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PREFACE

In Karnataka, as in other Indian States, the livelihoods of rural people are intertwined with farming pursuits. The challenges 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 Inventory. 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 Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed, Gundlupet Taluk and Chamarajanagar District, Karnataka” for integrated development was taken up in collaboration with the State Agricultural Universities, IISC, KRSRAC, 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 randomly 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, agricultural extension 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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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The land resource inventory of Kalagatahundi-2 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 the 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 microwatershed.

The present study covers an area of 417 ha in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka. The climate is semiarid and categorized as drought-prone with an average annual rainfall of 734 mm, of which about 254 mm is received during south –west monsoon, 268 mm during north-east and the remaining 212 mm during the rest of the year. An area of about 17 per cent is covered by soils, 83 per cent by forest and others. The salient findings from the land resource inventory are summarized briefly below.

- ❖ The soils belong to 4 soil series and 7 soil phases (management units) and 4 land management units.*
- ❖ The length of crop growing period is about 150 days starting from the 3rd week of June to 3rd week of November.*
- ❖ 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 the degree of suitability along with constraints were generated.*
- ❖ About 17 per cent area is suitable for agriculture.*
- ❖ About 8 per cent of the soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm) to very deep (>150 cm) and 10 per cent are moderately shallow (50-75 cm).*
- ❖ About 7 per cent of the area has clayey soils at the surface and 10 per cent area has loamy soils.*
- ❖ About 17 per cent of the area has non-gravelly soils and <1 per cent gravelly soils (15-35 % gravel) soils.*
- ❖ About 12 per cent has soils that are very low (<50 mm/m) to low (51-100 mm/m) in available water capacity and an area of 6 per cent has very high (>200 mm/m) available water capacity.*

- ❖ *About 17 per cent of the area has very gently sloping (1-3% slope) lands and <1 per cent is under gently sloping (3-5%) lands.*
- ❖ *An area of about 13 per cent has soils that are slightly eroded (e1) and 4 per cent soils are moderately eroded (e2).*
- ❖ *An area of about 5 per cent has soils that are moderately acid (pH 5.5-6.0) to slightly acid (pH 6.0-6.5); 8 per cent area is neutral (pH 6.5-7.3) and an area of about 4 per cent has soils that are slightly alkaline (pH 7.3 to 7.8) to moderately alkaline (pH 7.8 to 8.4).*
- ❖ *The Electrical Conductivity (EC) of the soils are dominantly $<2 \text{ dsm}^{-1}$ indicating that the soils are non-saline.*
- ❖ *About 3 per cent of the soils are medium (0.5-0.75%) and 15 per cent of the soils are high ($>0.75\%$) in organic carbon.*
- ❖ *About 17 per cent of the soils are low ($<23 \text{ kg/ha}$) in available phosphorus.*
- ❖ *About 17 per cent of the soils are medium (145-337 kg/ha) in available potassium.*
- ❖ *Available sulphur is low ($<10 \text{ ppm}$) in about 17 per cent area.*
- ❖ *Available boron is low ($<0.5 \text{ ppm}$) in about 17 per cent area.*
- ❖ *Available iron is sufficient in 17 per cent area.*
- ❖ *Available manganese and copper are sufficient in all the soils of the microwatershed.*
- ❖ *Available zinc is deficient ($<0.6 \text{ ppm}$) in 17 per cent area.*
- ❖ *The land suitability for 27 major crops grown in the microwatershed were 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)
<i>Sorghum</i>	27 (7)	45 (40)	<i>Sapota</i>	5(1)	9(2)
<i>Maize</i>	14 (3)	40 (10)	<i>Guava</i>	5(1)	9(2)
<i>Redgram</i>	14(3)	18(4)	<i>Banana</i>	5(1)	52(12)
<i>Horsegram</i>	14(3)	58(14)	<i>Jackfruit</i>	5(1)	-
<i>Field bean</i>	5(1)	67(16)	<i>Jamun</i>	23(6)	-
<i>Groundnut</i>	-	54(13)	<i>Musambi</i>	23(6)	-
<i>Sunflower</i>	-	32(8)	<i>Lime</i>	23(6)	-
<i>Cotton</i>	18(4)	49(12)	<i>Cashew</i>	5(1)	9(2)
<i>Onion</i>	5(1)	67(16)	<i>Custard apple</i>	23(6)	49(12)
<i>Potato</i>	5(1)	49(12)	<i>Amla</i>	23(6)	49(12)
<i>French Beans</i>	5(1)	67(16)	<i>Tamarind</i>	23(6)	-
<i>Beetroot</i>	5(1)	49(12)	<i>Marigold</i>	14(3)	58(14)
<i>Turmeric</i>	5(1)	49(12)	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	5(1)	67(16)
<i>Mango</i>	5(1)	-			

Apart from the individual crop suitability, a proposed crop plan has been prepared for the 4 identified LMUs by considering only the highly and moderately suitable lands for different crops and cropping systems with food, fodder, fibre and horticulture crops.

- ❖ 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 and also in the hillocks, mounds and ridges.

INTRODUCTION

Soil is a finite natural resource that is central to sustainable agriculture and food security. Over the years, this precious resource is faced with the problems of erosion, salinity, alkalinity, degradation, depletion of nutrients and even decline in availability of land for agriculture. It is a known fact, that it takes thousands of years to form a few centimetres of soil, thus, soil is a precious gift of nature. 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, agro-climatic 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. As much as 121 m ha of land is reportedly degraded which leads to impaired soil quality. It is imperative that steps are urgently taken to check and reverse land degradation without any further loss of time. The improvements in productivity will have to come from sustainable intensification measures that make the most effective use of land and water resources. Soil erosion alone has degraded about 35 lakh ha. Almost all the 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 situations 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 lands 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 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 (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 for LRI. LEU is the assemblage of landform, slope and land use. An attempt has been made to upscale the soil resource information from 1:250000 and 1:50000 scale to the LEU map in Goa and other states.

The land resource inventory data and maps presented here aims to provide site-specific database for Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed in Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagar 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. Later, an attempt will be made to uplink this LRI data generated at 1:7920 scale under Sujala-III Project to the proposed Landscape Ecological Units (LEUs) map.

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GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING

2.1 Location and Extent

The Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed (Gopalpur subwatershed) is located in the southern part of Karnataka in Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka State (Fig. 2.1). It comprises of Channamallipur, Hongahalli and Maddur villages and Berimbadi State Forest. It lies between $11^{\circ}44'$ to $11^{\circ}47'$ North latitudes and $76^{\circ}35'$ to $76^{\circ}38'$ East longitudes and covers an area of 417 ha. It is about 20 km south of Gundlupet and is surrounded by Hongahalli on the northeast and Channamallipur village on the east, Maddur on the south and Birainbadi state forest on the western side.

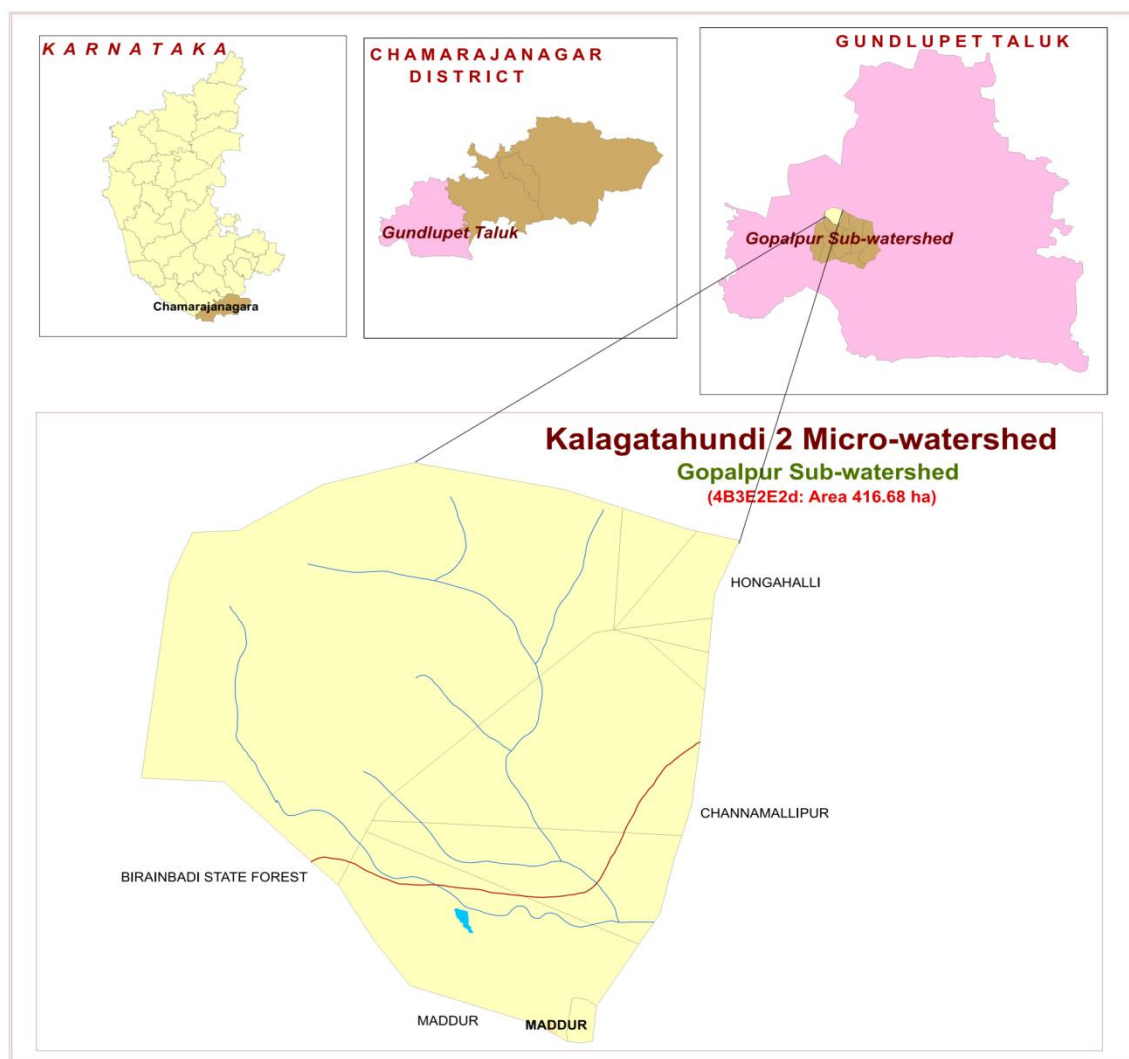


Fig. 2.1 Location map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

2.2 Geology

Major rock formations observed in the microwatershed are of Archaean age and comprise of (Fig. 2.2a and 2.2b) granite and gneiss. They are essentially pink to gray granite gneisses. The rocks are coarse to medium grained. They consist primarily of quartz, feldspar, biotite and hornblende. The gray granite gneisses are highly weathered,

fractured and fissured upto a depth of about 10 m. Dolerite dykes and quartz veins are common with variable width and found to occur in the microwatershed.



Fig. 2.2 a Granite and granite gneiss rocks



Fig. 2.2 b Granite rocks

2.3 Physiography

Physiographically, the area has been identified as granite gneiss landscape based on geology. The microwatershed area has been further divided into mounds/ ridges, summits, side slopes and very gently sloping uplands based on slope and relief features. The mounds and ridges are mostly covered by rock outcrops.

2.4 Drainage

There are no perennial rivers flowing in Gundlupet taluk. However, the area is drained by several small seasonal streams like Gundluhole along its course. Though, it is not a perennial one, during rainy season, it carries large quantities of rain water. The microwatershed has only a few small tanks which are not capable of storing water that flows during the rainy season. Due to this, the ground water recharge is very much affected in the villages. This is reflected in the failure of many bore wells in the villages. If the available rain water is properly harnessed by constructing tanks and recharge structures at appropriate places in the villages, then the drinking and irrigation needs of the entire area can be easily met. The drainage network is dendritic to sub parallel.

2.5 Climate

The district falls under semiarid tract and is categorized as drought-prone with average annual rainfall of 734 mm (Table 2.1). Of the total rainfall, a maximum of 254 mm is received during the south–west monsoon period from June to September, north-east monsoon from October to early December contributes maximum about 268 mm and the remaining 212 mm is received during the rest of the year. The winter season is from December to February. During April and May, the temperatures reach up to 42 °C and in December and January, the temperatures will go down to 16 °C. Rainfall distribution is shown in Figure 2.3. The average Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) is 128 mm and varies from a low of 106 mm in November to 165 mm in the month of March. The PET is always higher than precipitation in all the months except in the last week of September to first week of November. Generally, the length of crop growing period (LGP) is 150 days and starts from 3rd week of June to third week of November.

Table 2.1 Mean Monthly Rainfall, PET, 1/2 PET in Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagara District

Sl. no.	Months	Rainfall	PET	1/2 PET
1	JAN	0.80	129.10	64.55
2	FEB	6.80	133.80	66.90
3	MAR	26.90	164.90	82.45
4	APR	73.60	153.80	76.90
5	MAY	103.90	147.20	73.60
6	JUN	56.00	124.60	62.30
7	JUL	50.40	116.40	58.20
8	AUG	55.80	117.10	58.55
9	SEP	92.00	116.80	58.40
10	OCT	164.10	111.10	55.55
11	NOV	80.50	106.20	53.10
12	DEC	23.50	109.90	54.95
Total		734.30	127.57	

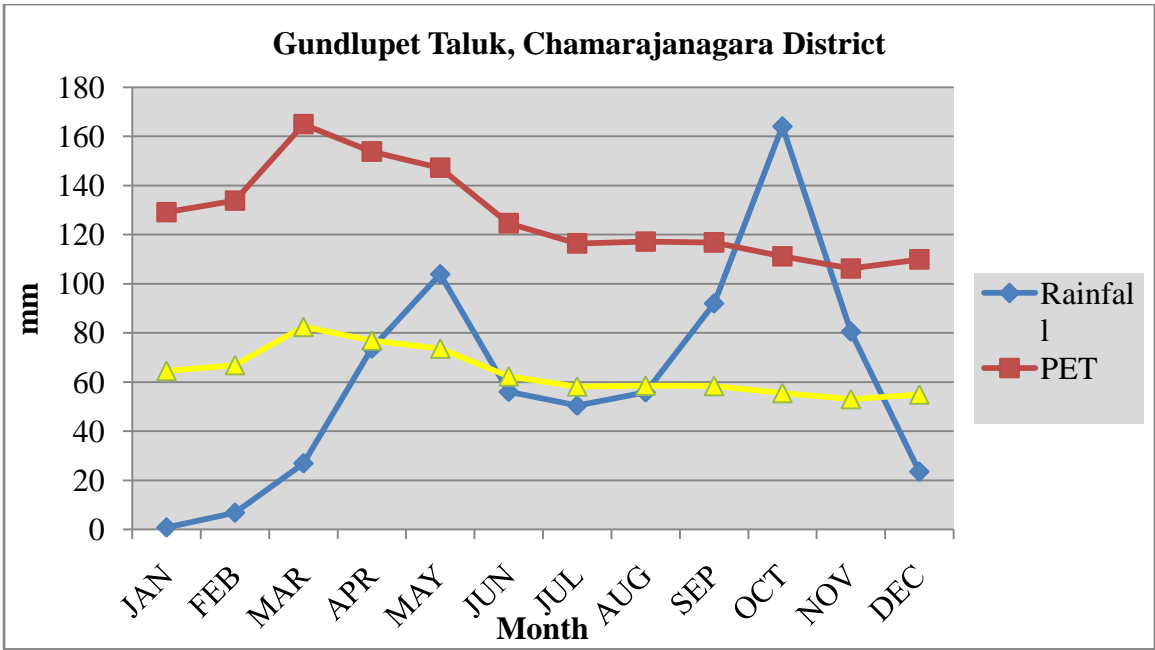


Fig 2.3 Rainfall distribution in Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagara District

2.6 Natural Vegetation

Forests occupy about 32 per cent area in Gundlupet taluk. The major area of these forests are found in Bandipur National Park and Himavad Gopaldaswamy Betta. The rest of the area in the taluk has sparse natural vegetation comprising few tree species, shrubs and herbs. The mounds, ridges and boulders occupy very sizeable areas which are 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 Natural vegetation of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 is 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 and eventually resulting in the heavy siltation of few tanks and reservoirs in the microwatershed.

2.7 Land Utilization

About 48 per cent area (Table 2.2) in Gundlupet taluk is cultivated at present. An area of about 6 per cent is currently barren. Forests occupy an area of about 32 per cent and the tree cover is in a very poor state except in Bandipura National Park and Gopalaswamy Betta. Most of the mounds, ridges and bouldery areas have very poor vegetative cover. Major crops grown in the area are sorghum, maize, cotton, onion, sugarcane, groundnut, red gram, horse gram and sapota (Fig. 2.5). 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 generated. The current land use map generated shows the arable and non-arable lands, other land uses and different types of crops grown in the area (Fig. 2.6).

Table 2.2 Land Utilization in Gundlupet Taluk

Sl. No.	Agricultural land use	Area (ha)	Per cent
1.	Total geographical area	140607	
2.	Total cultivated area	67339	47.84
3.	Area sown more than once	13532	
4.	Cropping intensity	-	120.09
5.	Trees and grooves	3485	2.47
6.	Forest	44859	31.98
7.	Cultivable wasteland	3265	2.32
8.	Permanent Pasture land	10287	7.31
9.	Barren land	7988	5.68
10.	Non- Agriculture land	3384	2.40



Sunflower



Cotton



Maize



Banana



Sorghum



Marigold

Fig. 2.5. Different crops and cropping systems in Kalagatahundi-1 Microwatershed

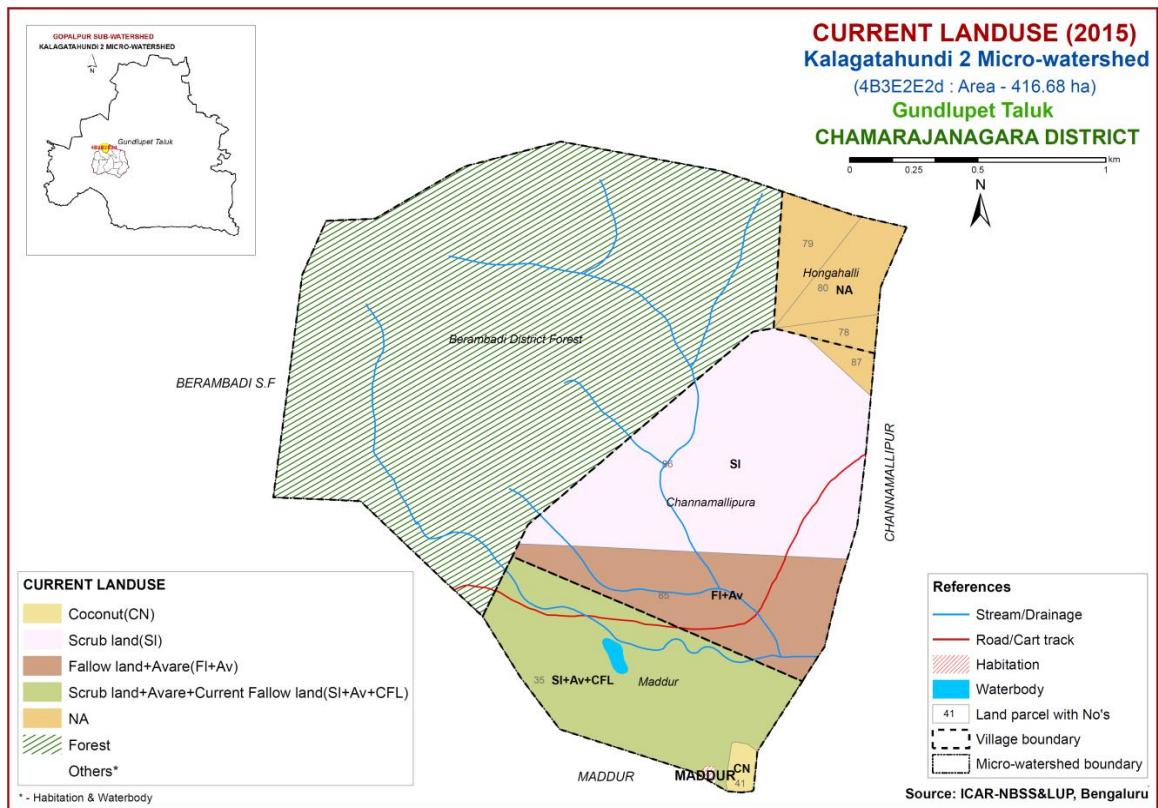


Fig. 2.6 Current Land Use map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 Kalagatahundi-2 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 characteristics (slope, 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 extent and geographic distribution on the microwatershed cadastral map. The detailed soil survey at 1:7920 scale was carried out in an area of 417 ha. 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 and satellite imagery base supplied by the KRSRSAC. 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 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 also 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 (FCC) of Cartosat-I and LISS-IV merged satellite data covering the 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 granite gneiss landscape. They were divided into landforms such as ridges, mounds and uplands based on slope and other relief features. They were further subdivided into physiographic/image interpretation

units based on image characteristics. The image interpretation legend for physiography is given below.

Image Interpretation Legend for Physiography

G - Granite gneiss landform

G1	Hills/ Ridges/ Mounds
G11	Summits
G12	Side slopes
G121	Side slopes with dark grey tones
G2	Uplands
G21	Summits
G22	Gently sloping uplands
G221	Gently sloping uplands, yellowish green (eroded)
G222	Gently sloping uplands, yellowish white (severely eroded)
G23	Very gently sloping uplands
G231	Very gently sloping uplands, yellowish green
G232	Very gently sloping uplands, medium green and pink
G233	Very gently sloping uplands, pink and green (scrub land)
G234	Very gently sloping uplands, medium greenish grey
G235	Very gently sloping uplands, yellowish white (eroded)
G236	Very gently sloping uplands, dark green
G237	Very gently sloping uplands, medium pink (coconut garden)
G238	Very gently sloping uplands, pink and bluish white (eroded)
G24	Valleys/ lowlands
G241	Valleys, pink tones
G242	Valleys gray mixed with pink tones

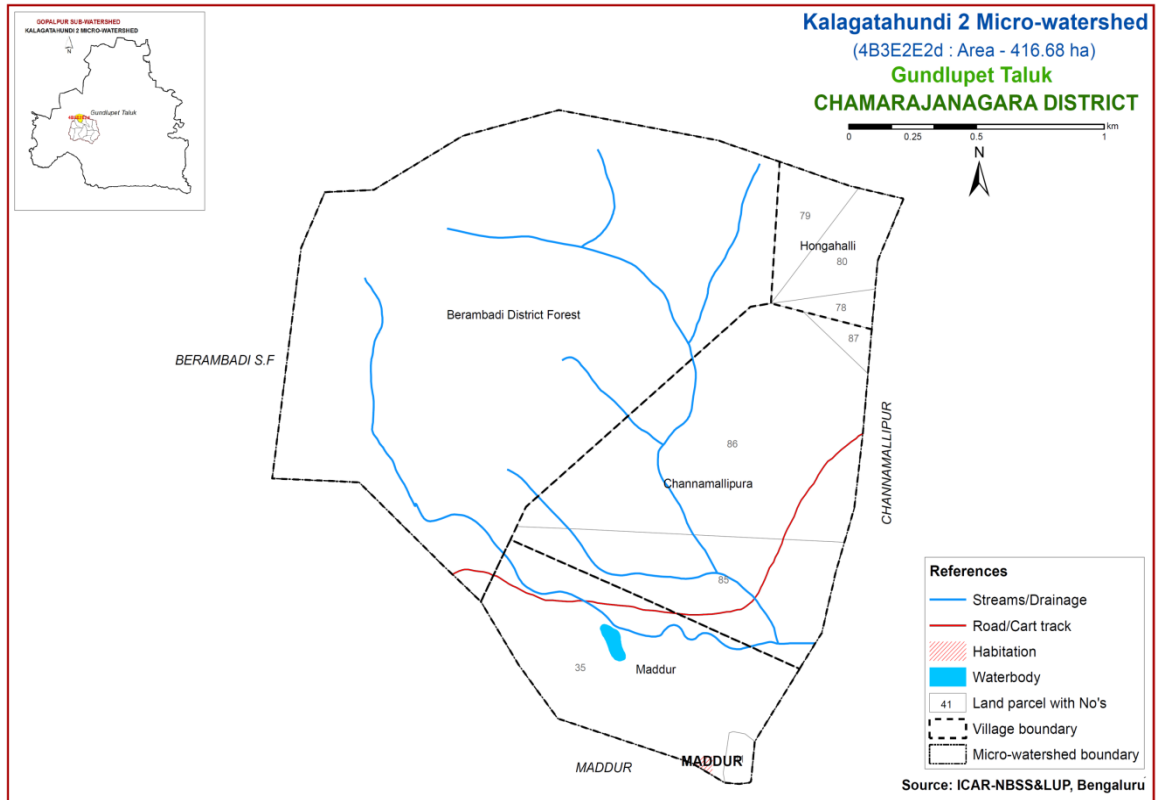


Fig 3.1 Scanned and Digitized Cadastral map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

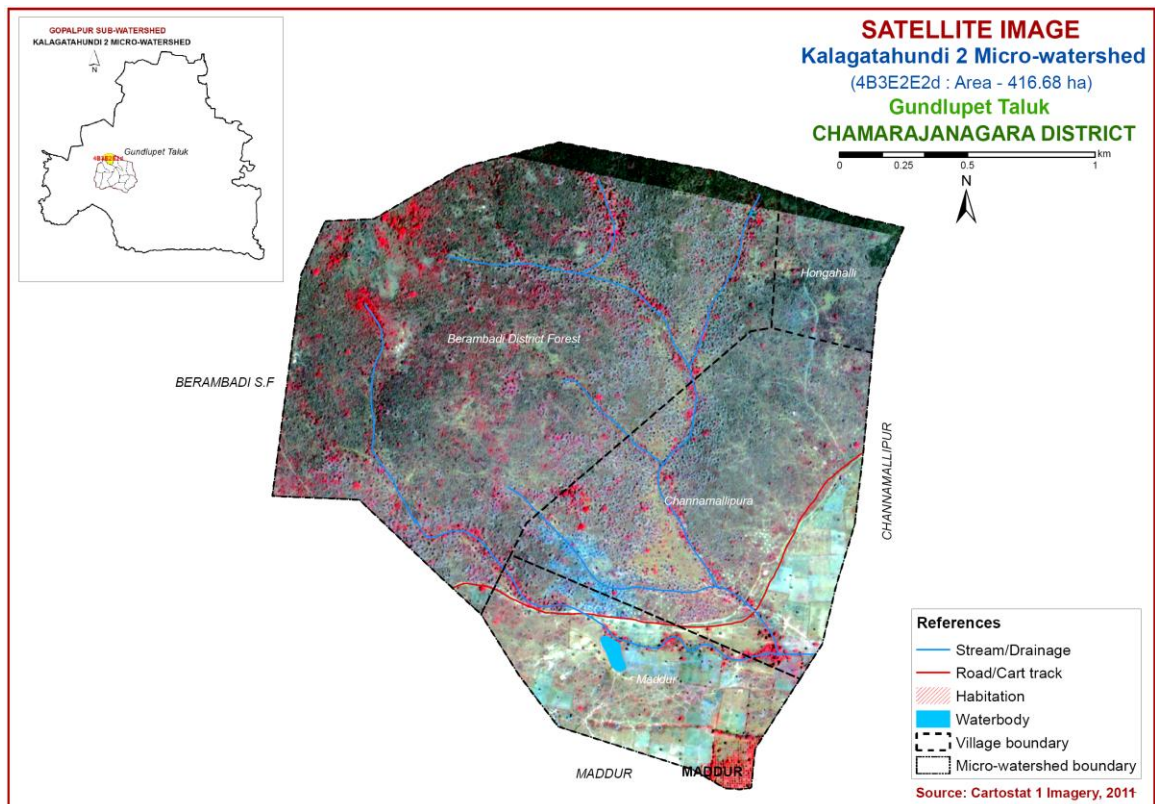


Fig.3.2 Satellite Image of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

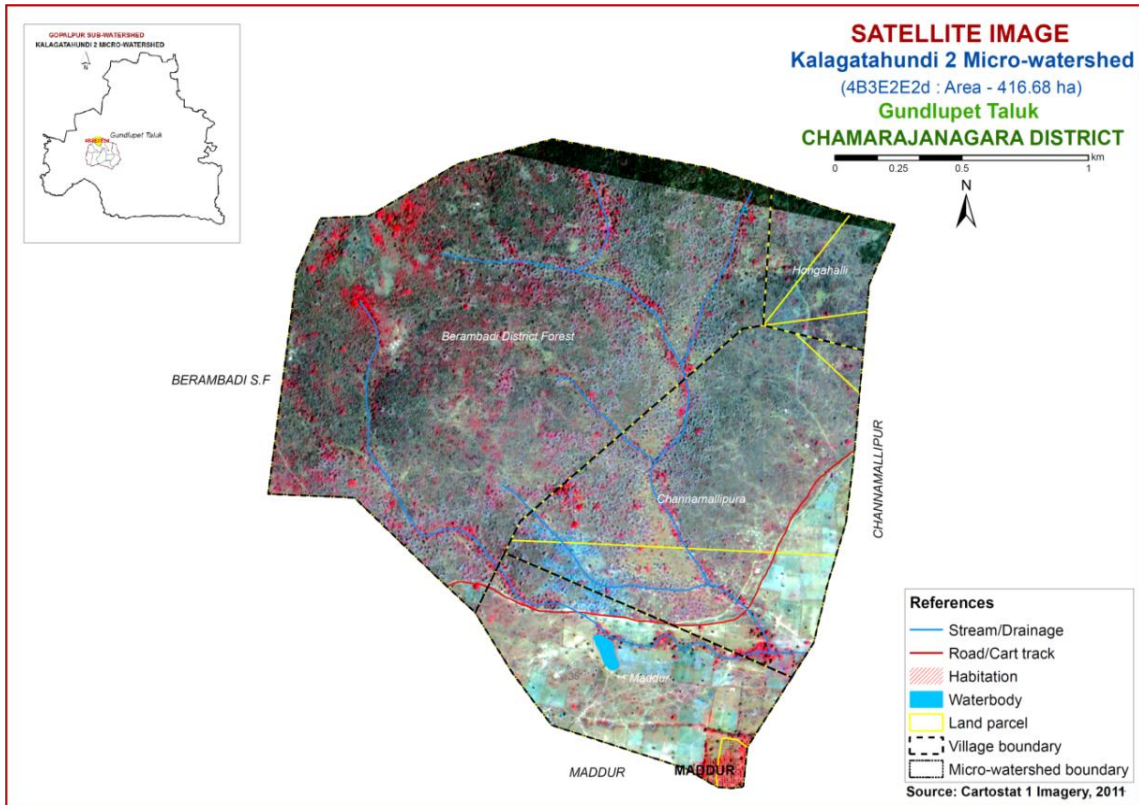


Fig.3.3 Cadastral map overlaid on IRS PAN+LISS IV merged imagery of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

3.3 Field Investigation

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. 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 generated by studying soils at few selected places. Then, intensive traversing of each physiographic unit like hills, ridges and uplands was carried out. Based on the variability observed on the surface, transects (Fig. 3.4) were selected across the slope covering all the landform units in the microwatershed (Natarajan and Dipak Sarkar, 2010).

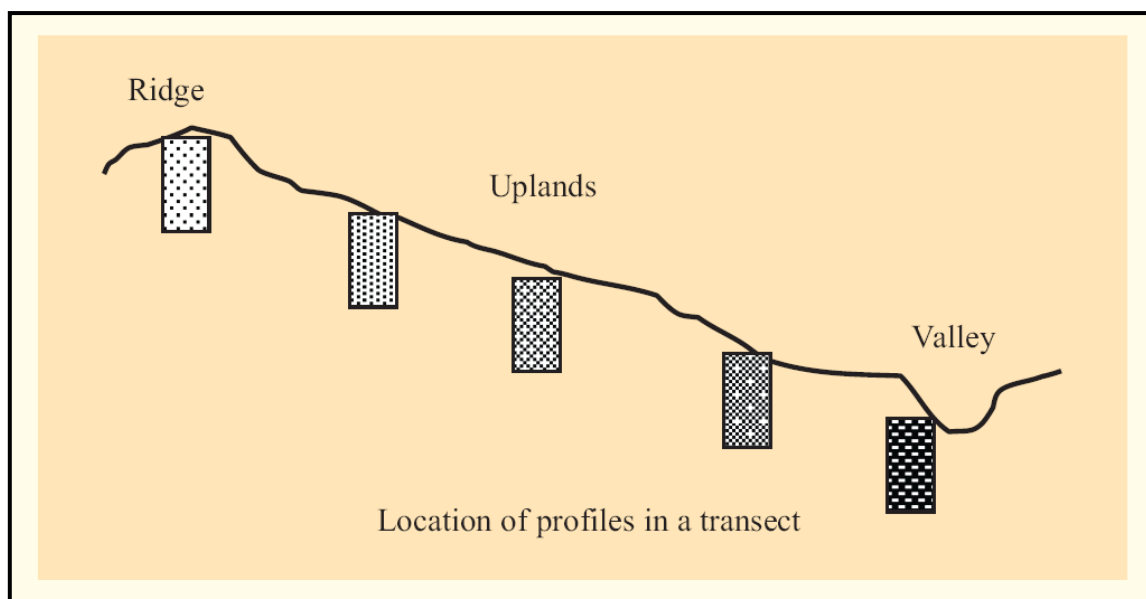


Fig. 3.4 Location of profiles in a transect

In the selected transect, soil profiles (Fig. 3.4) 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 to validate the soil map unit boundaries.

Based on the soil 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 etc, were used as the major differentiating characteristics for identifying soil series occurring in the area. The differentiating characteristics used for identifying the soil series are given in Table 3.1. Based on the above characteristics, 4 soil series were identified in the Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed.

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

Soils of Granite gneiss Landscape						
Sl. no	Soil Series	Depth (cm)	Colour (Moist)	Texture	Gravel (%)	Horizon sequence
1	Beemanabeedu (BMB)	>150	10YR2/1,2/2,3/1, 3/2,4/1	sc-c	-	Ap-Bw
2	Honnegaudanahalli (HGH)	>150	7.5YR2.5/2,2.5/3, 3/3,2.5/4,3/4	scl-c	<15	Ap-Bw
3	Hullipura (HPR)	50-75	7.5YR2.5YR2.5/2, 3/3	gscl	15-35	AP-Bw-Cr
4	Kannigala (KNG)	75-100	2.5YR2.5/4,3/4,3/6	gscl	>35	AP-Bt-Cr

3.4 Soil Mapping

The area under each soil series was further separated into 7 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. 3.5) in the form of symbols. During the survey 10 soil 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 7 mapping units representing 4 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 7 phases 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 they have to be treated accordingly.

3.5 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 from farmer's fields (12 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, soil fertility maps were generated using Kriging method for the microwatershed.

Table 3.2 Soil map unit description of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

Soil No	Soil Series	Soil Phase	Mapping Unit Description	Area in ha (%)
	BMB		Beemanabeedu soils are very deep (>150 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark greyish brown to dark grey and very dark brown clayey soils occurring on very gently sloping lowlands under cultivation	18.19 (4.37)
1		BMBiB1	Sandy clay surface, slope 1-3%, slight erosion	18.19 (4.37)
	HGH		Honnegaudanahalli soils are very deep (>150 cm), well drained, have very dark brown to brown and dark reddish brown sandy clay loam soils occurring on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation	4.76 (1.14)
2		HGHhB1	Sandy clay loam surface, slope 1-3%, slight erosion	4.76 (1.14)
	HPR		Hullipura soils are moderately shallow (50-75 cm), well drained, have dark brown to very dark brown gravelly sandy clay loam soils occurring on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation	39.88 (9.57)
3		HPRcB2	Sandy loam surface, slope 1-3%, moderate erosion	15.17 (3.64)
4		HPRhB1	Sandy clay loam surface, slope 1-3%, slight erosion	12.49 (3.00)
5		HPRiB1	Sandy clay surface, slope 1-3%, slight erosion	12.22 (2.93)
	KNG		Kannigala soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), well drained, have dark reddish brown to dark red gravelly sandy clay loam soils occurring on very gently to gently sloping uplands under cultivation	8.90 (2.41)
6		KNGhB1	Sandy clay loam surface, slope 1-3%, slight erosion	7.19 (1.73)
7		KNGhC2g1	Sandy clay loam surface, slope 3-5%, moderate erosion, gravelly (15-35%)	1.71 (0.41)
8		Forest		343.86 (82.52)
9		Others		1.08 (0.26)

*Soil map unit numbers are continuous for the taluk, not the microwatersheds

3.6 Land Management Units

The 7 soil phases identified and mapped in the microwatershed were regrouped into 4 Land Management Units (LMU'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 Management Units (LMUs) based on the management needs. One or more than one soil site characteristic having influence on the management have been chosen for identification and delineation of LMUs. For Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed, five soil and site characteristics, namely soil depth, soil texture, slope, erosion and gravel content have been considered for defining LMUs. The land management units are expected to behave similarly for a given level of management.

