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Introduction

The CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) seeks to promote a food-secure world through the provision of science-based efforts that support sustainable agriculture and enhance livelihoods while adapting to climate change and conserving natural resources and environmental services.

Climate change is an unprecedented threat to the food security of hundreds of millions of people who depend on small-scale agriculture for their livelihoods. Climate change affects agriculture and food security, and likewise, agriculture and natural resource management affect the climate system.

CCAFS has initially focused on three regions; East Africa (EA), West Africa (WA) and South Asia (SA) to carry out its research. The 15 CCAFS sites in these areas represent areas that are becoming both drier and wetter, and are focal locations that will generate results that can be applied and adapted to other regions worldwide. In this year, 2013, CCAFS is expanding its portfolio to additional sites in Latin America and South-East Asia.

These sites serve as the initial focus of CCAFS partnership-building and long-term research activities falling within the following CCAFS Research Themes; Adaptation to Progressive Climate Change, Adaptation through Managing Climate Risk, Pro-Poor Climate Change Mitigation and Integration for Decision Making. At all 15 CCAFS sites, baseline surveys have been conducted, including three levels of data collection and analysis at household, village and organizational levels (see: <http://ccafs.cgiar.org/resources/baseline-surveys>).

More information on CCAFS work in all the three regions can be accessed at www.ccafs.cgiar.org

To better understand the CCAFS sites' characteristics, a list of geospatial indicators for climate variability, bio-physical characteristics and socio-economic variables have been mapped into site atlases.

This Atlas was developed for the CCAFS site at Lawra - Jirapa / Lawra in Ghana, in West Africa Region.

