

Reflection of the field day

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- Impressive to see the interaction between land owners and research institutions – successful restoration of a degraded farm to a sustainable production system
- Use of scientific/research inputs to decide on restoration options
- Monitoring of soil properties and yield
- High priority towards SLM
- How a problem crop like pineapple can be used to improve soil fertility
- The value of rotation cultivation
- Importance of water harvesting
- Importance of landscape identification and appropriate SLM practices
- Addressing challenges of fertiliser application
- Also see capacity building as a priority