



Application of SRF by a farmer on her rice field (H.PG.T.N. Kualasinghe)

## Recycling rice husks in Sri Lanka as a biochar-based slow-release urea fertilizer (Sri Lanka)

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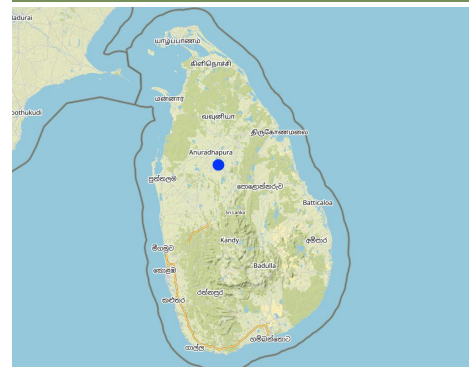
### DESCRIPTION

Rice husks, a waste product generated in rice mills, can release its carbon as a greenhouse gas (GHG) to the atmosphere through burning or decomposition. Converting it into biochar and intercalating (filled) with urea can produce a slow-release nitrogen (N) fertilizer that improves N-use efficiency while minimizing GHG emissions.

Rice husks are often considered as a waste, and its carbon is released to the atmosphere as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) which is a greenhouse gas (GHG) through either decomposition or burning as a biofuel. However, rice husks can be converted into biochar - where its carbon is stable - with a large number of micro and sub-micron size pores in a honeycomb-like structure. Rice husk biochar was produced using an improved batch pyrolyzer, “Kunthaniya”, at a temperature of between 450°C and 650°C. Pore spaces in rice husk biochar can be intercalated (filled) with urea and then, slow-release fertilizer (SRF) pellets can be produced through the use of a suitable biodegradable binder. This SRF has found to be more efficient in improving the N-use efficiency, hence the urea requirement of paddy fields in Sri Lanka can be reduced by about 25%, further contributing to environment sustainability. It has been well documented that biochar can improve soil physical, chemical and biological properties in a sustainable manner. This process is a contribution to creative recycling of agricultural waste. The SRF technology was evaluated against current farmer practice in rice cultivated area in Mahakanumulla village, Anuradhapura district, Sri Lanka. The area belongs to the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka (mean annual rainfall <1750mm). Rice is cultivated during two seasons, yala (May-September) and maha (December - February): the yala season is generally drier. Farmers rely on irrigation water supplied from a small village tank. The SRF was transported to farmers’ fields and applied at 2 weeks (@ 100 kg/ha), at 4 weeks (@ 170 kg/ha) and 7 weeks (@ 145 kg/ha) after direct seeding. Farmers indicated that the granule size was large and light, hence they had some concerns about even distribution of fertilizer. They perceive that plants receive N slowly compared to granular urea - suggesting the slow releasing nature of the new technology. They did not observe any yield difference. Obtaining rice husks in large quantities from rice mills to produce biochar can sometimes be difficult in some areas of the country due to competition for use in the poultry industry. Some farmers may be discouraged to implement this technology due to lack of knowledge: this can be overcome through extension officers operating at field level.

This new technology qualifies as a sustainable land management practice in number of ways. First it increases N-use efficiency in paddy fields, second it reduces the urea requirement by 25% while sustaining productivity, third it recycles agricultural wastes in paddy fields, fourth, repeated application of SRF improves soil fertility through rice husk biochar, and finally it reduces GHG emissions.

### LOCATION



**Location:** Mahakanumulla village, Thirappane, North Central Province, Sri Lanka

**No. of Technology sites analysed:** 2-10 sites

#### Geo-reference of selected sites

- 80.49616, 8.18388
- 80.49579, 8.18284
- 80.49861, 8.18453
- 80.49605, 8.18309

**Spread of the Technology:** applied at specific points/ concentrated on a small area

**In a permanently protected area?:** No

**Date of implementation:** 2021

#### Type of introduction

- through land users' innovation
- as part of a traditional system (> 50 years)
- during experiments/ research
- through projects/ external interventions



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## CLASSIFICATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY

