

Collecting data about organic farming in Africa: Experiences of the 2008 survey



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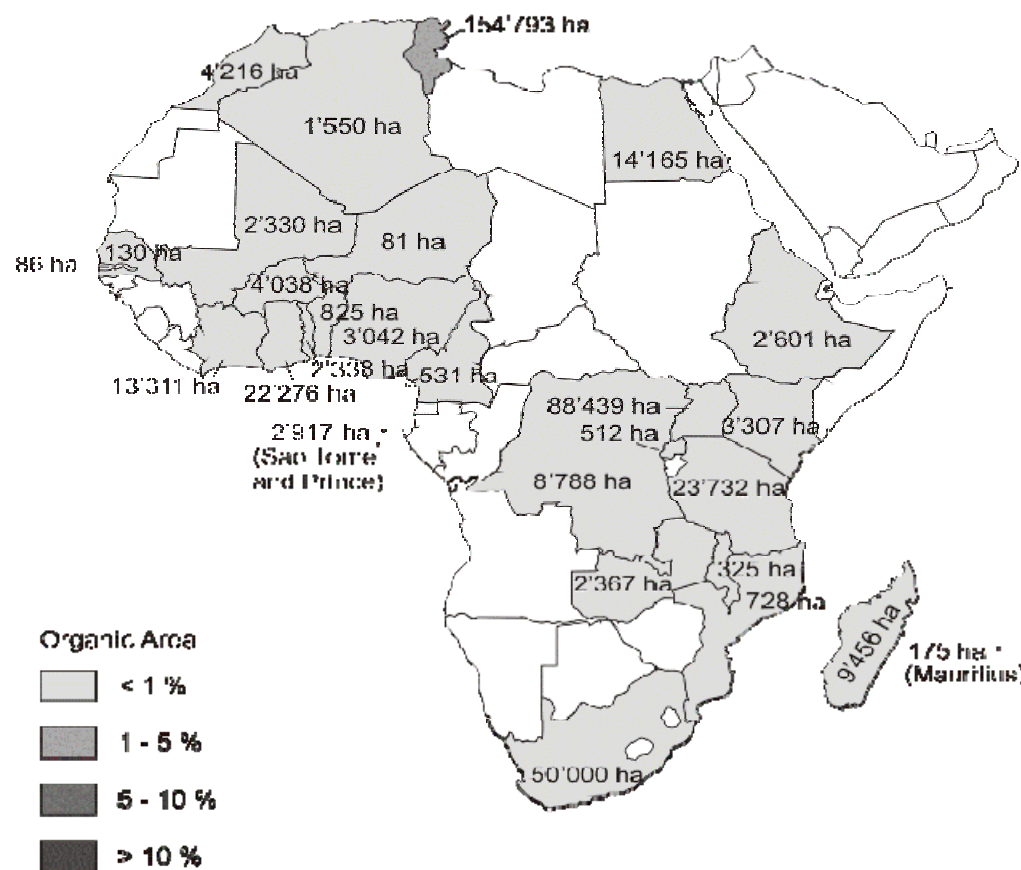
Type of data collected

- **Certified organic land**
- **Number of organic farms**
- **Production and market volumes**
- **Land use details**

Data and information providers

- **IFOAM member organizations**
- **National and international certification bodies**
- **Agricultural ministries**
- **Organic projects**

Data availability



SOEL Source: IFOAM/FIBL Survey 2006

Critical issue: Data quality

Information not available for all countries:

- **Detailed information on land use**
- **Number of organic farms**
- **Market data**

In some cases, data of only one certification body were available.

The way forward

Preparation of the survey

- Improve the questionnaire and test it
- Discuss the data collection concept with the data and information sources/contacts
- Discuss with certification bodies and convince them to cooperate
- Select one contact organization for each country which will supply data

The way forward cont'd...

Carry out the data collection

IFOAM Africa Office:

- Coordinate and compile the data at the continental level
- Make them available to the stakeholders

Start: July at latest

Communication: Define clear deadlines associated with a planning of the all process

Thanks for your attention!

