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MAPS Sample – EAs

75 EAs total

3 Strata in Eastern Uganda:

- Serere District (15 EAs)
- Sironko District (15 EAs)
- Portion of Iganga and Mayuge districts for which remote sensing imagery will be collected (45 EAs, shown at right)



Sampling





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Leaf sampling kits are

fieldwork settings

difficult to use in survey



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ENUMERATOR MANUAL Post-Planting - Crop-Cutting April 2015

Recursive Partitioning & Classification Tree Analysis of Morphological Attributes of 38 Reference Library Samples

- Morphological attributes for the reference library: Obtained by planting out the 38 varieties in NaCCRI fields.
- Results: Varieties are uniquely identified using 11 attributes.
- Identification of the varieties in the field: Using these attributes, varieties that the farmers plant were identified based farmer responses on morphological attributes





How Do Different Methods Perform in Unique Identification of Maize Varieties?

- 55 percent of farmers could not state the variety they have planted
- Farmer-reported morph. attributes does not uniquely identify varieties
- DNA fingerprinting performs the best for **unique** varietal identification

| | Farmer Elicitation (FE) | | Strict Morph. Protocol (SP) | | DNA Fingerprinting | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| | Freq. | % | Freq. | % | Freq. | % |
| Don't Know | 283 | 55 | 448 | 88 | 0 | 0 |
| Uniquely identified | 227 | 45 | 62 | 12 | 510 | 100 |
| TOTAL | 510 | 100 | 510 | 100 | 510 | 100 |
| Number of Varieties | 13 | | 16 | | 12 | |



Results





2% of sample of 510 farmers able to correctly identify variety name

Mean reference library heterogeneity level is 33% genetic lines not been well maintained?

Purity (% of major genotype representing constituent of genetic material present in plot) is average of only 63%

Phenotypic protocol doesn't work

GENOTYPE (Method E)

Farmer elicited variety name (Method A)



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(Unacceptable Levels of) Heterogeneity in Reference Library Samples

• Acceptable level of heterogeneity of the samples is 15% (0.15) but our results show that most of the hybrids are above the threshold.



| Mean | 32.9% |
|--------|-------|
| Median | 24.6% |
| Min | 9.8% |
| Max | 75.2% |

