

AGRICULTURE SECTOR

PROJECTS AVAILABLE

Pineapple Growing and Processing

Project description: Establishment of a pineapple canning factory.

Project Promoter: Government through Ministry of Agriculture.

Location: North Western Zambia (Mwinilunga).

Land Availability: Identified land available

Project Potential: Mwinilunga has the highest potential for pineapple production in the country. A lot of pineapples produced in the region go to waste since the collapse of the pineapple processing plant in the 1990s. In 1991/92 season, prior to the collapse of the pineapple factory the total area cultivated were 1,421 hectares, with production of 11, 368 tonnes.

Requirements of Promoters: Government seeking investors to revive the cannery and pineapple industry in the region.

Senanga Fruit Project

The proposed Senanga plantation farm area occupies about 1,250 ha of land. Situated in the Royal Highness Chief Mulena Mukwae Makwibi's area in the Senanga district about 50 km south of Mongu on the Senanga tarred road. The following fruits are recommended for production:

AGRICULTURAL LAND AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT

Nansanga in Serenje district (approximately 100,000ha)

Nansanga is a degraded central African plateau, dominated by miombo woodlands with between 700 - 1000 mm average annual rainfalls.

Maize, beans, soya beans, groundnuts, virginia tobacco, rice, tea, sunflower, finger millet coffee, wheat and oil seeds are suitable crops for the area.

Nansanga has good access roads which are currently being rehabilitated and new ones are being opened. Power line connections are under way. It has a medium potential for irrigation, since it's covered by a good stream network

Luena in Kawambwa (approximately 100,000ha)

Luena enjoys high rainfall annual average of 1000 – 1500 mm. The soils are well drained, deep to very deep yellowish red to strong, brown, friable, fine loamy to clay soils having a clear clay increase with depth, with inclusions of moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, deep to moderately shallow gravelly clay soils.

Suitable crops for this area include sugarcane, fruits, wheat tea, maize, rice, potatoes, onions, oil seeds, cassava, beans, finger millet, tobacco and soya beans.

Luena has a high irrigation potential; its covered by a wide expanse of wetlands and numerous streams.

Kalumwange in Kaoma District (approximately 50,000ha)

Kalumwange is a plateau with miombo thick forest and average annual rainfall of 700 – 1000 mm. Soils range from Kalahari sands that are excessively drained, very deep, yellowish brown to yellowish red, very friable, coarse loamy, having a clear clay increase with depth. It has a medium irrigation potential. There are considerable rivers and streams running through the area.

Suitability crops include maize, tea, sunflower, rice, oil seeds, virginia tobacco, finger millet, cassava and timber.

Mwase Mphangwe in Lundazi district (approximately 45,000ha)

Suitable crops include maize, cotton, fruit, virginia tobacco, burley tobacco, sunflower, coffee, millet, rice, beans, tea and groundnuts.

Simango in Kazungula district (approximately 100,000ha)

Characterised by flat forming an aggraded plateau. Predominantly Kalahari woodlands with mopane woodlands. The area has low annual average rainfall of less than 700 mm. Soils are poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey, very firm, calcareous, cracking, fine clays.

Suitable crops include cotton, maize, millet, sorghum, Virginia tobacco, burley tobacco, vegetables, oil seeds, bananas and sunflower.

Mungu in Kafue district (approximately 90,000ha)

A degraded plateau with annual average rainfall of 700 – 1000 mm. Soils are well drained, deep to very deep yellowish red to strong, brown, friable, fine loamy to clay having a clear clay increase with depth, with inclusions of moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, deep to moderately shallow gravelly clays.

Crop Suitable crops are maize, millet, soya beans, bananas cotton, oil seeds, coffee wheat, fruit, vegetables and sunflower.

Machiya in Mpongwe district (approximately 55,000ha)

A degraded central African plateau in a high rainfall zone of 1000 – 1500 mm. Soils are well drained, deep to very deep yellowish red to strong, brown, friable, fine loamy to clay having a clear clay increase with depth, with inclusions of moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, deep to moderately shallow gravelly clays.

Suitable crops include wheat, maize, coffee, oilseeds, fruit, Bananas vegetables, burley and Virginia tobacco. The area is easily accessible. It has a medium potential for irrigation.

Manshya (area between Mpika, Kasama and Chinsali) (approximately 60,000ha)

Manshya has miombo woodlands (hard wood forest) and is located in a high rainfall zone of 1000 – 1500 mm. The soils are well drained, deep to very deep yellowish red to strong, brown, friable, fine loamy to clay soils having a clear clay increase with depth, with inclusions of moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, deep to moderately shallow gravely clays.

Suitable crops include maize, millet, potatoes, oil seeds and beans. Accessibility is difficult with few access roads. High potential for irrigation (many streams, rivers and swampy areas).

Solwezi in Solwezi East (approximately 44,000ha)

Suitable crops include maize, sorghum, millet rice, fruit, vegetables, sweet potatoes, sunflower and oil seeds.