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ABSTRACT

Background: The sustainability of the agroecosystem in Barangay Capas, Umingan, Pangasinan was assessed using productivity, economic viability and ecological soundness as indicators. **Methods:** Representative farmers were interviewed for socio-demographic profile, Land Utilization Type (LUT) description and soil sampling was done per LUT for the determination of the major nutrients N, P, and K, soil pH as well as the soil texture and color. **Results:** Majority of the farmers do farming for subsistence. The yield obtained per LUT was 40-60% lower than the potential yield of the rice variety used. For the farmers with vegetables and corn as second crop, the yield obtained was 50-60% lower than the normal average yield. **Conclusion:** The productivity, economic viability, and ecological soundness of the existing agroecosystem were low. This was attributed to the regular use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

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