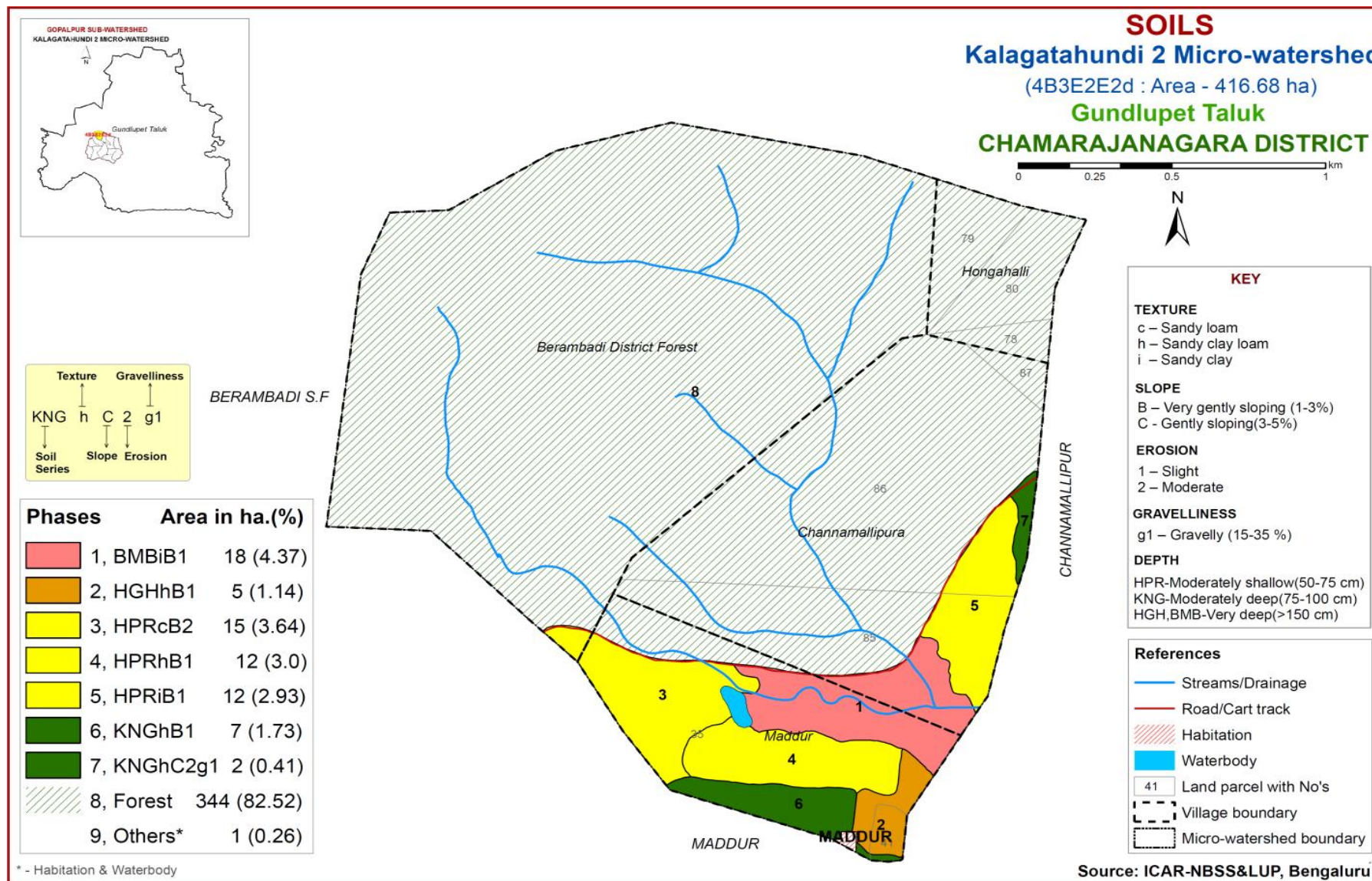


Fig 3.5 Soil Phase or Management Units Map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

THE SOILS

Detailed information pertaining to the nature, extent and distribution of different kinds of soils occurring in Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed is provided in this chapter. The microwatershed area has been identified as granite gneiss landscape based on geology. In all, 4 soil series were identified in different landforms. Soil formation is the result of the combined effect of environmental and terrain factors that are reflected in soil morphology. In the Granite gneiss landform, it is by parent material, relief and climate.

A brief description of each of the 4 soil series identified followed by 7 soil phases (management units) mapped (Fig. 3.5) are furnished below. The physical and chemical characteristics of soil series identified in Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed along with soil classification are given in Table 4.1. 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 Granite gneiss Landscape

In this landscape, 4 soil series are identified and mapped. Of these, Hullipura (HPR) soil series occupies maximum area of about 39 ha (10%) followed by Beemanabeedu (BMB) soil series 18 ha (4%), Kannigala (KNG) soil series 9 ha (2%) and Honnegaudanahalli (HGH) soil series 5 ha (1%). The brief description of each soil series along with the soil phases identified and mapped is given below.

4.1.1 Beemanabeedu (BMB) Series: Beemanabeedu soils are very deep (>150 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark greyish brown to dark grey and very dark brown sandy clay to clay soils. They are developed from weathered granite gneiss and occur on very gently sloping lowlands. The Beemanabeedu series has been classified as a member of the fine, mixed, isohyperthermic family of Typic Haplustepts.

The thickness of the solum is more than 150 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 12 to 17 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 2.5 to 4 and chroma 2 to 4. The texture varies from sandy clay to clay with 10 to 12 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon is more than 150 cm. Its colour is in 10 YR hue with value 2 to 4 and chroma 1 to 2. Texture is sandy clay to clay. The available water capacity is very high (200 mm/m). Only one phase was identified and mapped.



Landscape and soil profile characteristics of Beemanabeedu (BMB) series

4.1.2 Honnegaudanahalli (HGH) Series: Honnegaudanahalli soils are very deep (>150 cm), well drained, have very dark brown to brown and dark reddish brown sandy clay loam to clay soils. They are developed from weathered granite gneiss and occur on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation. The Honnegaudanahalli series has been classified as a member of the fine-loamy over clayey, mixed, isohyperthermic family of Typic Haplustepts.

The thickness of the solum is more than 150 cm. The thickness of a horizon ranges from 14 to 19 cm. Its colour is in 7.5 YR hue with value 2.5 to 4 and chroma 2 to 6. The texture varies from sandy loam to clay with 10 to 15 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon is more than 150 cm. Its colour is in 7.5 YR hue with value 2.5 to 3 and chroma 2 to 4. Texture is sandy clay loam to clay with 35 to 50 per cent gravel. The available water capacity is very high (200 mm/m). Only one phase was identified and mapped.



Landscape and soil profile characteristics of Honnegaudanahalli (HGH) series

4.1.3 Hullipura (HPR) Series: Hullipura soils are moderately shallow (50-75 cm), well drained, have dark brown to very dark brown gravelly sandy clay loam soils. They have developed from weathered granite gneiss and occur on very gently to gently sloping uplands. The Hullipura series has been classified as a member of the fine-loamy, mixed, isohyperthermic family of Typic Haplustepts.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 51 to 71 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 13 to 18 cm. Its colour is in 7.5YR and 10 YR hue with value 2.5 to 3 and chroma 2 to 4. The texture varies from gravelly sandy loam to gravelly clay with 15 to 25 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 38 to 52 cm. Its colour is in 2.5 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 2.5 to 3 and chroma 2. Its texture is gravelly sandy clay loam with gravel content of 15 to 35 per cent. The available water capacity is low (75 mm/m). Three phases were identified and mapped.



Landscape and soil profile characteristics of Hullipura (HPR) series

4.1.4 Kannigala (KNG) Series: Kannigala soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), well drained, have dark reddish brown to dark red gravelly sandy clay loam soils. They have developed from weathered granite gneiss and occur on very gently to strongly sloping uplands. The Kannigala series has been classified as a member of the loamy-skeletal, mixed, isohyperthermic family of Typic Haplustalfs.

The thickness of the solum ranges from 78 to 94 cm. The thickness of A horizon ranges from 12 to 15 cm. Its colour is in 5YR, 2.5 YR and 7.5 YR hue with value 3 and chroma 3 to 4. The texture varies from gravelly loamy sand to clay with 15 to 25 per cent gravel. The thickness of B horizon ranges from 69 to 80 cm. Its colour is in 2.5 YR hue with value 2.5 to 3 and chroma 4 to 6. Texture varies from gravelly sandy clay loam with 40 to 60 per cent gravel. The available water capacity is very low (50 mm/m). Two phases were identified and mapped.

Table: 4.1 Physical and Chemical Characteristics of Soil Series identified in Kalagatahundi-2microwatershed

Soil Series: Bheemanabeedu (BMB), **Pedon:** RM-34

Location: 11°43'45.9"N, 76°37'18.6"E, (4B3E2F1c) Honnegaudanahalli village, Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagara District

Analysis at: NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Bangalore. **Classification:** Fine, mixed, isohyperthermic Typic Haplustepts

Depth (cm)	Horizon	Size class and particle diameter (mm)								Coarse fragments w/w (%)	Texture Class (USDA)	% Moisture	
		Total			Sand							1/3 Bar	15 Bar
		Sand (2.0-0.05)	Silt (0.05-0.002)	Clay (<0.002)	Very coarse (2.0-1.0)	Coarse (1.0-0.5)	Medium (0.5-0.25)	Fine (0.25-0.1)	Very fine (0.1-0.05)				
0-13	Ap	63.25	17.32	19.42	3.89	9.31	13.61	19.14	17.30	5	sc	-	-
13-32	Bw1	61.95	18.00	20.05	3.18	12.21	13.54	18.56	14.46	-	sc	-	-
32-53	Bw2	54.42	20.16	25.42	3.89	9.79	12.63	14.95	13.16	-	sc	-	-
53-76	Bw3	40.54	20.40	39.05	2.40	8.25	9.82	11.91	8.15	-	c	-	-
76-114	Bw4	35.54	17.90	46.56	2.00	7.36	8.94	9.88	7.36	-	c	-	-
114-146	Bw5	28.31	19.25	52.44	2.55	5.73	6.68	6.89	6.47	-	c	-	-
146-180	Bw6	19.43	27.91	52.66	1.61	2.35	3.84	6.06	5.57	-	c	-	-

Depth (cm)	pH (1:2.5)			E.C. (1:2.5)	O.C.	CaCO ₃	Exchangeable bases					CEC	CEC/Clay	Base saturation	ESP
	Water	CaCl ₂	M KCl	dS m ⁻¹	%	%	Ca	Mg	K	Na	Total				
							cmol kg ⁻¹								
0-13	7.59	-	-	0.48	0.78	0.59	-	-	1.04	0.17	-	10.83	0.56	100	1.57
13-32	7.94	-	-	0.18	0.66	0.35	-	-	0.62	0.26	-	11.74	0.59	100	2.21
32-53	8.11	-	-	0.13	0.58	0.76	-	-	0.41	0.59	-	14.71	0.58	100	4.01
53-76	8.34	-	-	0.12	0.54	0.71	-	-	0.49	0.92	-	25.31	0.65	100	3.63
76-114	8.21	-	-	0.20	0.50	1.59	-	-	0.64	0.82	-	28.39	0.61	100	2.89
114-146	8.37	-	-	0.27	0.46	2.47	-	-	0.51	0.65	-	30.55	0.58	100	2.13
146-180	8.46	-	-	0.27	0.35	5.28	-	-	0.57	0.94	-	35.34	0.67	100	2.66

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Soil Series: Honnegaudanahalli (HGH), **Pedon:** RM-33

Location: 11°45'42.5"N, 76°36'46.2"E, (4B3E2F1c) Honnegaudanahalli village, Gundlupet Taluk and Chamarajanagara District

Analysis at: NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Bangalore. **Classification:** Fine-loamy over clayey, mixed, isohyperthermic Typic Haplustepts

Depth (cm)	Horizon	Size class and particle diameter (mm)								Coarse fragments w/w (%)	Texture Class (USDA)	% Moisture	
		Total			Sand							1/3 Bar	15 Bar
		Sand (2.0-0.05)	Silt (0.05-0.002)	Clay (<0.002)	Very coarse (2.0-1.0)	Coarse (1.0-0.5)	Medium (0.5-0.25)	Fine (0.25-0.1)	Very fine (0.1-0.05)				
0-18	Ap	66.23	11.55	22.23	2.95	10.89	18.41	21.36	12.61	10	scl	-	-
18-30	Bw1	62.83	16.68	20.49	3.77	10.90	15.99	21.59	10.59	-	scl	-	-
30-52	Bw2	59.33	16.64	24.03	2.14	10.91	13.56	18.76	13.97	-	scl	-	-
52-78	Bw3	65.74	11.85	22.41	3.69	13.13	16.00	19.49	13.44	-	scl	-	-
78-100	Bw4	68.91	10.58	20.51	3.16	6.73	25.08	21.61	12.33	-	scl	-	-
100-148	Bw5	30.06	14.12	55.82	1.57	9.81	6.78	6.58	5.32	-	c	-	-
148-160	Bw6	22.82	29.70	47.48	1.49	4.13	6.54	5.39	5.28	-	c	-	-
160-190	Bw7	24.83	28.46	46.71	0.80	2.86	8.47	6.18	6.52	-	c	-	-

Depth (cm)	pH (1:2.5)			E.C. (1:2.5)	O.C.	CaCO ₃	Exchangeable bases					CEC	CEC/Clay	Base saturation	ESP			
	Water	CaCl ₂	M KCl				dS m ⁻¹	%	%	Ca	Mg					K	Na	Total
										cmol kg ⁻¹						%	%	
0-18	7.37	-	-	0.18	0.5	0.00	-	-	0.74	0.13	-	8.66	0.39	100	1.50			
18-30	7.55	-	-	0.11	0.46	0.00	-	-	0.37	0.06	-	8.66	0.42	100	0.69			
30-52	7.78	-	-	0.08	0.39	0.00	-	-	0.27	0.07	-	10.03	0.42	100	0.70			
52-78	7.98	-	-	0.08	0.39	0.00	-	-	0.21	0.09	-	8.55	0.38	100	1.05			
78-100	8.01	-	-	0.05	0.31	0.00	-	-	0.23	0.22	-	8.32	0.41	100	2.64			
100-148	7.86	-	-	0.09	0.43	7.20	-	-	0.56	0.51	-	25.65	0.46	100	1.99			
148-160	8.47	-	-	0.18	0.35	5.88	-	-	0.42	0.51	-	23.37	0.49	100	2.18			
160-190	8.55	-	-	0.17	0.27	6.48	-	-	0.45	0.56	-	23.57	0.50	100	2.38			

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Soil Series: Hullipura (HPR), **Pedon:** RM-126

Location: 11^o43'21.8"N, 76^o41' 28.1"E, (4B3E2J2a) Hundipur village, Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagara District

Analysis at: NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Bangalore **Classification:** Fine-loamy, mixed, isohyperthermic Typic Haplustepts

Depth (cm)	Horizon	Size class and particle diameter (mm)								Coarse fragments w/w (%)	Texture Class (USDA)	% Moisture	
		Total			Sand							1/3 Bar	15 Bar
		Sand (2.0-0.05)	Silt (0.05-0.002)	Clay (<0.002)	Very coarse (2.0-1.0)	Coarse (1.0-0.5)	Medium (0.5-0.25)	Fine (0.25-0.1)	Very fine (0.1-0.05)				
0-15	Ap	47.38	17.57	35.05	7.38	9.95	8.98	10.80	10.27	15	sc	-	-
15-28	Bw1	49.95	18.96	31.10	7.21	10.29	9.97	12.51	9.97	15	scl	-	-
28-55	Bc	70.38	11.41	18.21	6.23	13.18	14.20	21.45	15.32	20	sl	-	-

Depth (cm)	pH (1:2.5)			E.C. (1:2.5)	O.C.	CaCO ₃	Exchangeable bases					CEC	CEC/Clay	Base saturation	ESP			
	Water	CaCl ₂	M KCl				dS m ⁻¹	%	%	Ca	Mg					K	Na	Total
										cmol kg ⁻¹						%	%	
0-15	8.36	-	-	0.36	0.60	2.34	-	-	0.93	0.43	-	24.17	0.69	100	1.78			
15-28	8.36	-	-	0.37	0.72	3.30	-	-	1.10	0.61	-	6.16	0.20	100	9.90			
28-55	8.73	-	-	0.23	0.24	0.84	-	-	0.41	0.85	-	16.30	0.90	100	5.21			

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Soil Series: Kannigala (KNG), **Pedon:** TR-26/1

Location: 11°47'25.9"N, 76°34'11"E, (4B3E2E2f) Channamallipura village, Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajanagara District

Analysis at: NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Bangalore. **Classification:** Loamy-skeletal, mixed, isohyperthermic Typic haplustalfs

Depth (cm)	Horizon	Size class and particle diameter (mm)								Coarse fragments w/w (%)	Texture Class (USDA)	% Moisture	
		Total			Sand							1/3 Bar	15 Bar
		Sand (2.0-0.05)	Silt (0.05-0.002)	Clay (<0.002)	Very coarse (2.0-1.0)	Coarse (1.0-0.5)	Medium (0.5-0.25)	Fine (0.25-0.1)	Very fine (0.1-0.05)				
0-15	Ap	65.41	16.99	17.60	4.18	6.02	15.71	25.61	13.88	20	sl	-	-
15-38	BA	63.15	10.36	26.48	11.98	15.56	11.26	14.43	9.93	15	scl	-	-
38-72	Bt1	61.51	9.22	29.28	22.20	11.00	10.79	10.49	7.03	>35	scl	-	-
72-100	Bt2	50.82	16.19	32.99	10.25	8.20	12.50	9.32	10.55	>35	scl	-	-

Depth (cm)	pH (1:2.5)			E.C. (1:2.5)	O.C.	CaCO ₃	Exchangeable bases					CEC	CEC/Clay	Base saturation	ESP			
	Water	CaCl ₂	M KCl				dS m ⁻¹	%	%	Ca	Mg					K	Na	Total
0-15	5.41	-	-	0.23	0.76	0.06	4.23	1.11	0.32	0.04	5.70	6.82	0.39	84	0.59			
15-38	6.61	-	-	0.09	0.60	0.09	6.69	1.40	0.15	0.11	8.34	8.74	0.33	95	1.26			
38-72	7.01	-	-	0.05	0.32	0.12	-	-	0.20	0.27	-	6.82	0.23	100	3.96			
72-100	6.66	-	-	0.05	0.28	0.24	-	-	0.12	0.38	-	1.15	0.03	100	33.04			

INTERPRETATION FOR LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The most important soil and site characteristics that affect land use and conservation needs of an area are land capability, land irrigability, soil depth, 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 conservation 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

Soil characteristics: Soil depth, texture, gravelliness, soil reaction, available water capacity, calcareousness, salinity/alkali etc.

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: The soil map units have few or very few limitations that restrict their use.

Class II: The soil map units have moderate limitations that reduce the choice of crops or that require moderate conservations practices.

Class III: The soil map units have severe limitations that reduce the choice of crops or that require special conservation practices.

Class IV: The soil map units have severe limitations that reduce the choice of crops or that require very careful management.

Class V: Soils in the mapping units are not likely to erode, but have other limitations that are impractical to remove and as such not suitable for agriculture.

Class VI: The lands have severe limitations that make them generally unsuitable for cultivation.

Class VII: The lands have very severe limitations that make them unsuitable for cultivation.

Class VIII: Soil and other miscellaneous areas that have very severe limitations that nearly preclude their use for any crop production.

The land capability subclasses are recognised based on the dominant limitations observed within the given 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/alkaline 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 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 7 soil map units identified in the Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed are grouped under 2 land capability classes and 3 land capability subclasses (Fig. 5.1).

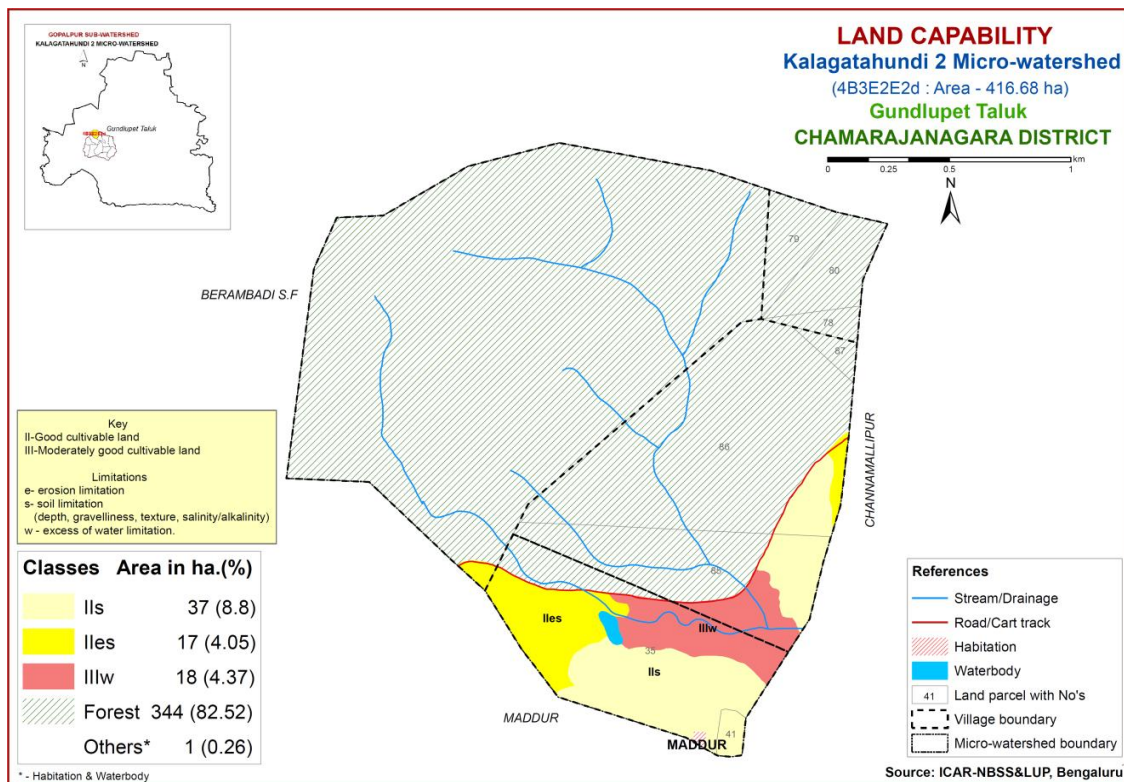


Fig. 5.1 Land Capability map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

Of the lands suitable for agriculture, about 13 per cent are good cultivable lands (Class II) with minor limitations of soil and erosion and are distributed in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. About 4 per cent are moderately good cultivable

lands (Class III) with moderate limitations of wetness and are distributed in southern parts of the microwatershed. Of the total area of 417 ha, only 72 ha are cultivated and the rest of the area is under forest (344 ha) and one ha under habitation and water bodies.

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 shallow (50-75 cm) soils occupy about 40 ha (10%) and are distributed in the eastern and western parts of the microwatershed. Moderately deep (75-100 cm) soils occupy about 9 ha (2%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. An area of about 23 ha (6%) are very deep (>150 cm) soils and occur in the southern and southeastern parts of the microwatershed.

The most productive lands cover about 23 ha (6%) where all climatically adapted long duration crops be grown.

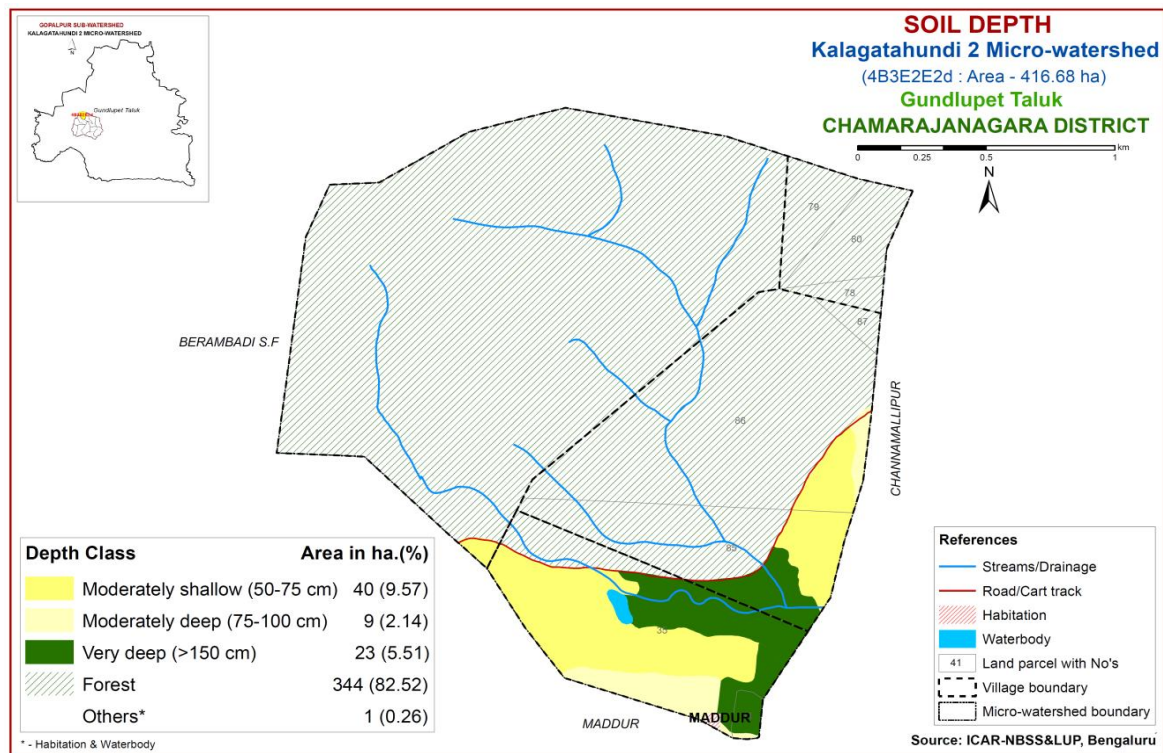


Fig. 5.2 Soil Depth map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 the soils and a surface soil texture map was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution in the microwatershed is shown in Figure 5.3.

An area of 41 ha (10%) has soils that are loamy at the surface and are distributed in the western, eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. An area of 30 ha (7%) has clayey at the surface and are distributed in the southern and eastern part of the microwatershed (Fig. 5.3).

The productive lands 71 ha (17%) with respect to surface soil texture are the clayey and loamy soils that have high potential for soil-water retention and availability, and nutrient retention and availability, but have problems of drainage, infiltration, workability and other physical problems in only clayey soils.

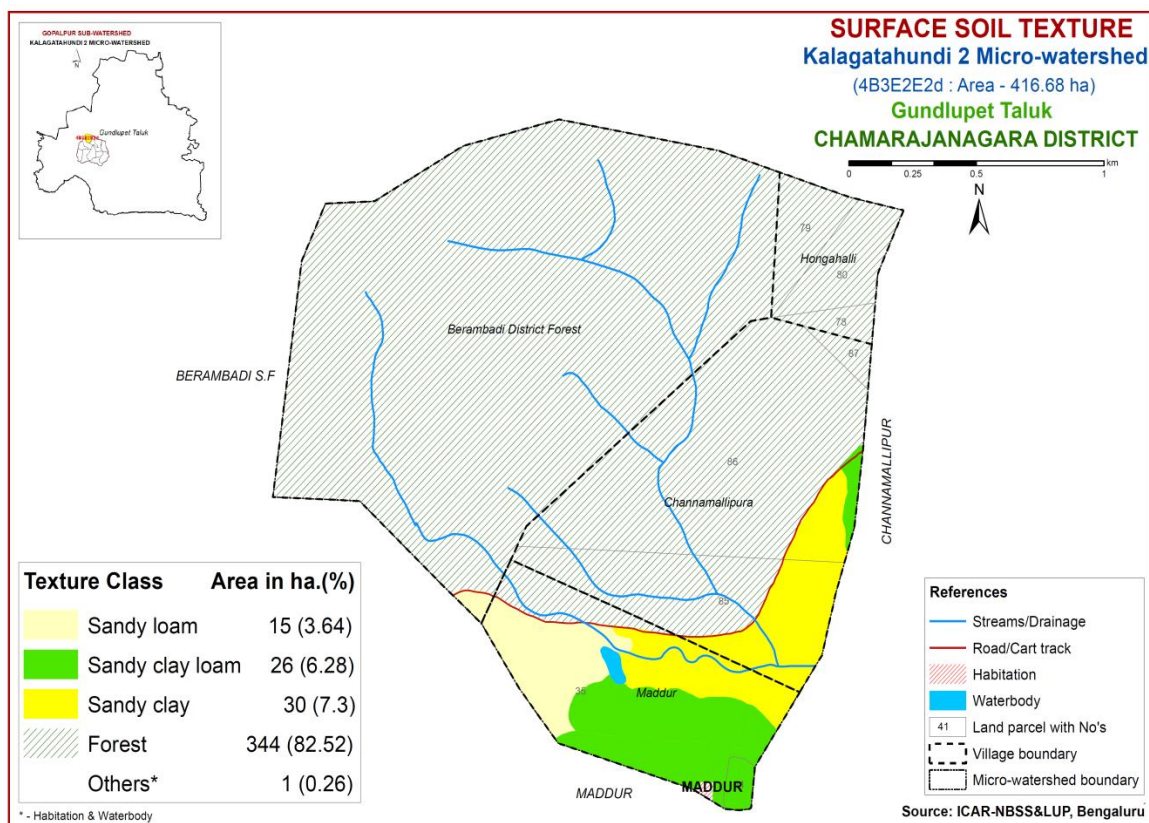


Fig. 5.3 Surface Soil Texture map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 geographic distribution in the microwatershed is shown in Figure 5.4.

The soils that are gravelly (15-35%) cover an area of about 2 ha (>1%) and are distributed in the eastern part of the microwatershed (Fig. 5.4). The soils that are non-gravelly (<15%) cover about 70 ha (17%) and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed.

The most productive lands with respect to gravelliness are found to be 17 per cent. They are non-gravelly with less than 15 per cent gravel and have potential for growing both annual and perennial crops.

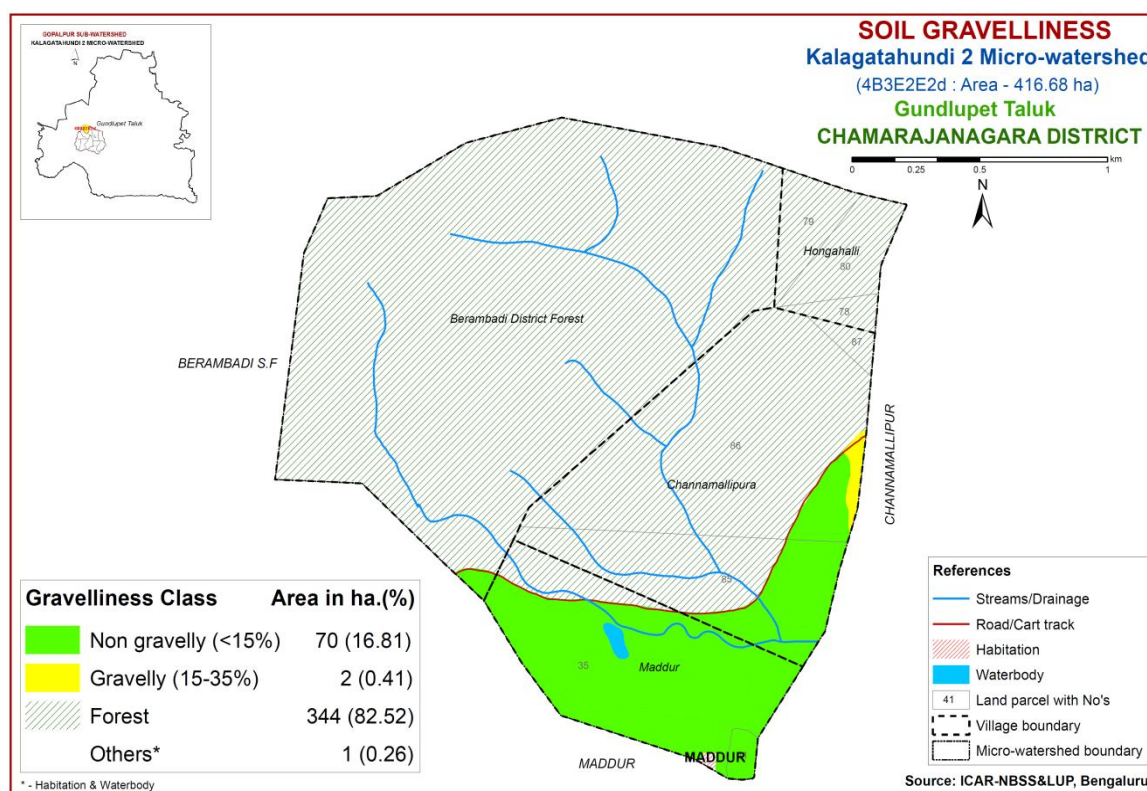


Fig. 5.4 Soil Gravelliness map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 these values, an AWC map was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different AWC classes in the microwatershed is given in Figure 5.5.

An area of about 9 ha (2%) has soils that are very low (<50 mm/m) in available water capacity and are distributed in the southern and eastern part of the microwatershed. Maximum area of 40 ha (10%) has soils that are low (51-100 mm/m) in available water capacity and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. An area of about 23 ha (6%) are very high in available water capacity (>200 mm/m) and are distributed in the southern and southeastern part of the microwatershed.

About 9 ha (2%) area in the microwatershed has soils that are problematic (<50 mm/m) with regard to available water capacity. Here, only short duration crops can be grown and the probability of crop failure is very high. These areas are best put to other alternative uses. The potential soils respect to AWC cover about 23 ha (6%) that have very high AWC, where all climatically adapted long duration crops can be grown.

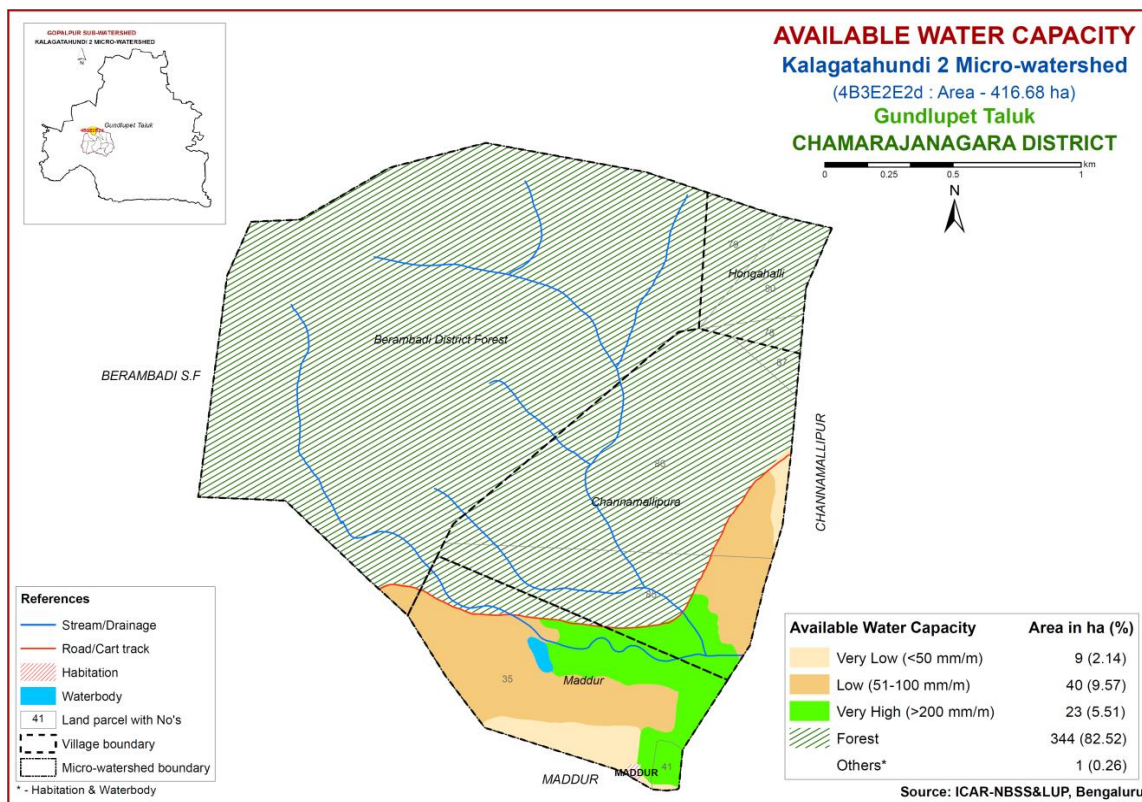


Fig. 5.5 Soil Available Water Capacity map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 showing the area extent and their geographic distribution in the microwatershed (Fig. 5.6).

The major area of the microwatershed falls under very gently sloping (1-3% slope) class. It covers an area of about 70 ha (17%) and are distributed in the major of the microwatershed. The gently sloping (3-5%) lands occur in about 2 ha (>1%) area and are distributed in the eastern part of the microwatershed.

An area of about 70 ha (17%) in the microwatershed has soils that have high potential in respect of soil slopes. In these areas, all climatically adapted annual and perennial crops can be grown without much soil and water conservation and other land development measures.

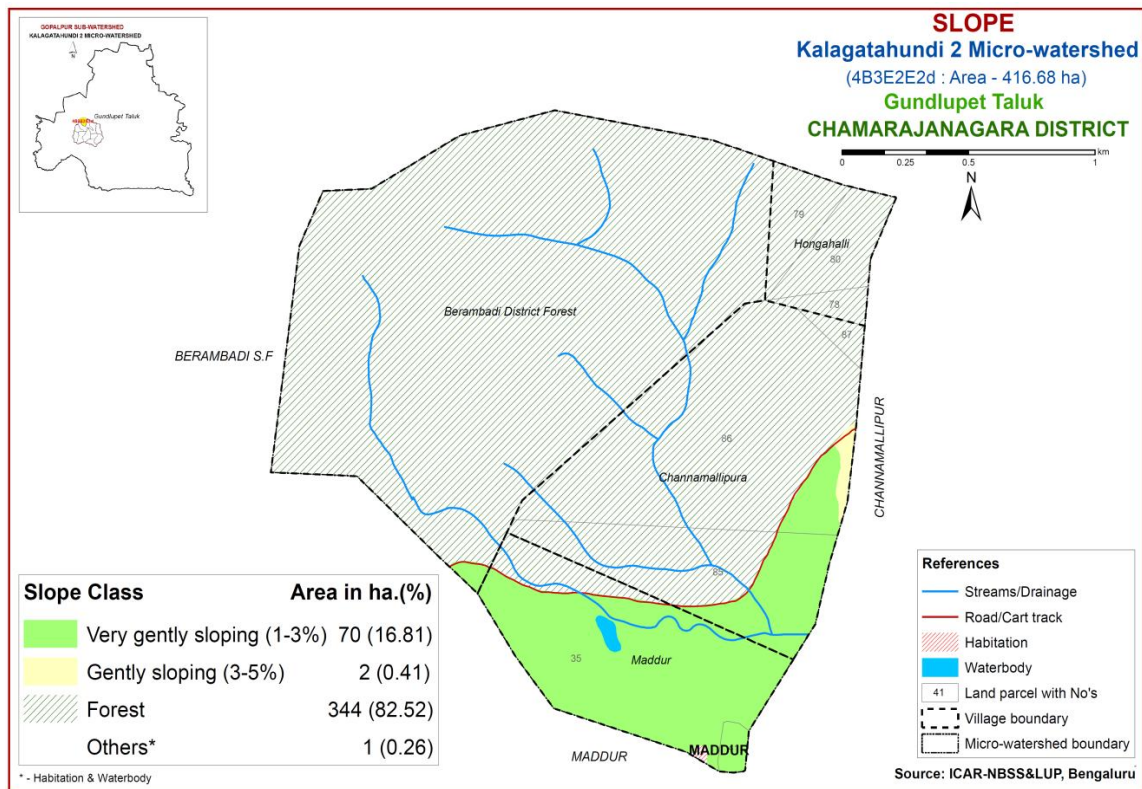


Fig. 5.6 Soil Slope map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 the 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 soil erosion map 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 maximum area of about 55 ha (13%) in the microwatershed. They are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. Moderately eroded (e2 class) soils cover an area of about 17 ha (4%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed.

