

*Food, land & water
security, sovereignty and/or rights
– the new agricultural battlefield*

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- Water security



Food sovereignty



Right to food
Land rights
Water rights

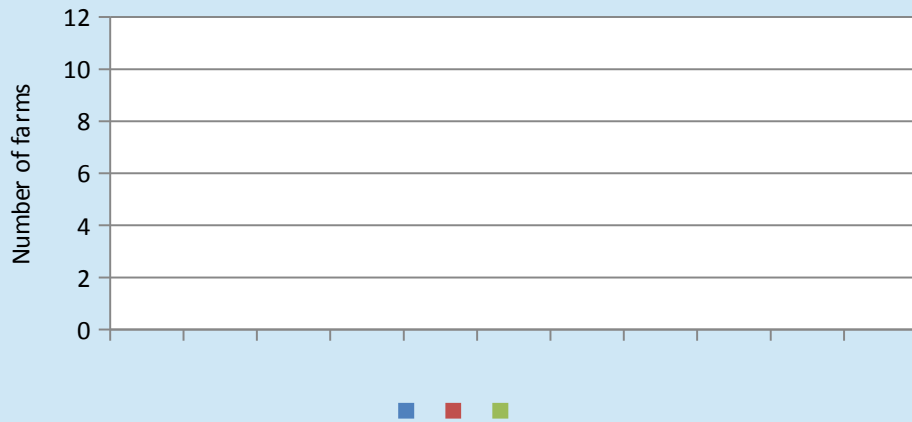
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Water users, use and rights in Nicaragua – and a new water law

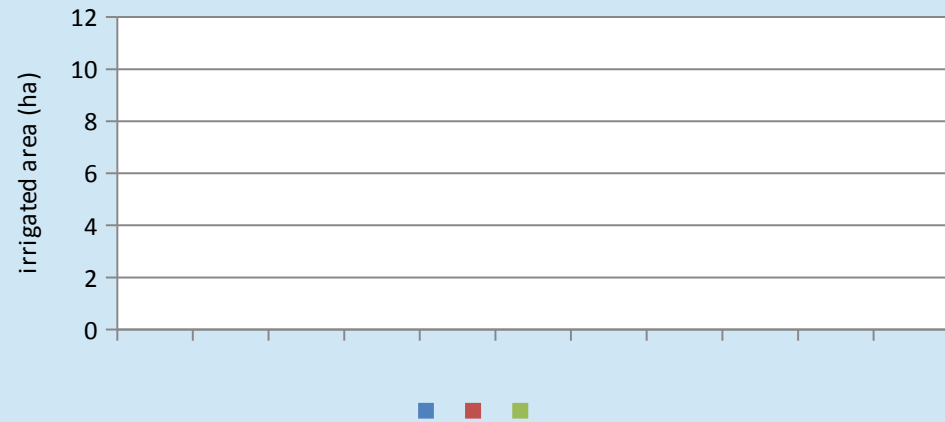


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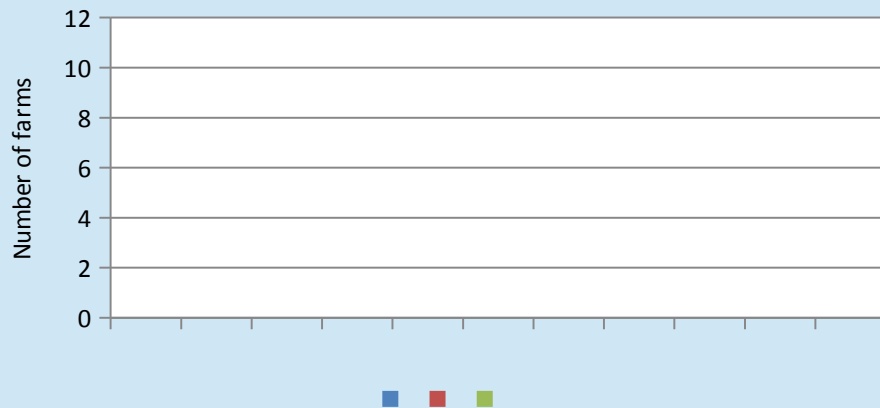


