not Available	IIIe	Trench cum bunds
Kamalapura	73/2	6.29	MGTmB1g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Grassland (Gl)	Not Available	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Kamalapura	74	10.5	MGTmC2g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	No Crop (NC)	1 Chek dam	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Kamalapura	75	1.03	MGTmC2g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	NA	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Kamalapura	76	0.93	MGTmC2g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	NA	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Kamalapura	77	0.85	MGTmC2g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	NA	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Kamalapura	78	13.03	MGTmC2g2	LCU-1	Very shallow (<25 cm)	Clay	sc-c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Grassland (Gl)	1 Chek dam	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Kamalapura	79	8.66	KGImB2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	1 Bore well,1 Chek dam	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	138 &132	44.31	RMNmD3g2	LCU-3	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Moderately sloping (5-10%)	Severe	Redgram+ Scrubland (Rg+Sl)	4 Chek dam	IVse	Trench cum bunds
Maragatthi	11	8.69	RMNmC2g2	LCU-4	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	12	8.21	DSImB2g1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	13	11.4	DSImB2g1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	14	1.51	RMNmD3g2	LCU-3	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Moderately sloping (5-10%)	Severe	NA	Not Available	IVse	Trench cum bunds
Maragatthi	15	9.95	DSImB2g1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds

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Maragatthi	16	5.36	DSImB2g1	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g0	Medium (101-150 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	17	8.57	RNLmB1	LCU-7	Deep (100-150 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Very high (>200 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	18	10.17	RNLmB1	LCU-7	Deep (100-150 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Very high (>200 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	28	5.76	RNLmB1	LCU-7	Deep (100-150 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Very high (>200 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	29	10.6	RMNmD3g2	LCU-3	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Moderately sloping (5-10%)	Severe	Redgram (Rg)	1 Chek dam	IVse	Trench cum bunds
Maragatthi	30	8.07	KGImC2g1	LCU-2	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g2	Very low (<50 mm/m)	Gently sloping (3-5%)	Moderate	Scrubland (Sl)	Not Available	IIIse	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	31	8.79	RNLmB1	LCU-7	Deep (100-150 cm)	Clay	c	Non gravelly (<15%)	g0	Very high (>200 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	32	10.94	HBLmB2g2	LCU-3	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Clay	c	Very gravelly (35-60%)	g2	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	2 Chek dam	IIIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds
Maragatthi	34	3.03	RNLmB2g1	LCU-7	Deep (100-150 cm)	Clay	c	Gravelly (15-35%)	g0	Very high (>200 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Redgram (Rg)	Not Available	IIs	Graded bunding/strenthening of field bunds

Appendix II

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Soil Fertility Information

Village	Survey Number	Soil Reaction	Salinity	Organic Carbon	Available Phosphorus	Available Potassium	Available Sulphur	Available Boron	Available Iron	Available Manganese	Available Copper	Available Zinc
Bheem anala	1	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Medium (23 - 57 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	2	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	3	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Medium (23 - 57 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	4	Slightly alkaline (pH 7.3 – 7.8)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	High (> 337kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	5	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	6	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	7	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Low (< 0.5 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	8/1	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	Medium (0.5 - 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	8/2	Slightly alkaline (pH 7.3 – 7.8)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Medium (23 - 57 kg/ha)	High (> 337kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	9	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	High (> 337kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	10	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	11	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	12	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	13	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	14	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	15	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	17	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	18	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	19	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	20	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	21	Slightly alkaline (pH 7.3 – 7.8)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Medium (23 - 57 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	22	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)

Village	Survey Number	Soil Reaction	Salinity	Organic Carbon	Available Phosphorus	Available Potassium	Available Sulphur	Available Boron	Available Iron	Available Manganese	Available Copper	Available Zinc
Bheem anala	23	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Medium (23 - 57 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	24	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Medium (23 - 57 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	37	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	38	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	39	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	40	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	41	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	42	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Bheem anala	43	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	129	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	130	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	Medium (0.5 - 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	131	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	134	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	135	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	136	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	137	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	138	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	139	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	140	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	142	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	143	Strongly acid (pH 5.0 – 5.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Dongar agaov	144	Strongly acid (pH 5.0 – 5.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Kamala pura	73/2	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Kamala pura	74	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)

Village	Survey Number	Soil Reaction	Salinity	Organic Carbon	Available Phosphorus	Available Potassium	Available Sulphur	Available Boron	Available Iron	Available Manganese	Available Copper	Available Zinc
Kamala pura	75	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Kamala pura	76	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Kamala pura	77	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Kamala pura	78	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Kamala pura	79	Neutral (pH 6.5 – 7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	138&132	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	11	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	12	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Difficient (< 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	13	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Low (<145 kg/ha)	High (> 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	14	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	15	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	16	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	17	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	18	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	28	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	High (> 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	29	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	30	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	31	Moderately acid (pH 5.5 – 6.0)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	32	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	Medium (0.5 - 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)
Maragatthi	34	Slightly acid (pH 6.0 – 6.5)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (> 0.75 %)	Low (< 23 kg/ha)	Medium (145 - 337 kg/ha))	Medium (10 - 20 ppm)	High (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.2 ppm)	Sufficient (> 0.6 ppm)

Appendix III

Bhimanalli Microwatershed
Soil Suitability Information

Village	Survey Number	Sorgham	Maize	Sunflower	Cotton	Mango	Sapota	Guava	Jackfruit	Jamun	Musambi	Lime	Cashew	Custard-apple	Amla	Tamarind	Sugarcane	Soyabean	Bengalgram	Redgram
Bheemanala	1	S3r	S3rt	Nr	S3r	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S2rg	S2rg	N	Nrt	S3r	S2r	S3rt
Bheemanala	2	Nr	Nrt	Nr	Nr	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S3r	N	N	Nrt	Nr	S3r	Nrt
Bheemanala	3	Nr	Nrt	Nr	Nr	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S3r	N	N	Nrt	Nr	S3r	Nrt
Bheemanala	4	S2r	S2rt	S3r	S2r	N	S2rt	S2rt	S3r	S3r	S2rt	S2rt	N	S1	S1	S3r	S3rt	S2r	S1	S2rt
Bheemanala	5	S2r	S2rt	S3r	S2r	N	S2rt	S2rt	S3r	S3r	S2rt	S2rt	N	S1	S1	S3r	S3rt	S2r	S1	S2rt
Bheemanala	6	Nrg	Ngt	Ngr	Nrg	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S3r	N	N	Ngt	Nrg	S3rg	Ngt
Bheemanala	7	S3r	S3rt	Nr	S3r	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S2rg	S2rg	N	Nrt	S3r	S2r	S3rt
Bheemanala	8/1	S3r	S3rt	Nr	S3r	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S2rg	S2rg	N	Nrt	S3r	S2r	S3rt
Bheemanala	8/2	S3r	S3rt	Nr	S3r	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S2rg	S2rg	N	Nrt	S3r	S2r	S3rt
Bheemanala	9	S2r	S3t	S3r	S2r	N	S2rt	S2rt	S3r	S3r	S2rt	S2rt	N	S1	S1	S3r	S3t	S2r	S1	S2rt
Bheemanala	10	S3gr	S3gr	S3gr	S3gr	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S2r	S3r	N	S3gr	S3gr	S3g	S3gr
Bheemanala	11	S3gr	S3gr	S3gr	S3gr	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S2r	S3r	N	S3gr	S3gr	S3g	S3gr
Bheemanala	12	S3gr	S3gr	S3gr	S3gr	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S2r	S3r	N	S3gr	S3gr	S3g	S3gr
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Village	Survey Number	Sorgham	Maize	Sunflower	Cotton	Mango	Sapota	Guava	Jackfruit	Jamun	Musambi	Lime	Cashew	Custard-apple	Amla	Tamarind	Sugarcane	Soyabean	Bengalgram	Redgram
Kamalapura	73/2	Nrg	Ngt	Ngr	Nrg	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S3r	N	N	Ngt	Nrg	S3rg	Ngt
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PART-B

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF FARM HOUSEHOLDS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Baseline socioeconomic characterisation is prerequisite to prepare action plan for program implementation and to assess the project performance before making any changes in the watershed development program. The baseline provides appropriate policy direction for enhancing productivity and sustainability in agriculture.