An area of about 17 ha (4%) in the microwatershed is problematic because of moderate erosion. These areas need soil and water conservation and other land development measures for restoring the soil health.

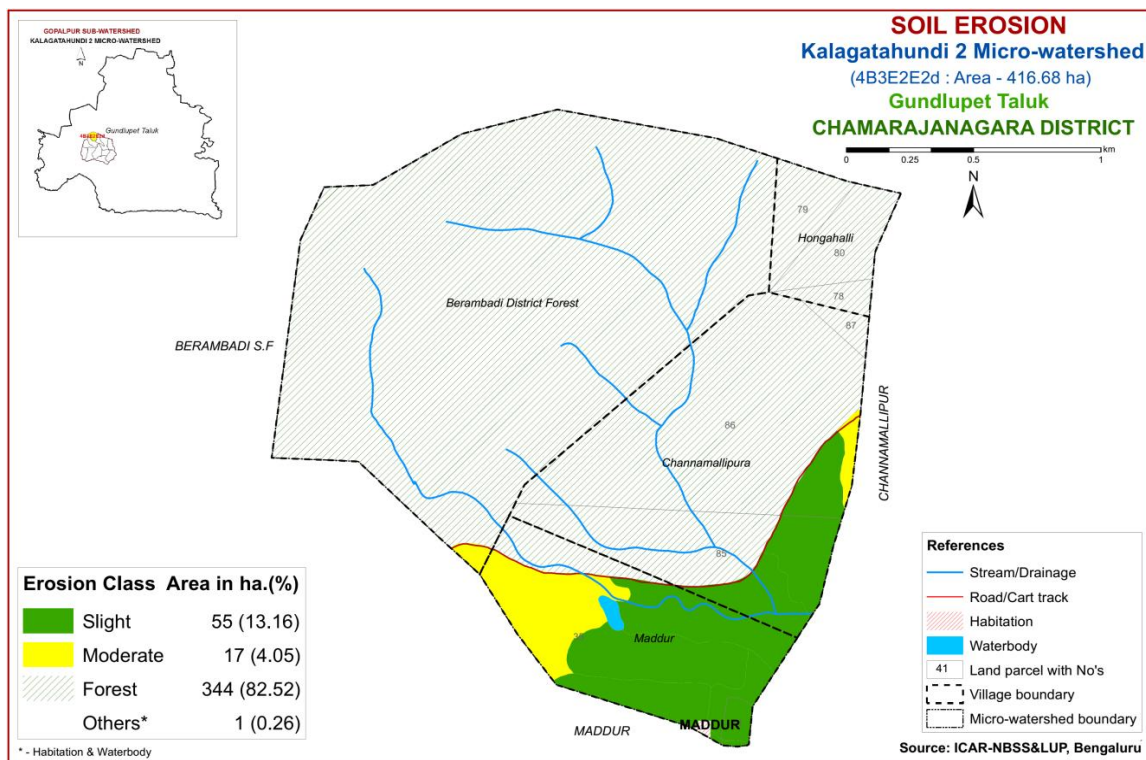


Fig. 5.7 Soil Erosion map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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. 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 grid 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, boron, 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 analysis of the Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed for soil reaction (pH) showed that about 3 ha (1%) area is moderately alkaline (pH 7.8-8.4) and is distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. An area of about 13 ha (3%) is under slightly alkaline (pH 7.3-7.8) and is distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed (Fig. 6.1). Maximum area of 33 ha (8%) is neutral (pH 6.5-7.3) in reaction and is distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. About 23 ha (5%) area falls under slightly (pH 6.0-6.5) to moderately acid (pH 5.5-6.0) in reaction and is distributed in the southern and eastern part of the microwatershed.

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 are non saline.

6.3 Organic Carbon

The soil organic carbon content of the microwatershed area is medium (0.5-0.75%) covering about 11 ha (3%) and is distributed in eastern part of the microwatershed (Fig. 6.3). An area of about 61 ha (15%) soils are high in organic carbon ($>0.75\%$) and is distributed in the major part of the microwatershed.

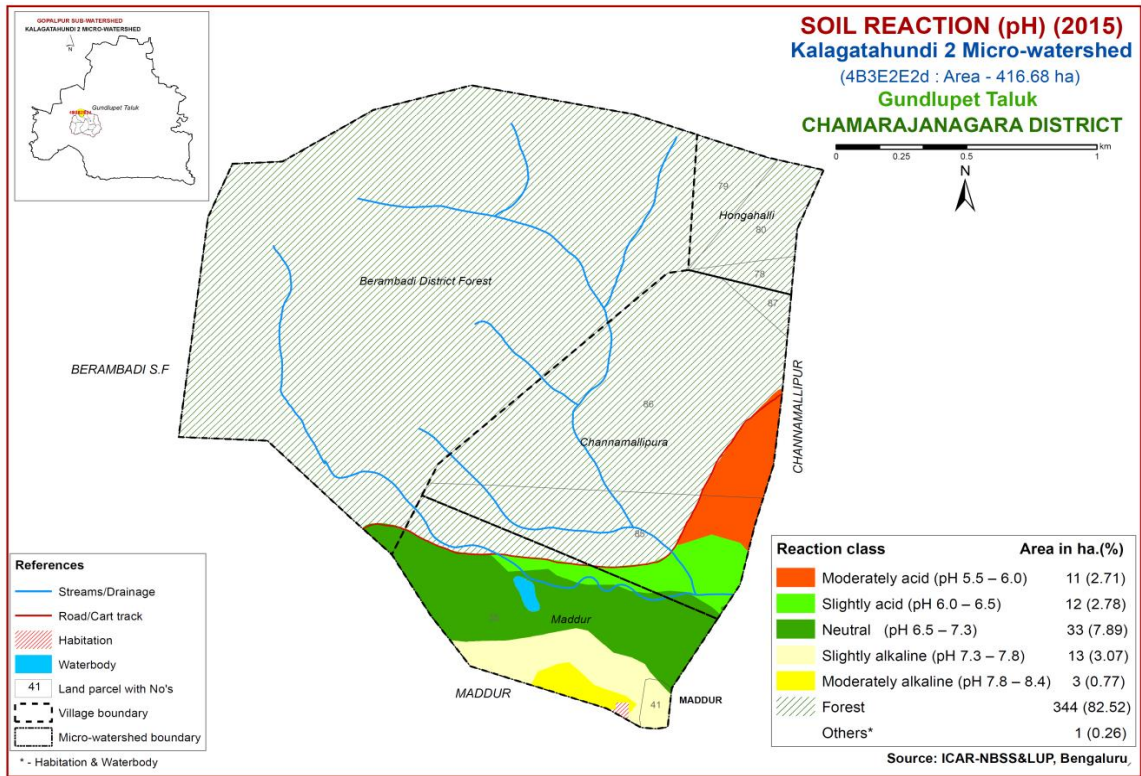


Fig. 6.1 Soil Reaction (pH) map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

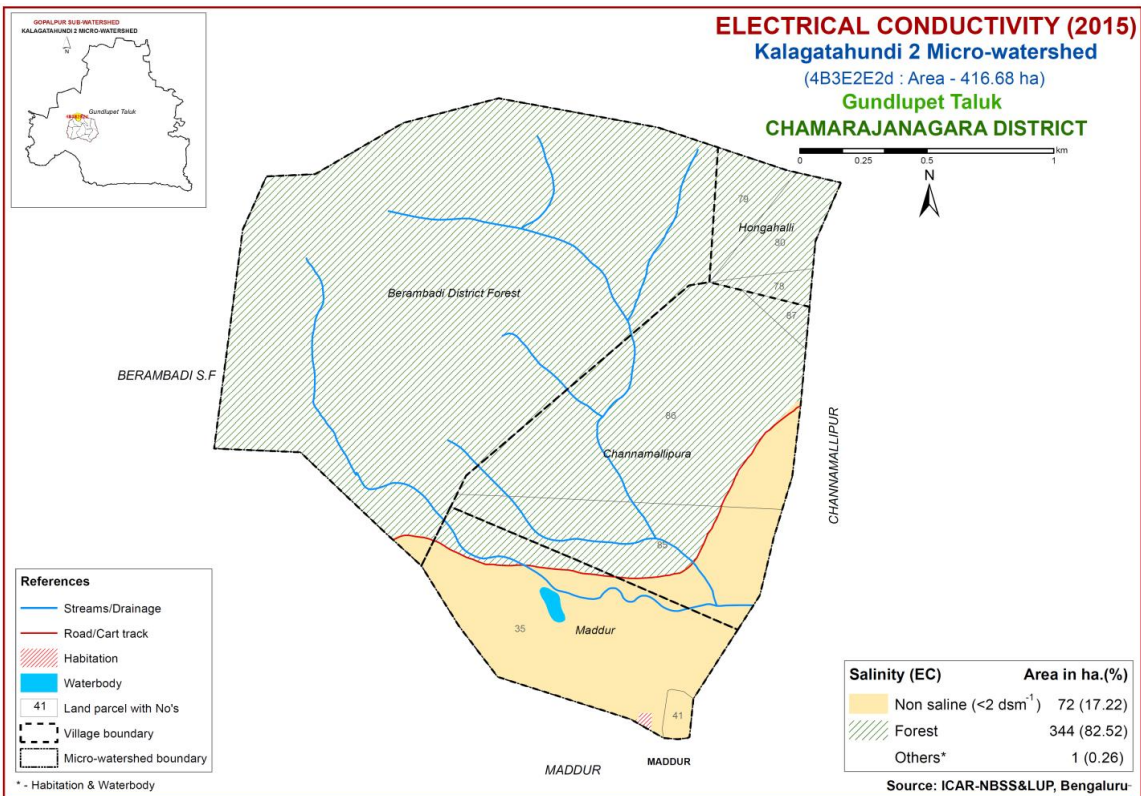


Fig. 6.2 Electrical Conductivity (EC) map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

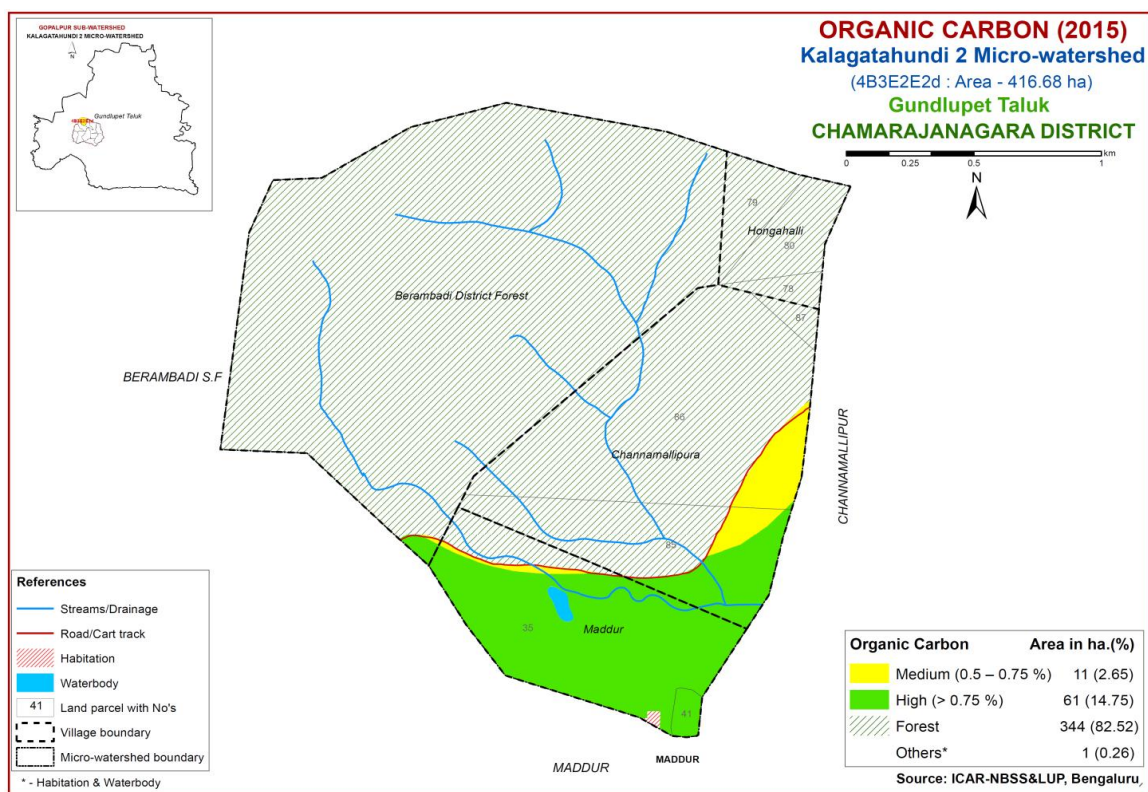


Fig. 6.3 Soil Organic Carbon map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

6.4 Available Phosphorus

The soil analysis revealed that the available phosphorus is low (<23 kg/ha) in entire area of about 72 ha (17%) in the microwatershed and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed (Fig 6.4). There is an urgent need to increase the dose of phosphorus for all the crops by 25 per cent over the recommended dose to realize better crop performance.

6.5 Available Potassium

Available potassium content is medium (145-337 kg/ha) in the entire area of about 72 ha (17%) in the microwatershed and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed (Fig 6.5).

6.6 Available Sulphur

Available sulphur content is low (<10 ppm) in the entire area of about 72 ha (17%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed (Fig. 6.6).

6.7 Available Boron

Available boron content is low (<0.5 ppm) in the entire area of about 72 ha (17%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed (Fig. 6.7).

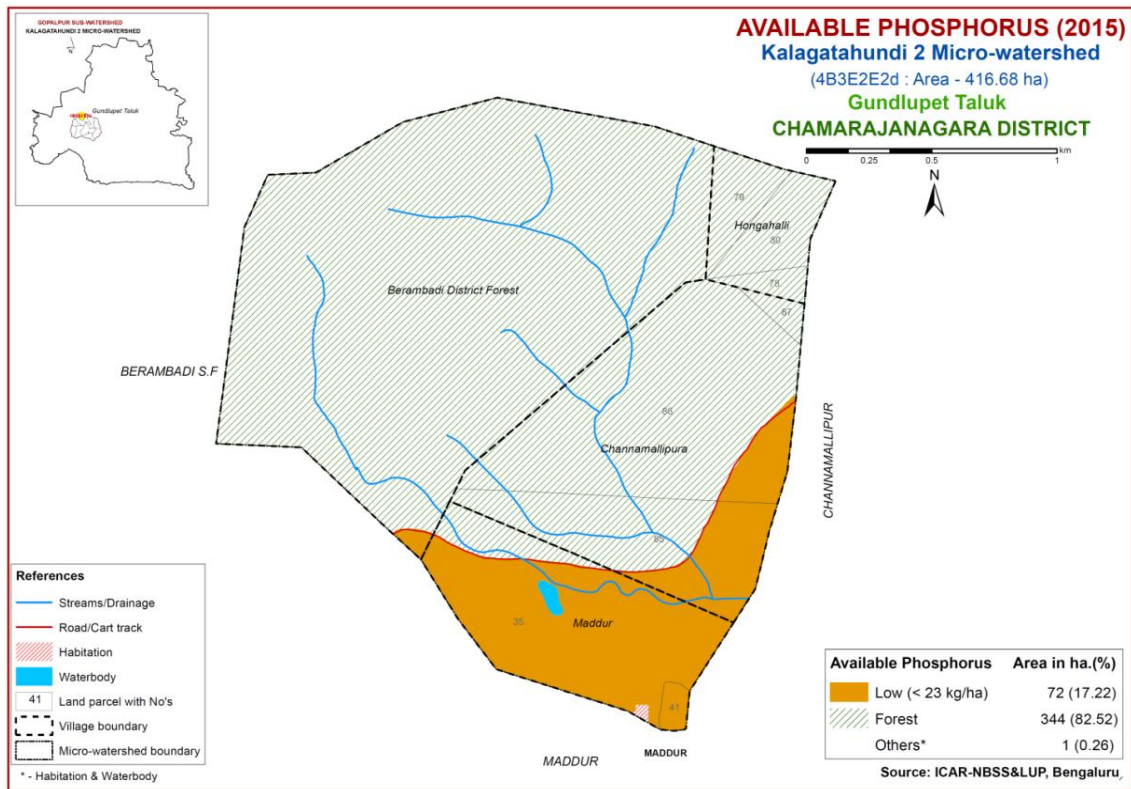


Fig. 6.4 Soil available Phosphorus map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

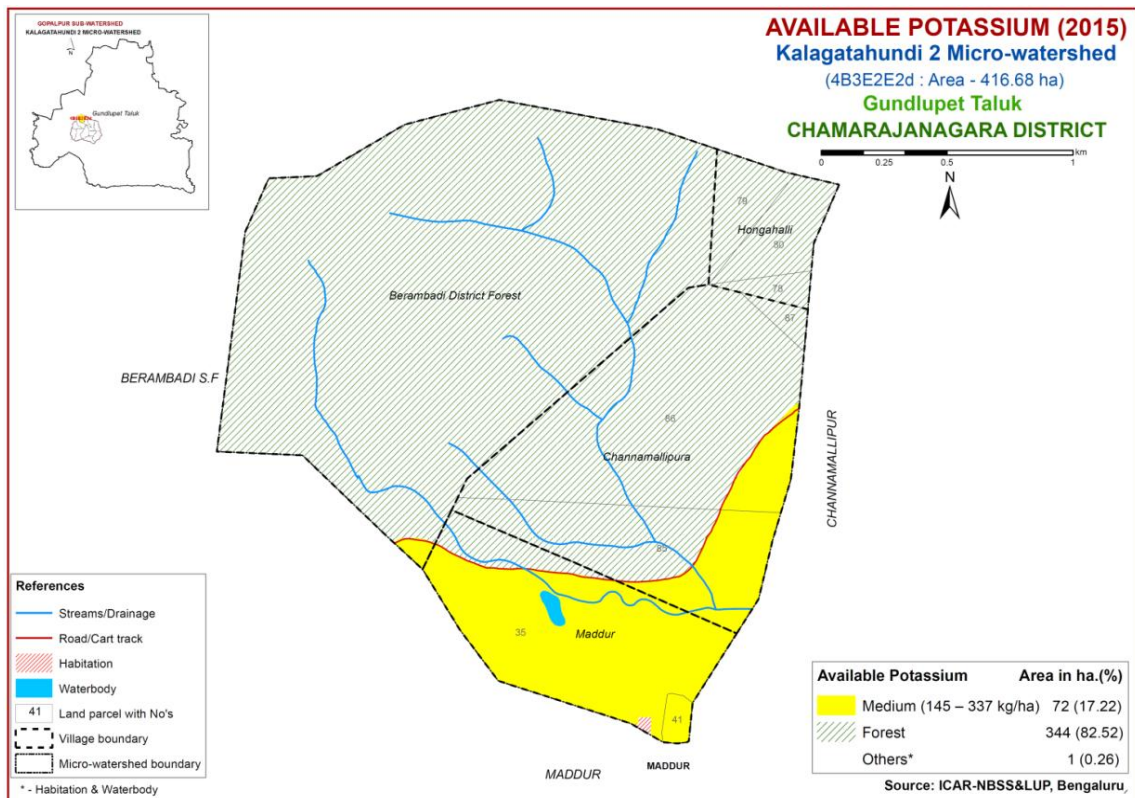


Fig. 6.5 Soil available Potassium map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

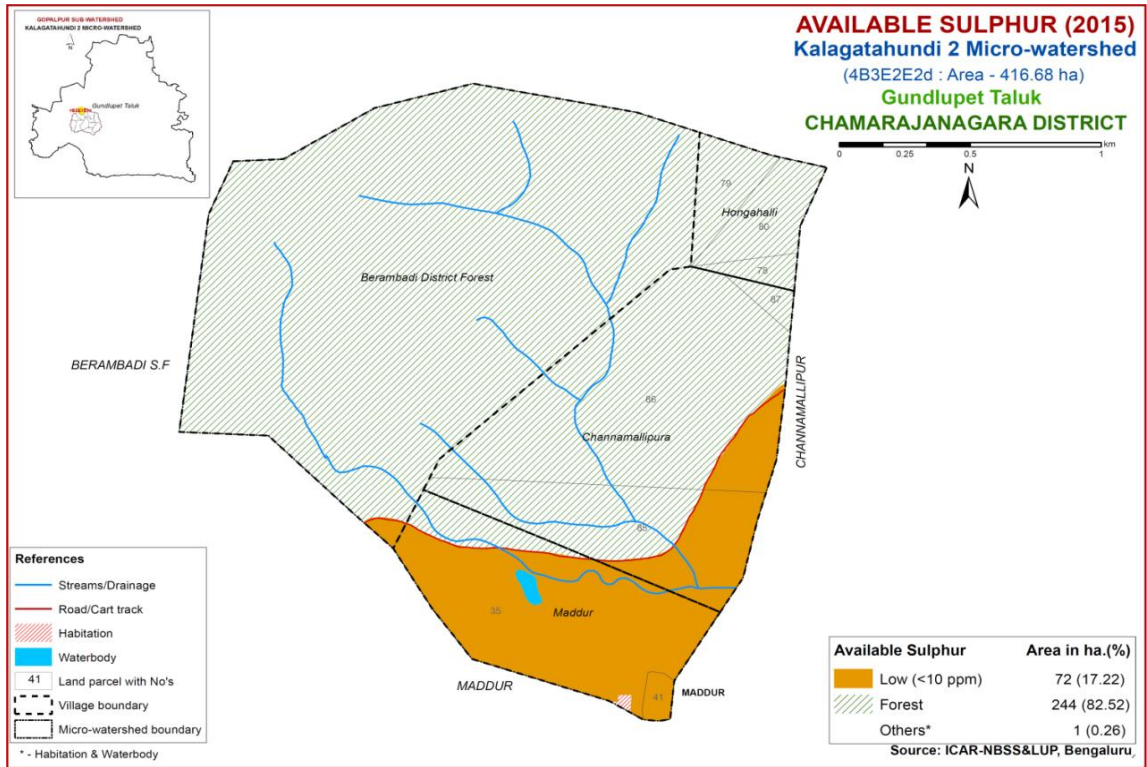


Fig. 6.6 Soil available Sulphur map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

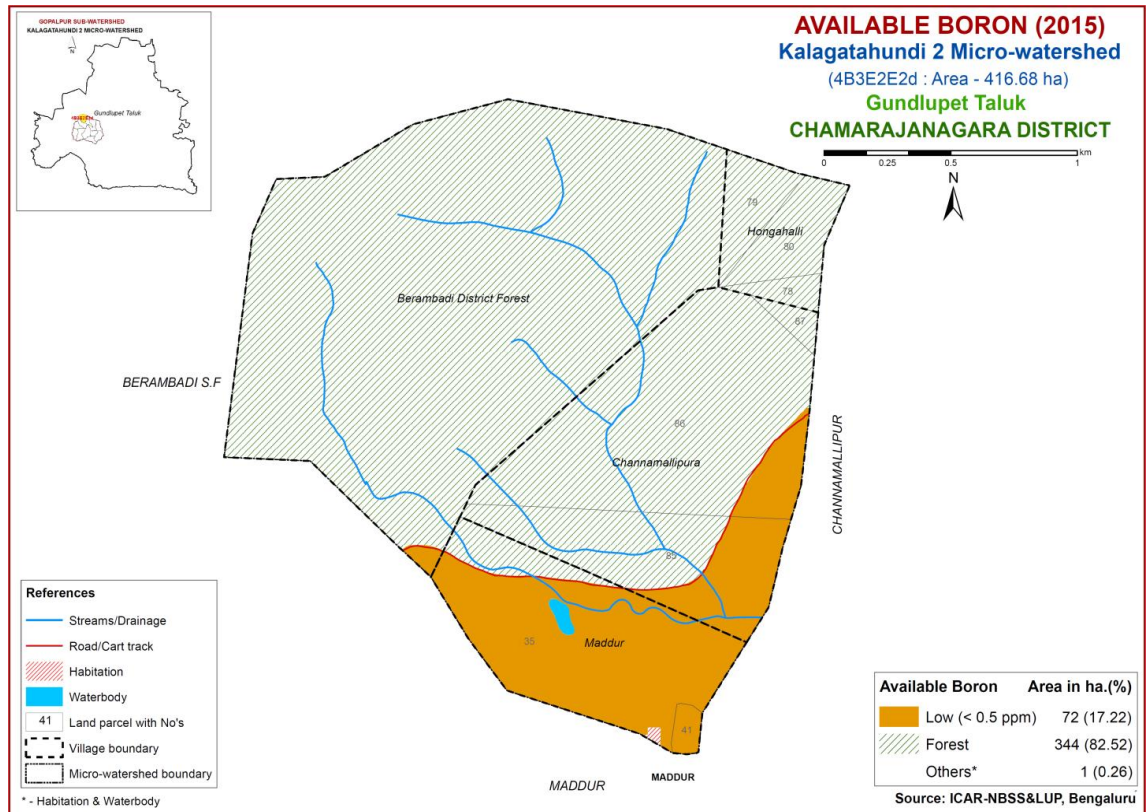


Fig. 6.7 Soil available Boron map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

6.8 Available Iron

Available iron content is sufficient (>4.5 ppm) in entire area of about 72 ha (17%) and is distributed in all parts of the microwatershed (Fig 6.8).

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 the entire microwatershed area (Fig 6.11).

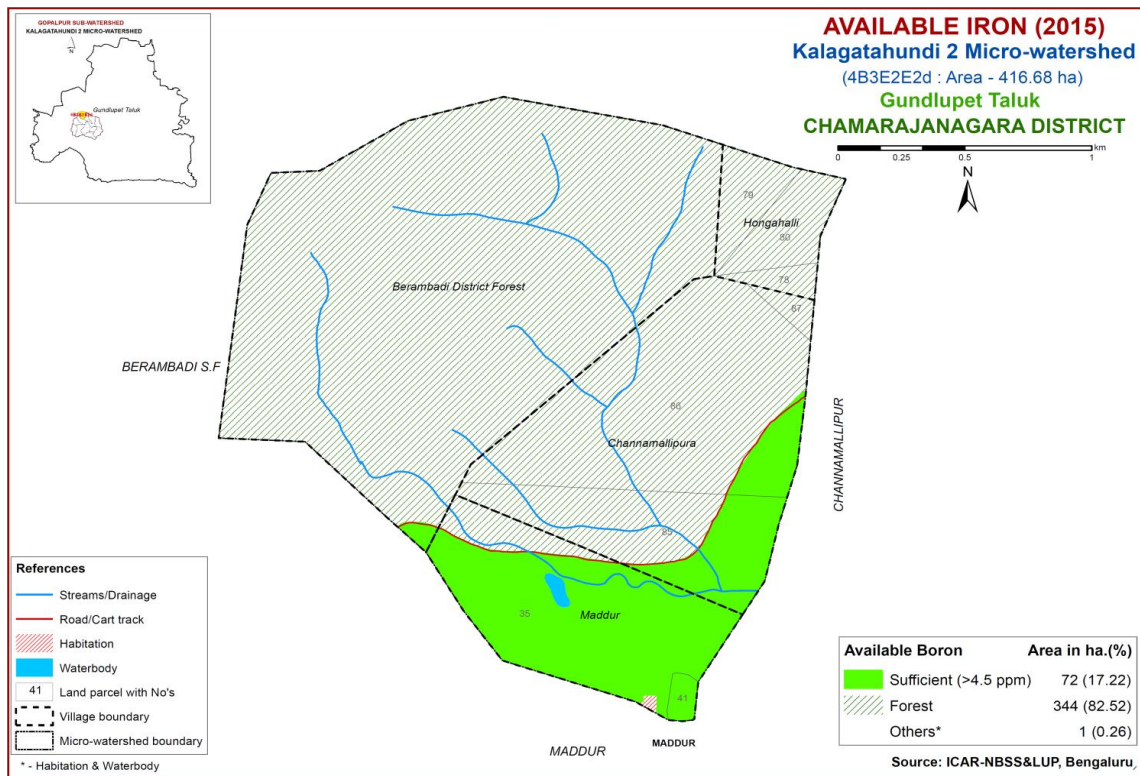


Fig. 6.8 Soil available Iron map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

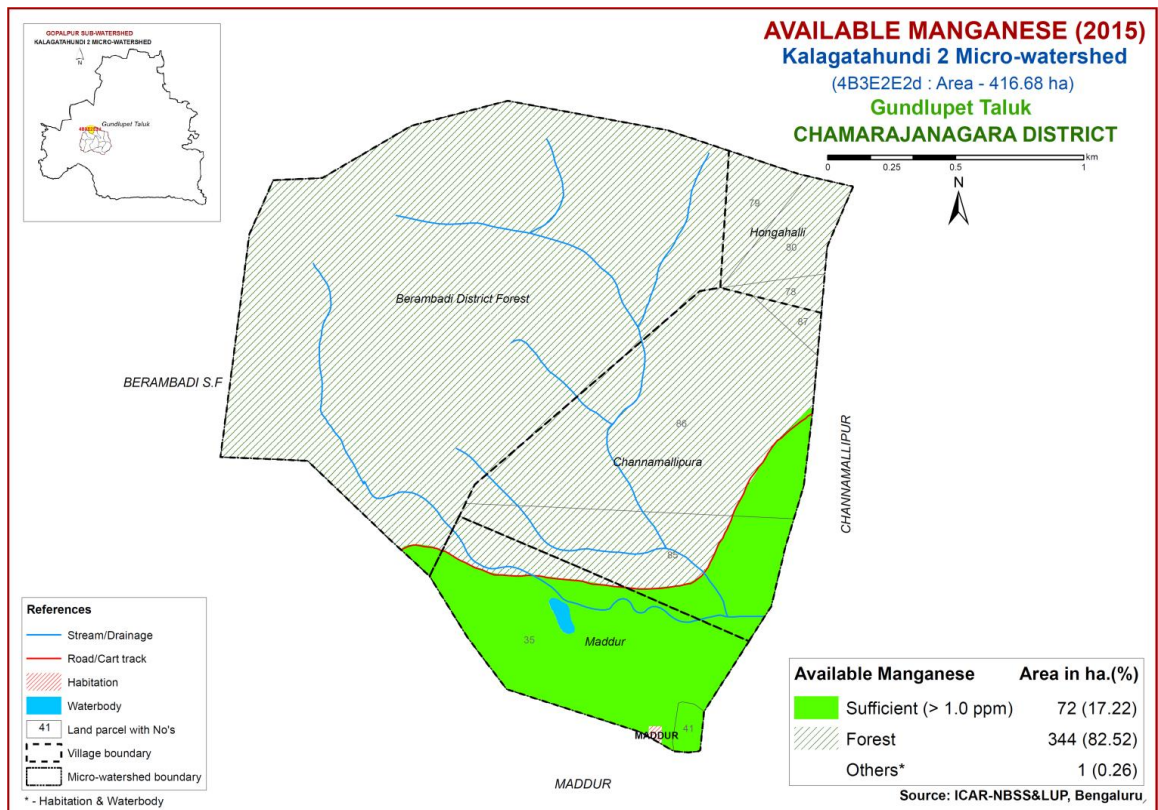


Fig. 6.9 Soil available Manganese map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

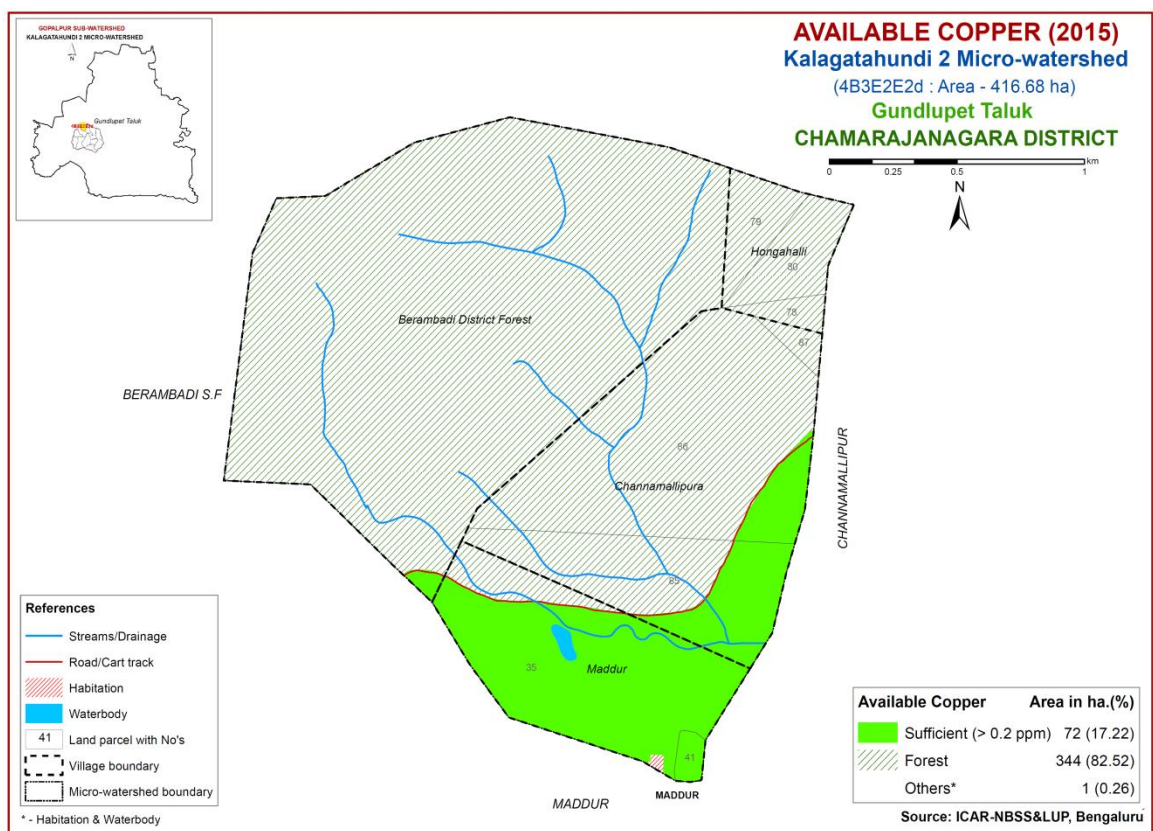


Fig.6.10 Soil available Copper map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

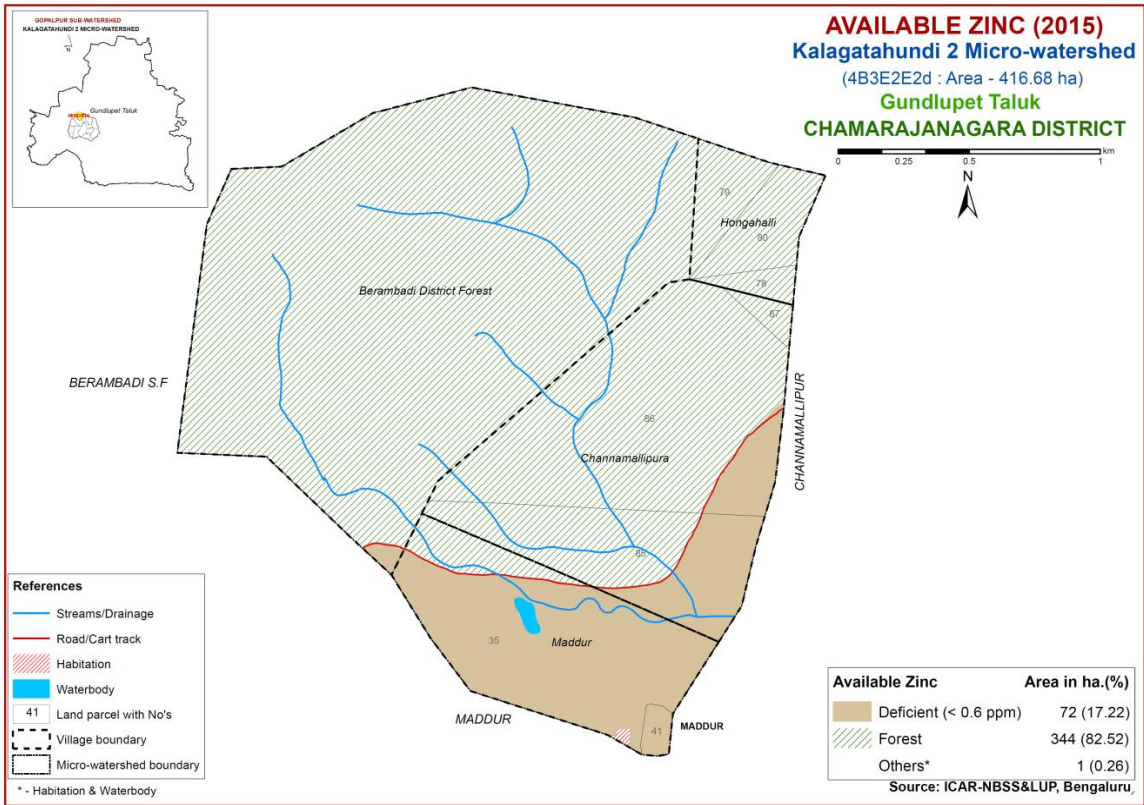


Fig. 6.11 Soil available Zinc map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

LAND SUITABILITY FOR MAJOR CROPS

The soil and land resource units (soil phases) of Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed were assessed for their suitability for growing food, fibre, fodder and 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, 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, S3 and N1 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, ‘s’ for sodium 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 27 major agricultural and horticultural 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 crop 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 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 27 ha (7%) is highly suitable (Class S1) for growing sorghum and are distributed in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. About 45 ha (11%) has soils that are moderately suitable (Class S2) and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and soil texture.

