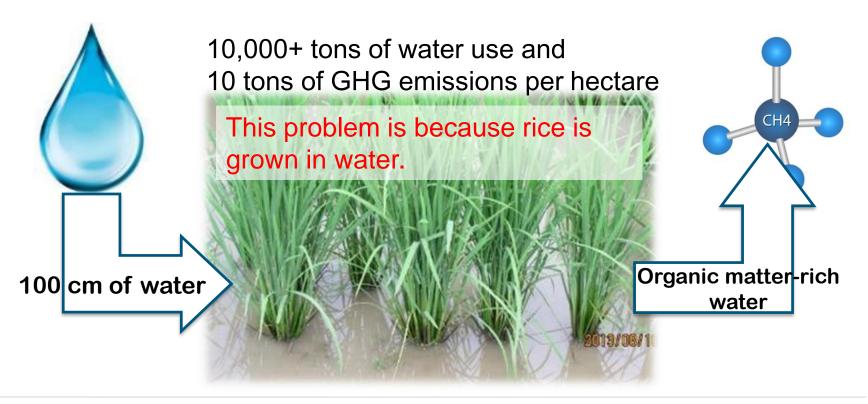


### Irrigated rice cannot and should not continue in climate change



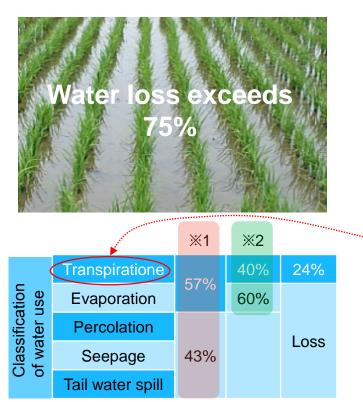
### Rice production should increase, but climate change will bring it down

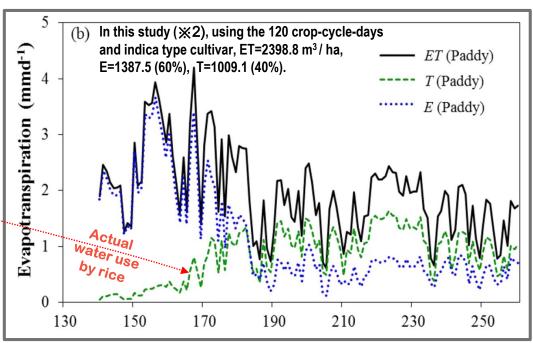
### **World Rice Production Status**

(Rice Almanac 4th Ed. 2013)

Ecosystem		Area (M ha)	Ratio	Yield (tons/ha)	Scalability
Irrigated		93	75%	5.5	Rather decreasing due
Rainfed	Lowland	52	19%	2.3	to climate disasters
	Upland	14	4%	1	600 million ha of uncultivated arable land in Africa alone

#### More than 75% of the water is wasted

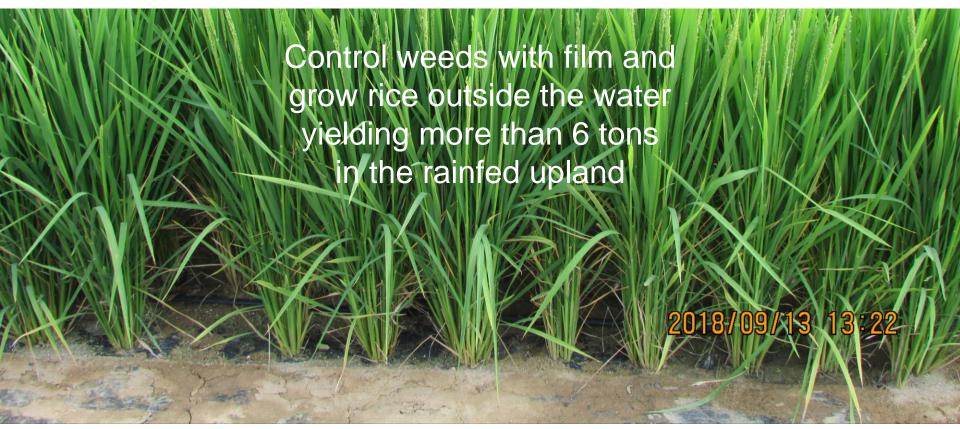




*Figure V-2* Daily evapotranspiration (black line), canopy transpiration (green dashed line) and evaporation (blue dotted line) of paddy rice (b). (n=3, +/-SD)

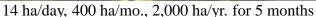
\*1. http://rice.ucanr.edu/Water Use by Rice | \*2. Water use efficiency of rainfed and paddy rice ecosystem (2016), Bhone Nay-Htoon, page 63

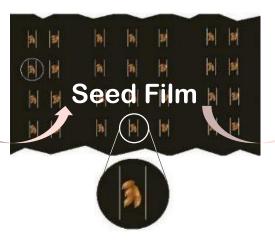
### Rice is not an aquatic plant, but just water-intensive



## Technology; Seed Film and Seed Film Cultivation (SFC)





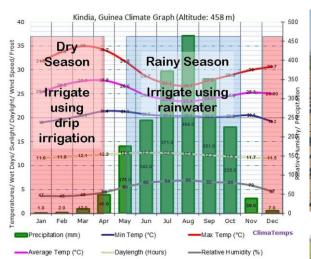




Biodegradable Film	The film will be 90% decomposed for 180 days and completely disappears with 100% water and CO2, leaving nothing. Resins; PLA (Polylactic acid) + PBAT (Polybutylene adipate terephthalate) + TPS(Thermoplastic starch) Width; 1.8M   Thickness; 12 µm   Weight; 150kg / ha
Eco-adhesive	Eco-friendly adhesive using anhydrous ethanol as solvent, without VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds)

\*The above two materials cost about \$600 per hectare on 1,000 hectares or above.

