

**Sustainable  
sweetpotato pre-basic  
seed production  
Business Continuity:  
ZARI**

**January 2019 forward**

**SASHA**

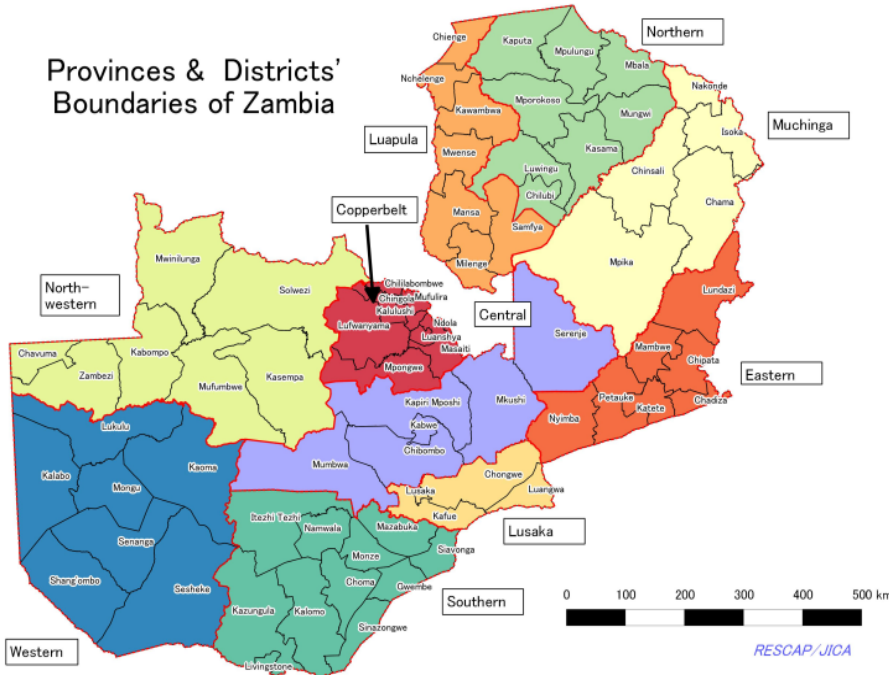
**Sweetpotato** Action for  
Security and Health in Africa



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## Map of Zambia & national flag

Provinces & Districts' Boundaries of Zambia



# Population, GDP & rainfall



- 15.972 million people
- US\$ 25.5 billion (2017 estimate)
- Zambia has three distinct seasons.
  1. Cool and dry - May to August
  2. Hot and dry - September to November
  3. Rainy season - December to April.

# Fact sheet



- Sweetpotato national root production statistics - 231,881 mt (2016)
- Significance to national food security –
  - Food, nutrition and income security.
  - Second most important root crop after cassava
  - Grown by almost every rural household

# Fact sheet



- Organization's mandate for EGS production – ZARI - Sole responsibility
- Product – pre-basic & basic seed
- Activities
  1. TC lab – Mt. Makulu
  2. Screen houses – Mansa & Msekera
  3. Virus testing (Setosa) – Mansa, Msekera & Mt. Makulu (PCR)

# Progress with strategies to strengthen business plan



- Going Forward - ZARI has setup a Seed Unit (covering all ZARI mandate crops) that will continue with the implementation of the business plan beyond SASHA II

# Message of commitment from Head of Institution



- Made business plan presentation at station.
  - Chief agricultural Research Officer for region 3 said “Business plan model should be applied to other crops under ZARI
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- Thank you!