Methodology: *Bhimnalli Microwatershed (Kamalapur sub-watershed, Gulbarga taluk, Gulbarga district) is located in between $17^0$36' – $17^0$38' North latitudes and $77^0$0' – $77^0$2' East longitudes, covering an area of about 643 ha, bounded by Dhanura, Bachinal, Mormanchi and Kurnur villages with length of growing period (LGP) 120-150 days. We used soil resource map as basis for sampling farm households to test the hypothesis that soil quality influence crop selection, and conservation investment of farm households. The level of technology adoption and productivity gaps and livelihood patterns were analyses. The cost of soil degradation and ecosystem services were quantified.*

Results: *The socio-economic outputs for Bhimnalli Microwatershed Gulbarga taluk and district are presented here.*

Social Indicators;

- *Male and female ratio is 59.1 to 40.9 per cent to the total sample population.*
- *Younger age 18 to 50 years group of population is around 47.8 per cent to the total population.*
- *Literacy population is around 68.2 per cent.*
- *Social groups belong to scheduled caste (SC) is around 50 per cent.*
- *Fire wood is the source of energy for a cooking among 50 per cent.*
- *About 10 per cent of households have a yashaswini health card.*
- *Dependence on ration cards for food grains through public distribution system among all sample households.*
- *Swach bharath program providing closed toilet facilities around 50 per cent of sample households.*
- *Women participation in decisions making are around 90 per cent of households were found.*

Economic Indicators;

- *The average land holding is 2.6 ha indicates that majority of farm households are belong to small and medium and large farmers. The dry land is total cultivated land area among all the sample farmers.*

- *Agriculture is the main occupation among 45.5 per cent and agriculture is the main and agriculture labour is subsidiary occupation for 40.9 per cent of sample households.*
- *The average value of domestic assets is around Rs. 13980 per household. Mobile and television are popular media mass communication.*
- *The average value of farm assets is around Rs. 161200 per household, about 40 per cent, of sample farmer having plough.*
- *The average value of livestock is around Rs. 37292 per household; around 80 per cent of sample household are having livestock.*
- *The average per capita food consumption is around 953.4 grams (2288.91 kilo calories) against national institute of nutrition (NIN) recommendation at 827 gram. Around 70 per cent of sample households are consuming less than the NIN recommendation.*
- *The annual average income is around Rs. 55782 per household. About 60 per cent of farm households are below poverty line.*
- *The per capita monthly average expenditure is around Rs.2266.*

Environmental Indicators-Ecosystem Services;

- *The value of ecosystem service helps to support investment to decision on soil and water conservation and in promoting sustainable land use.*
- *The onsite cost of different soil nutrients lost due to soil erosion is around Rs. 3008 per ha/year. The total cost of annual soil nutrients is around Rs. 1883220 per year for the total area of 642.74 ha.*
- *The average value of ecosystem service for food grain production is around Rs 10350/ha/year. Per hectare food grain production services is maximum in red gram (Rs.17261) followed by sorghum (Rs. 3440).*
- *The average value of ecosystem service for fodder production is around Rs. 988/ ha/year in sorghum.*
- *The data on water requirement for producing one quintal of grain is considered for estimating the total value of water required for crop production. The per hectare value of water used and value of water was maximum in redgram (Rs. 62920) followed by sorghum (Rs. 47054).*

Economic Land Evaluation;

- *The major cropping pattern is redgram (36.9 %) followed by greengram (27.11 %) and sorghum (9.0 %).*
- *In Bhimnalli Microwatershed, major soil is Novinihala (NHA) series having shallow soil depth cover around 5.82 % of area. On this soil farmers are presently growing redgram, sorghum, Mahagaon (MAN) series having very deep soil depth cover around 1.77 % of area, the crops are red gram,*

Kalamundargi (KGI) soil series are having shallow soil depth cover around 0.9 % of areas; crops are redgram, Ramnelli (RMN) soil series having deep soil depth cover around 3.75 % of area; crops are redgram, Rajnala (RML) soil series deep soil depth cover around 4.55 % of area. The major crops grown redgram, Dinsi (DSI) soil series moderately shallow soil depth cover around 2.41 % of area, the major crop grown is red gram.

- *The total cost of cultivation and benefit cost ratio (BCR) in study area for red gram ranges between Rs. 39379/ha in RNL soil (with BCR of 1.44) and Rs. 24845 /ha in MAN soil (with BCR of 1.72).*
- *In sorghum the cost of cultivation in NHA soil Rs 24348/ha (with BCR of 1.18).*
- *The land management practices reported by the farmers are crop rotation, tillage practices, fertilizer application and use of farm yard manure (FYM). Due to higher wages farmer are following labour saving strategies is not prating soil and water conservation measures. Less ownership of livestock limiting application of FYM.*
- *It was observed soil quality influences on the type and intensity of land use. More fertilizer applications in deeper soil to maximize returns.*

Suggestions;

- *Involving farmers is watershed planning helps in strengthing institutional participation.*
- *The per capita food consumption and monthly income is very low. Diversifying income generation activities from crop and livestock production in order to reduce risk related to drought and market prices.*
- *Majority of farmers reported that they are not getting timely support/extension services from the concerned development departments.*
- *By strengthing agricultural extension for providing timely advice improved technology there is scope to increase in net income of farm households.*
- *By adopting recommended package of practices by following the soil test fertiliser recommendation, there is scope to increase yield in red gram (0 to 45 %) and sorghum (9.9 %).*

Chapter 2

INTRODUCTION

Watershed Development program aim to restore degraded watersheds in rainfed regions to increase their capacity to capture and store rain water, reduce soil erosion, and improved soil nutrients and carbon contents so they can produce greater agricultural yields and other benefits. As majority of rural poor live in these regions and dependent on natural resources for their livelihood and sustenance, improvements in agricultural yields improve human welfare and simultaneously improve national food security.

Sujala–III watershed development project conceptualised and implemented by the Watershed Development Department of Government of Karnataka with tripartite cost-sharing arrangements. The World Bank through International Development Association provided major portion of plan outlay as a loan to Government of India and in turn loan to Government of Karnataka.

The objectives of Sujala-III is to demonstrate more effective watershed management through greater integration of programs related to rain fed agriculture, innovative and science based approaches and strengthened institutions and capacities. The project is implemented in 11 districts of Bidar, Vijayapura, Gulbarga, Yadgir, Koppal, Gadag, Raichur, Davanagere, Tumkur, Chikkamangalur and Chamarajanagar which have been identified by the Watershed Development Department based on rainfall and socio-economic conditions. The project will be implemented over six years and linked with the centrally financed integrated watershed management programme.

Economic evaluations can better guide in watershed planning and implementation, as well as raise awareness of benefits of ecosystem restoration for food security and poverty alleviation program. The present study aims to characterize socio-economic status of farm households, assess the land and water use status, evaluate the economic viability of land use, prioritize farming constraints and suggest the measures for soil and water conservation for sustainable agriculture.

Objectives of the study

1. To characterize socio-economic status of farm households
2. To evaluate the economic viability of land use and land related constraints
3. To estimate the ecosystem service provided by the watershed and
4. To suggest alternatives for sustainable agriculture production.

Chapter 3

METHODOLOGY

Study area

Bhimnalli Microwatershed located in north-eastern dry zone of Karnataka (Figure 1) the total geographic area of this zone is about 1.76 M ha covering 8 taluks of Gulbarga district and 3 taluks of Raichur. Net cultivated area in the zone is about 1.31 M ha of which about 0.09 M ha are irrigated. The mean elevation of the zone is 300-450 m MSL. The main soil type is deep to very deep soils with small pockets of shallow to medium black soils. The zone is cropped predominantly during rabi due to insufficient rainfall (465-785 mm). The principal crops of the zone are jowar, bajra, oilseeds, pulses, cotton and sugarcane. It represents Agro Ecological Sub Region (AESR) 6.2 having LGP 120-150 days.

Bhimnalli Microwatershed (Kamalapur sub-watershed, Gulbarga taluk, Gulbarga district) is located in between $17^0$36' – $17^0$38' North latitudes and $77^0$0' – $77^0$2' East longitudes, covering an area of about 643 ha, bounded by Dhanura, Bachinal, Mormanchi and Kurnur villages.

Sampling Procedure:

In this study we have followed soil variability as criterion for sampling the farm households. In each Microwatershed the survey numbers and associated soil series are listed. Minimum three farm households for each soil series were taken and summed up to arrive at total sample for analysis.

Sources of data and analysis:

For evaluating the specific objectives of the study, primary data was collected from the sample respondents by personal interview method with the help of pre-tested questionnaire. The data on socio-economic characteristics of respondents such as family size and composition, land holdings, asset position, occupational pattern and education level was collected. The present cropping pattern and the level of input use and yields collected during survry. The data collected from the representative farm households were analysed using Automated Land Potential Evalution System (Figure 2).