Table 7.1 Soil-Site Characteristics of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

Soil Map Units	Climate (P) (mm)	Growing period (Days)	Drainage class	Soil depth (cm)	Soil texture		Gravelliness		AWC (mm/m)	Slope (%)	Erosion	pH	EC	ESP	CEC [Cmol (p ⁺)kg ⁻¹]	BS (%)
					Surface	Sub-surface	Surface (%)	Sub surface (%)								
BMBiB1	734	150	MWD	>150	sc	sc-c	-	-	200	1-3	Slight	7.59	0.48	1.57	10.83	100
HGHhB1	734	150	WD	>150	scl	scl-c	-	<15	200	1-3	Slight	7.37	0.18	1.50	8.66	100
HPRcB2	734	150	WD	50-75	sl	gsl-sc	-	15-35	75	1-3	Moderate	8.36	0.36	1.78	24.17	100
HPRhB1	734	150	WD	50-75	scl	gsl-sc	-	15-35	75	1-3	Slight	8.36	0.36	1.78	24.17	100
HPRiB1	734	150	WD	50-75	sc	gsl-sc	-	15-35	75	1-3	Slight	8.36	0.36	1.78	24.17	100
KNGhB1	734	150	WD	75-100	scl	gscl	-	>35	50	1-3	Slight	5.41	0.23	0.59	6.82	84
KNGhC2g1	734	150	WD	75-100	scl	gscl	15-35	>35	50	3-5	Moderate	5.41	0.23	0.59	6.82	84

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

Table 7.2 Land 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. Well 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

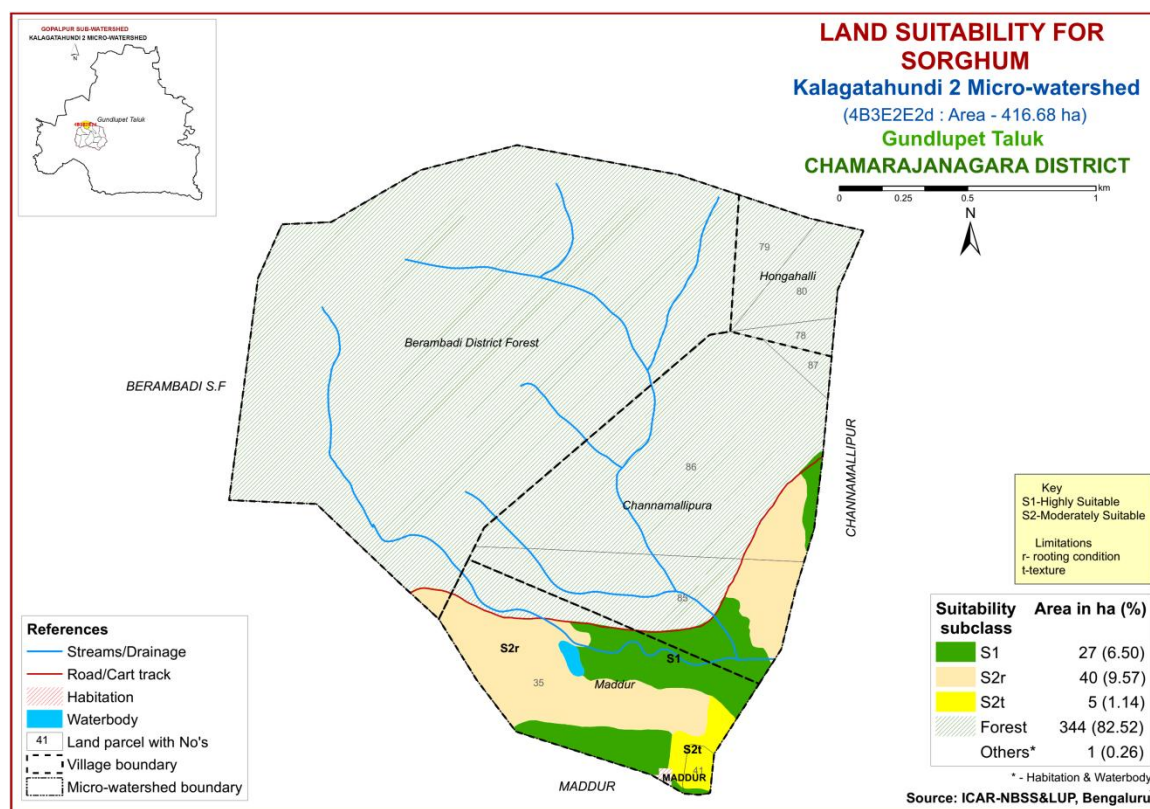


Fig. 7.1 Land Suitability map of Sorghum

7.2 Land Suitability for Maize (*Zea mays*)

Maize is one of the most important food crop grown in an area of 13.37 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.

An area of about 14 ha (3%) in the microwatershed has soils that are highly suitable (Class S1) for growing maize. They are distributed mainly in the southern and eastern part of the microwatershed. About 40 ha (10%) has soils that are moderately suitable (Class S2) and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitation of rooting depth, texture and drainage. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 18 ha (4%) and occur in southern and eastern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of texture and drainage.

Table 7.3 Land 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	

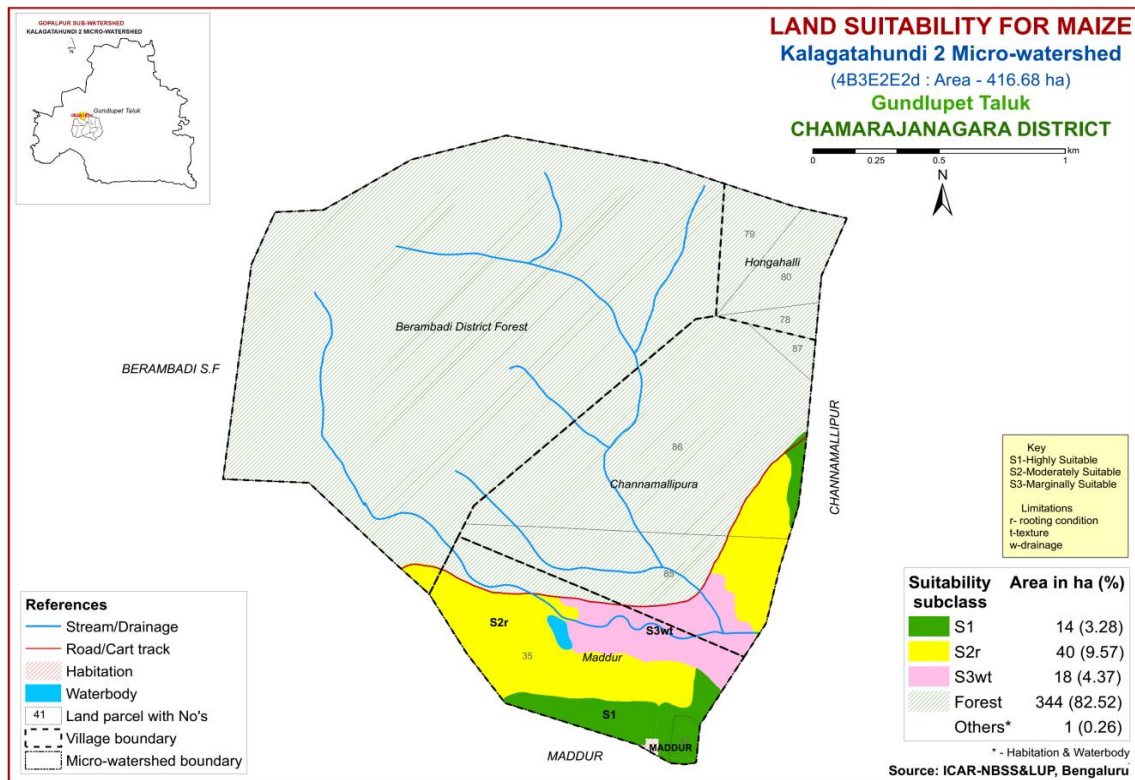


Fig. 7.2 Land Suitability map of Maize

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.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing red gram occupy about 14 ha (3%) and are distributed in the southern and eastern part of the microwatershed. An area of about 18 ha (4%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) for red gram and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitation of drainage. Marginally suitable lands (Class S3) for growing red gram occupy a major area of about 40 ha (10%) and occur in the western, southern and eastern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitation of root depth.

Table 7.4 Land 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	

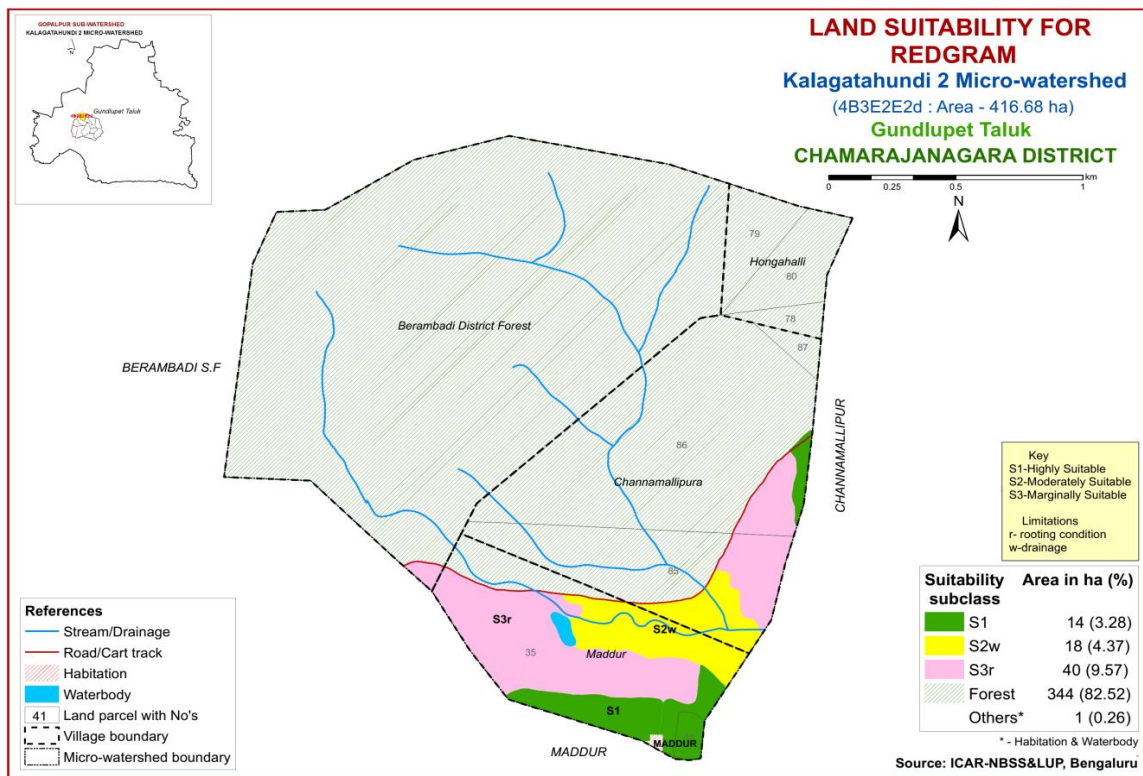


Fig. 7.3 Land Suitability map of Red gram

7.4 Land Suitability for Horse gram (*Macrotyloma uniflorum*)

Horsegram is one of the most important pulse crop grown in an area of 1.8 lakh ha in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements for growing horsegram (Table 7.5) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing horsegram was generated and the area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.4.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing horse gram occupy about 14 ha (3%) area and are distributed in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. A major area of about 58 ha (14%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) for horse gram and are distributed in southern and eastern part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and drainage.

Table 7.5 Land suitability criteria for Horse 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				
Soil drainage	Class	Well drained/mod. well drained	imperfectly drained	Poorly drained	Very Poorly drained
Soil reaction	pH	6.0-8.5	8.5-9.0 5.5-5.9	9.1-9.5 5.0-5.4	>9.5
Surface soil texture	Class	l, sl, scl, cl, sc	ls, sic, sicl, c, ls	Heavy clays (>60%)	-
Soil depth	cm	50-75	25-50	<25	-
CaCO ₃ in root zone	% vol.	<15	15-25	25-30	>30
Salinity (ECe)	dsm ⁻¹	<1.0	1.0-2.0	>2.0	
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	>15	-

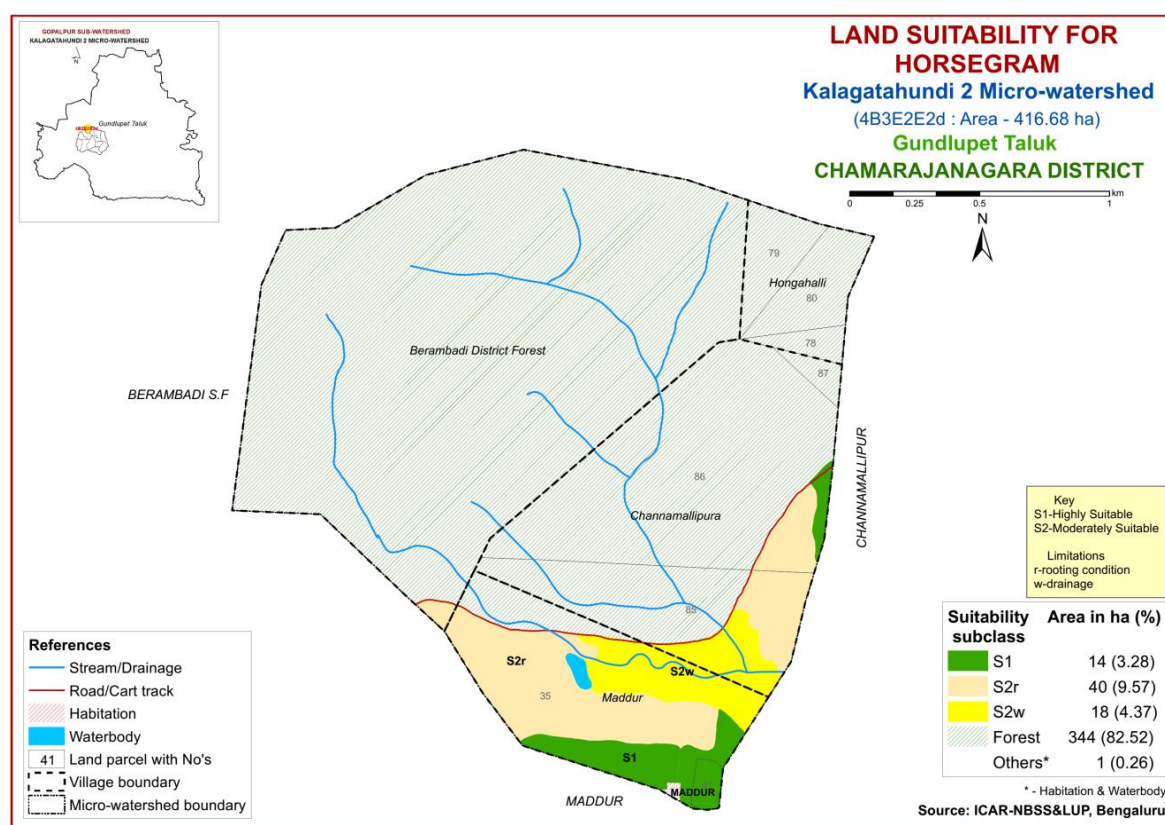


Fig. 7.4 Land Suitability map of Horse gram

7.5 Land Suitability for Field bean (*Dolichos lablab*)

Field Bean is one of the most important pulse crop grown in an area of 0.68 lakh ha in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements (Table 7.4) for growing field bean were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing field bean was generated. The area extent and their geographical

distribution of different suitability subclasses in different microwatersheds is given in Figure 7.5.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing field bean occupy a small area of about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. Maximum area of about 67 ha (16%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) for field bean and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of gravelliness, rooting depth and drainage.

Table 7.6 Land suitability criteria for Field Bean

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	>120	90-120	70-90	<70
Soil drainage	Class	Well drained/mod. well drained	imperfectly drained	Poorly drained	Very Poorly drained
Soil reaction	pH	6.0-8.5	8.5-9.0 5.5-5.9	9.1-9.5 5.0-5.4	>9.5
Sub Surface soil texture	Class	l, sl, scl, cl, sc	sic, sicl, c	Heavy clays (>60%), ls	s
Soil depth	cm	>75	50-75	25-50	<25
CaCO ₃ in root zone	% vol.	<15	15-35	35-50	>50
Salinity (EC)	dsm ⁻¹	<1.0	1.0-2.0	>2.0	
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	15-20	>20

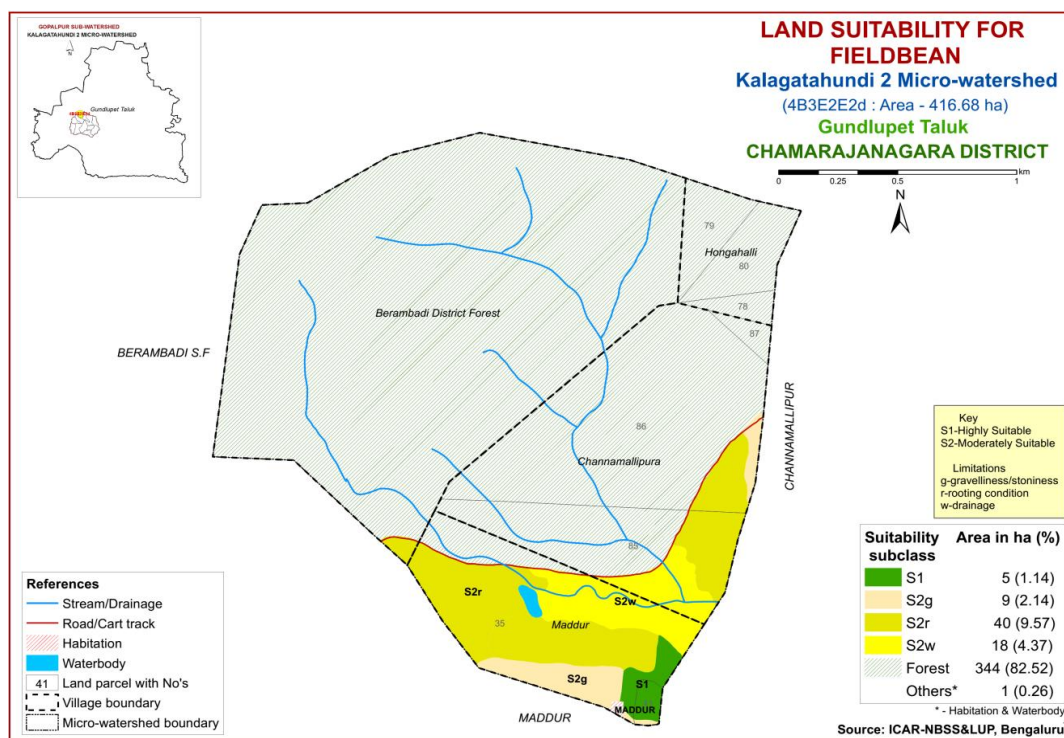


Fig. 7.5 Land Suitability map of Field Bean

7.6 Land Suitability for Groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea*)

Groundnut is one of the major oilseed crop grown in an area of 6.5 lakh ha in Karnataka in most of the districts either as rainfed or irrigated crop. The crop requirements for growing groundnut (Table 7.7) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) of the soils of the microwatershed and land suitability map for growing groundnut was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed are given in Figure 7.6.

There are no highly suitable (Class S1) lands available for growing groundnut in the microwatershed. A maximum area of about 54 ha (13%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) for growing groundnut and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and texture. Marginally suitable lands (class S3) for growing groundnut occupy an area of about 18 ha (4%) and are distributed in the southern and southeastern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of drainage and texture.

Table 7.7 Land suitability criteria for Groundnut

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	100-125	90-105	75-90	
Soil drainage	Class	Well drained	mod. well rained	imperfectly drained	Poorly drained
Soil reaction	pH	6.0-8.0	8.1-8.5 5.5-5.9	>8.5 <5.5	
Surface soil texture	Class	l, cl, sil, sc, sicl	sc, sic, c,	s, ls, sl c (>60%)	s, fragmental
Soil depth	cm	>75	50-75	25-50	<25
Gravel content	% vol.	<35	35-50	>50	
CaCO ₃ in root zone	%	high	medium	low	
Salinity (EC)	dSm ⁻¹	<2.0	2.0-4.0	4.0-8.0	
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<5	5-10	>10	

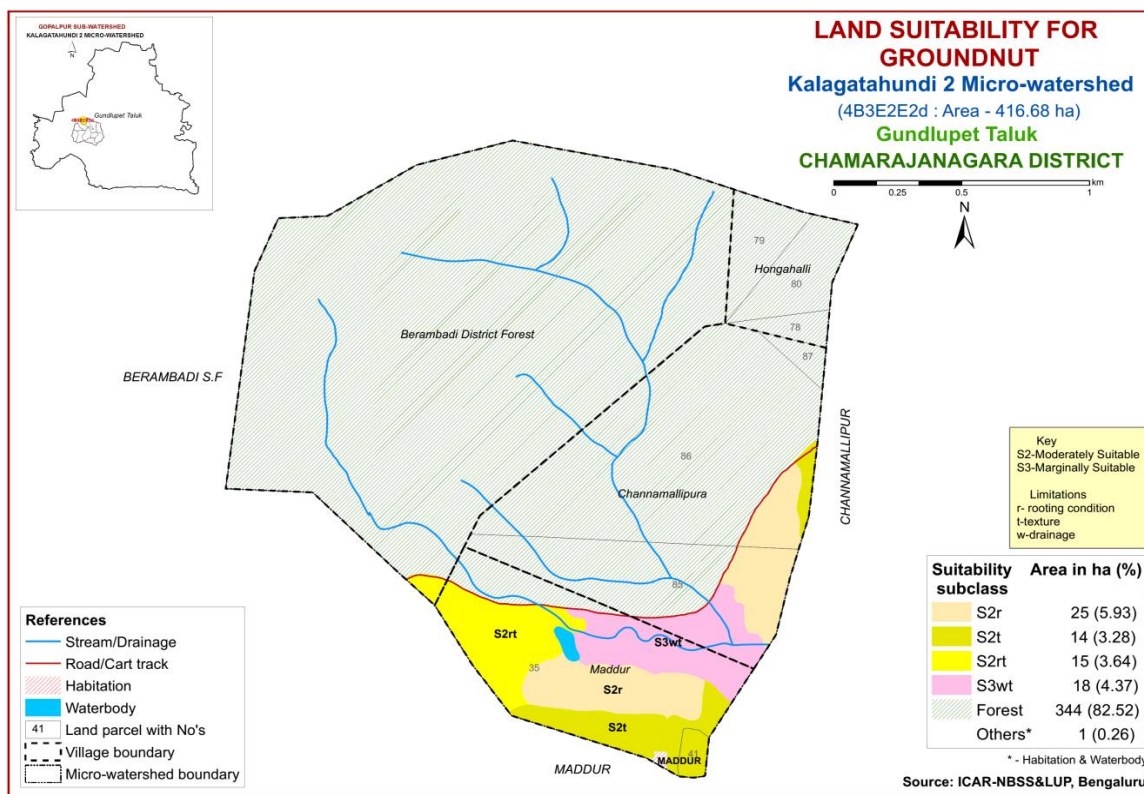


Fig. 7.6 Land Suitability map of Ground nut

7.7 Land Suitability for Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*)

Sunflower is one of the most important oilseed crop grown in an area of 4.1 lakh ha in the State in all the districts. The crop requirements for growing sunflower (Table 7.8) 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 7.7.

There are no highly suitable (Class S1) lands available for growing sunflower in the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 32 ha (8%) and are distributed in the eastern, southern, and southeastern part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of texture, drainage and gravelliness. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover about 40 ha (10%) area and occur in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitation of rooting depth.

Table 7.8 Land 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	

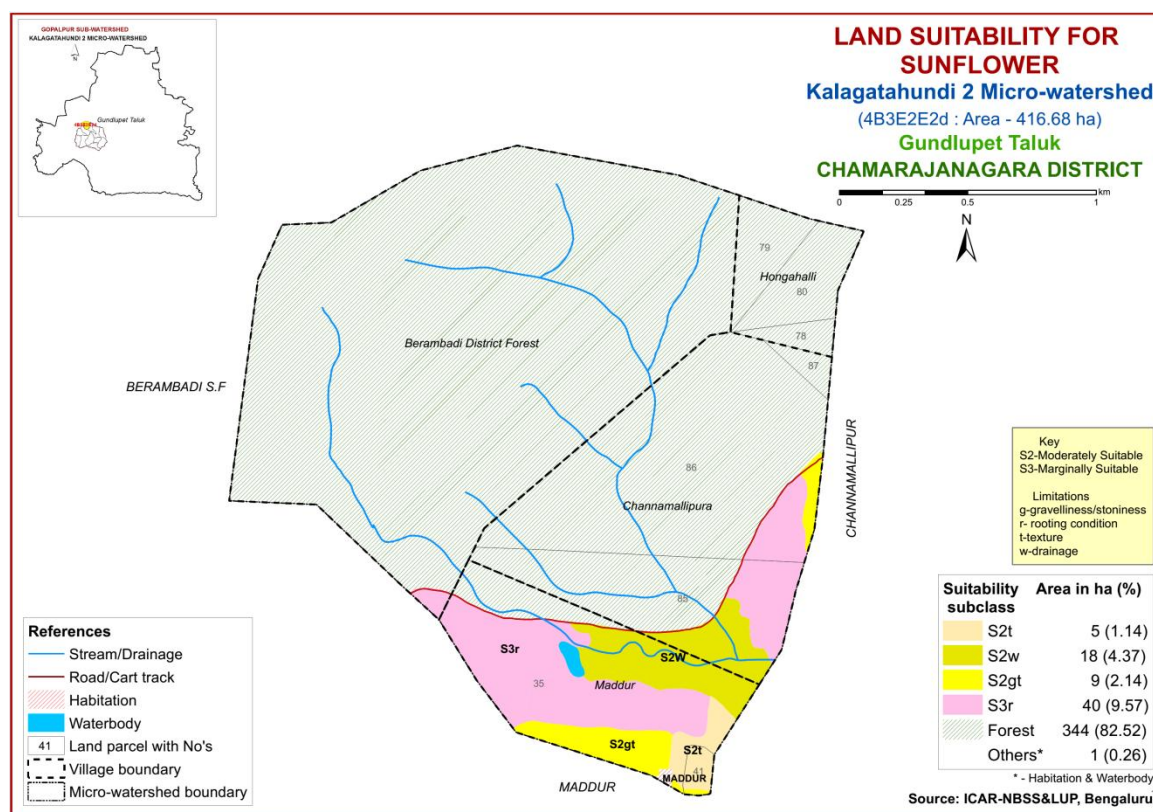


Fig. 7.7 Land Suitability map of Sunflower

7.8 Land Suitability for Cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*)

Cotton is the most important fibre crop grown in the State in about 6.6 lakh ha area in Raichur, Dharwad, Belgaum, Kalaburgi, Bijapur, Bidar, Bellary, Chitradurga and Chamarajnagar districts. The crop requirements for growing cotton (Table 7.9) 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 7.8.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing cotton is about 18 ha (4%) and are distributed in the southern and southeastern part of the microwatershed. An area of about 49 ha (12%) has soils that are moderately suitable (Class S2) for growing cotton with minor limitations of rooting depth and texture. They are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed with moderate limitation of texture.

Table 7.9 Land suitability criteria for Cotton

Crop requirement		Rating			
Soil-site characteristic	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

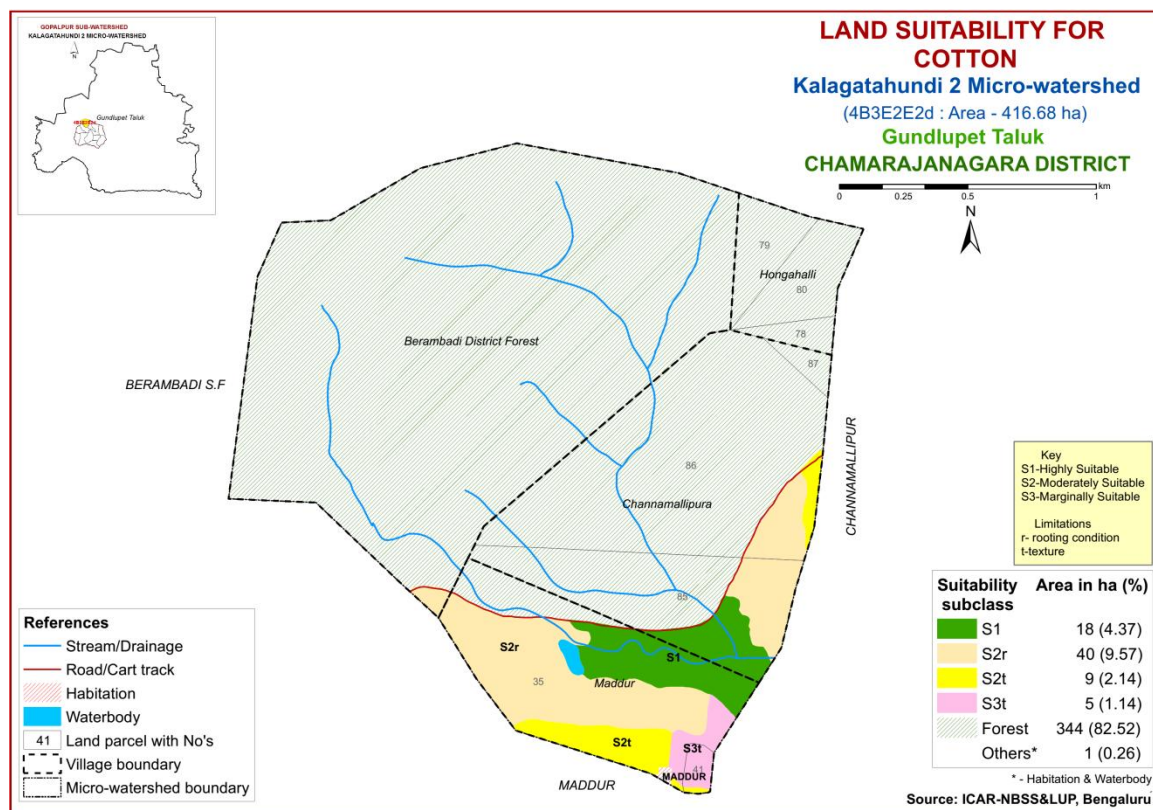


Fig. 7.8 Land Suitability map of Cotton

7.9 Land Suitability for Onion (*Allium cepa*)

Onion is one of the most important vegetable crop grown in an area in Raichur, Dharwad, Belgaum, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Bidar, Bellary, Chitradurga and Chamarajnaragar districts. The crop requirements for growing Onion (Table 7.10) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing Onion was generated and the area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.9.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing onion is about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. A maximum area of about 67 ha (16%) has soils that are moderately suitable (Class S2) for growing onion with minor limitations of gravelliness, rooting depth, drainage and texture. They are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed.

Table 7.10 Land suitability criteria for Onion

Crop requirement		Rating			
Soil –site characteristics	Unit	Highly suitable(S1)	Moderately suitable(S2)	Marginally suitable(S3)	Not suitable (N)
Mean temperature in growing season	⁰ c	20-30	30-35	35-40	>40
Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	>10
Soil drainage	Class	Well drained	Moderately /imperfectly	Poor drained	Very poorly drained
Soil reaction	pH	6.5-7.3	7.3-7.8 5.0-5.4	7.8-8.4 <5.0	>8.4
Surface soil texture	Class	scl, sil, sl	sc, sicl, c (red soil)	sc, c (black soil)	ls
Soil depth	cm	>75	50-75	25-50	<25
Gravel content	% vol.	<15	15-35	35-60	60-80
Salinity (ECe)	dsm ⁻¹	<1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-4.0	<4
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<5	5-10	10-15	>15

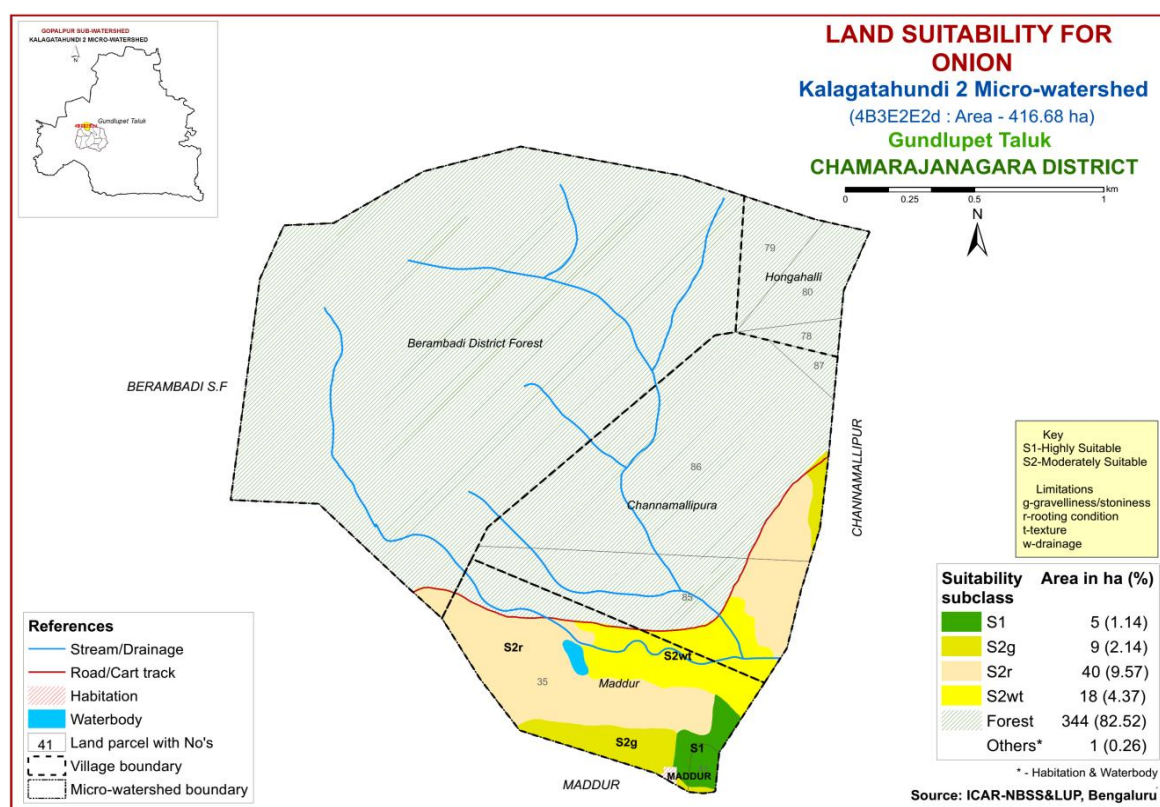


Fig. 7.9 Land Suitability map of Onion

7.10 Land Suitability for Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*)

Potato is one of the most important vegetable crop grown in Raichur, Dharwad, Belgaum, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Bidar, Bellary, Chitradurga and Chamarajanagera districts. The crop requirements for growing Potato (Table 7.11) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for

growing Potato was generated and the area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.10.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing potato occupy a small area of about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. An area of about 49 ha (12%) is moderately suitable (Class S2) and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and gravelliness. Marginally suitable lands (Class S3) for growing potato occupy an area of about 18 ha (4%) and occur in the southern and southeastern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of texture and drainage.

Table 7.11 Land suitability criteria for Potato

Crop requirement		Rating				
Soil –site characteristics	Unit	Highly suitable(S1)	Moderately suitable(S2)	Marginally suitable(S3)	Not suitable (N)	
Slope	Hills	%	<5	5-10	10-15	>15
	Plains	%	<3	3-5	5-8	>8
Mean temperature in growing season	°c	16-25	26-30	31-32	>32	
			13-15	10-12	<10	
Soil drainage	Class	Well drained	Moderately /imperfectly	Poor drained	Very poorly drained	
Soil reaction	pH	5.5-6.5	6.6-8.2 5.0-5.4	>8.2 <5.0	-	
Surface soil texture	Class	scl, sil	s, sil	s		
Soil depth	cm	75-100	50-75	25-50	<25	
Stoniness	%	0-10	10-15	15-35	>35	
Salinity (ECe)	dsm ⁻¹	<1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-4.0	>4.0	
Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	>15	-	

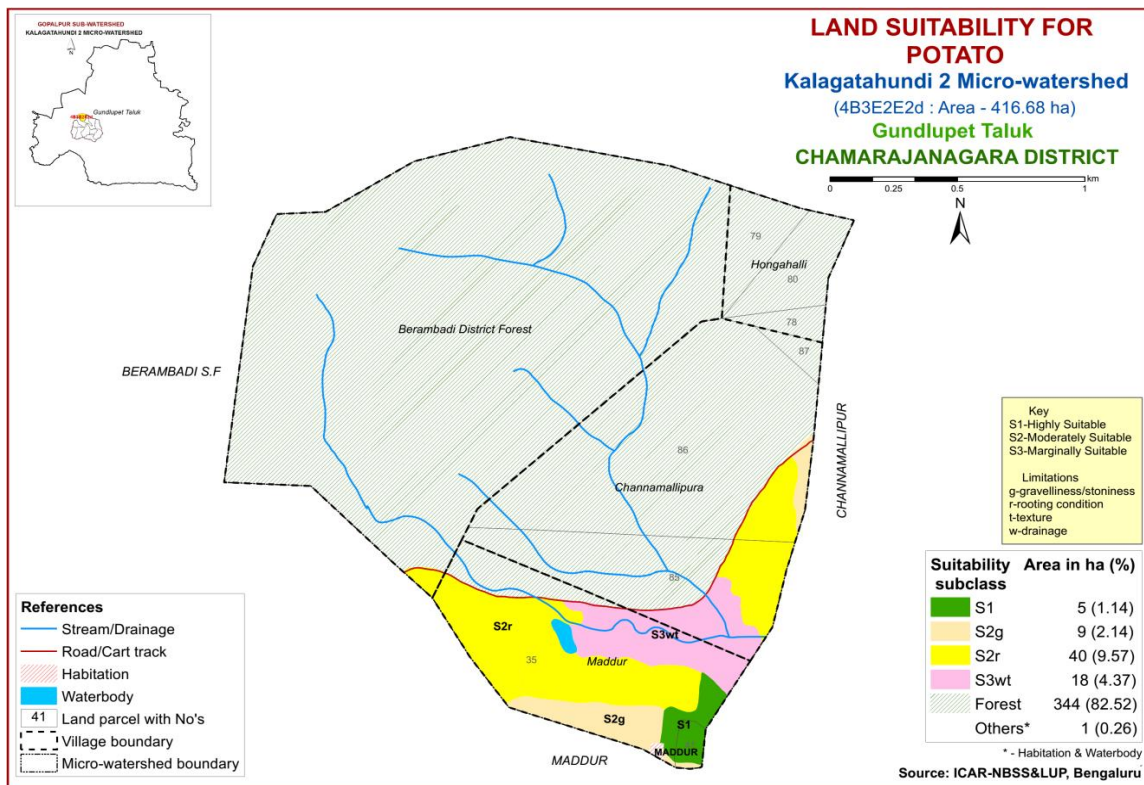


Fig. 7.10 Land Suitability map of Potato

7.11 Land Suitability for French Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*)

Beans are the most important vegetable crop grown in almost all the districts of Karnataka. The crop requirements for growing beans were matched with the soil–site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing beans was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.11.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing French beans cover a small area of about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in a major area of about 67 ha (16%). They have minor limitations of gravelliness, texture, rooting depth and drainage. They are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed.

