

Small-Scale Farmers Organic Certification: Tanzania experience

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TanCert Profile



- Local CB
- Established 2003
- Members based
- Organic
- Applied for accreditation

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Capacity available

- Local knowledge
- The established and operational office
- Trained permanent staff
- Trained inspectors

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Organic production in TZ

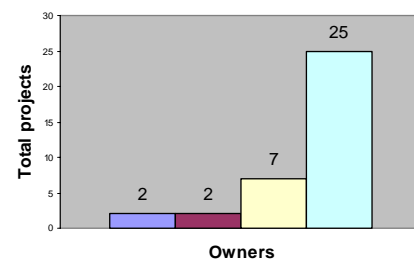
- Dominated by smallholders
- There are 36 organic projects in total
- Out of which 50% work with LCB

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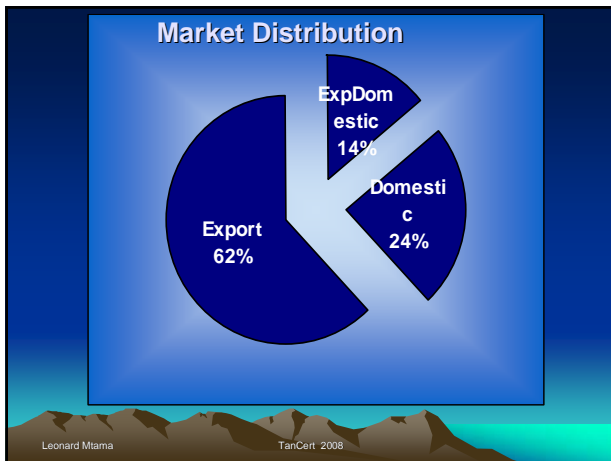
Certificate Ownership

■ Coops ■ Assocn □ Indiv. units □ Group + ICS



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Challenges by Organic project

- Low awareness of market requirement by producers
- Record keeping

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Challenges by Organic project

- Extension services for OA not well visible
- Research findings not adequately address producers questions

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Challenges by Organic project

- Organic technology development
 - seeds,
 - pesticides

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Challenges by Organic project

- Certificate ownership
- Government Policies and programmes that may threaten the sector

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LCB CHALLENGES

- Meeting requirement for International recognition
- Balancing between affordable and sustainable services
- Building and maintaining Capacity of the **CB**

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