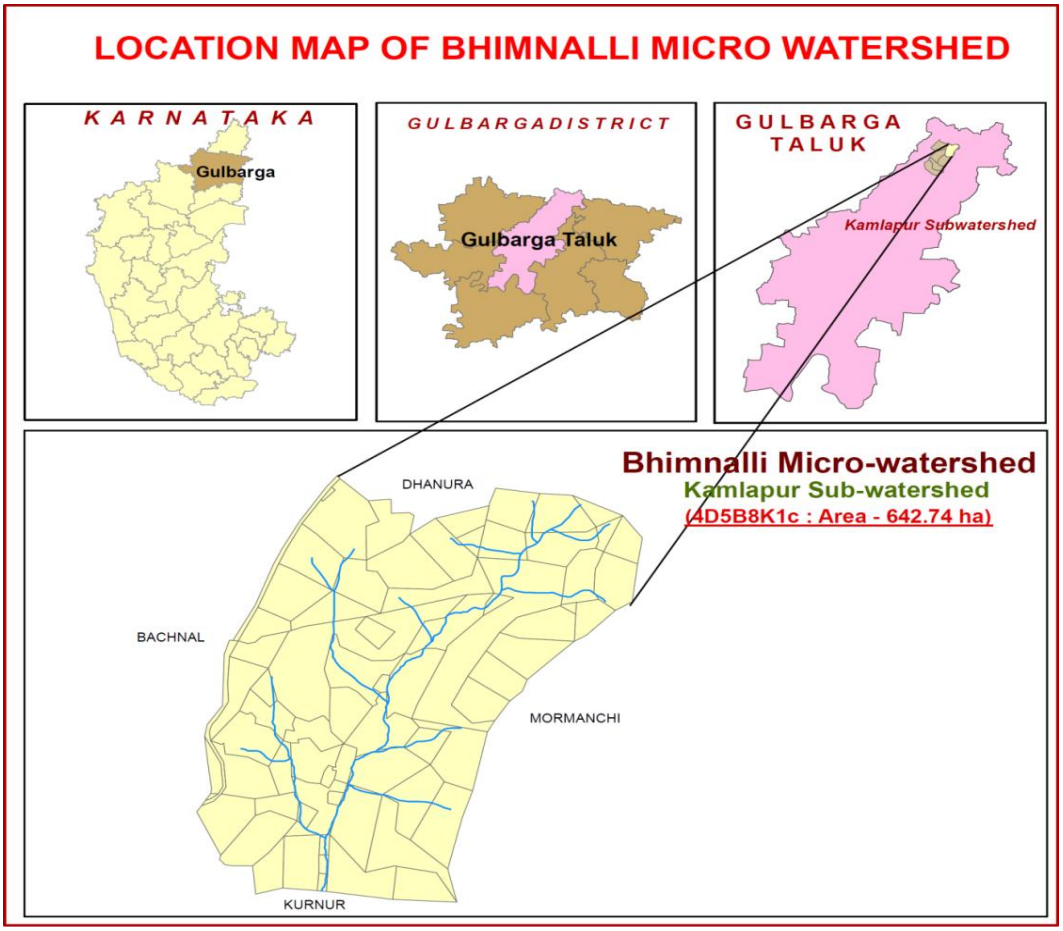


Figure 1: Location of study area

Steps followed in socio-economic assessment

1. •After the completion of soil profile study link the cadastral number to the soil profile in the micro watershed.
2. • Download the names of the farmers who are owning the land for each cadastral number in the Karnataka BHOOMI Website.
3. • Compiling the names of the farmers representing for all the soil profiles studied in the micro watershed for socio-economic Survey.
4. • Conducting the socioeconomic survey of selected farm households in the micro watershed .
5. • Farm households database created using the Automated Land Potential Evaluation System (ALPES) for analysis of socio economic status for each micro watershed .
6. • Synthesis of tables and preparation of report for each micro watershed .

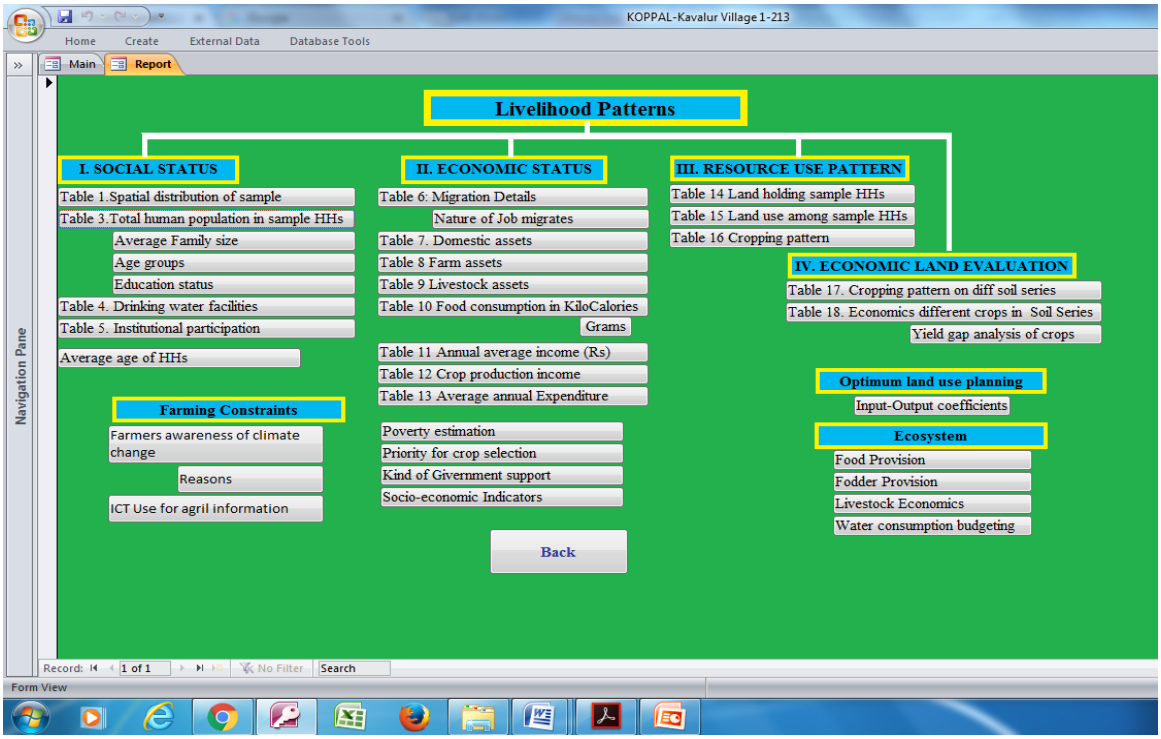


Figure 2: ALPES FRAMEWORK

The sample farmers were post classified in to marginal and small (0.0 to <=2 ha), medium and semi medium (>2 to <=10 ha) and large (>10 ha). The steps involved in estimation of soil potential involve estimation of total cost of cultivation, the yield/gross returns and net income per hectare. The cost of inputs such seed, manure and fertilizer, plant protection chemicals, payment towards human and bullock labour and interest on working capita are included under operational costs. In the case of perennial crops, the cost of establishment was estimated by using actual physical requirements and prevailing market prices. Estimation cost included maintenance cost up to bearing period. The value of main product and by product from the crop enterprise at the market rates were the gross returns of the crop. Net returns were worked out by deducting establishment and maintained cost from gross returns.

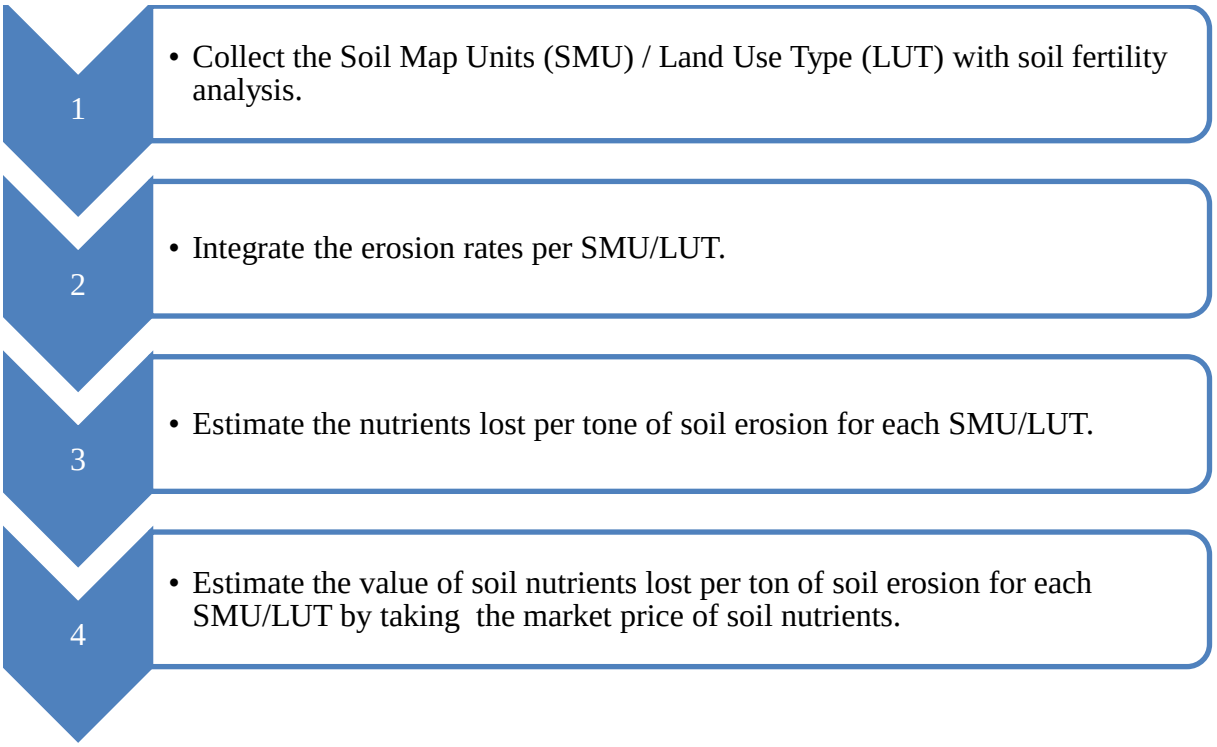
Operational Cost = cost of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides. Cost of human and bullock labour, cost of machinery, cost of irrigation water + interest on working capital.
Gross returns = Yield (Quintals/hectare)*Price (Rs/Quintal)
Net returns = Gross returns-Operational cost.
Benefit Cost Ratio = Net returns/Total cost.

Economic suitability classes: once each land use –land area combination has been assigned an economic value by the land evaluation, the question arises as to its 'suitability', that is, the degree to which it satisfies the land user. The FAO framework defines two suitability orders: 'S'(suitable if benefit cost ratio (BCR)>1) and 'N'(not suitable if (BCR<1), which are dived into five economic suitability classes:'S1'(highly suitable if BCR>3), 'S2'(suitable if BCR>2 and <3),'S3'(Marginally suitable if BCR >1 and <2), 'N1'(Not suitable for economic reasons but physically suitable) and 'N2'(not suitable for physical reasons). The limit between 'S3' and 'N1'must be at least at the point of financial feasibility (i.e. net returns, NPV, or IRR>0 and BCR>1). The other limits depend on social factors such as farm size, family size, alternative employment or investment possibilities and wealth expectations; these need to be specified for the Soil series.