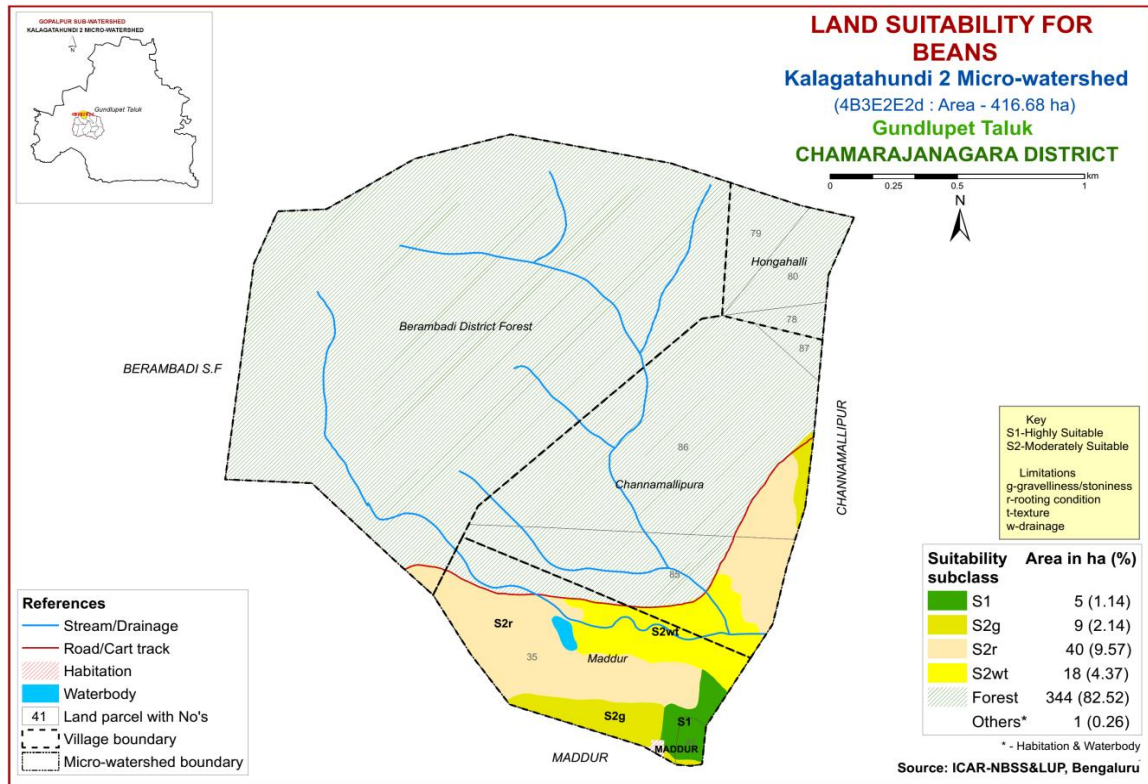


Fig. 7.11 Land Suitability map of Beans

7.12 Land Suitability for Beetroot (*Beta vulgaris*)

Beetroot is one of the most important vegetable crop grown in almost all the districts of Karnataka. The crop requirement for growing beetroot were matched with the soil site characteristics and a land suitability map for growing beetroot was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.12.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing beetroot cover a small area of about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 18 ha (4%) and occur in the southern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of texture and drainage.

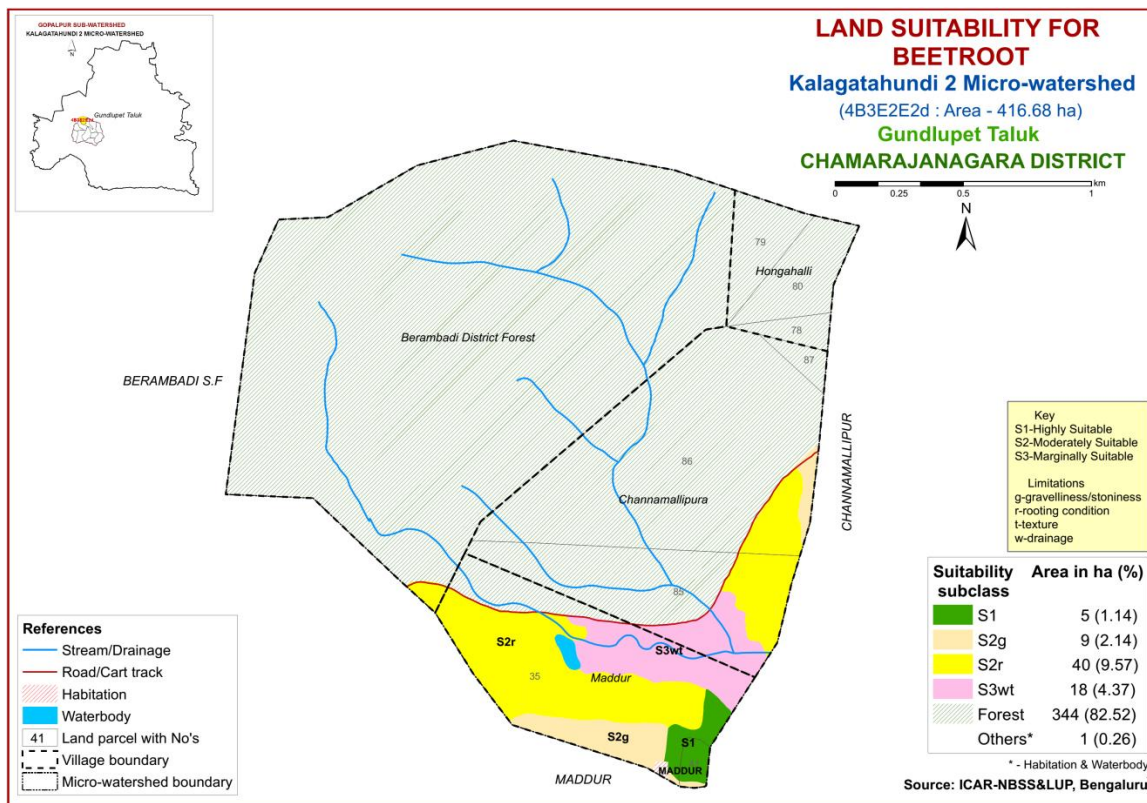


Fig. 7.12 Land Suitability map of Beetroot

7.13 Land suitability for Mango (*Mangifera indica*)

Mango is one of the most important fruit crop grown in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements (Table 7.13) for growing mango 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 are given in Figure 7.13.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing mango cover a small area of about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 9 ha (2%) and occur in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. Major area of about 58 ha (14%) is currently not suitable (Class N1) for growing mango and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed.

Table 7.12 Land 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 imp.drained	Poor drained	V.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	8.6-9.04.0-4.9	>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	

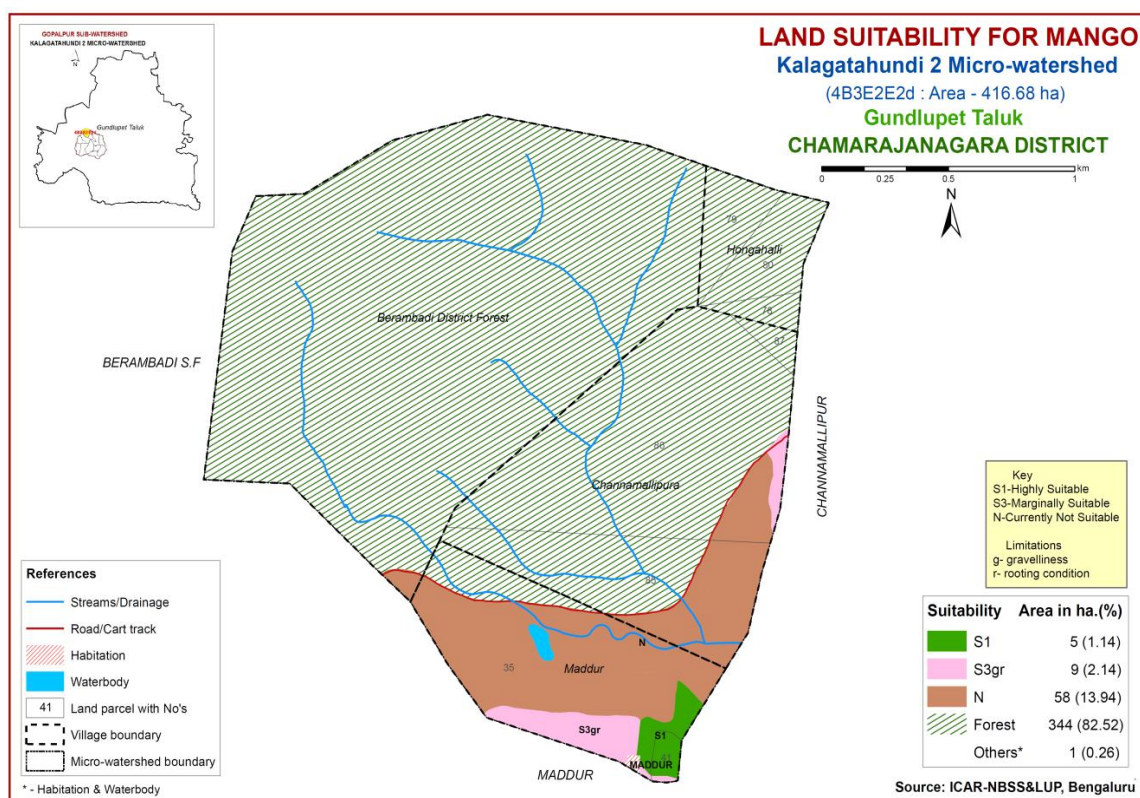


Fig. 7.13 Land Suitability map of Mango

7.14 Land suitability for Sapota (*Manilkara zapota*)

Sapota is one of the most important fruit crop grown in an area of 3.11 lakh ha in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements (Table 7.14) for growing sapota 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 are given in Figure 7.14.

The highly suitable (class S1) lands for growing sapota cover about 5 ha (1%) area and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 9 ha (2%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and gravelliness. The marginally suitable (class S3) lands cover a major area of about 58 ha (14%) and are distributed in all parts of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of texture, drainage and rooting depth.

Table 7.13 Land suitability criteria for Sapota

Crop requirement			Rating			
Soil –site characteristics		Unit	Highly suitable(S1)	Moderately suitable (S2)	Marginally suitable (S3)	Not suitable(N)
Climate	Temp. in growing season	°C	28-32	33-36	37-42	>42
				24-27	20-23	<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 availability	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	8.1-9.0	>9.0
				5.0-5.9	4.5-4.9	<4.5
Rooting conditions	CaCO ₃ in root zone	%	Non calcareous	<10	10-15	>15
	Soil depth	cm	>150	75-150	50-75	<50
Soil toxicity	Gravel content	% vol.	Non gravelly	<15	15-35	<35
	Salinity	dS/m	Non saline	Up to 1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-4.0
Erosion	Sodicity	%	Non sodic	10-15	15-25	>25
	Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-10	>10

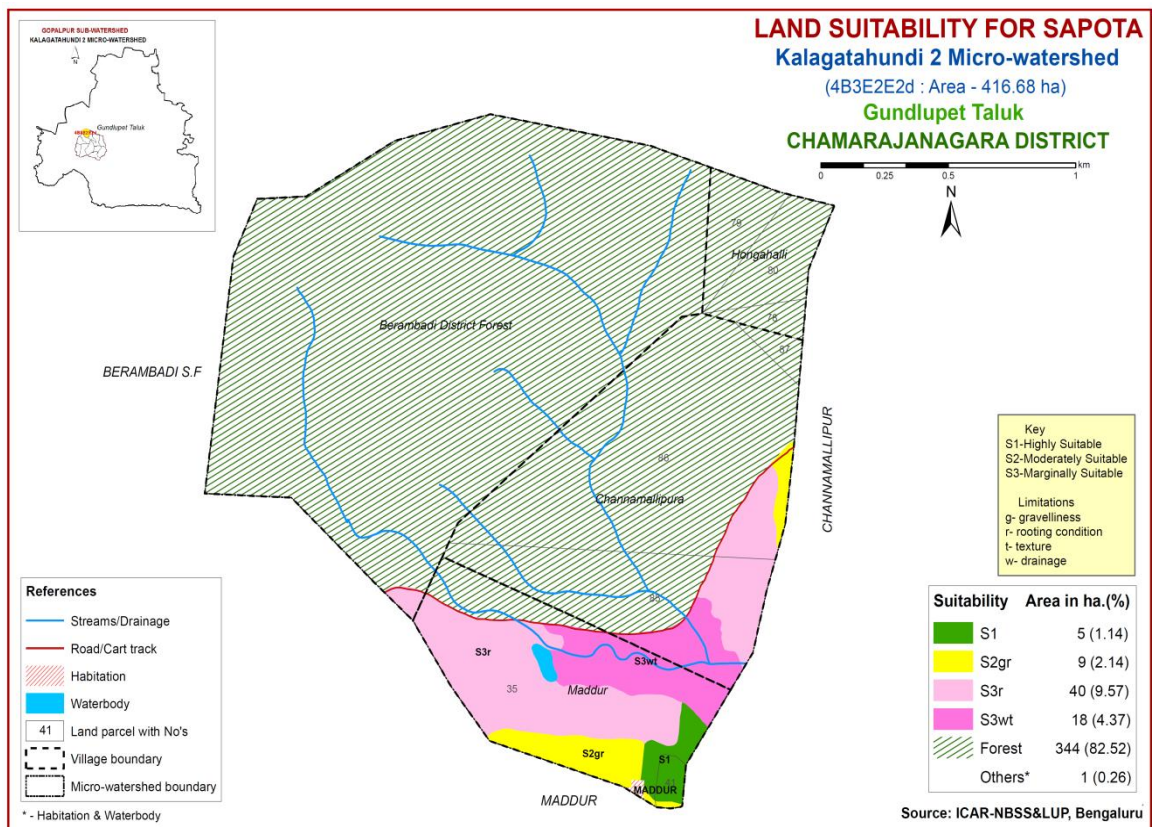


Fig. 7.14 Land Suitability map of Sapota

7.15 Land suitability for Guava (*Psidium guajava*)

Guava is one of the most important fruit crop grown in an area of 0.64 lakh ha in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements (Table 7.15) for growing guava were matched with the soil-site characteristics (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 are given in Figure 7.15.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing guava cover about 5 ha (1%) area and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 9 ha (2%) and are distributed in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and gravelliness. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 40 ha (10%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitation of rooting depth. About 18 ha (4%) areas is currently not suitable (Class N1) for growing guava and are distributed in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed.

Table 7.14 Land 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	°C	28-32	33-36 24-27	37-42 20-23	
			Soil moisture	Growing period	Days	>150
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

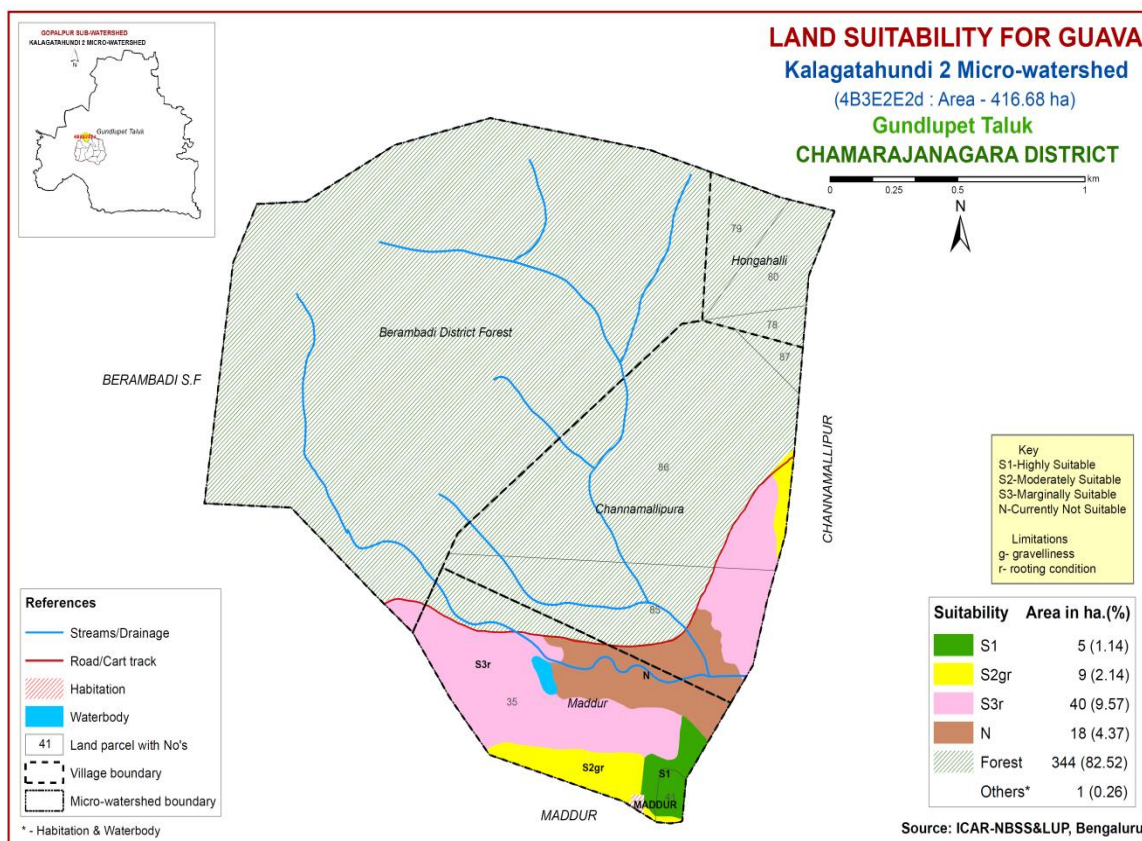


Fig. 7.15 Land Suitability map of Guava

7.16 Land Suitability for Banana (*Musa paradisiaca*)

Banana is one of the major fruit crop grown in an area of 1.02 lakh ha in Karnataka State. The crop requirements for growing banana (Table 7.16) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) of the soils of the microwatershed and a land suitability map for growing banana was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed are given in Figure 7.16.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing banana cover about 5 ha (1%) area and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in a maximum area of about 52 ha (12%) and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of gravelliness, rooting depth, drainage and texture. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 15 ha (4%) and are distributed in the western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitation of rooting depth.

Table 7.15 Land suitability criteria for Banana

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	26-33	34-36 24-25	37-38	>38
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	Class	Well drained	Moderately to imperfectly drained	Poorly drained	Very poorly drained
Nutrient availability	Texture	Class	l,cl, scl,sil	sicl, sc, c(<45%)	c (>45%), sic, sl	ls, s
	pH	1:2.5	6.5-7.0	7.1-8.5 5.5-6.4	>8.5 <5.5	
Rooting conditions	Soil depth	cm	>125	76-125	50-75	<50
	Stoniness	%	<10	10-15	15-35	>35
Soil toxicity	Salinity	dS/m	<1.0	1-2	>2	
	Sodicity	%	<5	5-10	10-15	>15
Erosion	Slope	%	<3	3-5	5-15	>15

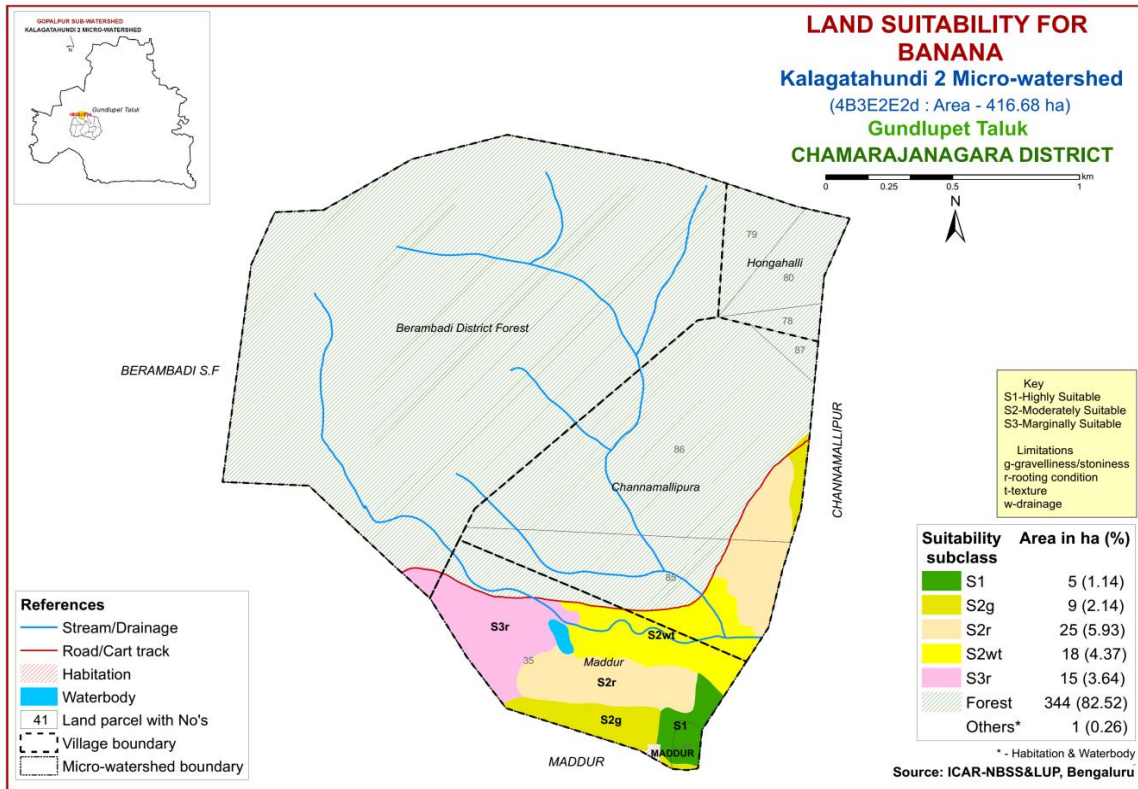


Fig. 7.16 Land Suitability map of Banana

7.17 Land Suitability for Jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*)

Jackfruit is one of the most important fruit crop grown 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 are given in Figure 7.17.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing jackfruit cover about 5 ha (1%) area and distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. About 18 ha (4%) area is currently not suitable (Class N1) for growing jackfruit and is distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed.

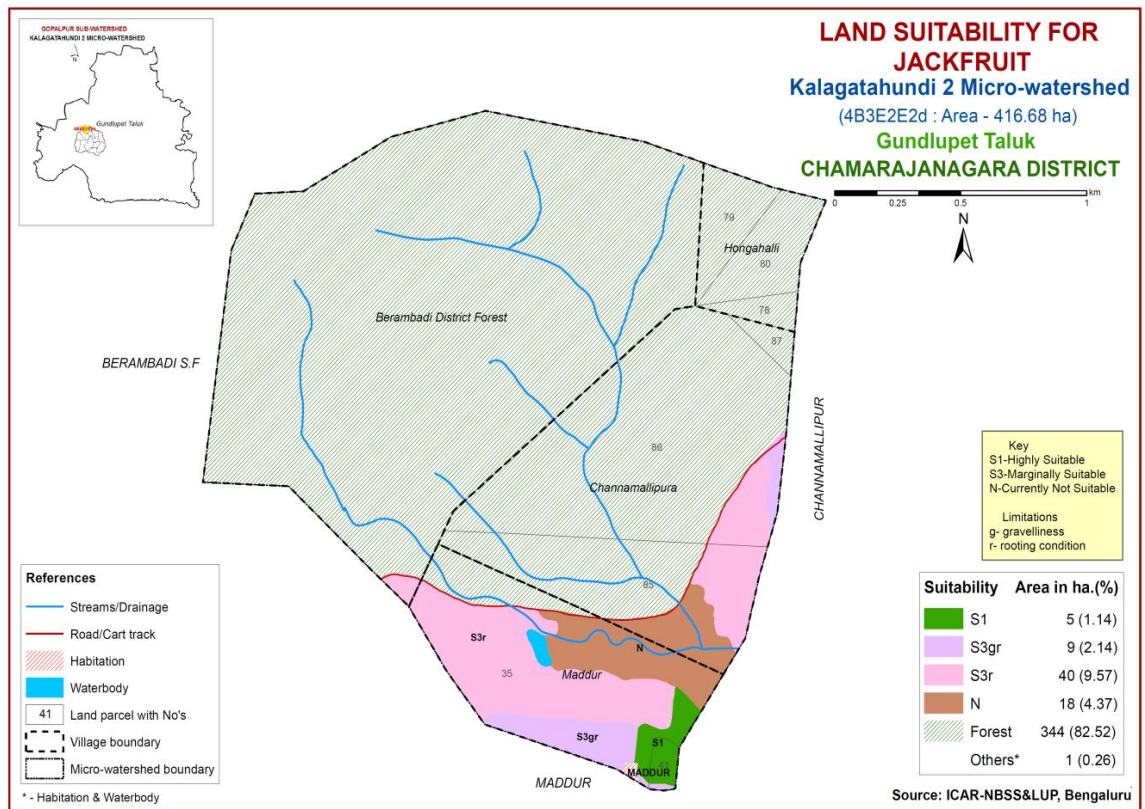


Fig. 7.17 Land Suitability map of Jackfruit

7.18 Land Suitability for Jamun (*Syzygium cumini*)

Jamun is one of 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 7.18.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing jamun cover about 23 ha (6%) area and are distributed in the southeastern and southern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth.

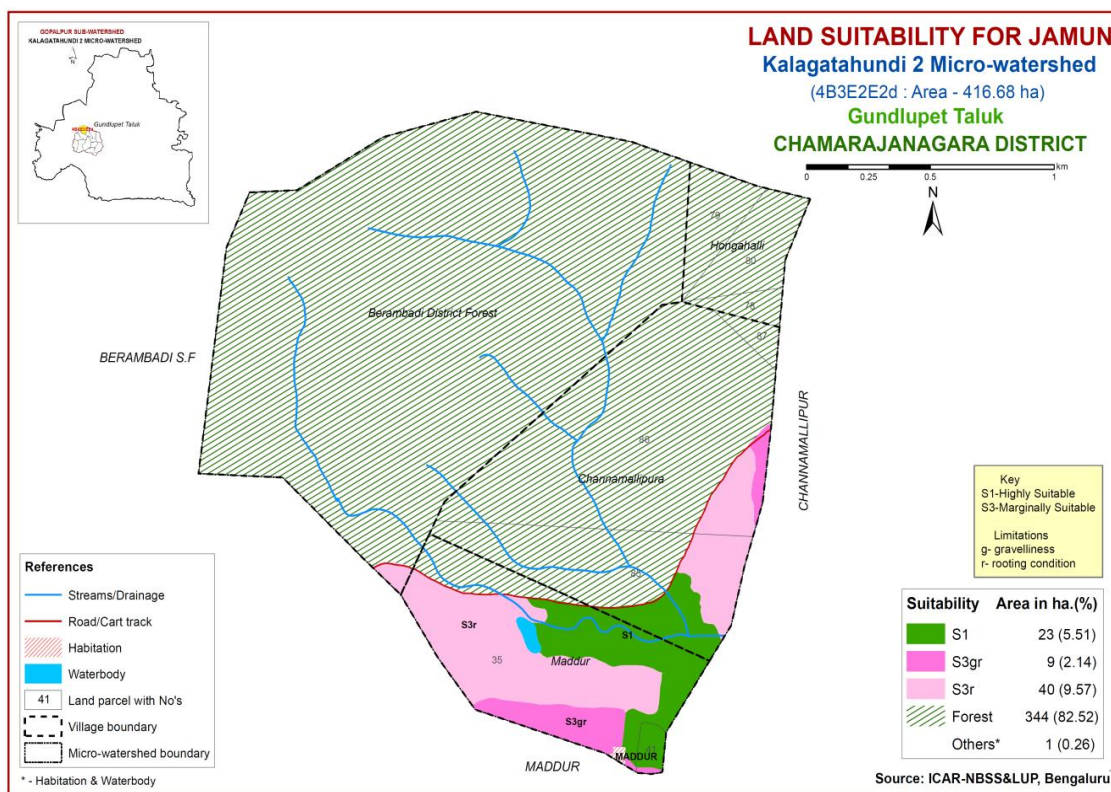


Fig. 7.18 Land Suitability map of Jamun

7.19 Land Suitability for Musambi (*Citrus limetta*)

Musambi is one of the most important fruit crop grown 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 7.19.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing Musambi cover about 23 ha (6%) area and are distributed in the southern and southeastern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth.

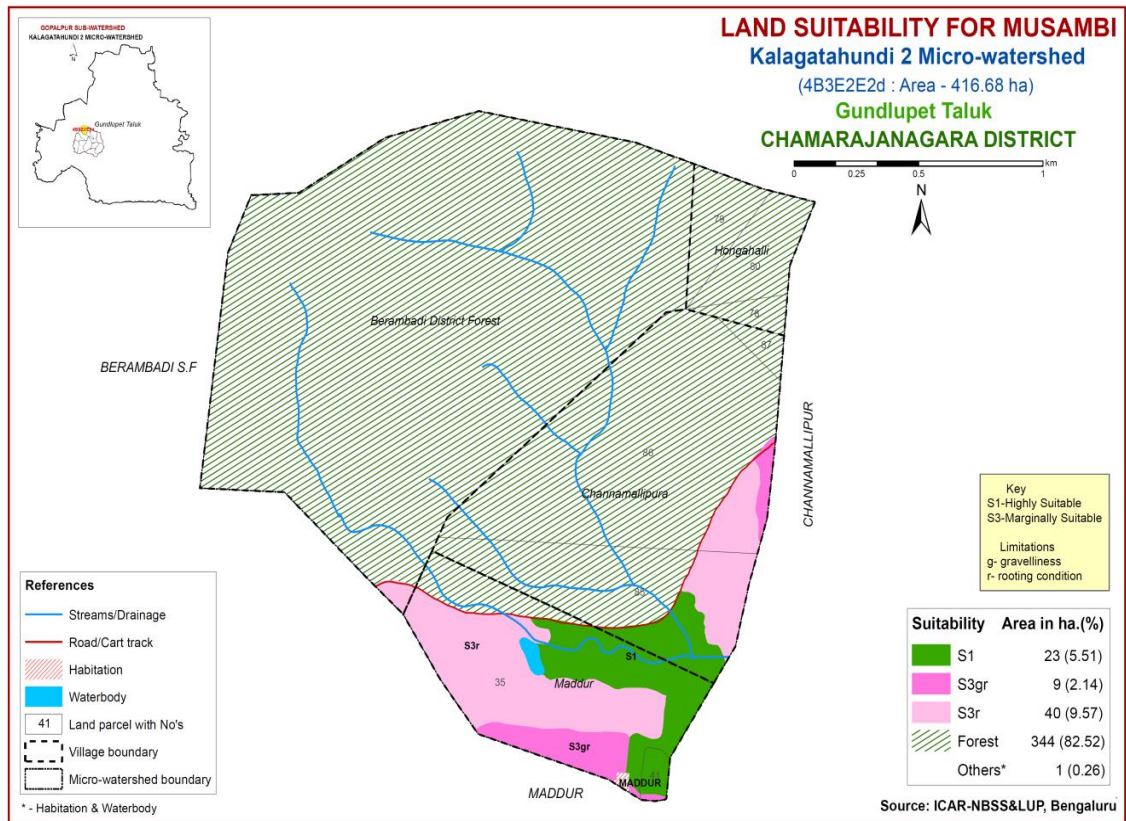


Fig. 7.19 Land Suitability map of Musambi

7.20 Land Suitability for Lime (*Citrus sp*)

Lime is one of the most important fruit crop grown in an area of 0.11 lakh ha in almost all the districts of the state. The crop requirements for growing lime (Table 7.17) 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 7.20.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing lime cover about 23 ha (6%) area and are distributed in the southeastern and southern part of the microwatershed. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth.

Table 7.16 Land 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	°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 conditions	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	

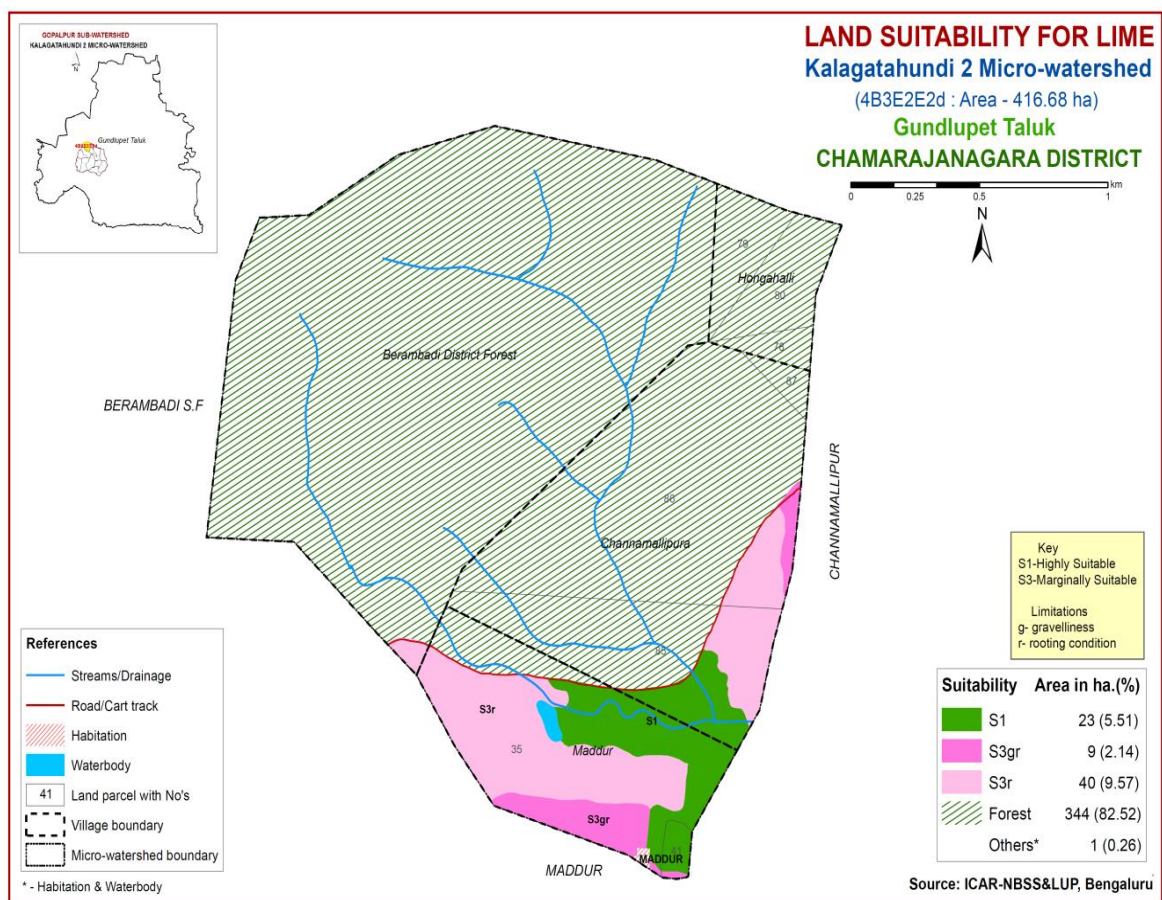


Fig. 7.20 Land Suitability map of Lime

7.21 Land Suitability for Cashew (*Anacardium occidentale*)

Cashew is one of the most important plantation nut crop grown in an area of 1.24 lakh ha in 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 7.21.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing cashew cover about 5 ha (1%) area and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 9 ha (2%) and are distributed in the eastern and southwestern part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and gravelliness. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 40 ha (10%) and are distributed in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitation of rooting depth. About 18 ha (4%) area is currently not suitable (Class N1) for growing cashew and are distributed in the southeastern and southern part of the microwatershed.

