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What is SRI?

The *System of Rice Intensification*, known as SRI — *le Système de Riziculture Intensive* in French and *la Sistema Intensivo de Cultivo Arrocero* (SICA) in Spanish — is an agro-ecological [methodology](#) for increasing the productivity of irrigated rice by changing the management of plants, soil, water and nutrients. SRI [originated in Madagascar](#) in the 1980s and is based on the cropping principles of significantly reducing plant population, improving soil conditions and irrigation methods for root and plant development, and improving plant establishment methods. [\[more...\]](#)

Benefits of SRI

The benefits of SRI have been demonstrated in over 50 countries ([seemap](#)). They include: 20%-100% or more increased yields, up to a 90% reduction in required seed, and up to 50% water savings. SRI principles and practices have been adapted for rainfed rice as well as for other crops (such as [wheat](#), [sugarcane](#) and [tef](#), among others), with yield increases and associated economic benefits.
