

# **Diversification and** intensification of rice-based systems in lower Myanmar



### **Key details**

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#### **Partners**

Department of Agricultural Research; Department of Agriculture

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## Overview

This project researched cropping options to make rice-rice and ricepulse cropping systems in Myanmar's Ayeyarwady delta (Ayeyarwady **Region and Bago Region) more** productive.

Rice is the most important agricultural commodity in

Myanmar. Producing more rice and pulses in lower Myanmar through improved practices and reduced postharvest losses could alleviate poverty and malnutrition, and improve the livelihoods of the rural poor.

The project aimed to improve farmer profitability through developing best practices for rice production, including post-harvest management, and innovative approaches to make rice-pulse cropping systems more productive. The project emphasised gender positive training and outreach, and ecologically sustainable production.