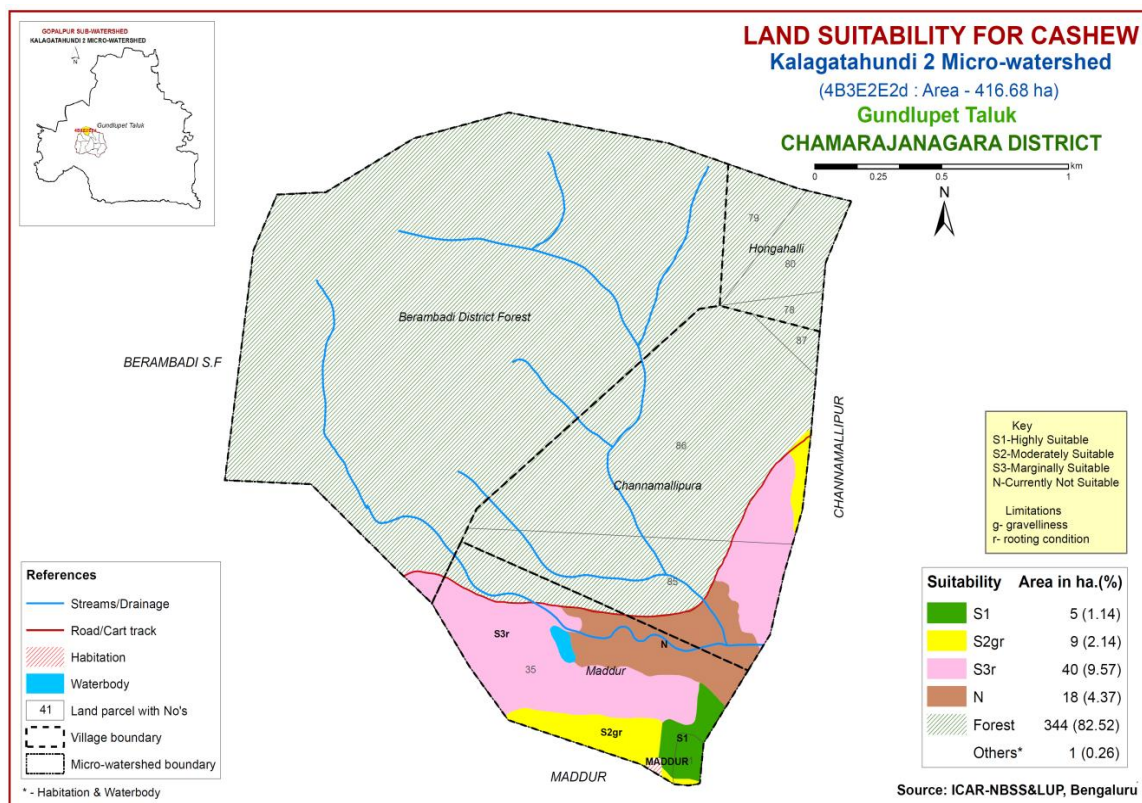


Fig. 7.21 Land Suitability map of Cashew

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

Custard apple is one of the most important fruit crop grown 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 7.21.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing custard apple cover about 23 ha (6%) area and are distributed in the southeastern and southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and gravelliness.

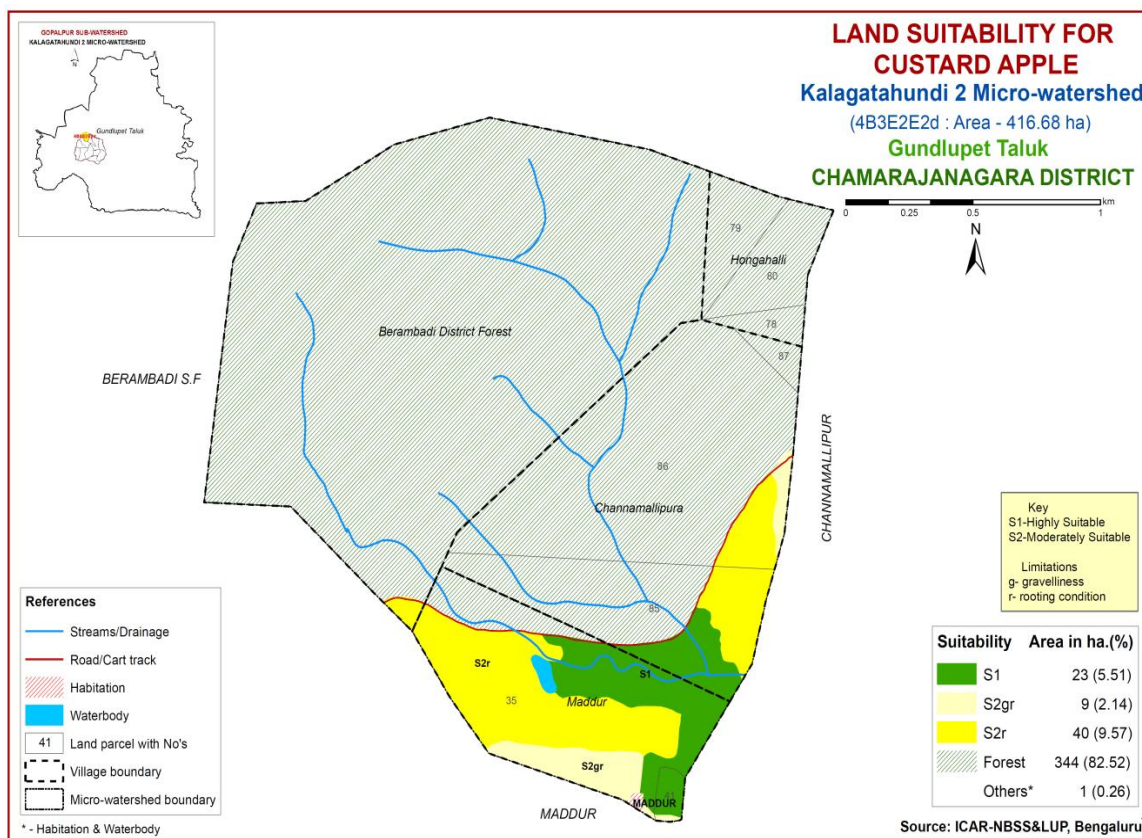


Fig. 7.22 Land Suitability map of Custard Apple

7.23 Land Suitability for Amla (*Phyllanthus emblica*)

Amla is one of the most important medicinal fruit crop grown 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 7.23.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing amla cover about 23 ha (6%) area and are distributed in the southeastern and southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of rooting depth and gravelliness.

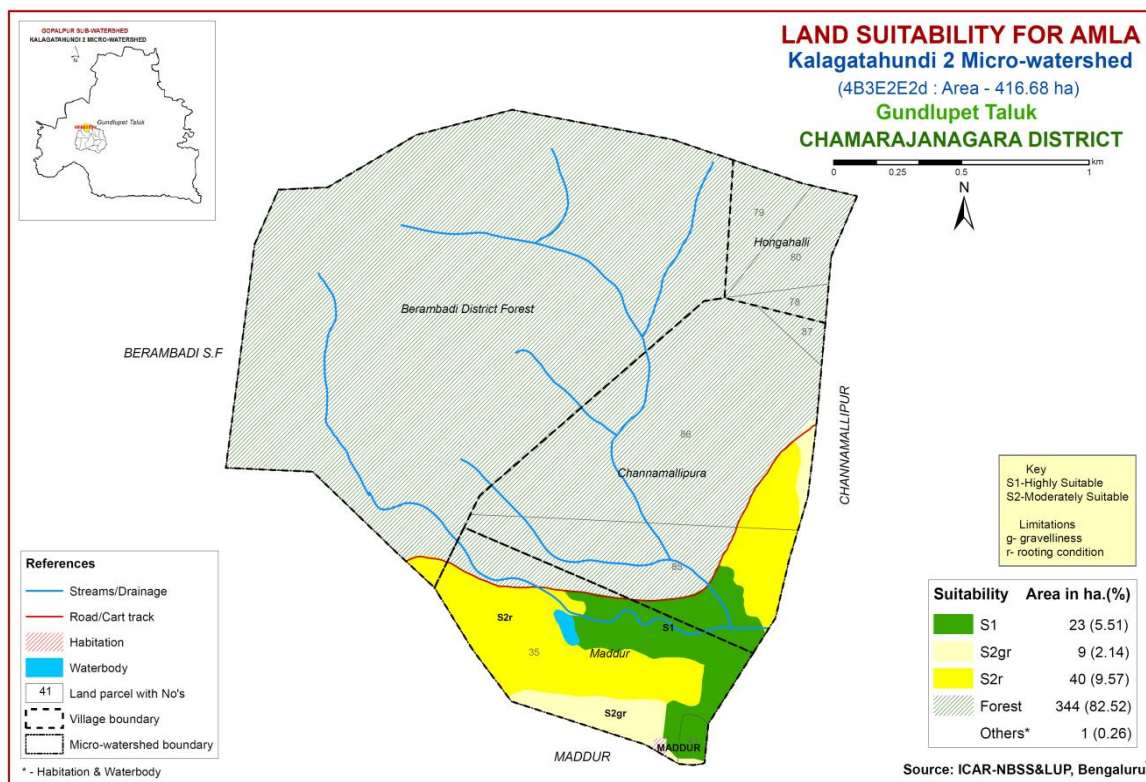


Fig. 7.23 Land Suitability map of Amla

7.24 Land Suitability for Tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*)

Tamarind is one of the most important spice crop raised 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 7.24.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing tamarind cover about 23 ha (6%) area and are distributed in the southeastern and southern part of the microwatershed. There are no moderately suitable (Class S2) lands for growing tamarind. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover a major area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth.

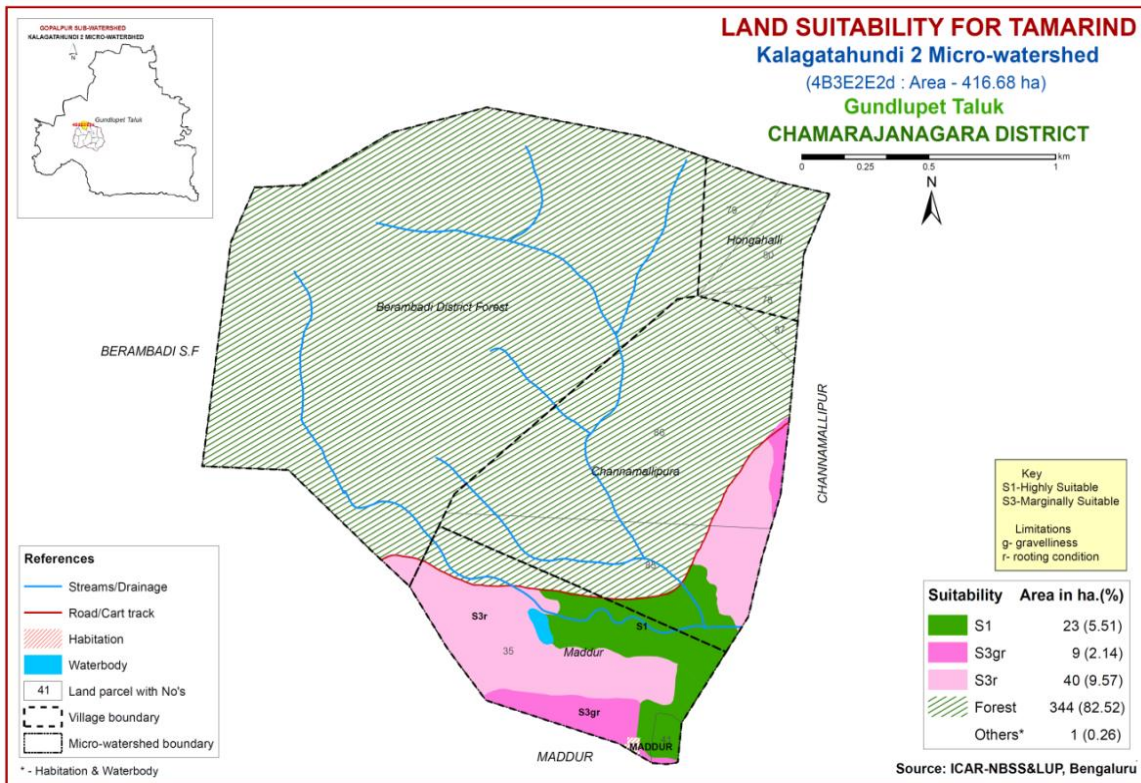


Fig. 7.24 Land Suitability map of Tamarind

7.25 Land Suitability for Marigold (*Tagetes erecta*)

Marigold is one of the most important flower crop grown in an area of 1858 ha in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements (Table 7.18) for growing marigold were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing marigold was prepared. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed are given in Figure 7.25.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing marigold cover about 14 ha (3%) area and are distributed in the eastern and southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 58 ha (14%). They have minor limitations of rooting depth, texture and drainage. They are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed.

Table 7.17 Land suitability criteria for Marigold

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	18-23	17-15 24-35	35-40 10-14	>40 <10
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	Class	Well drained	Moderately well drained	Imperfectly drained	Poorly drained
Nutrient availability	Texture	Class	l ,sl, scl, cl, sil	sicl, sc, sic, c	c	ls, s
	pH	1:2.5	7.0-7.5	5.5-5.9 7.6-8.5	<5 >8.5	-
	CaCO ₃ in root zone	%	Non calcareous	Slightly calcareous	Strongly calcareous	-
Rooting conditions	Soil depth	cm	>75	50-75	25-50	<25
	Gravel content	% vol.	<15	15-35	>35	-
Soil toxicity	Salinity	ds/m	Non saline	Slightly	Strongly	-
	Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	>15	-
Erosion	Slope	%	1-3	3-5	5-10	-

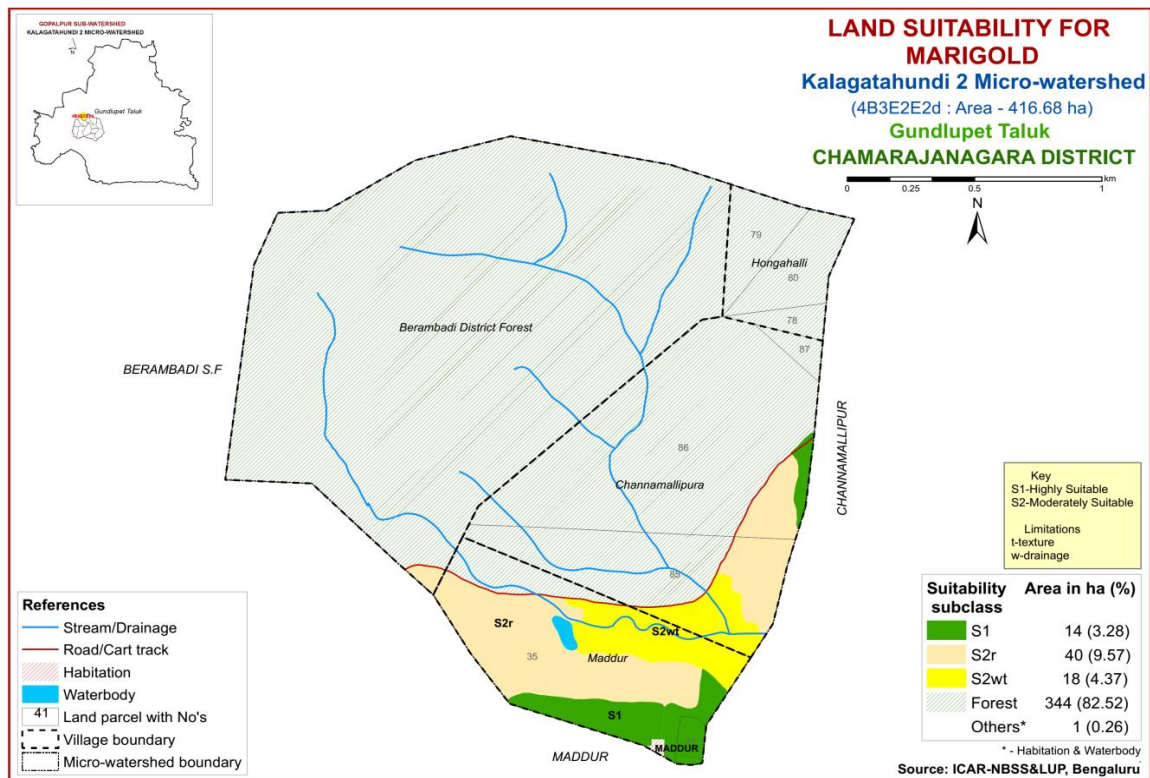


Fig. 7.25 Land Suitability map of Marigold

7.26 Land Suitability for Chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum indicum*)

Chrysanthemum is one of the most important flower crop grown in an area of 803 ha in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements (7.19) for growing chrysanthemum were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) and a land suitability map for growing chrysanthemum was generated. The area extent and their geographical distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed is given in Figure 7.26.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing chrysanthemum covers a small area of about 5 ha (1%) area and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in a major area of about 67 ha (16%) and are distributed in the major part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of gravelliness, rooting depth, texture and drainage.

Table 7.18 Land suitability criteria for Chrysanthemum

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	18-23	17-15 24-35	35-40 10-14	>40 <10
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	Class	Well drained	Moderately well drained	Imperfectly drained	Poorly drained
Nutrient availability	Texture	Class	l ,sl, scl, cl, sil	sicl, sc, sic, c	c	ls, s
	pH	1:2.5	7.0-7.5	5.5-5.9 7.6-8.5	<5 >8.5	
	CaCO ₃ in root zone	%	Non calcareous	Slightly calcareous	Strongly calcareous	
Rooting conditions	Soil depth	cm	>75	50-75	25-50	<25
	Gravel content	% vol.	<15	15-35	>35	
Soil toxicity	Salinity	ds/m	Non saline	slightly	strongly	
	Sodicity (ESP)	%	<10	10-15	>15	-
Erosion	Slope	%	1-3	3-5	5-10	

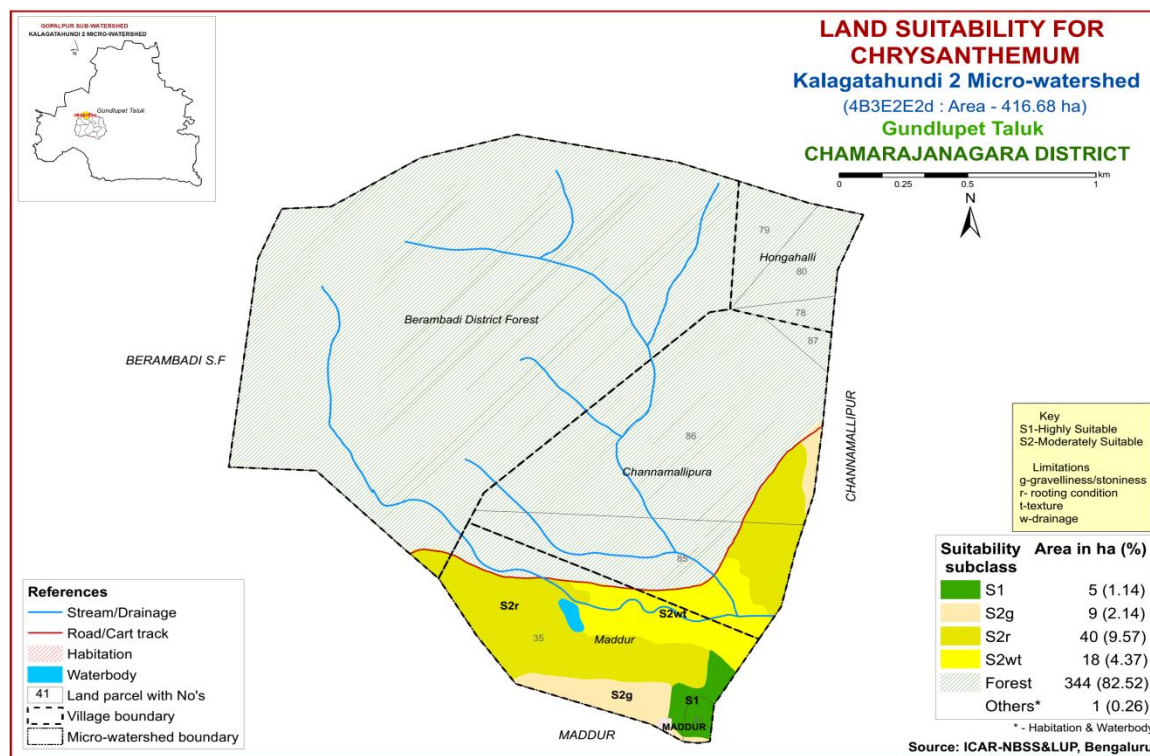


Fig. 7. 26 Land suitability map of Chrysanthemum

7.27 Land Suitability for Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*)

Turmeric is one of the most important spice crop grown in an area of 1.39 lakh ha in almost all the districts of the State. The crop requirements for growing turmeric (Table 7.12) were matched with the soil-site characteristics (Table 7.1) of the soils of the microwatershed and a land suitability map for growing turmeric was generated. The area extent and their geographic distribution of different suitability subclasses in the microwatershed are given in Figure 7.27.

The highly suitable (Class S1) lands for growing turmeric cover a small area about 5 ha (1%) and are distributed in the southern part of the microwatershed. The moderately suitable (Class S2) lands are found to occur in an area of about 49 ha (12%) and are distributed in the eastern and western part of the microwatershed. They have minor limitations of gravelliness and rooting depth. The marginally suitable (Class S3) lands cover an area of about 18 ha (4%) and occur in the southeastern and southern part of the microwatershed. They have moderate limitations of drainage and texture.

Table 7.19 Land suitability criteria for Turmeric

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	20-27 33-37	10-19 38-40	<10 >40
Soil aeration	Soil drainage	Class	Well drained	Mod. well drained	Imperfectly drained	Poorly drained
Nutrient availability	Texture	Class	l, cl, scl, sl	Sc, sic, sicl	c(40-60%), ls	Stony heavy clay>60%
	pH	1:2.5				
	Available nutrient status (NPK)	Fertility rating class	high	medium	low	
Rooting conditions	Soil depth	cm	>75	50-75	25-50	<25
Erosion	Slope	%	<3	3-8	8-15	>15mm

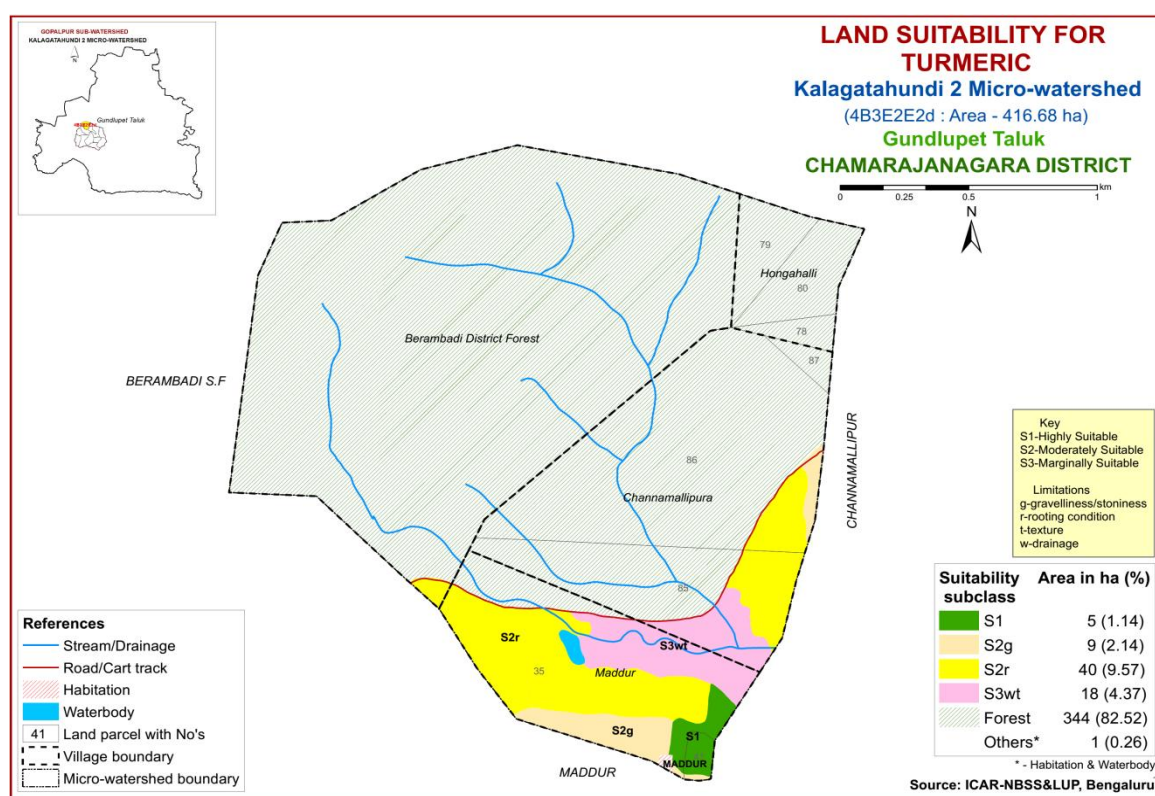


Fig. 7.27 Land Suitability map of Turmeric

7.28 Land Management Units (LMUs)

The 7 soil map units identified in Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed have been regrouped into 4 Land Management Units (LMU's) for the purpose of preparing a Proposed Crop Plan. Land Management Units 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 Management Units map (Fig. 7.28) has been

generated. These Land Management Units are expected to behave similarly for a given level of management. The map units that have been grouped into 4 land management units along with brief description of soil and site characteristics are given below.

LMU	Soil map units number	Mapping unit	Soil and site characteristics
1	1	BMBiB1	very deep (>150 cm), very dark greyish brown to dark grey and very dark brown clayey soils
2	2	HGHhB1	very deep (>150 cm), very dark brown to brown and dark reddish brown sandy clay loam soils
3	6,7	KNGhB1,KNGhC2g1	moderately deep (75-100 cm),dark reddish brown to dark red gravelly sandy clay loam to sandy clay soils
4	3,4,5	HPRcB2,HPRhB1,HP RiB1	moderately shallow (50-75 cm), dark brown to very dark brown gravelly sandy clay loam to sandy clay soils

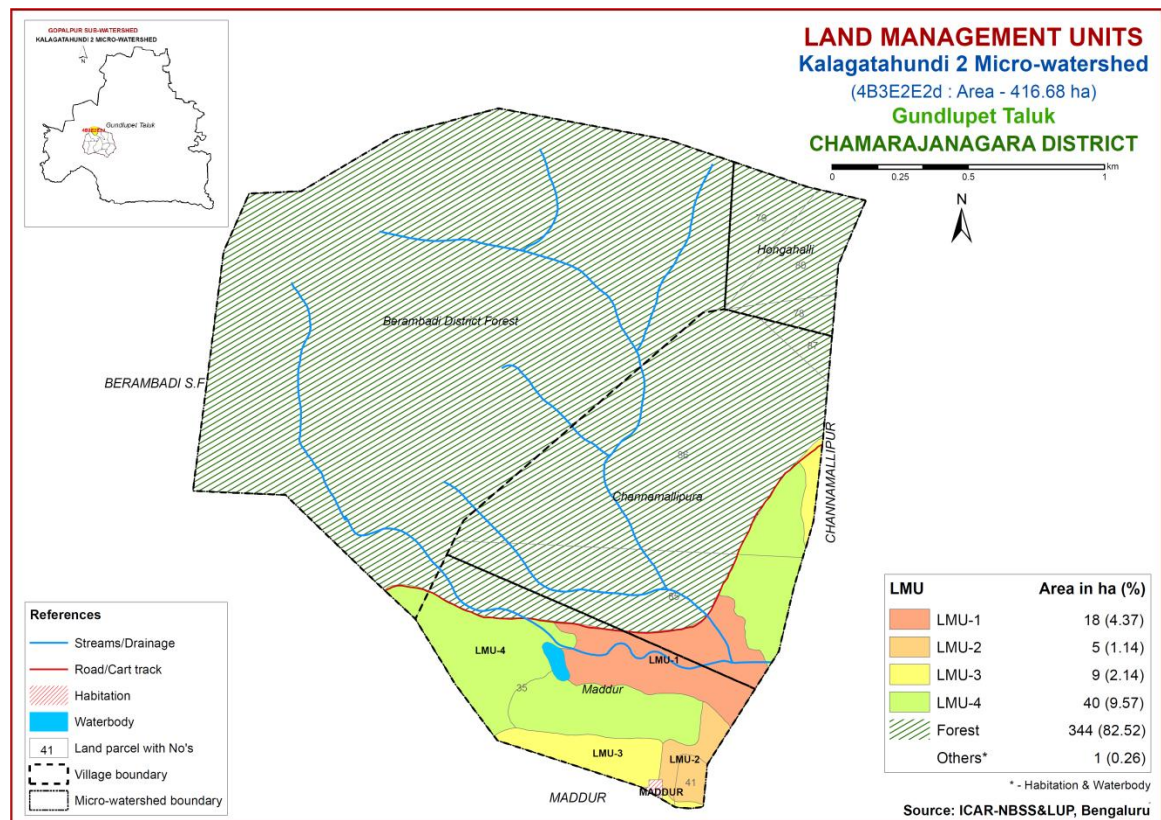


Fig. 7.28 Land Management Units Map- Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

After assessing the land suitability for the 27 crops, the proposed crop plan has been generated for the 4 identified LMUs by considering only the highly (class S1) and moderately (class S2) suitable lands for each of the 27 crops. The resultant proposed crop plan is presented below in Table 7.20.

Table 7.20 Proposed Crop Plan for Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

LMU No	Mapping Units	Survey Number	Field Crops/Forestry	Suitable Horticulture Crops under Irrigation	Horticulture Crops with suitable Interventions	Suitable Interventions
1	1 (>150 cm)	Channamallipura: 85	Sorghum, Cotton, Redgram, Sunflower, Sugarcane Multiple crop rotation: Redgram+Fodder sorghum Pulses+Sorghum	Vegetables: Beetroot, Banana, Lime, Tomato, Beans, Bhendi	Flower crops: Marigold, Chrysanthemum Perennial components: Custard apple, Amla, Lime, Vegetables: Chilli, Bhendi	Drip irrigation, Mulching, crop suitable conservation practices
2	2 (>150 cm)	Maddur: 41	Maize, Sorghum, Redgram, Cotton, Sugarcane, Sunflower, Multiple crop rotation: Redgram+Maize Redgram+Groundnut Pulses+Ragi Pulses+Sorghum	Mango, Sapota, Guava, Turmeric, Banana, Lime, Tomato, Beans, Bhendi	Flower crops: Marigold, Chrysanthemum Perennial components: Mango, Sapota, Custard apple, Amla, Lime, Musambi. Vegetables: Chilli, Bhendi	Drip irrigation, Mulching, crop suitable conservation practices
3	6, 7 (75-100 cm)	Channamallipura: 86	Maize, Sorghum, Cotton, Ragi, Sunflower, Pulses+Sorghum	Fieldbean, Beetroot, Onion, Turmeric, Tomato	Perennial components: Sapota, Guava Flower crops: Marigold, Chrysanthemum Vegetables: Bhendi, Chilli	Drip irrigation, Mulching, Crop suitable conservation practices
4	3, 4, 5 (50-75 cm)	Maddur: 35	Ragi, Groundnut, Maize, Sorghum, Cotton, Pulses+Sorghum	Fieldbean, Beetroot, Onion, Turmeric, Tomato, Banana	Custard apple, Ber, Aonla Flower crops: Marigold, Chrysanthemum, Gaillardia Vegetables: Bhendi, Cluster bean	Drip irrigation, Mulching, Crop suitable conservation practices

SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

8.1 Soil Health

Soil health is basic to plant health and plant health is basic to human and bovine 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 Kalagatahundi-2Microwatershed

- ❖ The soil phases identified in the microwatershed belonged to the soil series of BMB (18 ha), HGH (5 ha), HPR (40 ha) and KNG (9 ha).
- ❖ As per land capability classification, about 17 per cent area in the microwatershed falls under arable land category (Class II and III). The major limitations identified in the arable lands were soil, wetness and erosion.
- ❖ On the basis of soil reaction, an area of about 23 ha (5%) is moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.5-6.5), about 33 ha (8%) is under neutral (pH 6.5-7.3) and area of about 16 ha (4%) is under slightly to moderately alkaline (pH 7.3-8.4).

❖ 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.

Acid soils

Acid soils occupy an area of about 23 ha in the microwatershed. The following measures recommended for reclaiming acid soils

1. Growing of crops suitable for a particular soil pH.
2. Ameliorating the soils through the application of amendments (liming materials).

Liming materials:

1. CaCO_3 (Calcium Carbonate). More than 90% use in India.
2. Dolomite [$\text{Ca Mg} (\text{CO}_3)_2$]
3. Quick lime (Cao)
4. Slaked lime [$\text{Ca} (\text{OH})_2$]

For normal pH and pH-4.8 (35 t/ha) and pH 6 .0-7.0 (4 t/ha) lime is required

Alkaline soils

Slightly alkaline to moderately alkaline soils cover about 16 ha in the microwatershed.

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 (Azospirillum, Azotobacter, 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

Neutral soils cover about 33 ha area in the microwatershed.

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, (Azospirillum, Azotobacter, Rhizobium).
3. Application of 100 per cent RDF.
4. Need based micronutrient applications.

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 417 ha area in the microwatershed, about 17 ha is suffering from moderate erosion. These areas need immediate soil and water conservation and, other land development and land husbandry practices for restoring soil health.

Dissemination of Information and Communication of 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 younger farmers.

Inputs for Net Planning and Interventions needed

Net planning in IWMP is focusing on preparation of

1. Soil and Water Conservation Plans 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 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 can 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 Kalagatahundi-2 microwatershed.
- ❖ **Organic Carbon:** The OC content is medium (0.5-0.75%) in about 11 ha (3%) area and it is high (>0.75%) in 61 ha (15%). The areas that are 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 costs 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 11 ha area where OC is medium (0.5-0.75%). 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 72 ha (17%) area, the available phosphorus is low (<23 kg/ha). Hence for all the crops, 25% additional P-needs to be applied, where it is low.
- ❖ **Available Potassium:** Available potassium is medium (145-337 kg/ha) in 72 ha (17%) area of the microwatershed. Hence, in all those plots where available potassium is medium, for all the crops, additional 25 % potassium may be applied.
- ❖ **Available Sulphur:** Available sulphur is a very critical nutrient for oilseed crops. It is low in a maximum of 72 ha (17%) area of the microwatershed. These areas need to be applied with magnesium sulphate or gypsum or Factamphos (p) fertilizer (13% sulphur) for 2-3 years for the deficiency to be corrected.
- ❖ **Available Boron:** An area of about 72 ha (17%) is low (<0.5 ppm) in available boron content. The areas with low in boron content need to be applied with sodium borate @ 10kg/ha as soil application or 0.2% borax as foliar spray to correct the deficiency.
- ❖ **Available Iron:** Available iron is sufficient in the entire cultivated area. However, to manage iron deficiency, iron sulphate @ 25kg /ha needs to be applied for 2-3 years.
- ❖ **Available manganese:** It is sufficient in the entire area of the microwatershed.
- ❖ **Available copper:** It is sufficient in the entire area of the microwatershed.
- ❖ **Available Zinc:** It is deficient (<0.6 ppm) in 72 ha (17%) area in the microwatershed. Application of zinc sulphate @25kg/ha is to be recommended.
- ❖ **Soil alkalinity:** The microwatershed has 16 ha (4%) area with soils that are slightly to moderately alkaline. These areas need application of gypsum and wherever calcium is

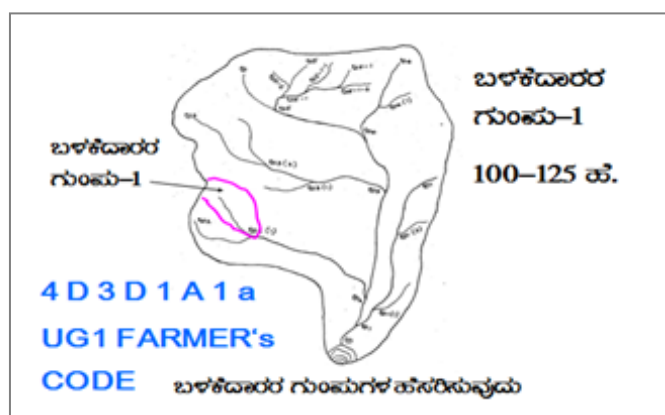
in excess, iron pyrites and element sulphur can be recommended. Management practices like treating repeatedly with good quality water to drain out the excess salts and provision of subsurface drainage and growing of salt tolerant crops like Casuarina, Acacia, Neem, Ber etc, are recommended.

Land Suitability for various crops: Areas that are highly, moderately, marginally suitable and currently not 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.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION TREATMENT PLAN

For preparing soil and water conservation treatment plan for Kalagatahundi-2 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
- Soil gravelliness
- Available water capacity
- Soil slope
- Soil erosion
- Land capability
- Present land use /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.

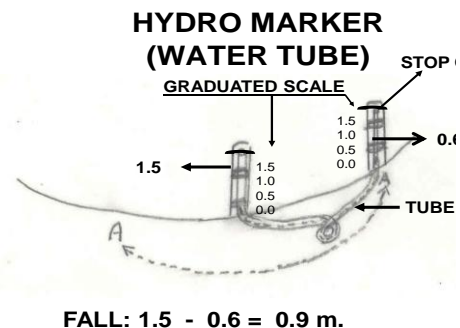
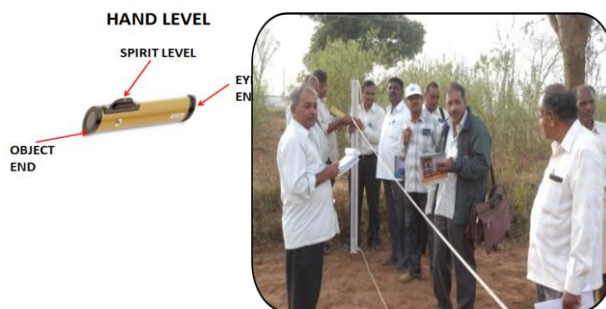
9.1.1 Arable Land Treatment

A. BUNDING

Steps for Survey and Preparation of Treatment Plan		USER GROUP-1 CLASSIFICATION OF GULLIES
Cadastral map (1:7920 scale) is enlarged to a scale of 1:2500 scale		
Existing network of waterways, pottissa 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	
<i>Halla/Nala</i>	(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 ($A_1 \dots A_n = 0-1\%$, 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 ($g_0 - b =$ 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 soils	
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

TRENCH CUM BUND

WATER STORAGE AREA

0.45 Sq.m section

IDEAL FOR HORTICULTURE CROPS

'A' FRAME FOR INTERBUND MANAGEMENT

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ಸಮಸಾತಲ ರೇಖೆ

1. ಸಮಸಾತಲ ಉಳುವೆ
2. ಸಮಸಾತಲ ಬಿತ್ತನೆ/ನಾಟಿ

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
			L(m)	W(m)	D(m)	Quantity (m ³)		
m ²	m	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. Waterways

1. Existing waterways are marked on the cadastral map (1:7920 scale) and their dimensions are recorded.
2. Considering the contour plan of the MWS, additional waterways/ modernization of the existing ones can be thought of.
3. 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.