Economic Valuation of Soil ecosystem services:

The replacement cost approach was followed for estimating the onsite cost of soil erosion, Market price method was followed for estimating the value of food and fodder production. Value transfer menthods was followed for estimating the value of water demand by different crops in the micro watershed.

Steps followed in Replacement cost methods for estimation of onsite cost of soil erosion



Chapter 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The demographic information shows that the household population dynamics encompasses the socioeconomic status of the farmer. For a rural family, the household size should be optimal to earn a comfortable livelihood through farm and non-farm wage earning. The total number of population in watershed area was 44, out of which 59.1, per cent were males and 40.9, per cent females. Average family size of the households is 4.4. Age is an important factor, which affects the potential employment and mobility status of respondents. The data on age wise distribution of farmers in the sample households indicated that majority of the farmers are coming under the age group of more than 50 years (36.4 %) followed by 18 to 30 years (27.3 %), 30 to 50 years (20.5 %) and 0 to18 years (15.9 %). Hence, in the study area in general, the respondents were of young and middle age, indicating thereby that the households had almost settled with whatever livelihood options they were practicing and sample respondents were young by age who could venture into various options of livelihood sources. Data on literacy indicated that 31.8 per cent of respondents were illiterate and 68.2 per cent literate (Table 1).

Table 1: Human population among sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	**Units**	**Value**
Total human population in sample HHs	Number	44
Male	% to total Population	59.1
Female	% to total Population	40.9
Average family size	Number	4.4
Age group		
0 to 18 years	% to total Population	15.9
18 to 30 years	% to total Population	27.3
30 to 50 years	% to total Population	20.5
>50 years	% to total Population	36.4
Average age	Age in years	40.2
Education Status		
Illiterates	% to total Population	31.8
Literates	% to total Population	68.2
Primary School (<5 class)	% to total Population	20.5
Middle School (6- 8 class)	% to total Population	11.4
High School (9- 10 class)	% to total Population	22.7
Others	% to total Population	13.6

The ethnic groups among the sample farm households found to be 50.0 per cent belonging to other backward castes (OBC) and 50 per cent belonging to scheduled castes

(SC) (Table 2 and Figure 3). About 50 per cent of sample households are using fire wood and liquefied petroleum gas 50 per cent as source of fuel for cooking. All the sample farmers are having electricity connection. About 10 per cent are sample households having health cards. None of them are having MNREGA job cards for employment generation. Among all the farm households are having ration cards for taking food grains from public distribution system. About 50.0 per cent of farm households are having toilet facilities.

Table 2: Basic needs of sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	**Units**	**Value**
Social groups		
SC	% of Households	50.0
OBC	% of Households	50.0
Types of fuel use for cooking		
Fire wood	% of Households	50.0
Fire wood & Gas	% of Households	50.0
Energy supply for home		
Electricity	% of Households	100.0
Number of households having Health card		
Yes	% of Households	10.0
No	% of Households	90.0
MGNREGA Card		
Yes	% of Households	0.00
No	% of Households	100.0
Ration Card		
Yes	% of Households	100.0
No	% of Households	0
Households with toilet		
Yes	% of Households	50.0
No	% of Households	50.0
Drinking water facilities		
Tube Well	% of Households	100.00

The data collected on the source of drinking water in the study area is presented in Table 2. All the sample respondents are having tube well source for water supply for domestic purpose.

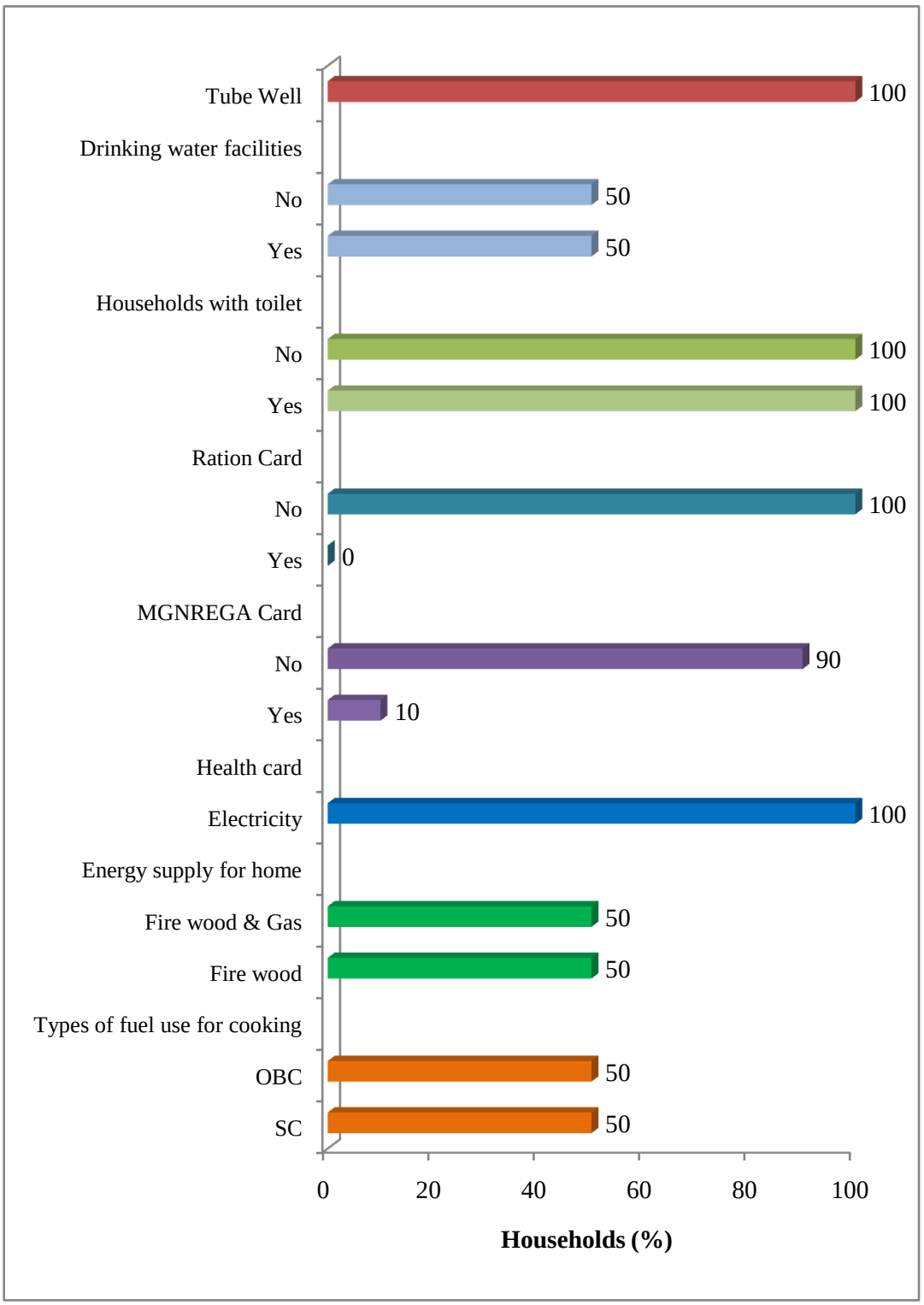


Figure 3: Basic needs of sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

The occupational pattern (Table 3) among sample households shows that agriculture is the main occupation around 45.5 per cent of farmers followed by subsidiary occupations like agricultural labour (40.9%), self-employed around 2.3 per cent. and about 2.8 percent of agriculture labour, 6.8 per cent of self employed and 2.3 percent of trade and business are main occupation in these study area.

Table 3: Occupational pattern in sample population in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Occupation		% to total
Main	**Subsidiary**	
Agriculture	Agriculture	45.5
	Agriculture Labour	40.9
	Self employed	2.3
Agriculture Labour		2.8
Self employed		6.8
Trade and business		2.3
Grand Total		100
Family labour availability		**Man days/month**
Male		27.5
Female		37.5
Total		65

The important assets especially with reference to domestic assets were analyzed and are given in Table 4 and Figure 4. The important domestic assets possessed by all categories of farmers are mobile phones (100 %) followed by television (100 %), mixer/grinder (100 %), motorcycle (50 %) and bicycle (10 %). The average value of domestic assets is around Rs 13980 per households.