### Main purpose

- improve production
- reduce, prevent, restore land degradation
- conserve ecosystem
- protect a watershed/ downstream areas - in combination with other Technologies
- preserve/ improve biodiversity
- reduce risk of disasters
- adapt to climate change/ extremes and its impacts
- mitigate climate change and its impacts
- create beneficial economic impact
- create beneficial social impact

### Purpose related to land degradation

- prevent land degradation
- reduce land degradation
- restore/ rehabilitate severely degraded land
- adapt to land degradation
- not applicable

### SLM group

- integrated soil fertility management
- waste management/ waste water management

### Land use

Land use mixed within the same land unit: Nee



#### Cropland

- Annual cropping: cereals - rice (wetland). Cropping system: Continuous wetland rice
- Number of growing seasons per year: 2
- Is intercropping practiced? Nee
- Is crop rotation practiced? Nee

### Water supply

- rainfed
- mixed rainfed-irrigated
- full irrigation

### Degradation addressed



**chemical soil deterioration** - Cn: fertility decline and reduced organic matter content (not caused by erosion), Cp: soil pollution



**water degradation** - Hp: decline of surface water quality, Hq: decline of groundwater quality

### SLM measures



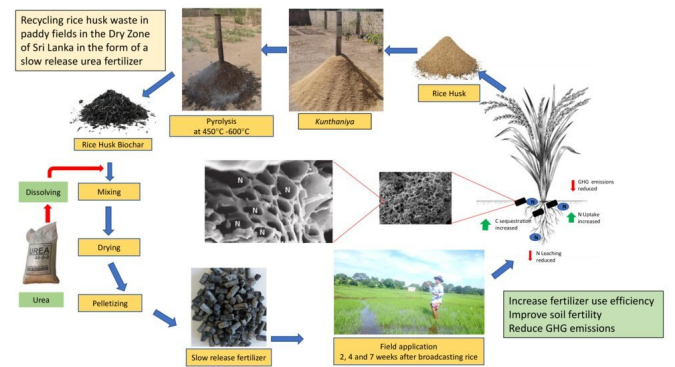
**agronomic measures** - A2: Organic matter/ soil fertility, A3: Soil surface treatment (A 3.3: Full tillage (< 30% soil cover)), A6: Residue management (A 6.4: retained)

## TECHNICAL DRAWING

### Technical specifications

Production of SRF: Rice husks were pyrolyzed using a locally modified “Kunthaniya” (a batch pyrolyser) to produce rice husk biochar. The temperature of the pyrolyser was around 450°C to 600°C with a heating rate of less than 20°C per hour. Pore structures were saturated using a urea solution through capillary action. The urea-intercalated rice husk biochar is then mixed with a biodegradable organic substance and pelletized using a medium scale pelletizer and dried to increase its mechanical properties such as resistance to disintegration and shear forces.

Field Experiment : Five paddy farmers were randomly selected from the command area of a small tank in the Mahakanumulla Village Tank Cascade System in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka. The produced SRF was applied at a rate of 75% of recommended N in three split applications. Yields in SRF applied areas were compared against the current farmer practice. Experimental evidence showed that there is no yield reduction despite the reduction of nitrogen input into their fields.



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## ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE: ACTIVITIES, INPUTS AND COSTS

### Calculation of inputs and costs

- Costs are calculated: per Technology area (size and area unit: **1ha**)
- Currency used for cost calculation: **LKR**
- Exchange rate (to USD): 1 USD = 275.0 LKR
- Average wage cost of hired labour per day: 1500

### Most important factors affecting the costs

Labour availability and finding raw materials are the major factors that affect the cost.

### Establishment activities

1. Collection of paddy husk from rice milling stations (Timing/ frequency: 2 months before cultivation)
2. Pyrolyzing of paddy husk using a pyrolyzer or a kunthani (Timing/ frequency: 6 weeks before cultivation)
3. Mixing with urea, ERP and other ingredients and pelletizing (Timing/ frequency: 4 weeks before cultivation)
4. Drying the pellets (SRF) (Timing/ frequency: 2 weeks before cultivation)
5. Packing and transporting SRF to the rice fields (Timing/ frequency: 1 week before cultivation)