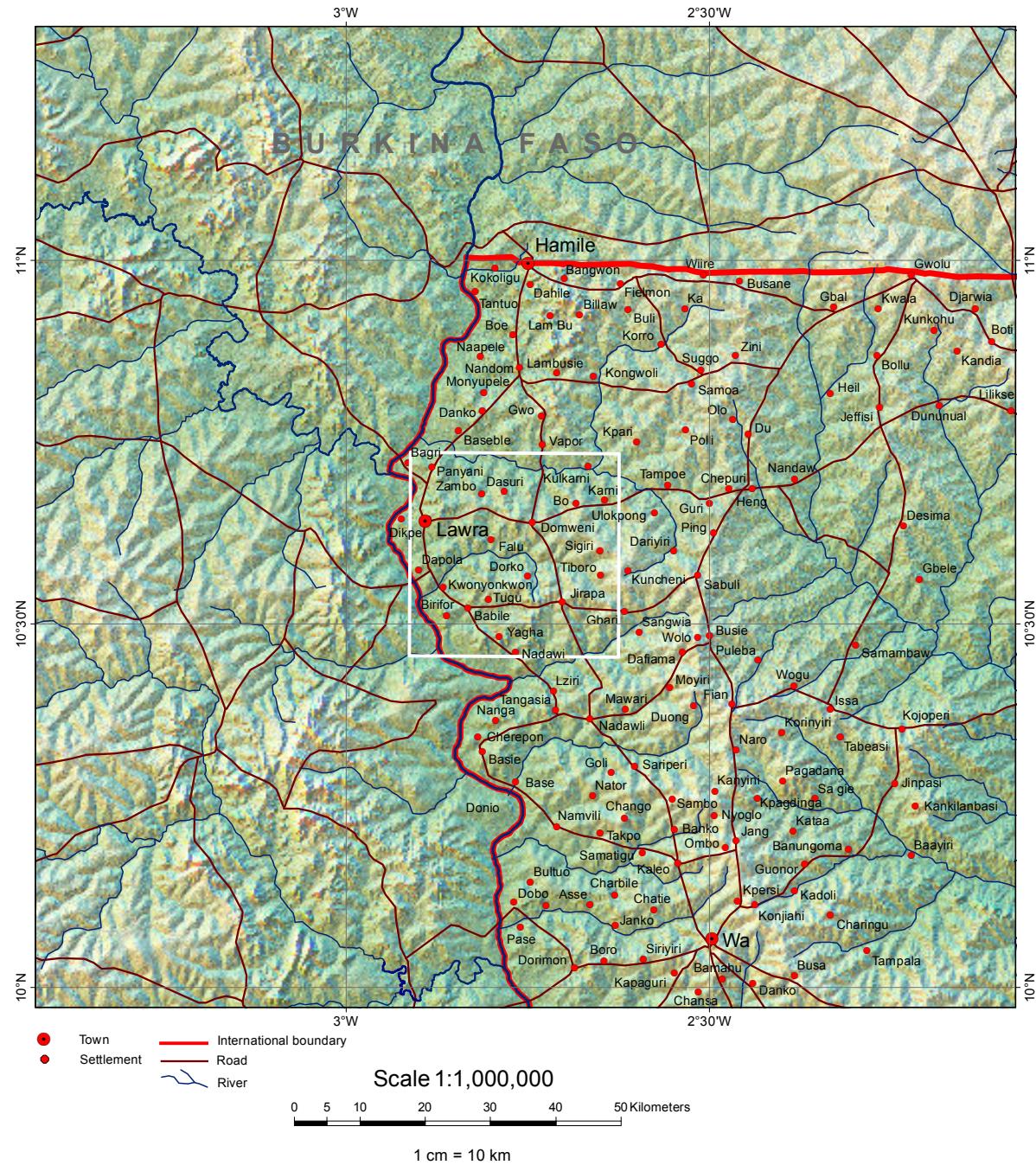
CCAFS Sites: West Africa



Burkina Faso: Yatenga (BF01)
 Ghana: Lawra-Jirapa (GH01)
 Mali: Segou (MA01)
 Niger: Kollo (NI01)
 Senegal: Kaffrine (SE01)