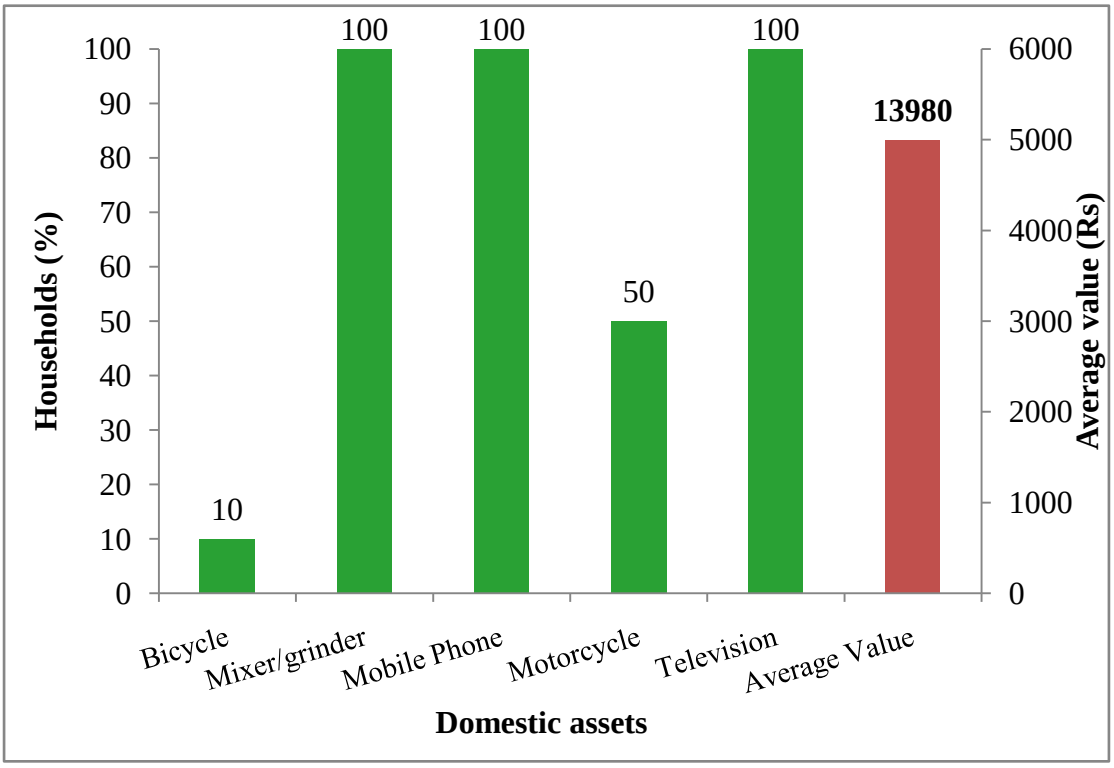


Figure 4: Domestic assets among the sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Table 4: Domestic assets among the sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	% of households	Average value in Rs
Bicycle	10.0	3000
Mixer/grinder	100.0	1400
Mobile Phone	100.0	7000
Motorcycle	50.0	52000
Television	100.0	6500
Average Value	13980	

The most popularly owned farm equipments were sickles, plough, cattle shed; pump sets, chaff cutter, bullock cart, sprayer and thresher. Plough and sickle were commonly present in all the sampled farmers; these were primary implements in agriculture. The per cent of households owned plough (40 %), sprayer (20 %), tractor (10 %) and weeder (10 %) and found highest among the sample farmers. the average value of farm assets is around Rs 161200 per households (Table 5 and Figure 5).

Table 5: Farm assets among samples households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	% of households	Average value in Rs
Harvester	10.0	200000
Plough	40.0	1750
Sprayer	20.0	3750
Tractor	10.0	600000
Weeder	10.0	500
Average Value	161200	

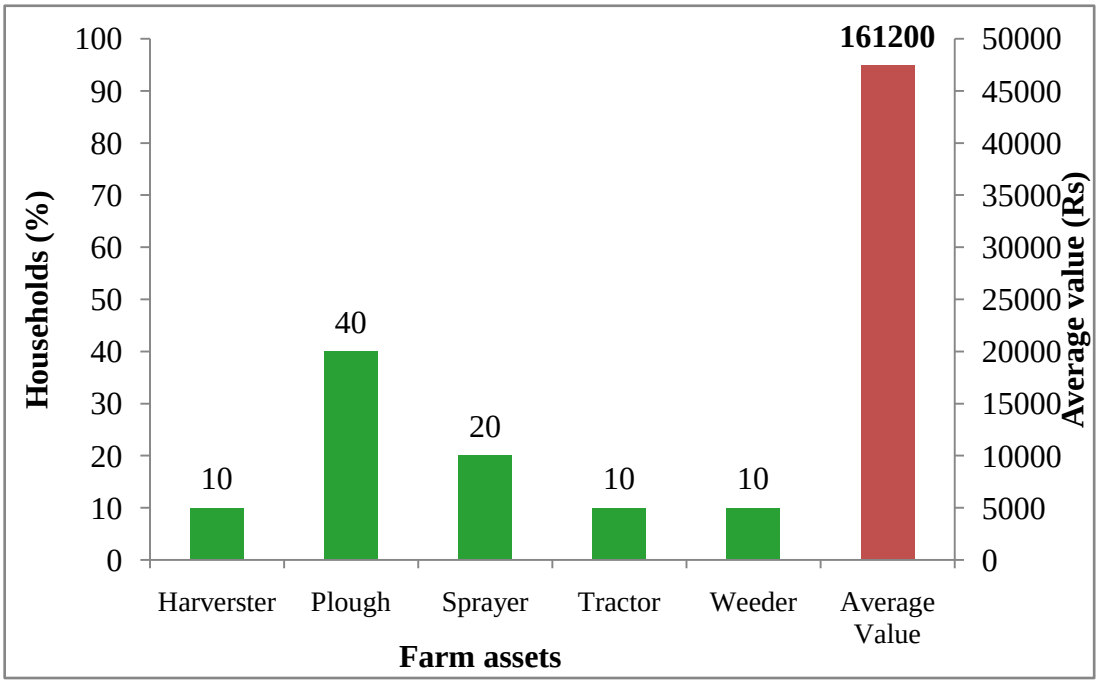


Figure 5: Farm assets among samples households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Livestock is an integral component of the conventional farming systems (Table 6 and Figure 6). The highest livestock population is local mulching cow were around 37.5 per cent followed by crossbred milching cow (50 %). The average livestock value was Rs 37291 per households.

Table 6: Livestock assets among sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	% of livestock population	Average value in Rs
Local Milching Cow	37.5	43333
Crossbred Milching Cow	50.0	31250
Average value	37291	

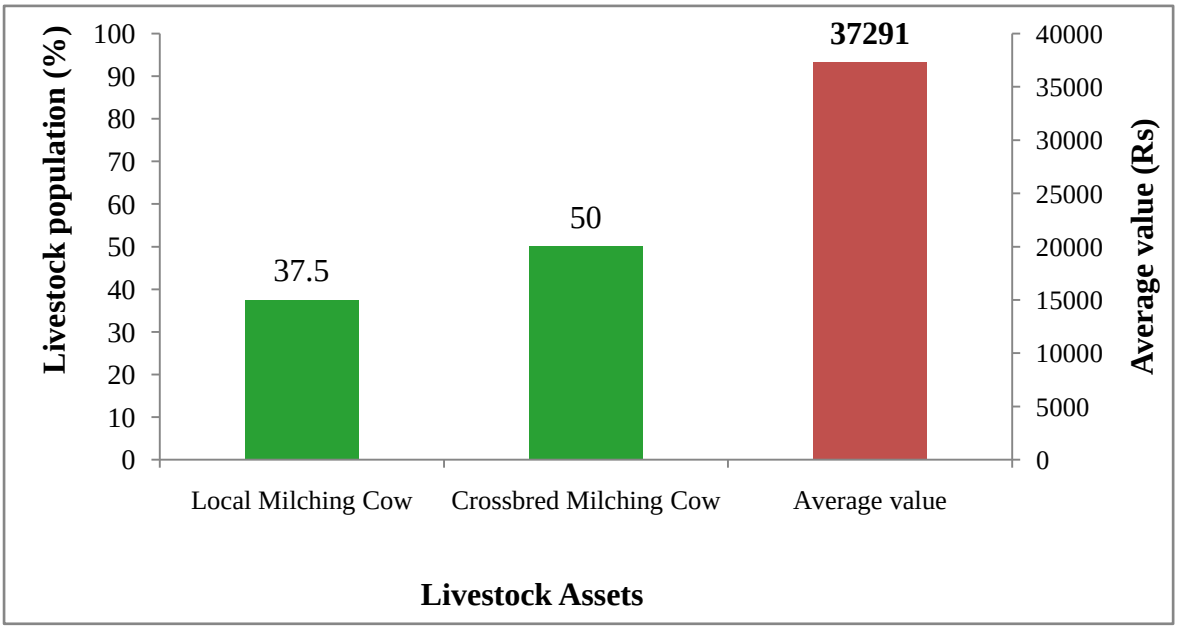


Figure 6: Livestock assets among sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Table 7: Milk produced and fodder availability of sample households in Bhimnalli Micro watershed

Particulars	
Name of the Livestock	**Ltr./Lactation/animal**
Crossbred Milching Cow	1535
Local Milching Cow	1367
Average Milk Produced	1451
Fodder produces	**Fodder yield (kg/ha.)**
Sorghum	1235
Livestock having households (%)	80.0
Livestock population (Numbers)	17

Average milk produced in sample households is 1451 litters/ annum. Among the farm households, sorghum is the main crops for domestic food and fodder for animals

(Table 7). About 1235 kg/ha of average fodder is available per season for the livestock feeding.

A woman participation in decision making is in this Microwatershed is presented in Table 8. About 30.0 per cent of women participation in local organisation activates and 90.0 per cent of women taking decision in her family and agriculture related activities.

