



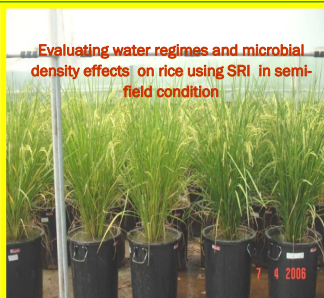
Regional Knowledge Exchange on SRI: Producing More With Less Water

*Less water, fewer plants,
more rice:*

*System of Rice Intensifica-
tion (SRI)*

Theme of workshop:

- SRI Adaptations
- Water Productivity
- Farmers' Education
- Climate Change



Evaluating water regimes and microbial density effects on rice using SRI in semi-field condition



Comparing seedling from SRI and wet bed method



SRI-tillering stage



Field Experiment on SRI- AIT



On-Station Experiments

On SRI



SRI- harvest stage



On-Farm Research FFS



Farmer's Education



Field observation by farmers



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AIT, an international hub of research, development and extension, is involved in a series of research work on SRI science (<http://ciifad.cornell.edu/sri/countries/thailand/index.html>) which is not only producing much demanded international public goods, but also directly contributing/ outreaching to the farmers' field with its commitment to bridge the knowledge-gaps between science and society. To learn and strengthen the regional perspective on SRI, AIT is collaborating with World Bank Institute for a regional event for Mekong basin countries including Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos to understand the different country experiences, benefits by farmers, problems encountered in its adoption, gaps in information, and opportunities for regional collaboration and networking in knowledge dissemination.

The workshop will provide a regional platform to exchange experiences, practices and adaptations in relation to increasing water productivity and coping with climate change that will lead to the development of strategies for the sustainable rice production in the region .