### Establishment inputs and costs (per 1ha)

Specify input	Unit	Quantity	Costs per Unit (LKR)	Total costs per input (LKR)	% of costs borne by land users
<b>Labour</b>					
Manufacturing SRF	Labour days	2.5	1500.0	3750.0	
<b>Fertilizers and biocides</b>					
Urea	kg	200.0	270.0	54000.0	
<b>Construction material</b>					
Binding materials 1	kg	10.0	25.0	250.0	
Binding materials 2	kg	10.0	250.0	2500.0	
Rice husk biochar	kg	200.0	50.0	10000.0	
<b>Total costs for establishment of the Technology</b>				<b>70'500.0</b>	
<i>Total costs for establishment of the Technology in USD</i>				<i>256.36</i>	

### Maintenance activities

1. Application of first dose of SRF (Timing/ frequency: 2 weeks after direct seeding of rice)
2. Application of second dose of SRF (Timing/ frequency: 4 weeks after direct seeding of rice)
3. Application of third dose of SRF (Timing/ frequency: 7 weeks after direct seeding of rice)

### Maintenance inputs and costs (per 1ha)

Specify input	Unit	Quantity	Costs per Unit (LKR)	Total costs per input (LKR)	% of costs borne by land users
<b>Labour</b>					
Labour for SRF application	Labour days	3.0	1500.0	4500.0	100.0
<b>Total costs for maintenance of the Technology</b>				<b>4'500.0</b>	
<i>Total costs for maintenance of the Technology in USD</i>				<i>16.36</i>	

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### Average annual rainfall

- < 250 mm
- 251-500 mm
- 501-750 mm
- 751-1,000 mm
- 1,001-1,500 mm
- 1,501-2,000 mm
- 2,001-3,000 mm
- 3,001-4,000 mm
- > 4,000 mm

### Agro-climatic zone

- humid
- sub-humid
- semi-arid
- arid

### Specifications on climate

Average annual rainfall in mm: 1400.0

The Mahakanumulla area receives monsoon rainfall during two distinct seasons, namely yala (May – September) and maha (December – February), hence a bimodal rainfall pattern can be observed. The highest amount of rainfall is received during the maha season, in which most of the rainfall comes from the North-eastern monsoonal rains. Lesser rainfall is received from the South-west monsoonal rains, during the yala season. Hence prolonged dry

periods are observed during the yala season. Other than that, this area receives rainfall from two inter-monsoonal rains (March-April and October-November).

Name of the meteorological station: Mahailuppallama, Anuradhapura

Recorded minimum and maximum temperatures in the area are 20.8°C and 29.5°C respectively

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<b>Soil depth</b> <input type="checkbox"/> very shallow (0-20 cm) <input type="checkbox"/> shallow (21-50 cm) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moderately deep (51-80 cm) <input type="checkbox"/> deep (81-120 cm) <input type="checkbox"/> very deep (> 120 cm)	<b>Soil texture (topsoil)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> coarse/ light (sandy) <input type="checkbox"/> medium (loamy, silty) <input type="checkbox"/> fine/ heavy (clay)	<b>Soil texture (&gt; 20 cm below surface)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> coarse/ light (sandy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium (loamy, silty) <input type="checkbox"/> fine/ heavy (clay)	<b>Topsoil organic matter content</b> <input type="checkbox"/> high (>3%) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium (1-3%) <input type="checkbox"/> low (<1%)

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## CHARACTERISTICS OF LAND USERS APPLYING THE TECHNOLOGY

<b>Market orientation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> subsistence (self-supply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mixed (subsistence/ commercial) <input type="checkbox"/> commercial/ market	<b>Off-farm income</b> <input type="checkbox"/> less than 10% of all income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10-50% of all income <input type="checkbox"/> > 50% of all income	<b>Relative level of wealth</b> <input type="checkbox"/> very poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> average <input type="checkbox"/> rich <input type="checkbox"/> very rich	<b>Level of mechanization</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> manual work <input type="checkbox"/> animal traction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mechanized/ motorized
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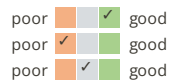
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**Comments**  
 The villagers of Mahaknumulla have access for most of the resources like infrastructure and energy/electricity/fuel. But most of the villagers/landusers complain about technical assistant/support for agricultural practices, finding markets for their produce and availability of good quality drinking water. The villagers go to nearby

roads and transport  
drinking water and sanitation  
financial services

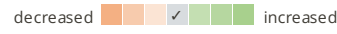


shops to buy day-to-day needs, but they have to go to the town, which is 8-10km away, for other services such as health and financial services.