Table 8: Women empowerment of sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	**Yes**	**No**
Women participation in local organization activities	30.0	70.0
Women elected as panchayat member	0.0	100.0
Women earning for her family requirement	0.0	100.0
Women taking decision in her family and agriculture related activities	90.0	10.0

The food intake in terms of kilo calorie (kcal) per person per day was calculated and presented in the Table 9 and Figure 7. More quantity of cereals is consumed by sample farmers which accounted for 1445.9 kcal per person. The other important food items consumed was pulses 160.07 kcal followed by cooking oil 334.08 kcal, milk 131.17 kcal, vegetables 21.73 kcal, egg 160.83 kcal and meat 35.17 kcal. In the sampled households, farmers were consuming less (2288.91 kcal) than NIN- recommended food requirement (2250 kcal).

Table 9: Per capita daily consumption of food among the sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	**NIN recommendation (gram/ per day/ person)**	**Present level of consumption (gram/ per day/ person)**	**Kilo Calories /day/person**
Cereals	396	425.3	1445.9
Pulses	43	46.7	160.1
Milk	200	201.7	131.1
Vegetables	143	90.6	21.7
Cooking Oil	31	58.6	334.1
Egg	0.5	107.2	160.8
Meat	14.2	23.4	35.2
Total	**827.7**	**953.4**	**2288.9**
Threshold of NIN recommendation		827 gram*	2250 Kcal*
% Below NIN		10.0	30.0
% Above NIN		90.0	70.0

Note: * day/person

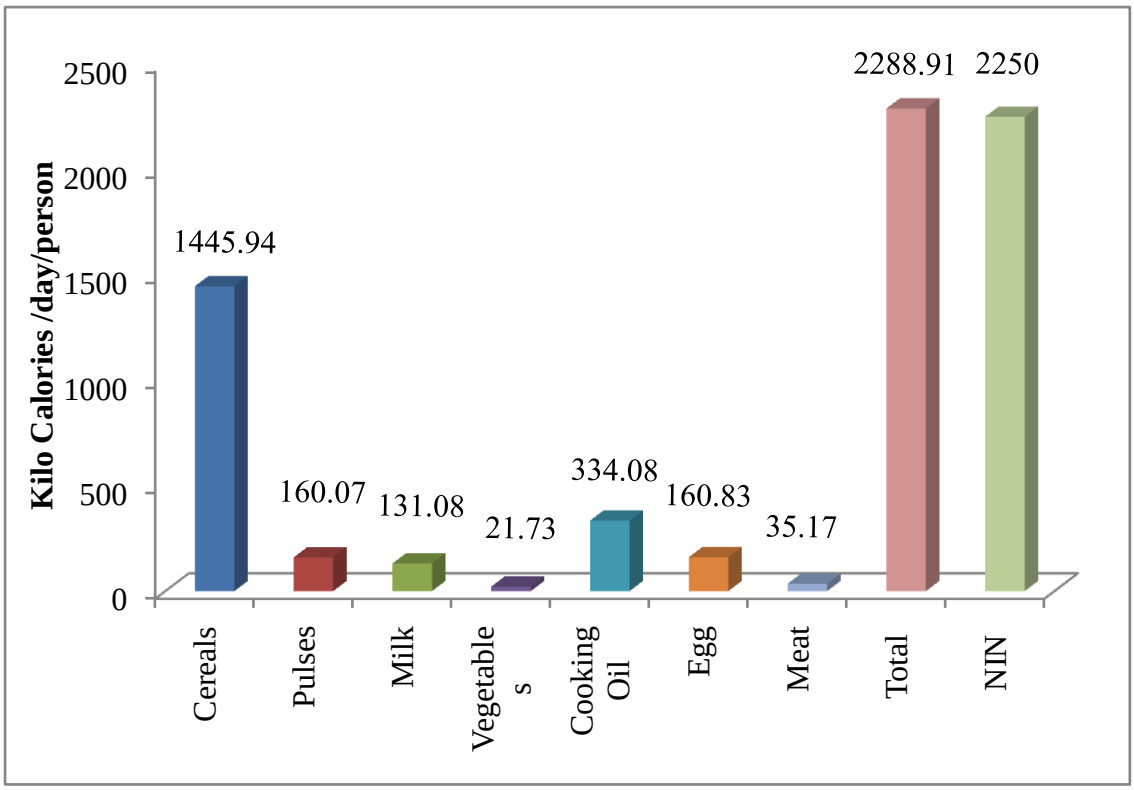


Figure 7: Per capita daily consumption of food among the sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Annual income of the sample HHs: The average annual household income is around Rs 55782 Major source of income to the farmers in the study area is from crop production (Rs 47739) followed by livestock (Rs. 8043). The monthly per capita income is Rs.1056, which is less than the threshold monthly income of Rs 975 for considering above poverty line. Due to the fact that erratic rainfall and shortage of water, farmers are diverting from crop production activities to enable the household for a comfortable livelihood. The incomes from the other aforesaid sources are very meagre (Table 10).

Table 10: Annual average income of HHs from various sources in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	**Income ***
Nonfarm income (Rs)	0.00
Livestock income (Rs)	8043 (70)
Crop Production (Rs)	47739 (100)
Total Annual Income (Rs)	***55782***
Average monthly per capita income (Rs)	1056
Threshold for Poverty level (Rs 975 per month/person)	
% of households below poverty line	60.0
% of households above poverty line	40.0

* Figure in the parenthesis indicates % of Households

The average annual expenditure of farm households indicated that farmers in the study area spend highest on food (Rs. 119654) followed by education, clothing, social function and health. Now a day's education is most important among all of us. In today's competitive world, education is a necessity for man after food, clothing, and shelter. It is the only fundamental way by which a desired change in the society can happen. The average per capita monthly expenditure is around Rs 2266 and about 60 per cent of farm households are below poverty line and 40 per cent of farm households are above poverty line (Table 11 and Figure 8).

Table 11: Average annual expenditure of sample HHs in Bhimnalli Micro- watershed

Particulars	Value in Rupees	Per cent
Food	49854	41.7
Education	24200	20.2
Clothing	11600	9.7
Social functions	27000	22.6
Health	7000	5.9
Total Expenditure (Rs/year)	119654	100.0
Monthly per capita expenditure (Rs)	2266	

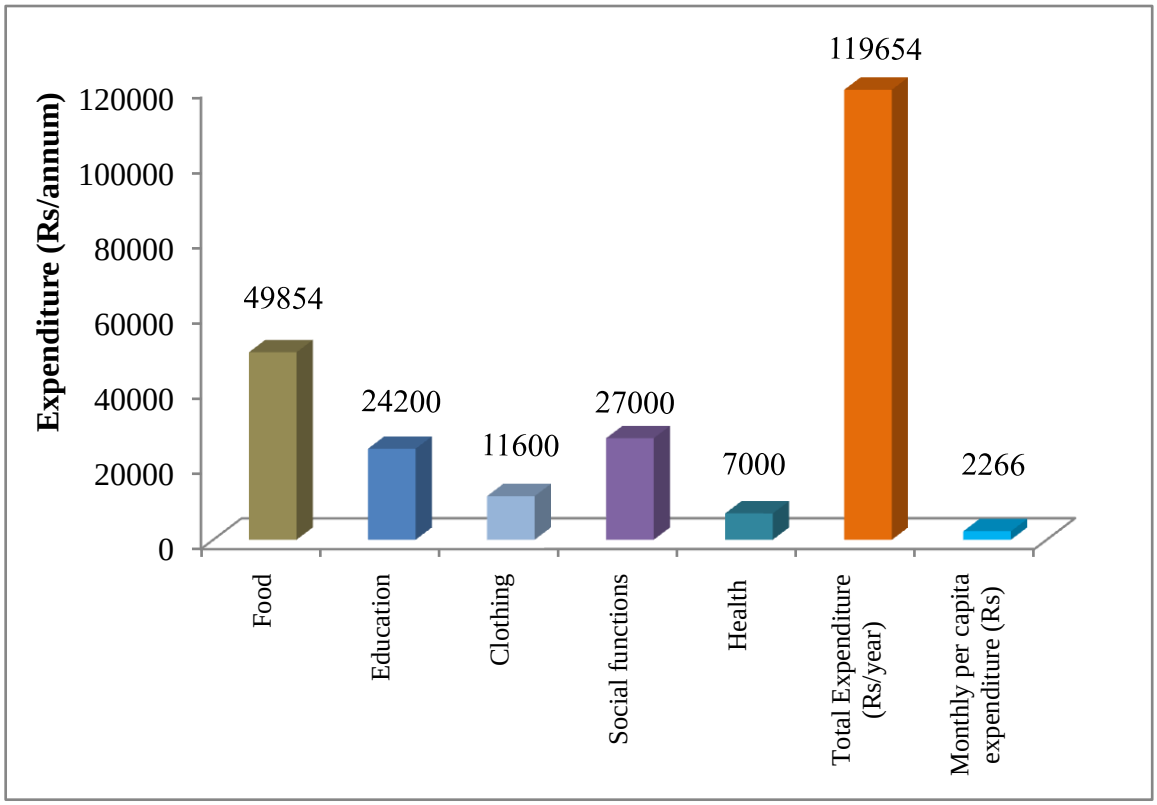


Figure 8: Average annual expenditure of sample HHs in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Land holding: Total area cultivated by them is 26.4 ha. The average land holding of sample HHs is 2.6 ha. Large number of HHs (50 %) belong to small size group with an

average land holding size of 1.3 ha followed by medium farmer (40 %) with an average land holding size of 2.2 ha and large farmer (10 %) with an average land holding size of 11.4 ha (Table 12).

