



DIRECT SEEDED RICE CONSORTIUM

Partnerships for the future of rice production

The Direct Seeded Rice Consortium (DSRC) is a public-private multi-stakeholder research for development platform on direct seeded rice (DSR), convened by the International Rice Research Institute in 2017 and with members across Asia and the Pacific.

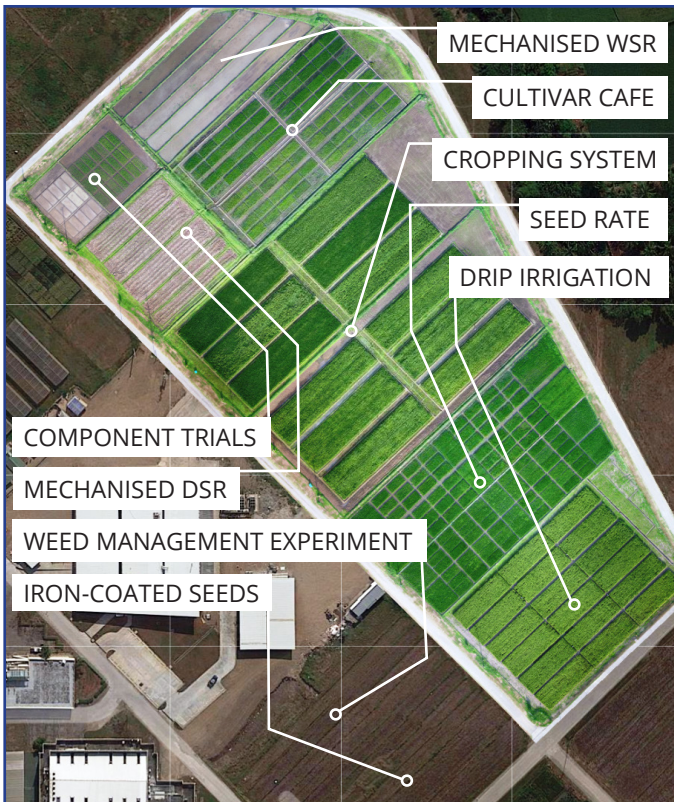
DSRC is a collaborative effort of public and private organizations to improve the environmental and socioeconomic sustainability of rice production systems by developing and optimizing innovations, practices, and methodologies to facilitate wide-scale adoption of mechanized and precise DSR across Asia.

Goals

- Improve the environmental and socioeconomic sustainability of rice production systems in Asia by developing comprehensive, science-based agronomic packages adapted to drivers of agricultural change
- Catalyze widespread adoption of improved mechanized and precise DSR practices through public and private partnerships

Objectives

- Develop robust mechanized DSR systems with low seeding rates to enable farmers to use high-quality inbred or hybrids in DSR systems
- Develop precise weed, water, and nutrient management practices including ICT-based decision tools
- Reduce risks by combining agronomic and breeding solutions, crop modeling, and GIS approaches by proper targeting
- Identify elite varieties suited for DSR
- Assess the long-term performance of DSR-based systems for long-term sustainability
- Support and strengthen the service economy of scaleable mechanization and precision agriculture technologies
- Promote capacity development and knowledge sharing
- Bring about widespread adoption of mechanized and precise DSR



DSRC Field Laboratory at IIRI HQ

A 5-hectare field laboratory was established at IIRI HQ in the Philippines to demonstrate DSR advanced technologies, including mechanization and precision management. This serves as a platform for a multi-disciplinary team of IIRI scientists to work closely with partners in addressing complex issues associated with DSR, and for developing more efficient and sustainable DSR systems. A similar field laboratory was also established at IIRI South Asia Regional Centre (IIRI SARC) in Varanasi, India. The field laboratory:

- Showcases advanced technologies and strategic research on direct seeded rice
- Provides a platform to engage various stakeholders
- Integrates cross-thematic collaboration
- Catalyzes capacity building
- Shared research outputs among DSRC members, IIRI's themes and programs

DSRC Members

DSRC collaborates with companies, research institutes, NARES, NGOs, and farmer groups.

BASF
 Bayer
 Corteva Agriscience
 Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd.
 JFE Steel Corporation
 Atlas Fertilizer Corporation
 Kilang Beras Seri Merbok Sdn. Bhd.
 Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain Program
 Cambodian Agriculture & Development Institute
 China National Rice Research Institute
 Indian Council of Agricultural Research
 International Fertilizer Association
 International Plant Nutrition Institute

International Potash Institute
 Malaysian Agricultural Research & Development Institute
 Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation
 Nepal Agriculture Research Council
 Pakistan Agricultural Research Council
 Philippine Rice Research Institute
 Rice Research Institute of Guangdong Academy of Agricultural Science
 Shanghai Agrobiological Gene Center
 Syngenta Foundation
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