CCAFS Country Sites

Topography Lawra-Jirapa



CCAFS Site GH01, Lawra - Jirapa / Lawra, Ghana.

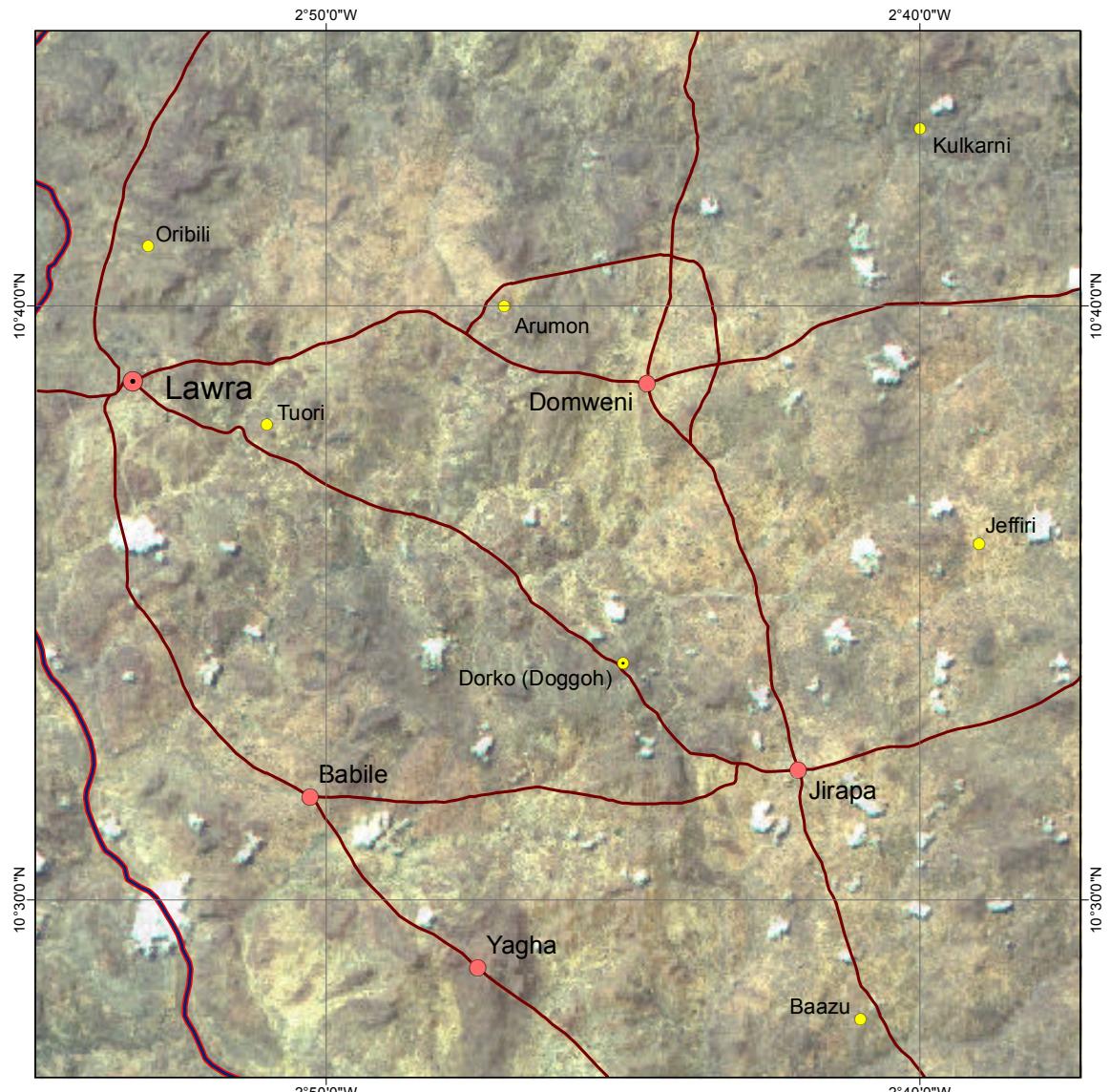
Coordinates of the CCAFS Baseline Sampling frame

