

Conceptualization of community-based integrated farming system model design with multi-objective optimization management

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Effective utilization of land and water resources is attempted in the present study through an integrated farming system and multi-objective optimization management framework model using goal programming algorithm in a coastal waterlogged paddy area in Odisha, India. A methodology is developed to identify the water harvesting structure locations in the study area using spatial science tool. Due to the uncertainty in parameters and control variables, development of management framework was considered with 85% and 75% probability of rainfall occurrence and runoff generation. To incorporate the uncertainties, a multi-objective linear goal programming optimization model is developed considering the objective of maximizing the net annual return and production subject to optimal allocation of land. While evaluating the model for different water resources scenarios, the net annual return is found to be Rs 4,343,474 and maximum production is 10,424 q from scenario I, whereas maximum production of 10,980 q is obtained in scenario II. Tomato and rice cultivation area increased from 11.47 to 21.43 ha and 8.82 to 10.48 ha respectively in scenario II. The developed methodology shows the potential applicability in similar farming situations in other areas.

The Indian population is projected to become 1.53 and 1.69 billion respectively, in 2030 and 2050 from the present population of 1.27 billion². The challenges on natural resources conservation need to be addressed judiciously due to decline in per capita availability of land from 0.5 ha in 1950–51 to less than 0.1 ha by 2020. Agricultural production will have to increase by at least 70% for the developed countries and 100% in the developing countries to cope with a 40% increase in the world population³. On an average, about 2035 farmers in our country are losing 'main cultivator' status per day for the last 20 years⁴. In India, 14.29 m ha is under coastal waterlogged area with Odisha's share of about 671 ha⁵. In this adverse condition, it is imperative to develop strategies and agricultural technologies to enable adequate employment, income generation and especially to develop interest of the small and marginal farmers.

Multi-criteria or multi-objective decision-making is becoming increasingly popular as a decision tool for managing natural resources at the microscale. There exist two key components, namely the biophysical 'production system' comprising crops, pastures, animals, soil and climate, together with certain physical inputs and outputs, and the 'management system', made up of people, values,