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 in water budgeting and quality of water in the wells and site suitability.
- e) Detailed Leveling 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 earthen 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 generated which shows the spatial distribution and extent of area. A maximum area of about 54 ha (13%) requires Trench cum bunding and 18 ha (4%) area needs Graded bunds or strengthening of existing bunds. The conservation plan generated 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.

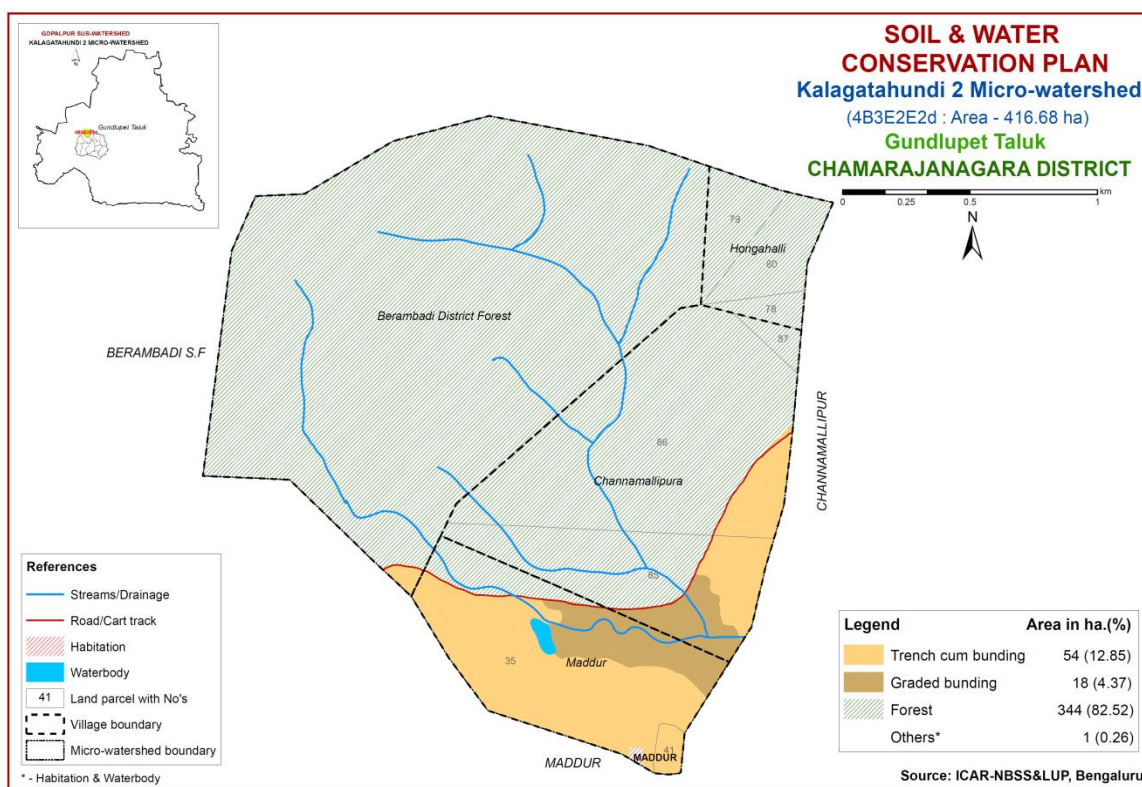


Fig. 9.1 Soil and Water Conservation Plan map of Kalagatahundi-2 Microwatershed

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 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 (*Syzgiumcumini*) and Bamboo. Dry areas are to be planted with species like Honge, Bevu, Seetaphal *etc.*

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

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Appendix I
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Soil Phase Information

Village	SY NO	Area (ha)	Soil Phase	LMU	Soil Depth	Surface Soil Texture	Soil Gravelliness	Available Water Capacity	Slope	Soil Erosion	Current Land Use	WELLS	Land Capability	Conservation Plan
Berambadi District Forest	XX	223.17	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Not Available	Forest	Forest
Channamallipura	85	35.15	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Fallowland+Avare (Not Available	Forest	Forest
Channamallipura	86	76.24	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Scrub land (Not Available	Forest	Forest
Channamallipura	87	2.28	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	NA	Not Available	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	78	3.05	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	NA	Not Available	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	79	8.37	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	NA	Not Available	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	80	10.67	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	NA	Not Available	Forest	Forest
Maddur	35	55.2	HPRcB2	LMU-4	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Sandy loam	Non gravelly (<15%)	Low (51-100 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Moderate	Scrubland+Avare+Current Fallow land	Not Available	Iies	Trench cum bunding
Maddur	41	1.97	HGHhB1	LMU-2	Very deep (>150 cm)	Sandy clay loam	Non gravelly (<15%)	Very High (>200 mm/m)	Very gently sloping (1-3%)	Slight	Coconut(CN)	Not Available	IIs	Trench cum bunding

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
Berambadi District Forest	XX	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Channamallipura	85	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Channamallipura	86	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Channamallipura	87	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	78	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	79	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	80	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Maddur	35	Neutral (pH 6.5-7.3)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (>0.75 %)	Low (<23 kg/ha)	Medium (145-337 kg/ha)	Low (<10 ppm)	Low (<0.5 ppm)	Sufficient (>4.5 ppm)	Sufficient (>1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (>0.2 ppm)	Deficient (<0.6 ppm)
Maddur	41	Slightly alkaline (pH 7.3-7.8)	Non saline (<2 dsm)	High (>0.75 %)	Low (<23 kg/ha)	Medium (145-337 kg/ha)	Low (<10 ppm)	Low (<0.5 ppm)	Sufficient (>4.5 ppm)	Sufficient (>1.0 ppm)	Sufficient (>0.2 ppm)	Deficient (<0.6 ppm)

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Soil Suitability Information

Village	Survey Number	Mango	Maize	Sapota	Sorghum	Guava	Cotton	Tamarind	Lime	Sunflower	Red gram	Amla	Jackfruit	Custard-apple	Cashew	Jamun	Musambi	Groundnut	Onion	Marigold	Chrysanthemum	Banana	Horse gram	Field-bean	Turmeric	Bectroot	Potato	Beans	
Berambadi District Forest	XX	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Channamallipura	85	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
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Channamallipura	87	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	78	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	79	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Hongahalli	80	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest
Maddur	35	N	S2r	S3r	S2r	S3r	S2r	S3r	S3r	S3r	S3r	S2r	S3r	S2r	S3r	S3r	S3r	S2rt	S2r	S2r	S2r	S3r	S2r	S2r	S2r	S2r	S2r	S2r	S2r
Maddur	41	S1	S1	S1	S2t	S1	S3t	S1	S1	S2t	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S2t	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1

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: *Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed (Gopalapur sub-watershed, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar district) is located in between 11^o46' – 11^o48' North latitudes and 76^o31' – 76^o33' East longitudes, covering an area of about 417 ha, bounded by Channamallipur, Hongahalli, Maddur villages and Berimbadi State Forest with a 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 eco system services were quantified.*

Results: *The socio-economic outputs for the Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed (Gopalapur sub-watershed, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar district) are presented here.*

Social Indicators;

- ❖ *Male and female ratio is 39.6 to 60.4 per cent to the total sample population.*
- ❖ *Younger age 18 to 50 years group of population is around 52.1 per cent to the total population.*
- ❖ *Literacy population is around 88.0 per cent.*
- ❖ *Social groups belong to scheduled caste (SC) among the all sample households.*
- ❖ *Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is the source of energy for a cooking among all sample farmers.*
- ❖ *About 90.0 per cent of households have a yashaswini health card.*
- ❖ *Majority of farm households (50.0 %) are having MGNREGA card for rural employment.*
- ❖ *Dependence on ration cards for food grains through public distribution system is around 90.0 per cent.*
- ❖ *Swach bharath program providing closed toilet facilities around 90.0 per cent of sample households.*
- ❖ *Institutional participation is only 6.3 per cent of sample households.*
- ❖ *Women participation in decisions making are around 20.0 per cent of households.*

Economic Indicators;

- ❖ *The average land holding is 1.0 ha indicates that majority of farm households are belonging to marginal and small farmers. The dry land of 59.9 % and irrigated land 40.1 % of total cultivated land area among the sample farmers.*
- ❖ *Agriculture is the main occupation among 78.2 per cent and agriculture is the main and non agriculture labour is subsidiary occupation for 9.4 per cent of sample households.*
- ❖ *The average value of domestic assets is around Rs. 10164 per household. Television and mobile are popular media mass communication.*
- ❖ *The average value of farm assets is around Rs. 159343 per household, among the all sample farmers owned plough.*
- ❖ *The average value of livestock is around Rs. 25083 per household; about 85.7 per cent of household are having livestock.*
- ❖ *The average per capita food consumption is around 544.6 grams (1236.5 kilo calories) against national institute of nutrition (NIN) recommendation at 827 gram. Among the all sample households are consuming less than the NIN recommendation.*
- ❖ *The annual average income is around Rs.73121 per household. About 60.0 per cent of farm households are below poverty line.*
- ❖ *The per capita average monthly expenditure is around Rs.1257.*

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.721 per ha/year. The total cost of annual soil nutrients is around Rs. 51906 per year for the total area of 416.7 ha.*
- ❖ *The average value of ecosystem service for food grain production is around Rs. 82372/ha/year. Per hectare food grain production services is maximum in banana (Rs. 212373) followed by turmeric (Rs. 135615), cotton (Rs. 18419), horse gram (Rs. 3089), marigold (Rs.1476) and sorghum (Rs. 2556).*
- ❖ *The average value of ecosystem service for fodder production is around Rs. 2363/ ha/year. Per hectare fodder production services in horse gram (Rs. 2284) and sorghum (Rs. 2420).*
- ❖ *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 banana (Rs. 144748) followed by cotton (Rs. 53496), turmeric (Rs. 57299), sorghum (Rs. 40244) and horse gram (Rs. 18312).*

Economic Land Evaluation;

- ❖ *The major cropping pattern is cotton (42.6 %) followed by banana (16.4 %), sorghum (14.7 %), marigold (6.6 %), turmeric (3.1 %) and horse gram (0.4 %).*
- ❖ *In Kalagatahundi-2 micro-watershed, major soil of Honnegaudanahalli (HGH) series is having very deep soil depth cover around 1.1 % of area. On this soil farmers are presently growing banana (14.8 %), cotton (12.2 %), horse gram (36.5%), marigold (12.2%), sorghum (12.2%) and turmeric (12.2 %). Soil of Beemanabeedu (BMB) series are having shallow soil depth cover 4.4 % of area, the crops are cotton (27.6 %), horse gram (63.8 %) and sorghum (8.6 %), Beemanabeedu (BMD) soil series are having deep soil depth cover around 7.8 % of areas, crops are banana (93.0 %) and cotton (7.0 %), Hullipura (HPR) soil series having moderately shallow soil depth cover around 9.6 % of area, crops are marigold (50.0%) and sorghum (50.0 %) and Kannigala (KNG) soil series are having moderately deep soil depth cover around 8.2 % of area. The major crops grown are cotton (81.8 %) and sorghum (18.2 %).*
- ❖ *The total cost of cultivation and benefit cost ratio (BCR) in study area for sorghum ranges between Rs. 46315/ha in BMB soil (with BCR of 1.0) and Rs. 17152/ha in HGH soil (with BCR of 1.12).*
- ❖ *In banana the cost of cultivation range between Rs. 141590/ha in HGH soil (with of 3.43) and Rs. 74953/ha in BMD soil (with BCR of 2.47).*
- ❖ *In cotton the cost of cultivation range between of Rs.78441/ha in BMD soil (with BCR of 1.15) and Rs. 30305/ha in KNG soil (with BCR of 1.82).*
- ❖ *In marigold the cost of cultivation range between is Rs. 63562/ha in HGH soil (with BCR of 1.02) and Rs. 48846 in HPR soil (with BCR of 1.03).*
- ❖ *In horse gram the cost of cultivation range between is Rs. 18834/ha in BMB soil (with BCR of 1.72) and Rs. 5418 in HGH soil (with BCR of 1.69).*
- ❖ *In turmeric the cost of cultivation in HGH soil is Rs. 141025/ha (with BCR of 1.96).*
- ❖ *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 on deeper soil to maximize returns.*

Suggestions;

- ❖ *Involving farmers is watershed planning helps in strengthening 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 strengthening 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 banana (37.8 to 68.4 %), cotton (0 to 27.7 %), horse gram (21.2 to 74.7 %) and sorghum (44 to 64.8 %).*

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.

METHODOLOGY

Study area

Kalagatahundi-2 micro-watershed is located in Southern Dry Zone of Karnataka (Figure 1). It has a total geographical area of 1.56 M ha with 0.74 M ha under cultivation of which 0.22 M ha is irrigated. The mean elevation ranges from 450 to 900 m MSL; most part of the zone is situated at 800-900m. The major soils are red loams with pockets of black soils in Kollegal, Yalandur and T.N. Pura taluks of Mysore district. The average annual rainfall ranges from 670 to 890 mm, of which about 55 to 75 per cent is received during the Kharif season. The major crops grown are rice, ragi, sugarcane, pulses and minor millets. It's represented Agro Ecological Region (AER) –3 having LGP 120-150 days.

Kalagatahundi-2 micro-watershed (Gopalapur sub-watershed, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar district) is located in between 11⁰46' – 11⁰48' North latitudes and 76⁰31' – 76⁰33' East longitudes, covering an area of about 417 ha, bounded by Channamallipur, Hongahalli, Maddur villages and Berimbadi State Forest.

Sampling Procedure:

In this study we have followed soil variability as criterion for sampling the farm households. In each micro-watershed 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 Evaluation System (Figure 2).

LOCATION MAP OF KALAGATAHUNDI 2 MICRO-WATERSHED

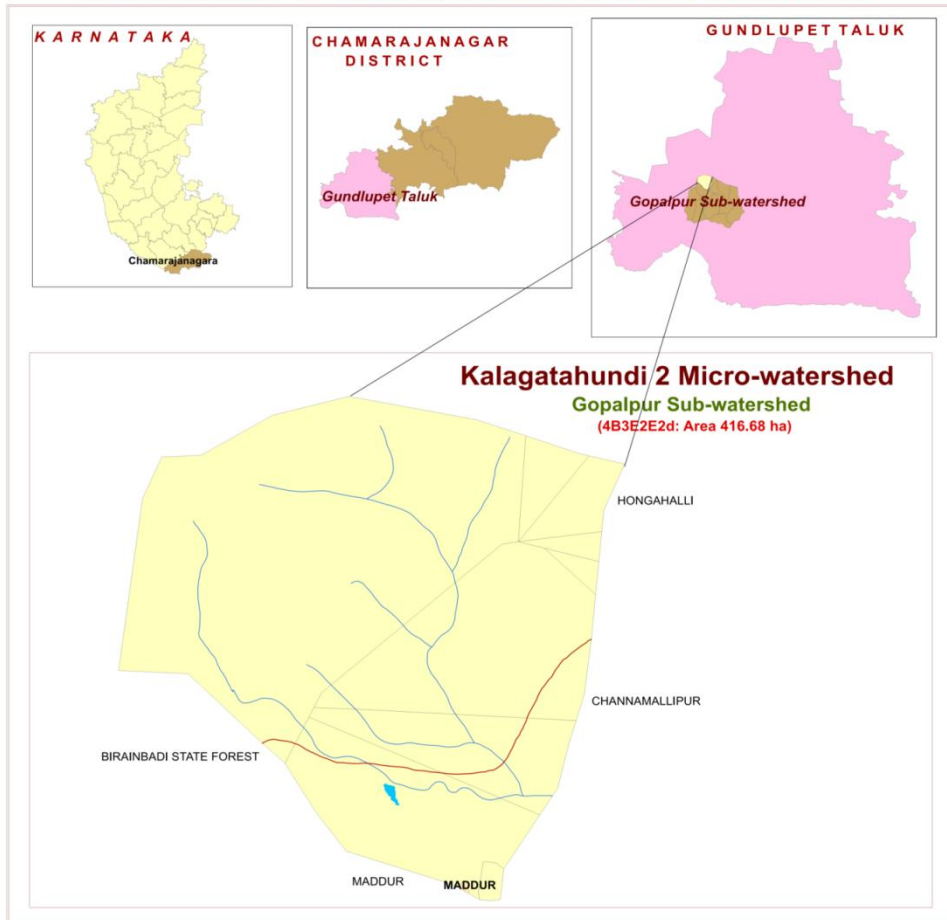


Figure 1: Location of study area

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 .

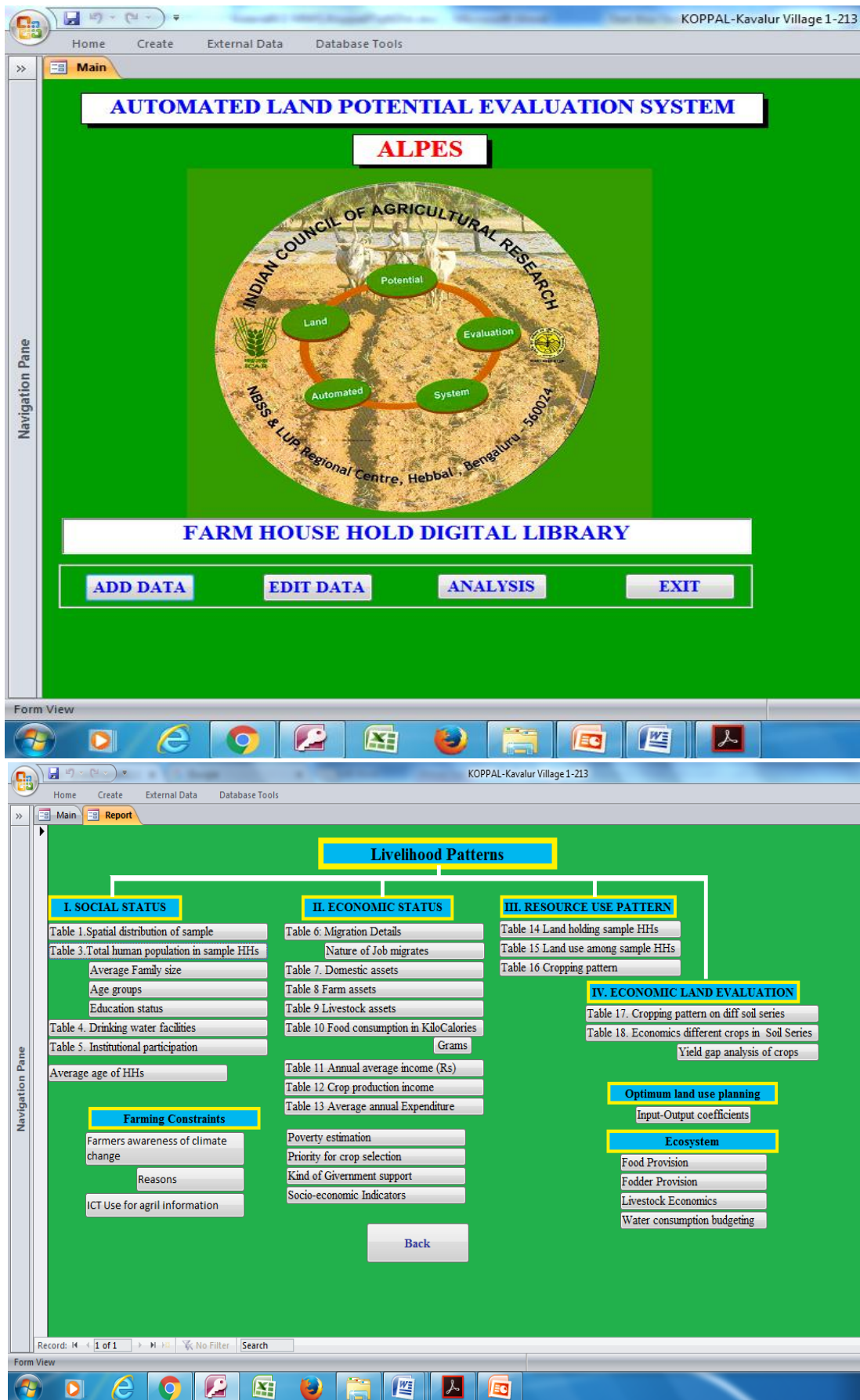


Figure 2: ALPES FRAMEWORK

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.

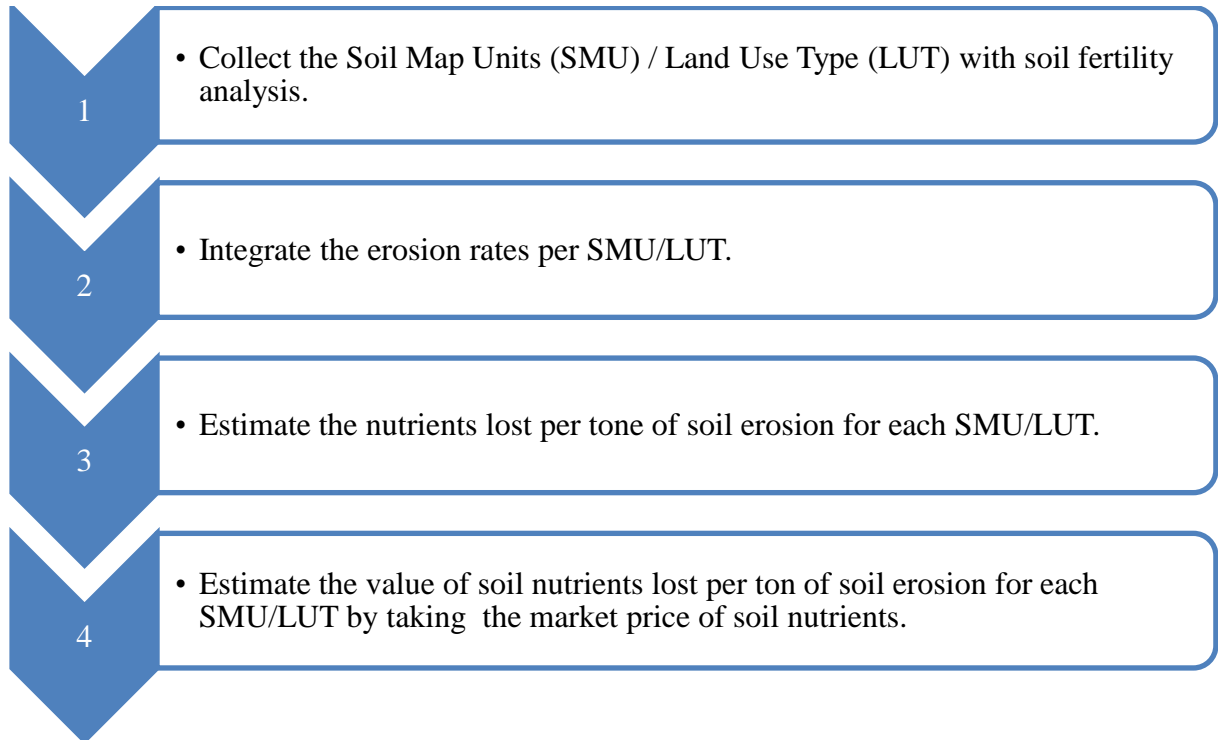
Benefit Cost Ratio = Net returns/Total cost.

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 divided 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 methods 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



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 48, out of which 39.6 per cent were males and 60.4 per cent females. Average family size of the households is 4.1. 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 0 to 18 years (31.2 %) followed by 18 to 30 years (27.1 %), 30 to 50 years (25 %) and more than 50 years (16.7 %). 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 22.0 per cent of respondents were illiterate and 88.0 per cent literate (Table 1).

Table 1: Human population among sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	Units	Value
Total human population in sample HHs	Number	48
Male	% to total Population	39.6
Female	% to total Population	60.4
Average family size	Number	4.1
Age group		
0 to 18 years	% to total Population	31.2
18 to 30 years	% to total Population	27.1
30 to 50 years	% to total Population	25.0
>50 years	% to total Population	16.7
Average age	Age in years	32.3
Education Status		
Illiterates	% to total Population	22.0
Literates	% to total Population	88.0
Primary School (<5 class)	% to total Population	22.6
Middle School (6- 8 class)	% to total Population	14.2
High School (9- 10 class)	% to total Population	19.2
Others	% to total Population	22.0

The ethnic groups among the sample farm households found to be 30.0 per cent belonging to other backward caste (OBC) followed by 60.0 per cent belonging to general caste and scheduled caste (SC) of 10 per cent (Table 2 and Figure 3). All of sample

households are using LPG gas as source of fuel for cooking. All the sample farmers are having electricity connection. About 90.0 per cent are sample households having health cards. Majority (92.1 %) are having MNREGA job cards for employment generation. About 90.0 per cent of farm households are having ration cards for taking food grains from public distribution system. About 90.0 per cent of farm households are having toilet facilities.

Table 2: Basic needs of sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	Units	Value
Social groups		
SC	% of Households	10.0
OBC	% of Households	30.0
General	% of Households	60.0
Types of fuel use for cooking		
Gas	% of Households	100
Energy supply for home		
Electricity	% of Households	100
Number of households having Health card		
Yes	% of Households	90.0
No	% of Households	10.0
MGNREGA Card		
Yes	% of Households	50.0
No	% of Households	50.0
Ration Card		
Yes	% of Households	90.0
No	% of Households	10.0
Households with toilet		
Yes	% of Households	90.0
No	% of Households	10.0
Drinking water facilities		
Tube well	% of Households	100

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

Only 6.3 per cent of the farmers are participating in community based organizations (Table 3). Among them majority were participating in self help groups (SHG's) like Sri Dharmasthala Swasahaya Sangha, Stri Shakhti Sangha (4.2 %) and dairy co-operative societies (2.1 %).

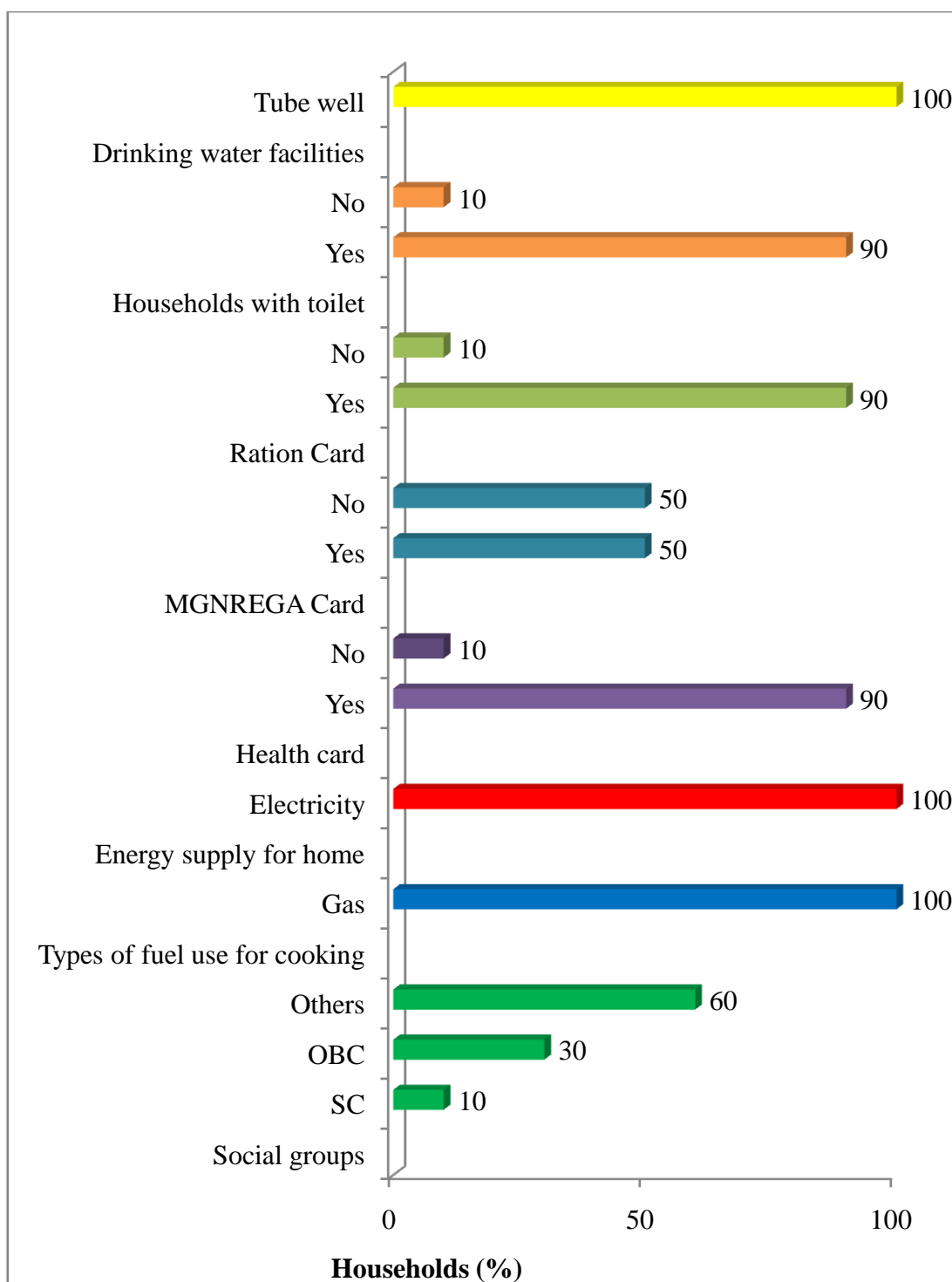


Figure 3: Basic needs of sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Table 3: Institutional participation among the sample population in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	Units	Value
No. Of people participating	% to total	6.3
Co-operative Societies-Dairy	% to total	2.1
Self help groups(SHG's)	% to total	4.2
No. Of people not participating	% to total	93.75

The occupational pattern (Table 4) among sample households shows that agriculture is the main occupation around 78.2 per cent of farmers followed by subsidiary occupations like Agricultural labour (9.4 %), self employed (3.1 %). Non agriculture labour as main occupation and agriculture labour, government service and private service as a subsidiary occupation is around 3.1 per cent.

Table 4: Occupational pattern in sample population in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Occupation		% to total
Main	Subsidiary	
Agriculture	Agriculture	78.2
	Agriculture labour	9.4
	Self employed	3.1
Non agriculture	Agriculture Labour	3.1
	Govt. service	3.1
	Private service	3.1
Grand Total		100
Family labour Availability		Man days/month
Male		38.9
Female		28.0
Total		66.9

The important assets especially with reference to domestic assets were analyzed and are given in Table 5 and Figure 4. The important domestic assets possessed by all categories of farmers are television (100 %) followed by mobile phones (90.0 %), bicycle (10 %), mixer/grinder (60 %), motorcycle (30.0 %). The average value of domestic assets is around Rs. 10164 per households.

Table 5: Domestic assets among the sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	% of households	Average value in Rs
Bicycle	10.0	2000
Motor cycle	30.0	35000
Mixer/grinder	60.0	1500
Mobile Phone	90.0	4222
Television	100	8100
Average value		10164

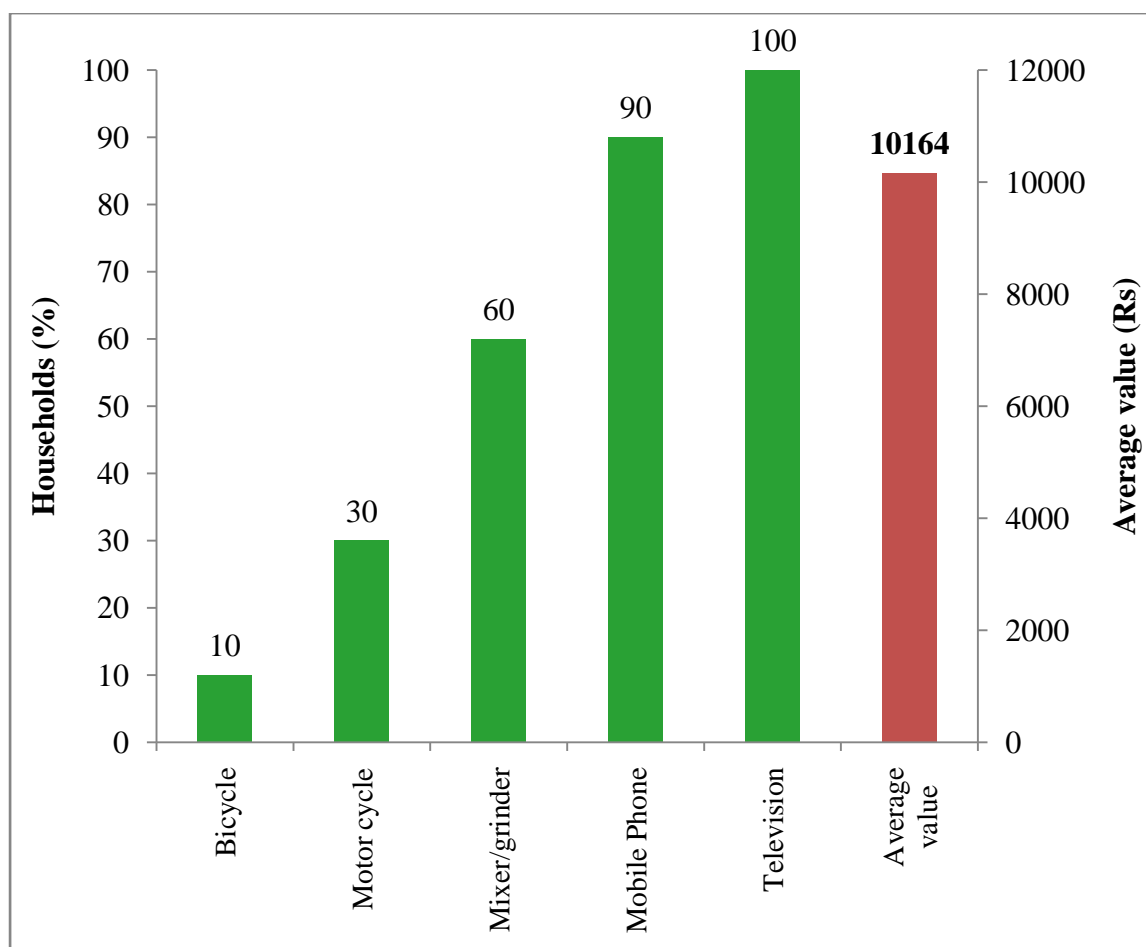


Figure 4: Domestic assets among the sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

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 (100 %), tractor (30.0 %), bullock cart (30.0 %) and weeder (10.0 %) was found highest among the sample farmers. The average value of farm assets is around Rs159343 per household (Table 6 and Figure 5).

Table 6: Farm assets among samples households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	% of households	Average value in Rs
Weeder	10.0	87
Bullock cart	30.0	35000
Tractor	30.0	600000
Plough	100.0	2286
Average value	159343	

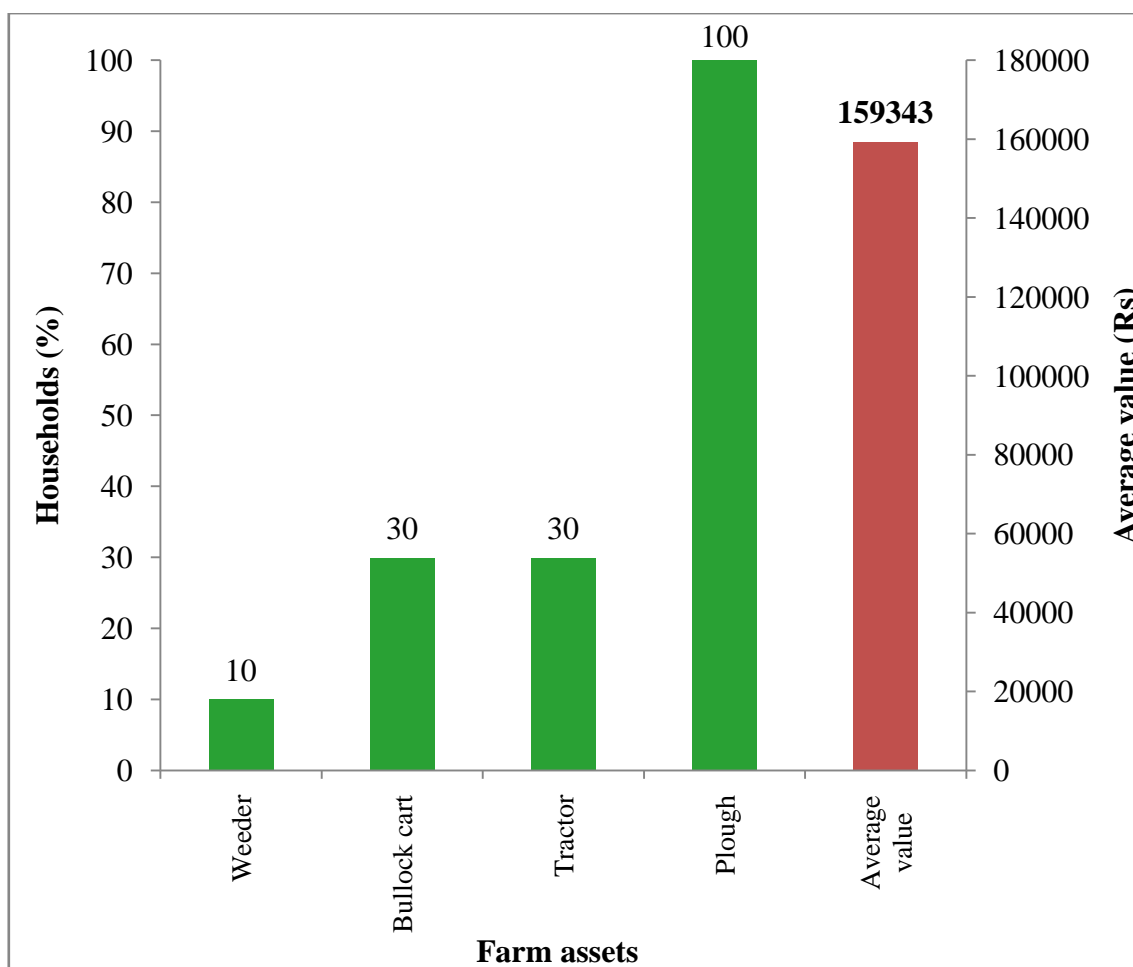


Figure 5: Farm assets among samples households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Livestock is an integral component of the conventional farming systems (Table 7 and Figure 6). The highest livestock population is crossbred milching cow were around 41.7 per cent followed by bullocks (25.0 %), local dry cow (25.0 %) and local milching cow (14.6 %). The average value of livestock was Rs. 25083 per household.