Table 12: Distribution of land holding among the sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	**Units**	**Values**
Small farmers		
Total land	ha	6.4
Sample size	Per cent	50.0
Average land holding	ha	1.3
Medium farmers		
Total land	ha	8.6
Sample size	Per cent	40.0
Average land holding	ha	2.2
Large farmers		
Total land	ha	11.4
Sample size	Per cent	10.0
Average land holding	ha	11.4
Total sample households		
Total land	ha	26.4
Sample size	Per cent	100.0
Average land holding	ha	2.6

Land use: The total land holding in the Bhimnalli Microwatershed is 26.4 ha is rain fed land (Table 13). The average land holding per household is worked out to be 2.64 ha.

Table 13: Land use among samples households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	**Per cent**	**Area in ha**
Irrigated land	0.0	0.0
Rainfed Land	100.0	26.4
Fallow Land	0.0	0.0
Total land holding	100.0	26.4
Average land holding	2.64	

In the Microwatershed, the prevalent present land uses under perennial plants are custard apple trees (40.2 %) followed by Jalli trees (32.9 %), neem tree (26.1 %) and mango (0.8 %) (Table 14).

Table 14: Number of trees/plants covered in sample farm households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	Number of Plants/trees	Per cent
Jalli	82	32.9
Mango	2	0.8
Neem trees	65	26.1
Custard Apple	100	40.2
Grand Total	249	100.0

The land use decisions are usually based on experience of farmers, tradition, expected profit, personal preferences, resources and social requirements. The present dominant crops grown in dry lands in the study area were by redgram (63.9 %) followed by greengram (27.11 %) and sorghum (9.0 %). The cropping intensity was 100 per cent (Table 15 and Figure 9).

Table 15: Present cropping pattern and cropping intensity in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

% to Grand Total

Crops	Kharif	Grand Total
Greengram	27.1	27.11
Redgram	63.9	63.9
Sorghum	9.0	9.0
Grand Total	100.0	100.0

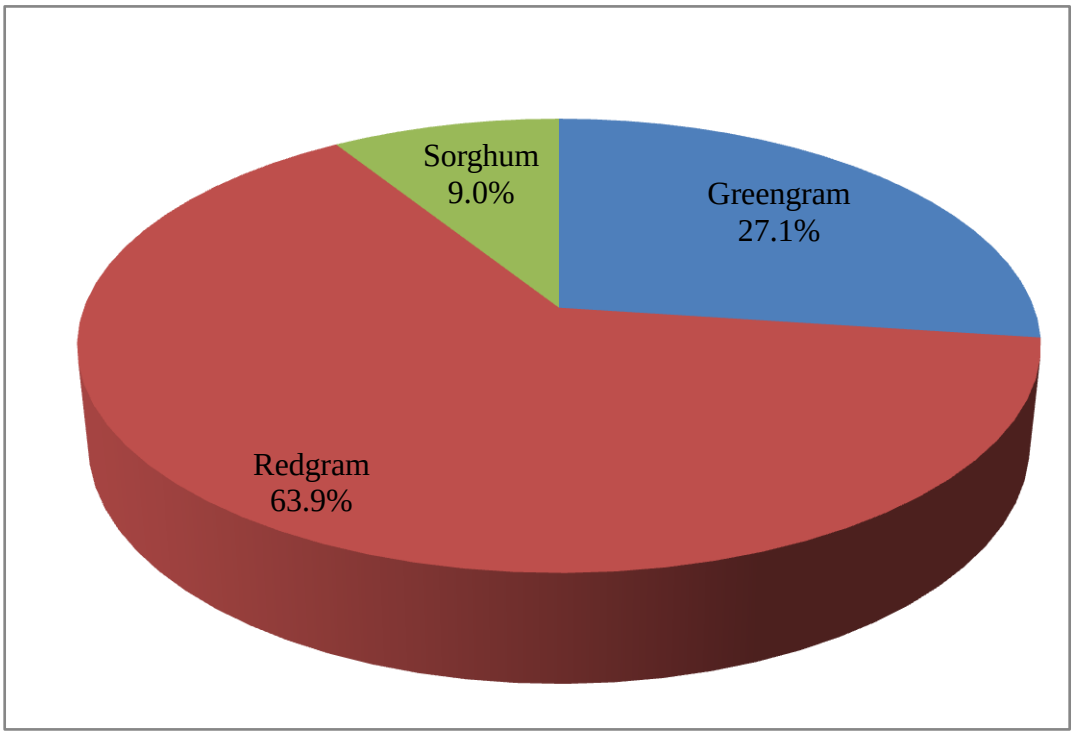


Figure 9: Present cropping pattern in Bhimnalli Micro watershed

Economic land evaluation

The main purpose to characterise the socio-economic systems in the watershed is to identify the existing production constraints and propose the potential/alternate options for agro-technology transfer and for bridging the adoption and yield gap.

Bhimnalli Microwatershed, 6 soil series are identified and mapped (Table 16). The distribution of major soil series are Navinihal covering an area around 37.39 ha (5.82 %) followed by Rajnala 29.26 ha (4.55 %), Dinsi 15.50 ha (2.41 %), Ramnelli 13.71 ha (2.13 %), Mahagoan11.41 ha (1.77 %) and Kalamundargi 9.82 ha (1.53 %).

Table 16: Distribution of soil series in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Sl. No	Soil Series	Mapping Unit Description	Area in ha (%)
1	NHA	Navinihal: Shallow, black clayey soils developed from weathered basalt on very gently sloping uplands; clay surface on 1-3% slope, slightly eroded	37.39 (5.82)
2	KGI	Kalamundargi: Shallow, black gravelly clay soils developed from weathered basalt on very gently sloping uplands; clay surface on 1-3% slope, moderately eroded,	9.82 (1.53)
3	DSI	Dinsi: Moderately shallow, black clayey soils developed from weathered basalt on very gently sloping uplands; clay surface on 1-3% slope, slightly eroded	15.50 (2.41)
4	RMN	Ramnelli: Moderately deep, black clayey soils developed from weathered basalt on very gently sloping uplands; clay surface on 1-3% slope, moderately eroded, slightly gravelly, 15-35 per cent.	13.71 (2.13)
5	RNL	Rajnala: Deep, black clayey soils developed from weathered basalt on very gently sloping uplands; clay surface on 1-3 % slope, slightly eroded	29.26 (4.55)
6	MAN	Mahagoan: Very deep, black clayey soils developed from weathered basalt on very gently sloping uplands; clay surface on 1-3% slope, moderately eroded	11.41 (1.77)

Table 17: Cropping pattern on major soil series in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

(Area in per cent)

Soil Series	Soil Depth	Crops	Dry	Grand Total
			Kharif	
NHA	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Redgram	77.3	77.3
		Sorghum	22.7	22.7
KGI	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Redgram	100.0	100.0
DSI	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Redgram	100.0	100.0
RMN	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Redgram	100.0	100.0
RNL	Deep (100-150 cm)	Redgram	100.0	100.0
MAN	Very deep (>150 cm)	Redgram	100.0	100.0

Present cropping pattern on different soil series are given in Table 17. Crops grown on Navinihal soils are redgram and sorghum. Redgram grown on Kalamundargi soils, Dinsi soils, Ramnelli soils, Rajnala soils and Mahagaon soils can grow.

Land is used for agricultural use for growing cereals, pulse, oilseeds and commercial crops. The soil/ land potential are measures in terms of physical yield and net income. The alternative land use options for each Microwatershed are given below (Table 18).

Table 18: Alternative land use options for different size group of farmers (Benefit Cost Ratio) in Bhimnalli Micro- watershed.

Soil series	**Small Farmers**	**Medium Farmers**	**Large Farmers**
KGI	Redgram (1.43)	Redgram (1.52)	
NHA	Redgram (1.06)	Redgram (1.75)	Redgram (1.86) & Sorghum (1.18)
DSI		Redgram (2.25)	
RMN	Redgram (1.63)		
RNL	Redgram (1.44)		
MAN	Redgram (1.72)		

The productivity of different crops grown in Bhimnalli Microwatershed under potential yield of the crops is given in Table 19.

The data on cost of cultivation and benefit cost ratio (BCR) of different crops is given in Table 19. The total cost of cultivation and benefit cost ratio (BCR) in study area for red gram ranges between Rs.39379/ha in RNL soil (with BCR of 1.44) and Rs.24845 /ha in MAN soil (with BCR of 1.72) and sorghum the cost of cultivation in NHA soil Rs 24348/ha (with BCR of 1.18).

The data on FYM, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potash application by the farmers to different crops and recommended FYM for different crops is given in Table 19. There is a huge gap between FYM application by farmers and recommended FYM in all the crops across the soils. There is a larger yield gap in crops grown across different soil series. Adequate knowledge about recommended package of practices is the pre-requisite for their use in cultivation of crops. It is a fact that, recommended practices are major contributing factors to yield. Inadequate knowledge about recommended practices leads to their improper adoption. Strengthening of extension services by concerned agency is required to increase adoption of recommended cultivation practices and ultimately reducing the gap. By adopting soil-test fertiliser recommendation, there is scope to increase yield and income to a maximum of Rs 17454 in sorghum and a minimum of Rs 40 in redgram cultivation.

