

Land degradation in Tanzania: perception from the village

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Abstract

Local land users often have different perception and responses than officials to the land degradation problem. This has resulted in conflict with officials in diagnosing and solving the problem and is a major constraint to the successful implementation of policies and projects to address land degradation.

The study's finding underscore that sustainable use of land resource and successful policies and programs require appropriate enabling policies and institutional arrangements to encourage intensification of smaller holder farming system. Policies would also require incorporating proven indigenous practices and knowledge into technical approaches, and ensuring local participation in decision making

Keywords

Land degradation; farming system, Tanzania; village