Table 7: Livestock assets among sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed

Livestock	% of livestock population	Average value in Rs
Local Dry Cow	25.0	5333
Local Milching Cow	8.3	20000
Crossbred Milching Cow	41.7	31000
Bullocks	25.0	36667
Average value		25083

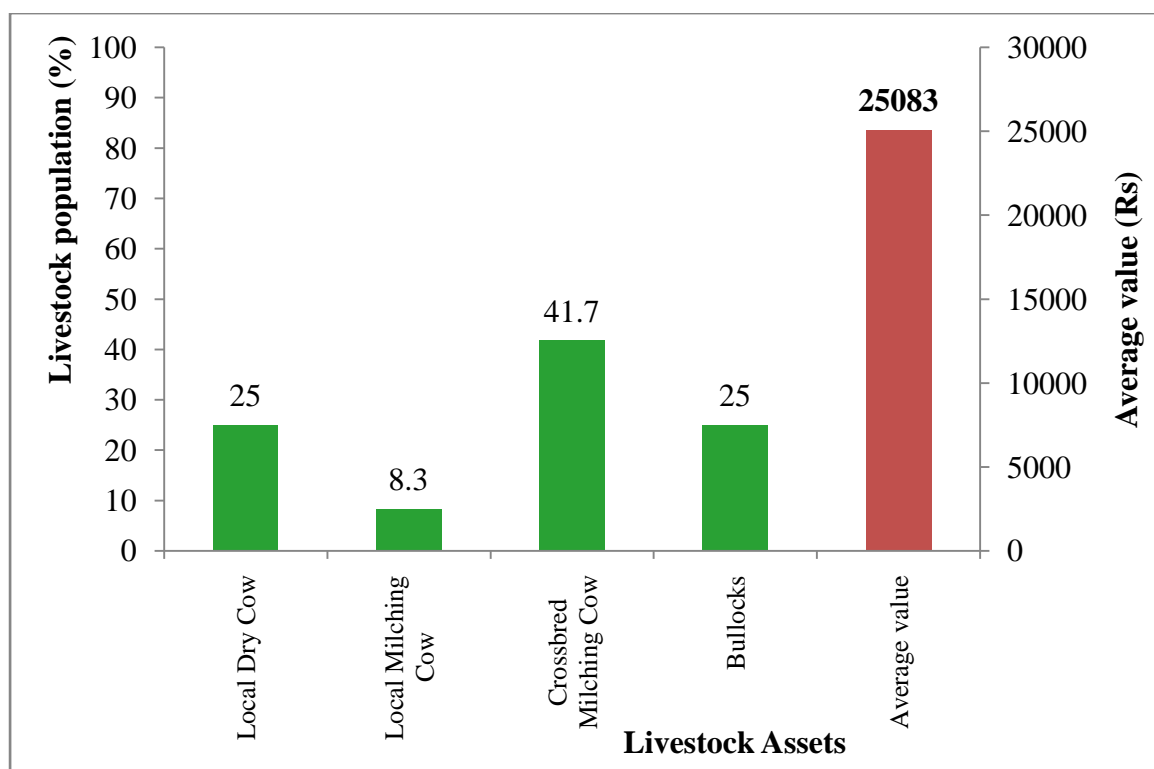


Figure 6: Livestock assets among sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed

Average milk produced in sample households is 792 liters/ annum. Among the farm households, sorghum and horse gram are the main crops for domestic food and fodder for animals. About 1703 kg /ha of average fodder is available per season for the livestock feeding (Table 8).

Table 8: Milk produced and fodder availability of sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	
Name of the Livestock	Ltr./Lactation/animal
Local Milching Cow	360
Crossbred milching cow	1224
Average Milk produced	792
Fodder produces	Fodder yield (kg/ha.)
Sorghum	1740
Horse gram	1666
Average fodder availability	1703
Livestock having households (%)	85.7
Livestock population (Numbers)	18

A woman participation in decision making in this micro-watershed is presented in Table 9. About 20.0 per cent of women participation in local organisation activates,

86.5 per cent women earning for her family requirement and 20 per cent of women taking decision in her family and agriculture related activities.

Table 9: Women empowerment of sample households in Kalagatahundi 2

Microwatershed

% to Grand Total

Particulars	Yes	No
Women participation in local organization activities	20.0	80.0
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	20.0	80.0

The food intake in terms of kilo calorie (kcal) per person per day was calculated and presented in the Table 10 and Figure 7. More quantity of cereals is consumed by sample farmers which accounted for 804.1 kcal per person. The other important food items consumed was cooking oil 184.5 kcal followed by egg 45.0 kcal, pulses 81.9 kcal, milk 92.1 kcal, vegetables 17.5 kcal and meat 11.5 kcal. In the sampled households, farmers were consuming less (1236.5 kcal) than NIN- recommended food requirement (2250 kcal).

Table 10: Per capita daily consumption of food among the sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	NIN recommendation (gram/ per day/ person)	Present level of consumption (gram/ per day/ person)	Kilo Calories /day/person
Cereals	396.0	236.5	804.1
Cooking Oil	31.0	32.4	184.5
Egg	0.5	30.0	45.0
Pulses	43.0	23.9	81.9
Milk	200.0	141.7	92.1
Vegetables	143.0	72.5	17.4
Meat	14.2	7.7	11.5
Total	827.7	544.6	1236.5
Threshold of NIN recommendation		827 gram*	2250 Kcal*
% Below NIN		100	100
% Above NIN		0	0

Note: * day/person

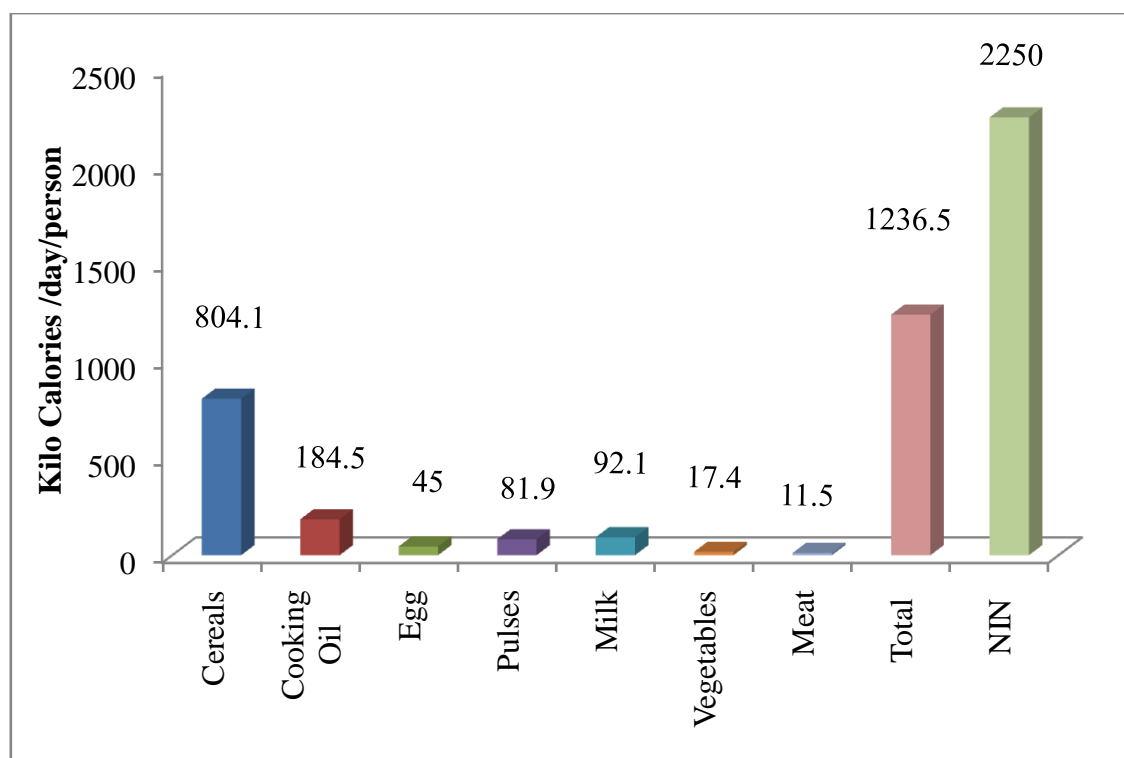


Figure 7: Per capita daily consumption of food among the sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Annual income of the sample HHs: The average annual household income is around Rs. 73121. Major source of income to the farmers in the study area is from crop production (Rs. 52988) followed by livestock (Rs. 20133). The monthly per capita income is Rs.1264, 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 11).

Table 11: Annual average income of HHs from various sources in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	Income *
Nonfarm income	0 (0)
Livestock income (Rs)	20133 (54.5)
Crop Production (Rs)	52988(100)
Total Annual Income (Rs)	73121
Average monthly per capita income (Rs)	1264
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. 30984) 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 1257. About 60.0 percent of farm households are below poverty line and 40.0 percent of farm households are above poverty line (Table 12 and Figure 8).

Table 12: Average annual expenditure of sample HHs in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	Value in Rupees	Per cent
Food	30984	42.8
Education	13100	18.1
Clothing	5000	6.9
Social functions	13500	18.7
Health	9800	13.5
Total Expenditure (Rs/year)	72384	100.0
Monthly per capita expenditure (Rs)	1257	

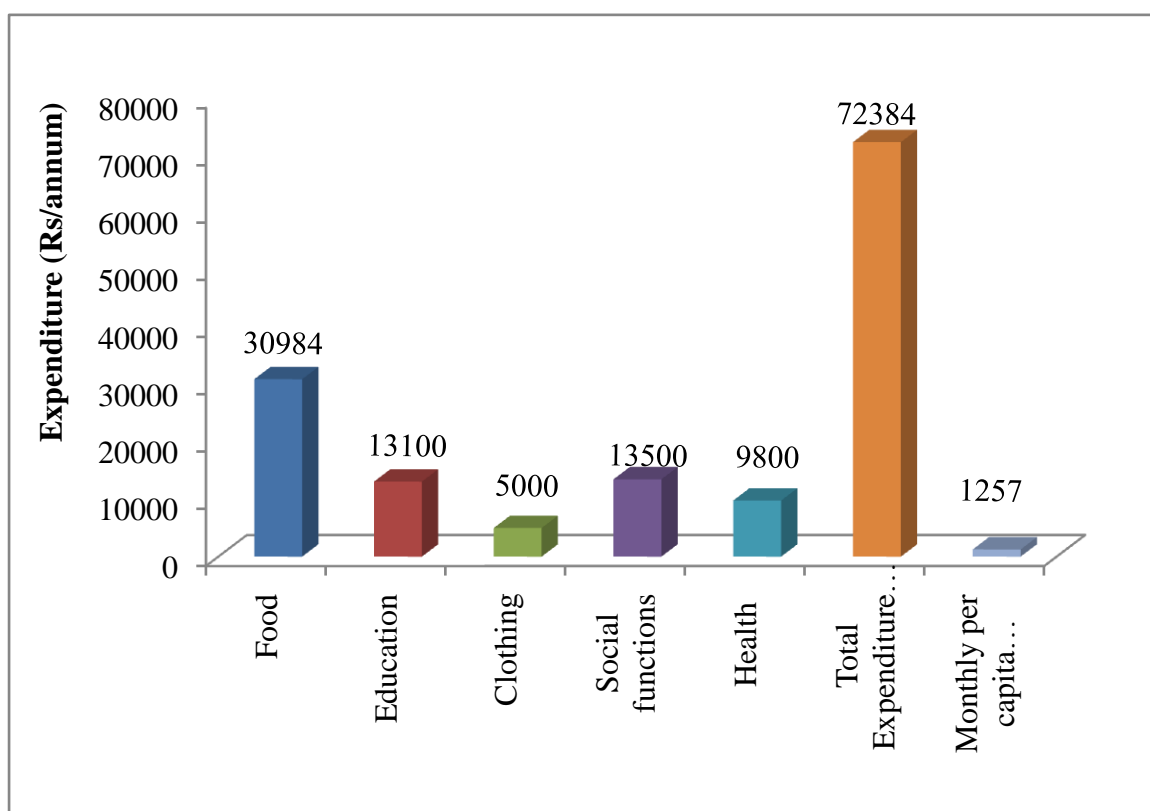


Figure 8: Average annual expenditure of sample HHs in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Land holding: The total area cultivated by them is 10.3 ha. The average land holding of sample HHs is 1.0 ha. Large number of sample HHs (90.0 %) belong to small

size group with an average holding size of 0.9 ha followed by medium farmers (10.0 %) with an average holding size of 2.1 (Table 13).

Table 13: Distribution of land holding among the sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed

Particulars	Units	Values
Small farmers		
Total land	ha	8.18
Sample size	Per cent	90.0
Average land holding	ha	0.9
Medium farmers		
Total land	ha	2.14
Sample size	Per cent	10.0
Average land holding	ha	2.1
Total sample households		
Total land	ha	10.32
Sample size	Per cent	100.0
Average land holding	ha	1.0

Land use: The total land holding in the Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed is 10.3 ha (Table 14). Of which 6.2 ha is dry land and 4.1 ha is irrigated land. The average land holding per household is worked out to be 1.0 ha.

Table 14: Land use among samples households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Particulars	Per cent	Area in ha
Irrigated land	40.1	4.1
Dry land	59.9	6.2
Fallow land	0.0	0.0
Total land holding	100.0	10.3
Average land holding	1.0	

Table 15: Number of trees/plants covered in sample farm households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed.

Particulars	Number of Plants/trees	Per cent
Guava	220	34.5
Areca nut	200	31.4
Coconut	100	15.7
Lime	40	6.3
Teak	35	5.5
Neem trees	24	3.8
Jalli	13	2.0
Jack fruit	3	0.5
Tamarind	1	0.2
Saputo	1	0.2
Grand Total	637	100

In the micro-watershed, the prevalent present land uses under perennial plants are guava (34.5%) followed areca nut (31.4%), coconut (15.7%), lime (6.3%), teak (5.5%), neem trees (3.8%), jalli (2.0 %) and jack fruit, tamarind, sapota are less than one percent (Table 15).

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 cotton (42.6 %) followed by banana (16.4 %), sorghum (11.3 %), marigold (6.6 %) and turmeric (3.1 %) which is taken during Kharif and horse gram (16.7 %), sorghum (3.4 %) during Rabi season respectively. The cropping intensity was 125 per cent (Table 16 and Figure 9).

Table 16: Present cropping pattern and cropping intensity in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Crops	% to Grand Total		
	Kharif	Rabi	Grand Total
Cotton	42.6	0.0	42.6
Banana	16.4	0.0	16.4
Sorghum	11.3	3.4	14.7
Marigold	6.6	0.0	6.6
Turmeric	3.1	0.0	3.1
Horse gram	0.0	16.7	16.7
Grand Total	79.9	20.1	100.0
Cropping intensity (%)	125		

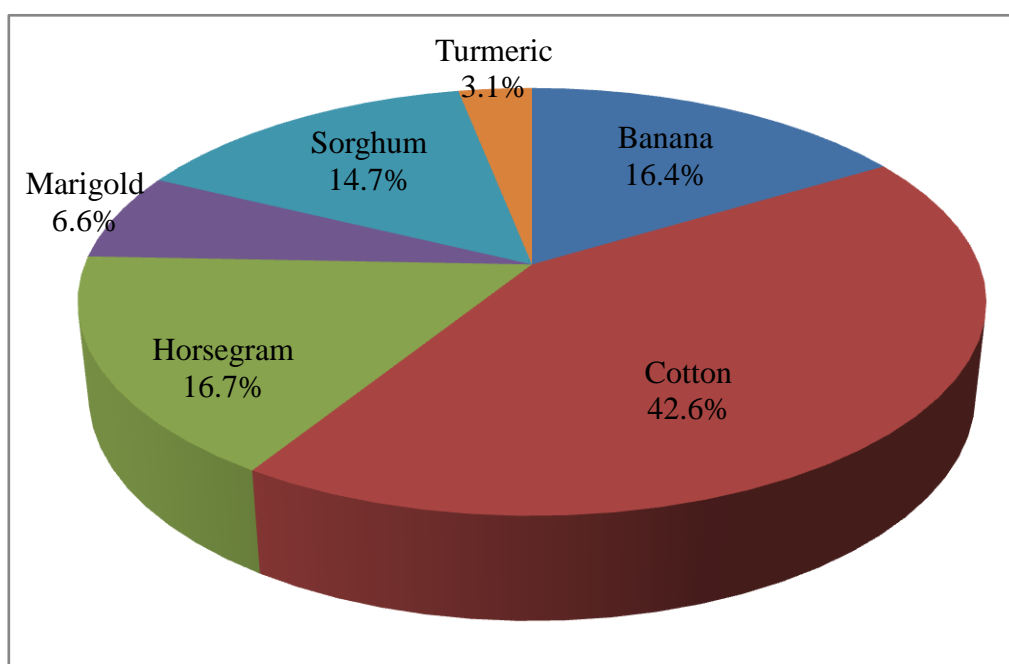


Figure 9: Present cropping pattern in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Economic land evaluation

The main purpose of economic land evaluation 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.

In Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed, 4 soil series are identified and mapped (Table 17). The distribution of major soil series are Hullipura covering an area around 39.9 ha (9.6 %) followed by Beemanabeedu 18.2 ha (4.4 %), Kannigala 8.9 ha (2.4 %) and Honnegauda-nahalli 4.8 ha (1.1%).

Table 17: Distribution of soil series in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Soil No	Soil Series	Mapping Unit Description	Area in ha (%)
1	BMB	Beemanabeedu soils are very deep (>150 cm), moderately well drained, have very dark greyish brown to dark grey and very dark brown clayey soils occurring on very gently sloping lowlands under cultivation	18.2 (4.4)
2	HGH	Honnegaudanahalli soils are very deep (>150 cm), well drained, have very dark brown to brown and dark reddish brown sandy clay loam soils occurring on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation	4.8 (1.1)
3	HPR	Hullipura soils are moderately shallow (50-75 cm), well drained, have dark brown to very dark brown gravelly sandy clay loam to sandy clay soils occurring on very gently sloping uplands under cultivation	39.9 (9.6)
4	KNG	Kannigala soils are moderately deep (75-100 cm), well drained, have dark reddish brown to dark red gravelly sandy clay loam to andy clay soils occurring on very gently to gently sloping uplands under cultivation	8.9 (2.4)
5		Forest	343.7 (82.5)
6		Others	1.1 (0.3)

Present cropping pattern on different soil series are given in Table 18. Crops grown on Honnegaudanahalli soils are banana, cotton, horse gram, marigold, sorghum and turmeric. Cotton, horse gram and sorghum on Beemanabeedu soils are grown. Banana and cotton are grown on Berambadi soils, marigold and sorghum on Hullipura soils are grown. Cotton and sorghum on Kannigala soils can grow.

Table 18: Cropping pattern on major soil series in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed
(Area in per cent)

Soil Series	Soil Depth	Crops	Dry		Irrigated	Grand Total
			Kharif	Rabi	Kharif	
BMD	Shallow (25-50 cm)	Banana	0.0	0.0	93.0	93.0
		Cotton	7.0	0.0	0.0	7.0
HPR	Moderately shallow (50-75 cm)	Marigold	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
		Sorghum	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
KNG	Moderately deep (75-100 cm)	Cotton	81.8	0.0	0.0	81.8
		Sorghum	18.2	0.0	0.0	18.2
HGH	Very deep (>150 cm)	Banana	0.0	0.0	14.8	14.8
		Cotton	12.2	0.0	0.0	12.2
		Horsegram	0.0	36.5	0.0	36.5
		Marigold	12.2	0.0	0.0	12.2
		Sorghum	12.2	0.0	0.0	12.2
		Turmeric	0.0	0.0	12.2	12.2
BMB	Very deep (>150 cm)	Cotton	27.6	0.0	0.0	27.6
		Horsegram	0.0	63.8	0.0	63.8
		Sorghum	8.6	0.0	0.0	8.6

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 micro-watershed are given below (Table 19).

Table 19: Alternative land use options for different size group of farmers (Benefit Cost Ratio) in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed.

Soil series	Small Farmers	Medium Farmers
BMD	Banana (2.47) ,Cotton (1.56)	
HPR	Marigold (1.03), Sorghum (1.39)	
KNG	Cotton (1.76)	Cotton (1.89), Sorghum (2.07)
BMB	Cotton (1.77), Horse gram(2.30),Sorghum(0.34)	
HGH	Banana(3.42),Cotton (1.04), Horsegram (1.69), Marigold (1.01), Sorghum (1.08),Turmeric (1.95)	

The productivity of different crops grown in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed under potential yield of the crops is given in Table 20.

The data on cost of cultivation and benefit cost ratio (BCR) of different crops is given in Table 20. The total cost of cultivation in study area for sorghum ranges between Rs.46315/ha in BMB soil (with BCR of 1.0) and Rs.17152/ha in HGH soil (with BCR of 1.12), banana range between Rs 141590/ha in HGH soil (with of 3.43) and Rs.74953/ha in BMD soil (with BCR of 2.47), cotton range between Rs.78441/ha in BMD soil (with BCR of 1.15) and Rs. 30305/ha in KNG soil (with BCR of 1.82), marigold cost of cultivation range between is Rs.63562/ha in HGH soil (with BCR of 1.02) and Rs 48846 in HPR soil (with BCR of 1.03),

Table 20: Economic land evaluation and bridging yield gap for different crops in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed

Particulars	BMD (25-50 cm)		HPR (50-75 cm)		KNG (75-100 cm)		BMB (>150 cm)			HGH (>150 cm)					
	Banana	Cot ton	Mari gold	Sor ghum	Cot ton	Sor ghum	Cotton	Horse gram	Sor ghum	Banana	Cotton	Horse gram	Mari gold	Sor ghum	Tur meric
Total cost (Rs/ha)	74953	78441	48846	17948	30305	12009	72098	18834	46315	141590	66945	5418	63562	17152	141025
Gross Return (Rs/ha)	185250	90567	50523	20209	54905	25567	98553	24090	46388	485902	67925	9139	64838	19266	276640
Net returns (Rs/ha)	110297	12125	1677	2261	24600	13558	26455	5257	73	344312	980	3721	1276	2114	135615
BCR	2.47	1.15	1.03	1.13	1.82	2.13	1.37	1.72	1.00	3.43	1.01	1.69	1.02	1.12	1.96
Farmers Practices (FP)															
FYM (t/ha)	3.8	8.3	4.5	0.0	1.7	0.0	5.0	0.0	6.1	2.0	5.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5
Nitrogen (kg/ha)	296.9	111.3	98.9	98.9	66.6	73.2	92.5	70.6	48.8	154.5	50.9	50.9	50.9	50.9	154.5
Phosphorus (kg/ha)	116.3	131.3	52.3	52.3	80.8	97.7	111.3	73.2	35.1	217.3	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9	217.3
Potash (kg/ha)	58.8	35.4	34.1	34.1	26.3	23.5	21.3	10.6	0.0	36.8	47.2	47.2	47.2	47.2	36.8
Grain (Qtl/ha)	125.0	16.7	68.2	15.9	11.6	15.4	17.5	7.8	12.2	245.9	12.5	2.5	87.5	10.0	35.0
Price of Yield (Rs/Qtl)	1500	5500	750	1200	4800	1600	5700	2650	3250	2000	5500	3500	750	1800	8000
Soil test based fertilizer Recommendation (STBR)															
FYM (t/ha)	39.5	12.4	19.8	7.4	12.4	7.4	12.4	0.0	7.4	39.5	12.4	0.0	19.8	7.4	24.7
Nitrogen (kg/ha)	432.3	148.2	222.3	81.5	111.2	61.1	148.2	24.7	81.5	540.3	148.2	24.7	222.3	81.5	185.3
Phosphorus (kg/ha)	259.4	74.1	59.3	56.8	92.6	71.0	74.1	37.1	56.8	259.4	74.1	37.1	59.3	56.8	123.5
Potash (kg/ha)	543.4	74.1	44.5	29.6	74.1	39.5	55.6	18.5	29.6	543.4	74.1	24.7	59.3	39.5	247.0
Grain (Qtl/ha)	395.2	17.3	98.8	28.4	17.3	28.4	17.3	9.9	28.4	395.2	17.3	9.9	98.8	28.4	24.7
% of Adoption/yield gap (STBR-FP) / (STBR)															
FYM (%)	90.5	32.5	77.0	100.0	86.4	100.0	59.5	0.0	17.7	94.8	59.5	0.0	87.3	100.0	89.9
Nitrogen (%)	31.3	24.9	55.5	-21.3	40.1	-19.7	37.6	-186.0	40.2	71.4	65.6	-106.2	77.1	37.5	16.6
Phosphorus (%)	55.2	-77.1	11.8	8.0	12.8	-37.6	-50.1	-97.5	38.3	16.2	-16.0	-132.0	-45.0	-51.3	-75.9
Potash (%)	89.2	52.2	23.3	-15.0	64.5	40.6	61.8	42.6	0.0	93.2	36.3	-91.0	0.0	-19.4	85.1
Grain (%)	68.4	3.6	31.0	44.0	32.8	46.0	-1.2	21.2	57.1	37.8	27.7	74.7	11.4	64.8	-41.7
Value of yield and Fertilizer (Rs)															
Additional Cost (Rs/ha)	53384	2719	17211	7312	12677	6410	7070	-1982	3255	54085	8535	-2916	18385	6342	22648
Additional Benefits (Rs/ha)	405300	3428	22964	14995	27231	20887	-1197	5559	52682	298597	26345	25830	8475	33129	-82400
Net change Income (Rs/ha)	351916	709	5752	7683	14553	14477	-8267	7541	49427	244512	17810	28746	-9910	26787	-105048

horse gram the cost of cultivation range between is Rs.18834/ha in BMB soil (with BCR of 1.72) and Rs 5418 in HGH soil (with BCR of 1.69) and turmeric cultivation in HGH soil is Rs.141025/ha (with BCR of 1.96).

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 20. 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 351916 in banana and a minimum of Rs 709 in cotton cultivation.

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 21 and Figure 10. The average value of soil nutrient loss is around Rs 721 per ha/year. The total cost of annual soil nutrients is around Rs.51906 per year for the total area of 416.7 ha.

Table 21: Estimation of onsite cost of soil erosion in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed

Particulars	Quantity(kg)		Value (Rs)	
	Per ha	Total	Per ha	Total
Organic matter	99.92	7194	629.5	45323
Phosphorus	0.04	3	1.5	112
Potash	0.57	41	11.5	827
Iron	0.29	21	14.1	1017
Manganese	0.20	14	54.5	3925
Copper	0.01	1	7.4	536
Zinc	0.00	0	0.1	9
Sulphur	0.05	4	2.1	153
Boron	0.00	0	0.1	6
Total	19.41	7279	720.9	51906

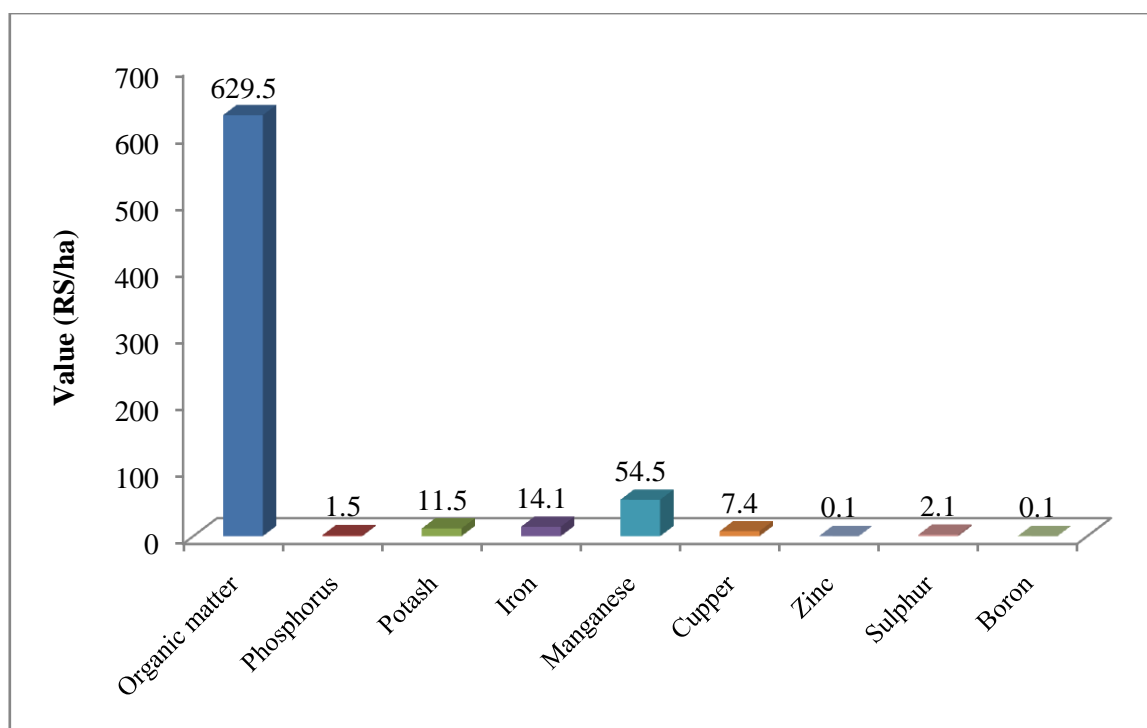


Figure 10: Estimation of onsite cost of soil erosion in Kalagatahundi 2 micro-watershed

The average value of ecosystem service for food grain production is around Rs 82372/ha/year (Table 22 and Figure 11). Per ha food grain production services is maximum in banana (Rs. 212373) followed by turmeric (Rs. 135615), cotton (Rs. 18419), horse gram (Rs. 3089), marigold (Rs. 1476) and sorghum (Rs. 2556).

Table 22: Ecosystem services of food grain production in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

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	1.9	13	1963	25912	23356	2556
Pulses	Horsegram	2.1	6	2933	17451	14362	3089
Commercial Crops	Cotton	5.1	13	5258	69819	51400	18419
	Marigold	0.9	77	750	57680	56204	1476
Fruits	Banana	2.1	183	1750	320644	108271	212373
Spice crops	Turmeric	0.4	35	8000	276640	141025	135615
Average value		12.5	54.5	3442	128024	65770	62255

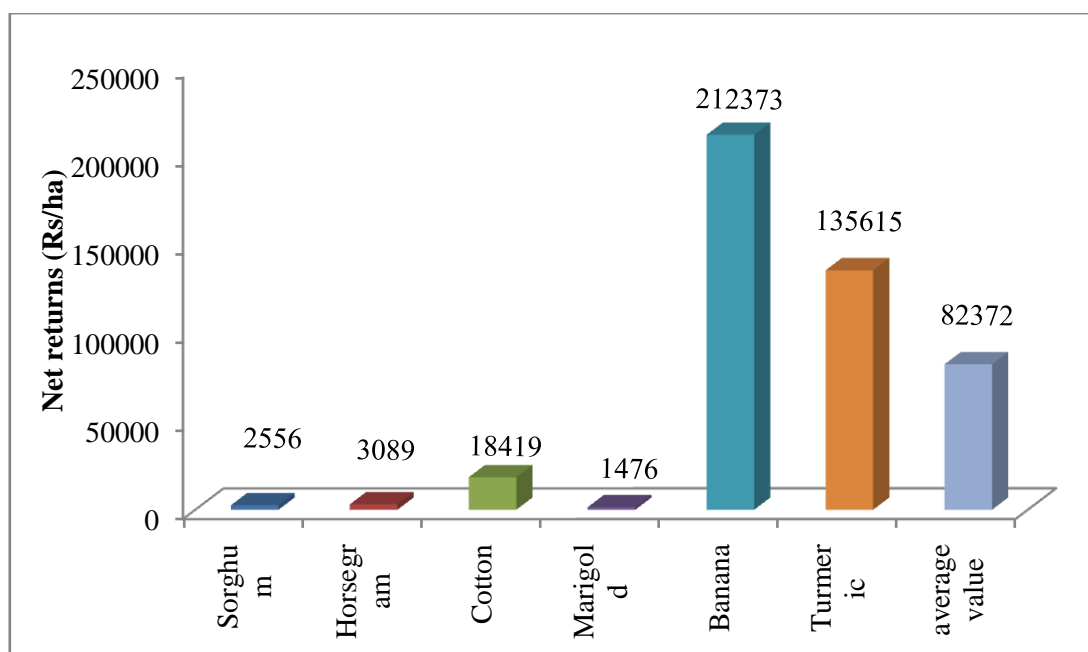


Figure 11: Ecosystem services of food grain production in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

The average value of ecosystem service for fodder production is around Rs. 2363/ha/year (Table 23). Per hectare fodder production of maximum returns was horse gram (Rs. 2284) and sorghum (Rs. 2420).

Table 23: Ecosystem services of fodder production in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Production items	Crops	Area in ha	Yield (Qtl/ha)	Price (Rs/Qtl)	Net Returns (Rs/ha)
Cereals	Sorghum	1.9	3.2	750	2420
Pulses	Horse gram	2.1	3.3	683	2284
Average value		4.0	3.3	717	2352

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 24 and Figure 12) in banana (Rs. 144748) followed by cotton (Rs. 53496), turmeric (Rs. 57299), sorghum (Rs. 40244) and horse gram (Rs. 18312).

Table 24: Ecosystem services of water supply in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

Crops	Yield (Qtl/ha)	Virtual water (cubic meter) per ha	Value of Water (Rs/ha)	Water consumption (Cubic meters/Qtl)
Banana	183.2	14475	144748	79
Cotton	13.3	5350	53496	403
Horse gram	5.9	1831	18312	308
Sorghum	13.2	4024	40244	305
Turmeric	34.6	5730	57299	166
Grand Total	34.5	5523	55230	160

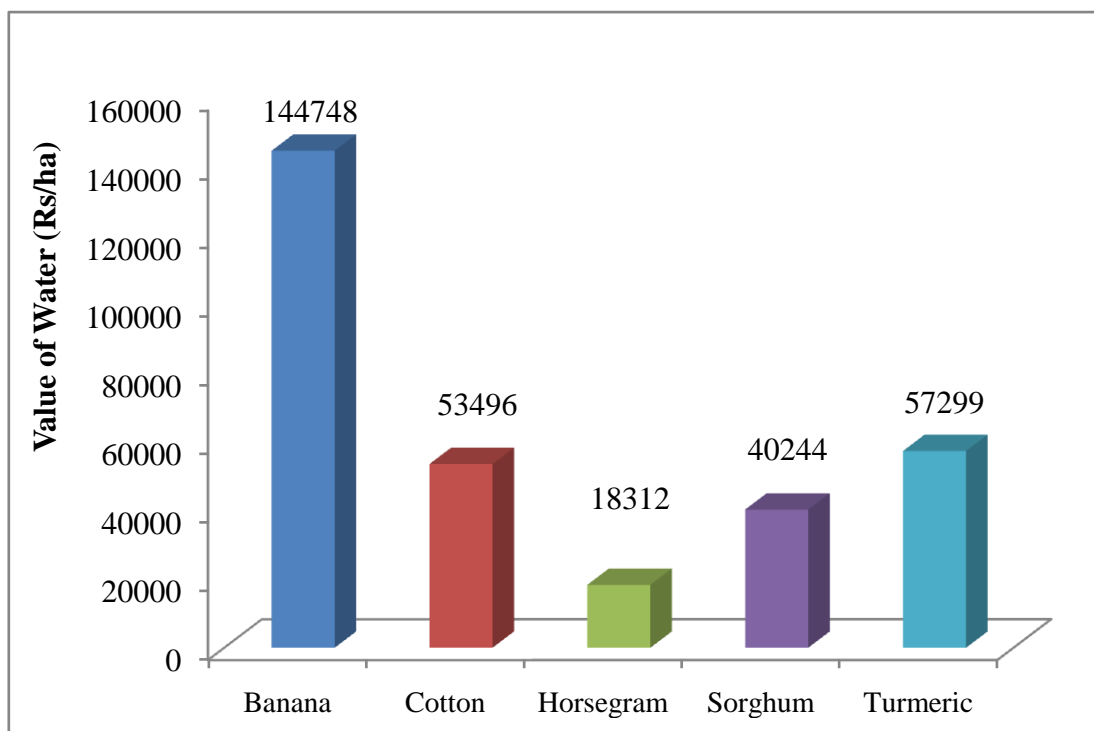


Figure 12: Ecosystem services of water supply in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed

The main farming constraints in Kalagatahundi 1 micro-watershed to be found are less rainfall, lack of good quality seeds, non availability fertilizers, high crop pests & diseases, animal pests & diseases, lack of transportation, lack of storage, damage of crops by wild animals and non availability of plant protection chemicals. Majority of farmers depend up on money lender and bank of the sources of loan for purpose of crop production. Farmers to sell the agriculture produce through village market and the farmers getting the agriculture related information on newspaper, mobile and television. Farmers reported that they are not getting timely support/extension services from the concerned development department (Table 25).

Table 25: Farming constraints related land resources of sample households in Kalagatahundi 2 Microwatershed.

Sl. No	Particulars	Per cent
1	Less Rainfall	90.0
2	Lack of good quality seeds	10.0
3	Non availability Fertilizers	10.0
4	Damage of crops by Wild Animals	100.0
5	Source of loan	
	Money Leander	100.0
6	Market for selling	
	Regulated	10.0
	Village Market	90.0
7	Sources of Agri-Technology information	
	Newspaper	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.