## IMPACTS

### Socio-economic impacts

Crop production

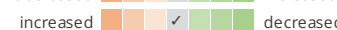
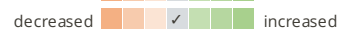
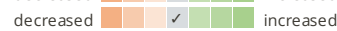
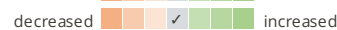
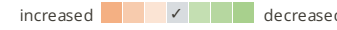
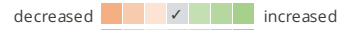


Quantity before SLM: 6.5 t/ha (two seasons)

Quantity after SLM: 6.9 t/ha (two seasons)

Although farmers could not observe a yield increase, experimental evidence suggests upto 10% yield increase compared to farmer fertilizer management. A decrease in yield however not observed by farmers despite 25% reduction in N input. The above figures are for average of five farmers over two seasons.

crop quality  
risk of production failure  
product diversity  
production area (new land under cultivation/ use)  
land management  
drinking water availability  
drinking water quality  
water availability for livestock  
water quality for livestock  
irrigation water availability  
irrigation water quality  
demand for irrigation water  
expenses on agricultural inputs

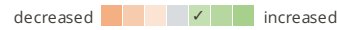


Quantity before SLM: LKR 60,750.00/ha for urea

Quantity after SLM: LKR 70,500/ha for SRF

LKR 270/kg urea and LKR 167/kg of SRF. Expenses were calculated assuming all other costs are constants under two situations

farm income

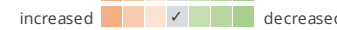


Quantity before SLM: LKR 520,000/ha

Quantity after SLM: LKR 552,000/ha

LKR 80/kg of paddy. Average yields mentioned above was used to calculate the farm income. Therefore, farm income is expected to be increased more than the expenses in SRF applied fields.

diversity of income sources  
economic disparities  
workload



Although a longer time is required for SRF application because of higher bulk volume (175kg more), this application cost is negligible

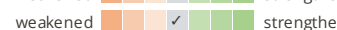
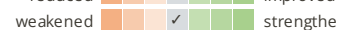
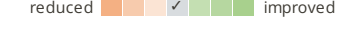
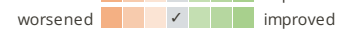
### Socio-cultural impacts

food security/ self-sufficiency



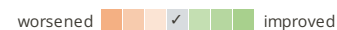
Expected improvements in productivity due to SRF application could strengthen the food security

health situation  
land use/ water rights  
cultural opportunities (eg spiritual, aesthetic, others)  
recreational opportunities  
community institutions  
national institutions  
SLM/ land degradation knowledge



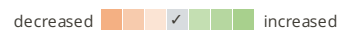
Farmers gain awareness through extension programmes when implementing the SRF technology

conflict mitigation  
situation of socially and economically disadvantaged groups (gender, age, status, ethnicity etc.)



### Ecological impacts

water quantity  
water quality



N accumulation in water bodies is reducing due to lower N losses of SRF

harvesting/ collection of water (runoff, dew, snow, etc)





It is expected to have a better moisture content as a result of accumulation of biochar with repeated application of SRF

Experimental evidence suggests that soil cover is more with rice plants that grow better and tiller more due to better N utilization for crop growth

Quantity before SLM: N uptake: 167 kg of N/ha  
 Quantity after SLM: N uptake: 219 kg of N/ha  
 Higher uptake of N by rice plants due to SRF application, nutrient recycling is expected to be improved. The above values were obtained from 5 farmer fields in the year 2021.

Quantity before SLM: Electrical Conductivity : 0.11 dS/m  
 Quantity after SLM: Electrical Conductivity : 0.09 dS/m  
 The above values were obtained from 5 farmer fields in the year 2021.

SRF contains biochar which is a good source to improve the soil C.