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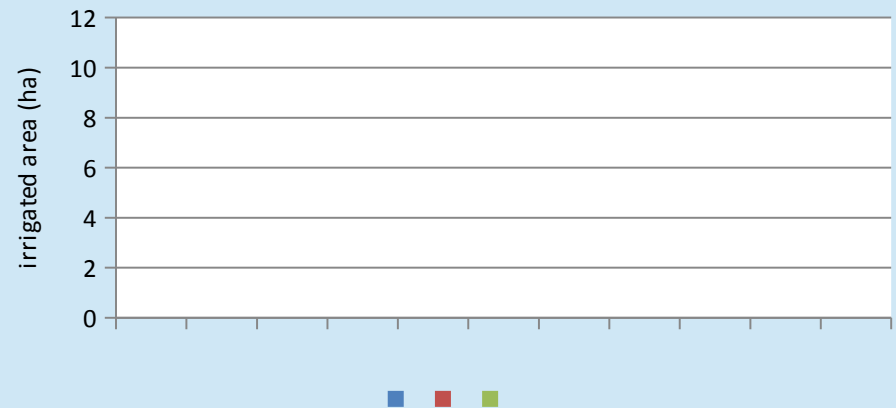


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Coined by Via Campesina in 1996 (at the Rome World Food Summit) as

“the right of peoples and sovereign states to democratically determine their own agricultural and food policies” (IAASTD, 2008)

“Food sovereignty

- *prioritizes local food production and consumption.*

Food sovereignty: from a global cry-out to constitutional norm.... and then into practice?

- Efforts to develop an international convention on food sovereignty have failed
- Several countries incorporated 'food sovereignty' into their constitutions
 - Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Nepal (interim and October 2015), Mali, Senegal, Nicaragua & proposals are being discussed in Dominican republic, Peru & El Salvador
- And then?

Food sovereignty in practice – the case of Ecuador

- 2008 Constitution
- “buen vivir” (good living) as a development objective and as a set of rights
- charges the State to promote food sovereignty as a strategic objective to honour the rights of ‘buen vivir’
 - promote redistribute policies, e.g. with respect to water
 - prohibit the accumulation and privatisation of water

Food sovereignty in practice – the case of Ecuador

However....the water law (2014) as an example

- defines food sovereignty as “domestic agricultural food production” (Arto 86)
- introduces the distinction between productive activities (agricultural production destined for the market, fish farming, agro-industry for export) and the production for food sovereignty (Arto 93)

So has food sovereignty failed to make a difference?

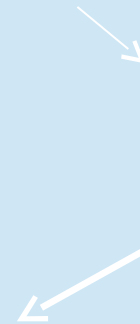
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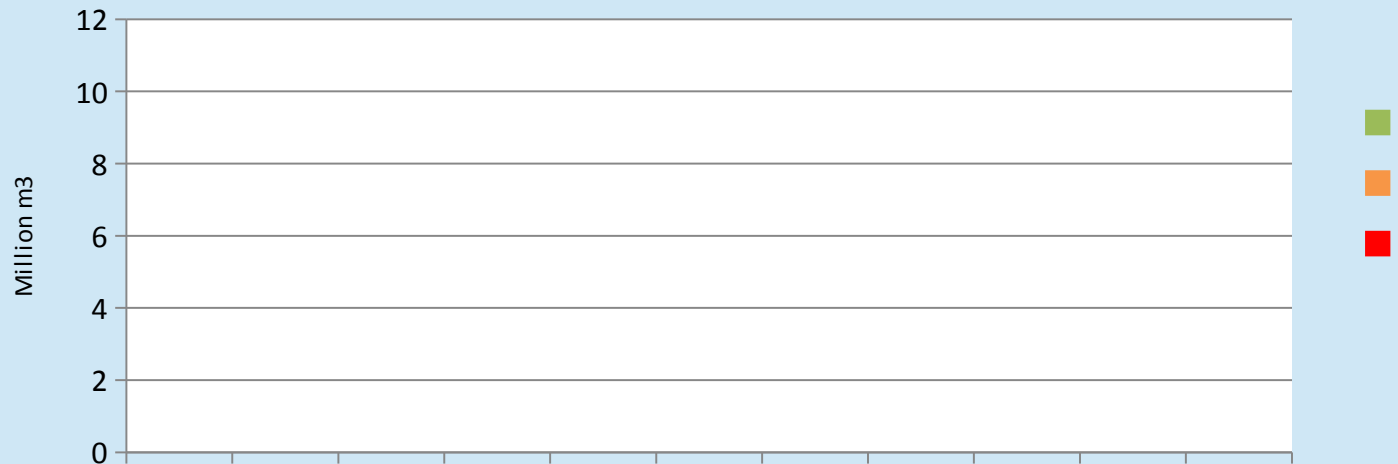


Rights in context

- FPIC
- Reform of CFS
- Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure
- Ability to reject PRAI & develop CFS-RAI
- UNGPs
- Recognition of the food-for-fuel dilemma

Water security and water rights for whom? - and who has responsibility for respecting rights?

World Water Footprint



Towards global food, land & water governance

Emerging instruments for 'the new battlefield'

- Food sovereignty as a constitutional norm
- Policy coherence for development (PCD)
- UNGP
- Voluntary guidelines for tenure
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Thank you for listening!