

Registration of Field Activities: a Tool for Improvement of Cultivation of Arabica Coffee in Huong Hoa District, Vietnam

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SUMMARY

The project “Improvement of coffee quality and sustainable coffee production in Vietnam”, sponsored by SaraLee-Douwe Egberts and Kraft Foods, is introducing crop registration to farmers of Arabica coffee in Huong Hoa district, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. This crop registration, or Fieldbook, is an addition to the activities of the Farmer Field Schools, a participatory form of extension that recently was introduced in the area. To get a better and quantitative view on input-output relations, farmers have been registering daily cropping activities in at least one of their plots with Arabica coffee. Analysis of this registration gives insight in differences between different forms of crop management and results are used in the discussion among farmers about possible improvements in coffee cultivation practices. Set up of the Fieldbook approach and examples of results of the analysis are discussed.