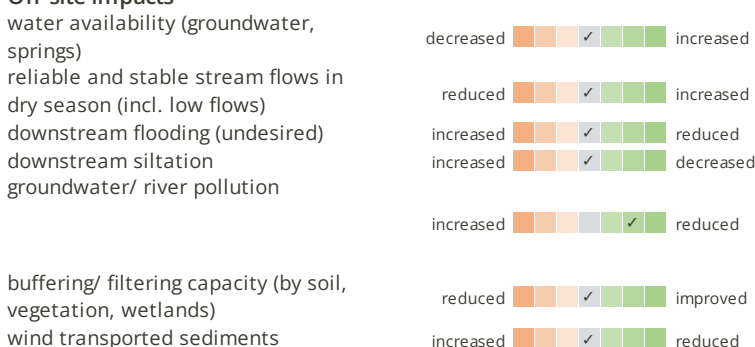
Quantity before SLM: pH : 7.42  
 Quantity after SLM: pH : 7.38  
 The above values were obtained from 5 farmer fields in the year 2021.

Efficient uptake of N cause to improve the crop growth, thereby vegetation cover

Quantity before SLM: 5.2 t/ha (straw) + 8.1 (grain)  
 Quantity after SLM: 6.0 t/ha (straw) + 8.7 t/ha (grain)  
 Higher crop growth results higher biomass production. The above values were obtained from 5 farmer fields in the year 2021.

Because of the better growth of the rice plants micro climate in the paddy fields is expected to be improved.

**Off-site impacts**



N accumulation in water bodies is expected to be reduced due to lower N losses from SRF

damage on neighbours' fields	increased		reduced
damage on public/ private infrastructure	increased		reduced
impact of greenhouse gases	increased		reduced

## COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

### Benefits compared with establishment costs

Short-term returns	very negative		very positive
Long-term returns	very negative		very positive

### Benefits compared with maintenance costs

Short-term returns	very negative		very positive
Long-term returns	very negative		very positive

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Gradual climate change

annual temperature increase	not well at all		very well	Answer: not known
annual rainfall decrease	not well at all		very well	Answer: not known

## ADOPTION AND ADAPTATION

### Percentage of land users in the area who have adopted the Technology

- single cases/ experimental
- 1-10%
- 11-50%
- > 50%

### Of all those who have adopted the Technology, how many have done so without receiving material incentives?

- 0-10%
- 11-50%
- 51-90%
- 91-100%

### Number of households and/ or area covered

5 farmers/households

### Has the Technology been modified recently to adapt to changing conditions?

- Ja
- Nee

### To which changing conditions?

- climatic change/ extremes
- changing markets
- labour availability (e.g. due to migration)

## CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNT

### Strengths: land user's view

- This technology uses less chemical fertilizer and therefore it is good for their health and environment
- This technology gives better crop growth and slightly higher yield
- Biochar could improve the fertility of the soil

### Strengths: compiler's or other key resource person's view

- SRF reduces the N losses from the soil and allows the rice crop to uptake N effectively from soil at required growth stages. Efficient N uptake promotes the crop growth and increase the productivity.
- Reduced N losses of SRF directly influence the water quality by reducing the losses of N through surface runoff and leaching and avoid accumulation in water bodies at the lower positions of the landscape.
- Rice husks, which is are good source of C, are utilized for SRF production; hence it promotes C sequestration as it is added back to the soil as biochar. It improves the soil organic carbon pool and promotes carbon sequestration in soil.
- Utilizing rice husks by returning back to the rice fields is an effective solution for rice waste management.
- If the SRF production technology can be transferred to farmers, their societies can produce the SRF by themselves from the wastes generated in small scale rice mills.

### Weaknesses/ disadvantages/ risks: land user's view how to overcome

- Additional cost despite reduced chemical fertilizer increased crop yields can partially compensate this. They can produce their own SRF if the production technology is transferred to them
- Uneven distribution of nitrogen in the field Changing the water management practices that have been currently adopted by farmers

### Weaknesses/ disadvantages/ risks: compiler's or other key resource person's view how to overcome

- The raw materials need to be formulated accurately to get the benefits of the technology. Hence, technical knowledge and experience is required when preparing SRF. Proper guidance and technical support from the beginning to the end of the process is essential. This can be achieved through educating and training extension officers to teach and disseminate knowledge for farmers.

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