### Solution; Seed Film Cultivation (SFC) with Rain



- Under the rainfed upland ecosystem, with abundant rain in the tropical rainforest, savannah, and monsoon, Seed Film Cultivation produce more yields than irrigated rice.
- In the dry season, it can be grown by drip irrigation.

















### Advantages; High yield due to spontaneously formed Seedbeds

Seedbeds are essential for good seedlings establishment. But direct sowing is not supposed to have seedbeds. SFC is also direct sowing, but in itself forms seedbeds.



### Shortened growth period

- The temperature rises because the heat of vaporization is suppressed by film mulching.
- The temperature drops less due to not having water at night.

#### **Increased Yields**

 The seedbeds maximize the number of effective tillers and panicle lengths, resulting in high yields of more than 6 tons of paddy in the rainfed upland.

### **Advantages**; Cost-effectiveness

# A Seed-attacher replacing irrigation facilities

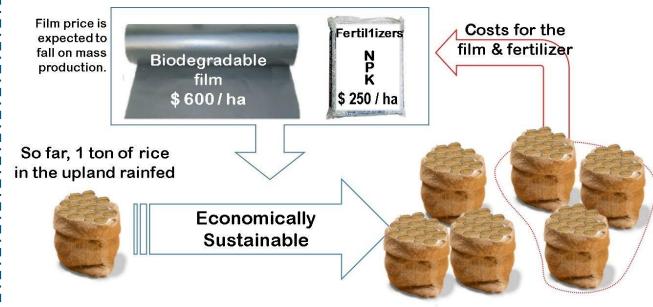


Seed-Attacher is much more economical than imigation dams and more.



SFC inputs the \$600/ha biodegradable films and satisfies the economic feasibility with much higher output.

Idea



Estimates are based on paddy rice prices of \$ 300 or more per ton.

#### Problem

# Advantages; More cost-effective expectations due to climate change

# The Washington Post

The world needs a massive carbon tax in just 10 years to limit climate change, IMF says
The international organization suggests a cost of \$75 per ton by 2030.



https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2019/10/10/world-needs-massive-carbon-tax-just-years-limit-climate-change-imf-says/

- Considering that the GWP of methane is 28-36 in US-EPA, about 350-400 kg/ha methane from rice paddy means over 10 tons CO2eq per ha
- The carbon footprint for the biodegradable film is about 1 ton CO2eq / ha
- This article means that SFC farmers are entitled to compensation over \$650 / ha (\$ 75 / tonCO2eq x 9 tonCO2eq / ha) from the international community, based on recent claims by the International Monetary Fund.

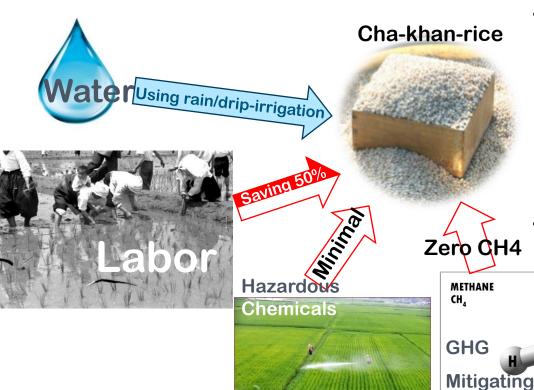
## Go-To-Market Strategy; Seed Film Loan

- Our consumers, rainfed-upland-farmers, are clearly expected to need our solution SFC that grow rice outside the water and can yield more rice than irrigated rice farming. But it is virtually impossible for the subsistence farmers to grow rice using a Seed-attacher.
- Seed Film Loan is devised to make it easy for the farmers to participate in Upland SFC.
- A Seed-attacher can produce 2,000 hectares of the Seed Film a year and must run 24/7 at a plant where stable electricity can be supplied. This is the role of the Seed Film Bank
- The Bank manufactures Seed Films, lends the films and fertilizers to small farmers, and lets the farmers grow rice to produce more than 6 tons there. Then the farmers pay for them with 3 tons of paddy after harvest. This method is repeated and expanded continuously in a cyclic manner. In this way, farmers will make profits and expand farming area.



Idea

### Zero Methane Rice sales



Cha-kan rice grown with SFC is good rice with a low environmental load by reducing water usage and GHG emissions. Additionally, it is a direct sowing, which saves a lot of labor compared to the transplanting farming method. In particular, by controlling weeds with film mulching, SFC can greatly reduce the toil of weeding by children and women.

This rice deserves a fair and must be widely disseminated.

.※'Cha-khan 착한' means 'good' in Korean

Traditional emits 10tCO2eq/ha,

### Team; Green and Seed Corporation and History of Seed Film Cultivation

2019.03.03 Green and Seed Corp.
Established (Initial Capital \$ 45,000)
Founder and CEO Sung-jin Choe
Specialty; Rice farming, CAD / CAM
2015 Korea National Railroad College dropout
2017 Grand prize at 3rd Innovation Festa
2018 MIT-SOLVER

https://solve.mit.edu/challenges/coastal-communities/solutions/4182



After successfully growing rice in corn / wheat fields in China since 2017, the team convinced that SFC could solve the problem of continuous flood irrigation. CEO applied for the SOLVE Challenge of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was selected as an MIT-SOLVER 2018.









# 2017, SFC in the former corn

fields in Hebei Province, China

Area: 1200 m<sup>2</sup>





















2017.09.14 Harvest Event CCTV (China Central TV) broadcast the event

# 2018, SFC in the former wheat

fields in Hebei Province, China

Area: 66,600 m<sup>2</sup>















# 2018, SFC at the foot of a

mountain in Yeoju, Korea

Area: 600 m<sup>2</sup>