Table 19: Economic land evaluation and bridging yield gap for different crops in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	NHA (25-50 cm)		KGI (25-50 cm)	DSI (50-75 cm)	RMN (75-100 cm)	RNL (100-150 cm)	MAN (>150 cm)
	Redgram	Sorghum	Red gram	Red gram	Red gram	Red gram	Red gram
Total cost (Rs/ha)	32020	24348	28889	25277	33655	39379	24845
Gross Return (Rs/ha)	47795	28776	41632	56909	54936	56810	42647
Net returns (Rs/ha)	15775	4428	12743	31632	21282	17431	17803
BCR	1.55	1.18	1.49	2.25	1.63	1.44	1.72
Farmers Practices (FP)							
FYM (t/ha)	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.0
Nitrogen (kg/ha)	42.7	56.6	24.8	67.6	22.2	22.5	27.0
Phosphorus (kg/ha)	75.8	70.0	63.3	55.2	56.7	57.5	68.9
Potash (kg/ha)	6.3	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grain (Qtl/ha)	11.3	15.6	11.1	12.8	12.9	12.5	12.0
Price of Yield (Rs/Qtl)	4350	1800	3767	4500	4300	4600	3600
Soil test based fertilizer Recommendation (STBR)							
FYM (t/ha)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Nitrogen (kg/ha)	18.5	61.1	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5
Phosphorus (kg/ha)	58.7	71.0	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8
Potash (kg/ha)	24.7	39.5	30.9	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7
Grain (Qtl/ha)	12.4	28.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4
% of Adoption/yield gap (STBR-FP) / (STBR)							
FYM (%)	69.3	66.3	62.8	67.6	66.8	66.3	59.5
Nitrogen (%)	-130.6	7.5	-33.8	-264.9	-19.7	-21.5	-45.6
Phosphorus (%)	-29.2	1.4	-2.6	10.6	8.3	6.9	-11.7
Potash (%)	74.7	68.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Grain (%)	8.4	45.0	9.9	-3.6	-4.7	-1.2	2.9
Value of yield and Fertilizer (Rs)							
Additional Cost (Rs/ha)	4458	5550	5129	5203	5622	5543	4488
Additional Benefits (Rs/ha)	4498	23004	4621	-2025	-2498	-690	1295
Net change Income (Rs/ha)	40	17454	-508	-7228	-8120	-6233	-3194

Economic valuation of Ecosystem Services (ES) was aimed at combining use and non-use values to determine Total Economic Value (TEV) of ES. Ecosystem Services (ES) were valued based on their annual flow or utilization in common monetary units, Rs/year. The valuation of ES was based on market price in 2017 or market cost approaches whichever is applicable, and in other cases on value or benefit transfer from previous valuation studies.

The onsite cost of different soil nutrients lost due to soil erosion is given in Table 20 and Figure 10. The average value of soil nutrient loss is around Rs 3008.34 per

ha/year. The total cost of annual soil nutrients is around Rs 1883220 per year for the total area of 642.74 ha.

Table 20: Estimation of onsite cost of soil erosion in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Particulars	Quantity(kg)		Value (Rs)	
	Per ha	Total	Per ha	Total
Organic matter	409.43	256305	2579.43	1614725
Phosphorous	0.12	73	5.13	3211
Potash	1.41	882	28.18	17640
Iron	0.48	302	23.17	14506
Manganese	1.00	629	276.11	172843
Cupper	0.14	90	80.83	50601
Zinc	0.02	10	0.66	414
Sulphur	0.36	222	14.21	8896
Boron	0.02	10	0.61	385
Total	412.98	258524	3008.34	1883220

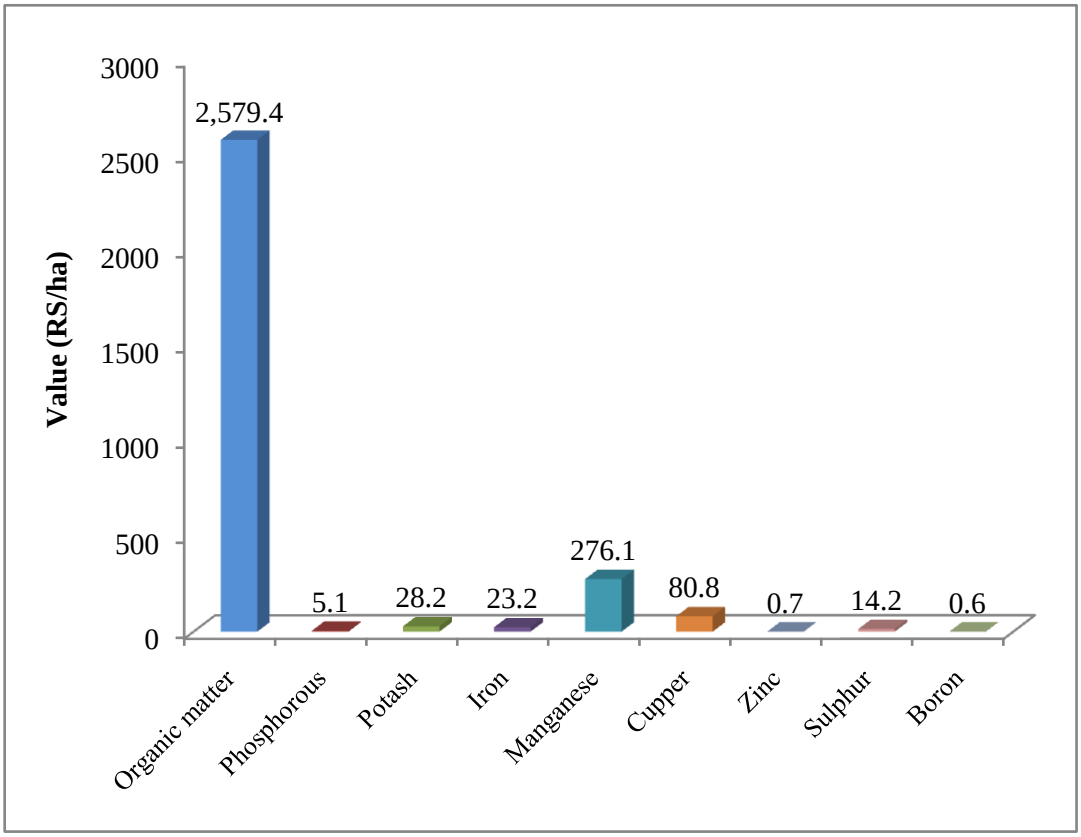


Figure 10: Estimation of onsite cost of soil erosion in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

The average value of ecosystem service for food grain production is around Rs 10350/ ha/year (Table 21). Per hectare food grain production services is maximum in redgram (Rs 17261) and sorghum (Rs 3440).

Table 21: Ecosystem services of food grain production in Bhimnalli Micro- watershed

Production items	Crops	Area in ha	Yield (Qtl/ha)	Price (Rs/Qtl)	Gross Returns (Rs/ha)	Cost of Cultivation (Rs/ha)	Net Returns (Rs/ha)
Cereals	Sorghum	3.2	15	1800	27788	24348	3440
	Redgram	23.1	12	4140	47849	30588	17261
Average value		26.3	13.5	2970	37818.5	27468	10350.5

The average value of ecosystem service for fodder production is around Rs 988/ ha/year in sorghum (Table 22).

Table 22: Ecosystem services of fodder production in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Production items	Crops	Area in ha	Yield (Qtl/ha)	Price (Rs/Qtl)	Net Returns (Rs/ha)
Cereals	Sorghum	3.2	1.2	800	988

The water demand for production of different crops was worked out in arriving at the ecosystem services of water support to crop growth. The data on water requirement for producing one quintal of grain is considered for estimating the total value of water required for crop production. The per hectare value of water used and value of water was maximum (Table 23) in redgram (Rs 62920) and sorghum (Rs 47054).

Table 23: Ecosystem services of water supply in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Crops	Yield (Qtl/ha)	Virtual water (cubic meter) per ha	Value of Water (Rs/ha)	Water consumption (Cubic meters/Qtl)
Redgram	11.6	6292	62920	544
Sorghum	15.4	4705	47054	305
Average value	27	5498.5	54987	424.5

The main farming constraints Belahatti-6 Microwatershed to be found less rainfall, damage of crops by wild animals. Majority of farmers depend up on bank of the sources of loan for purpose of crop production. Farmers to sell the agriculture produce through regulated and the farmers getting the agriculture related information on television. Farmers reported that they are not getting timely support/extension services from the concerned development department (Table 24).

Table 24: Farming constraints related land resources of sample households in Bhimnalli Microwatershed

Sl.No	Particulars	Per cent
1	Less Rainfall	100.0
2	Lack of good quality seeds	50.0
3	Non availability Fertilizers	50.0
4	High Crop Pests & Diseases	70.0
5	Animal Pests & Diseases	10.0
6	Lack of transportation	30.0
7	Lack of storage	60.0
8	Damage of crops by Wild Animals	100.0
9	Non availability of Plant Protection Chemicals	100.0
10	**Source of loan**	
	Bank	40.0
	Money Leander	20.0
	Village merchants	40.0
11	**Market for selling**	
	Regulated	90.0
	Village market	10.0
12	**Sources of Agri -Technology information**	
	Television	100.0

The findings of the study would be very much useful to the planners and policy makers of the study area to identify the irrationality in the existing production pattern and to suggest appropriate production plans for efficient utilization of their scarce resources resulting in increased net farm incomes and employment. The study also throws light on future potentialities of increasing net farm income and employment under different situations viz., with existing and recommended technology.