



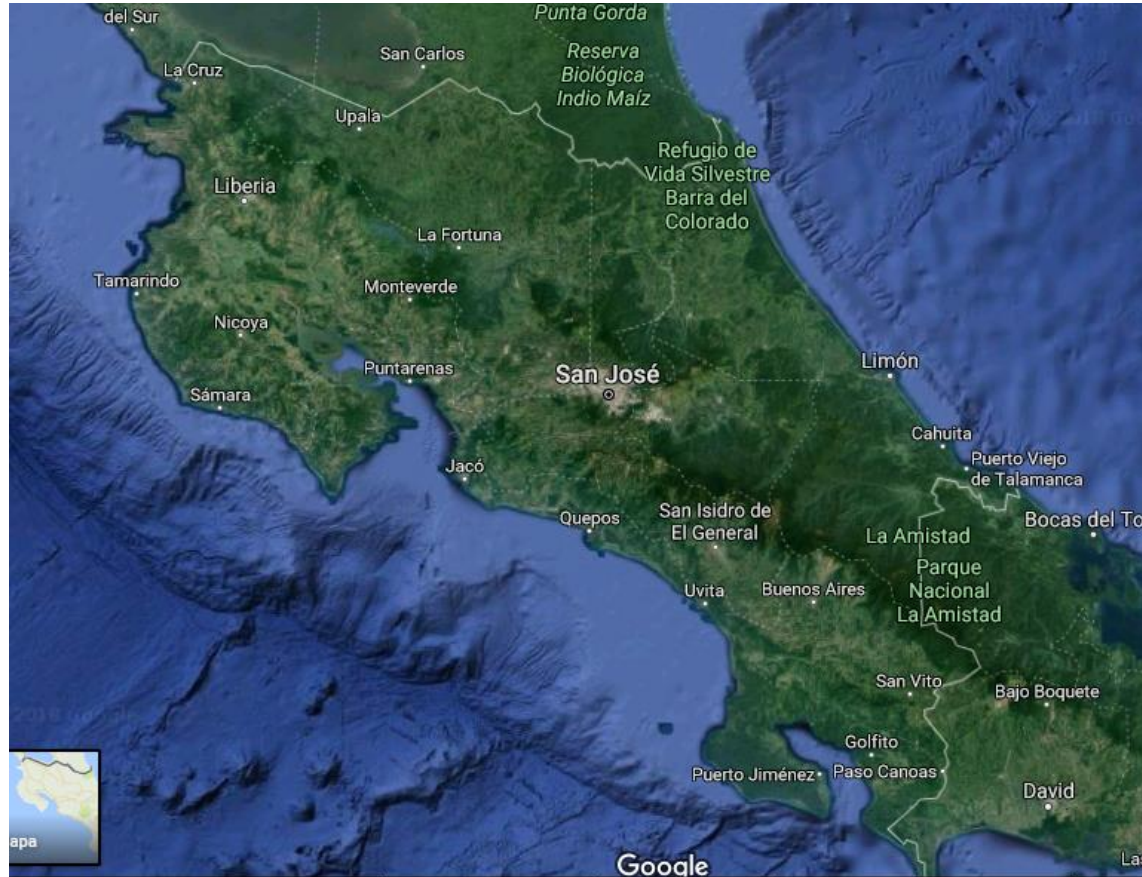
Sustainable Agriculture

based on Costa Rica experiences



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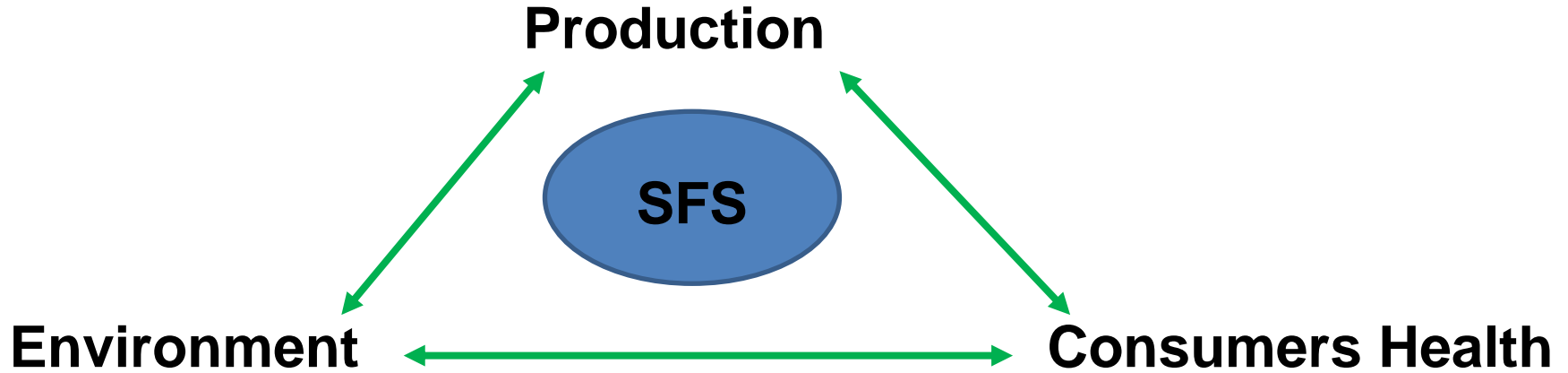
Some relevant data about Costa Rica



Costa Rica:

- 93.017 farms (64% 10 hectares or less)
- 2.4 million hectares crops and livestock production
- Climate vulnerability
- Hillside soils
- Biodiversity and micro-climates
- Volcanos, valleys, dry areas, humid tropic

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TECHNICAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

To maintain vegetal coverage
in soil

To promote water infiltration
into the soil profile and to
avoid runoff

To improve soil life and fertility
(organic matter)

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To avoid contamination of production (clean food)

To increase productivity in production systems

To produce more with less: eco-efficiency

To promote biodiversity: agro-biodiversity

Sustainable agricultura: technical principles



To maintain vegetal coverage in soil

- Water infiltration
- Avoid erosion
- Water availability

Sustainable agricultura: technical principles



To promote water infiltration into the soil profile and to avoid runoff

- Soil protection against rain
- To avoid nutrients loss

Sustainable agricultura: technical principles



To improve soil life and fertility
(organic matter)

- Carbon stock
- Life cycles in soil
- Oxygen in soil
- Biodiversity in soil
- Good health for plants



To avoid contamination of production (clean food)

- Self consumption
- Local market



To increase productivity in production systems

- Fruits
- Coffee
- Beans
- Corn
- others



To produce more with less:
eco-efficiency



To promote biodiversity: agro-
biodiversity



Thanks for your attention