2.624W 10.735N
 2.624W 10.455N
 2.911W 10.455N
 2.911W 10.735N



Sampling frame size: 30km x 30km

Satellite Image Lawra



RapidEye imagery from 27-04-2011
at 5m ground resolution

HBS= Household Baseline Survey

VBS= Village Baseline Survey

OBS= Organizational Baseline Survey

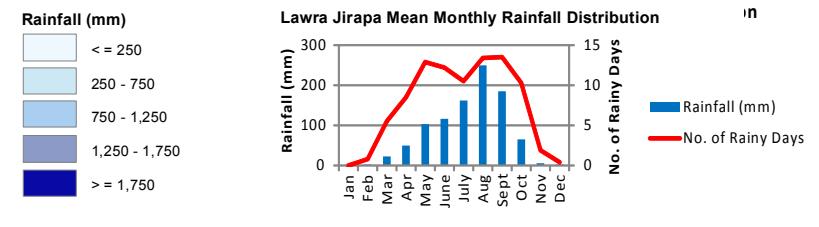
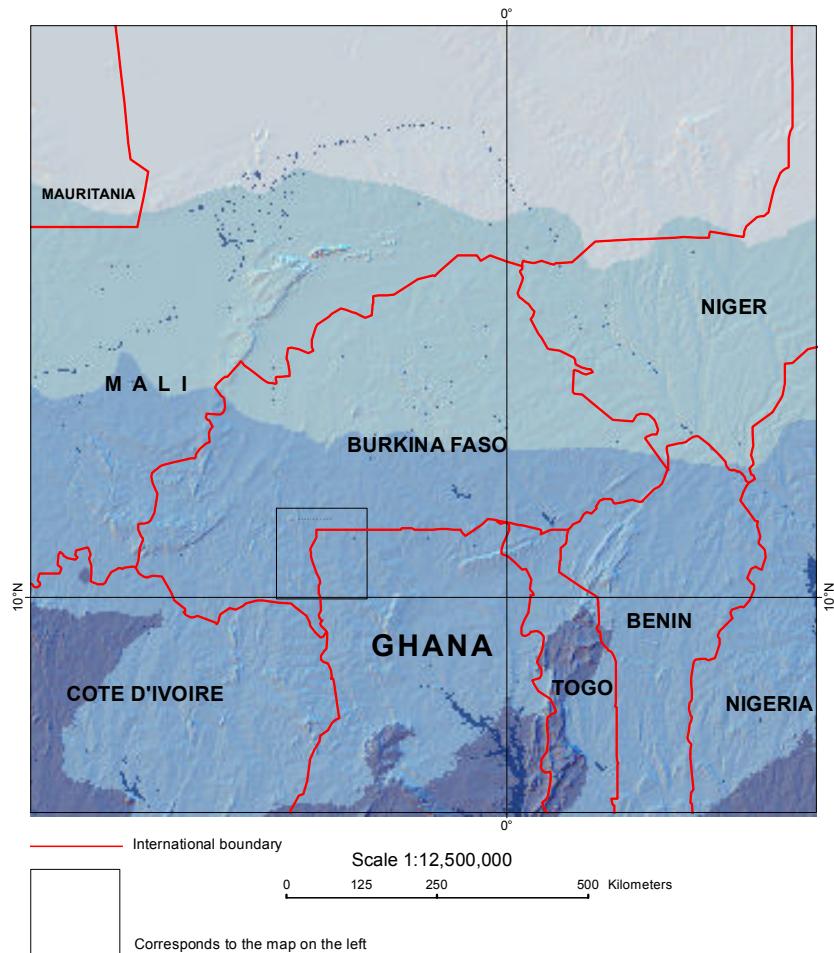
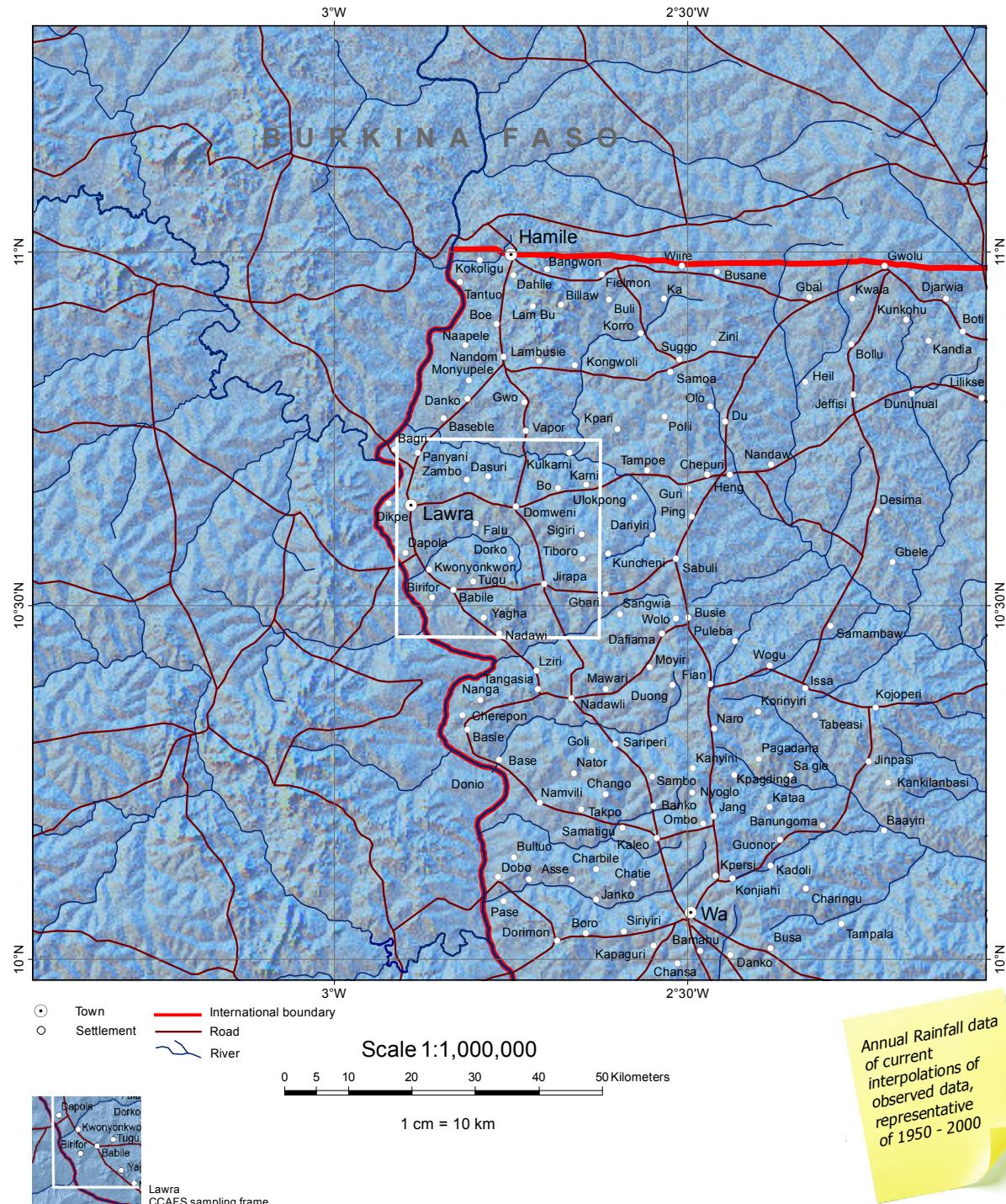
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- Road
- River
- Town
- Settlement
- CCAFS VBS/OBS village
- CCAFS HBS villages



CCAFS Baseline Sampling Frame

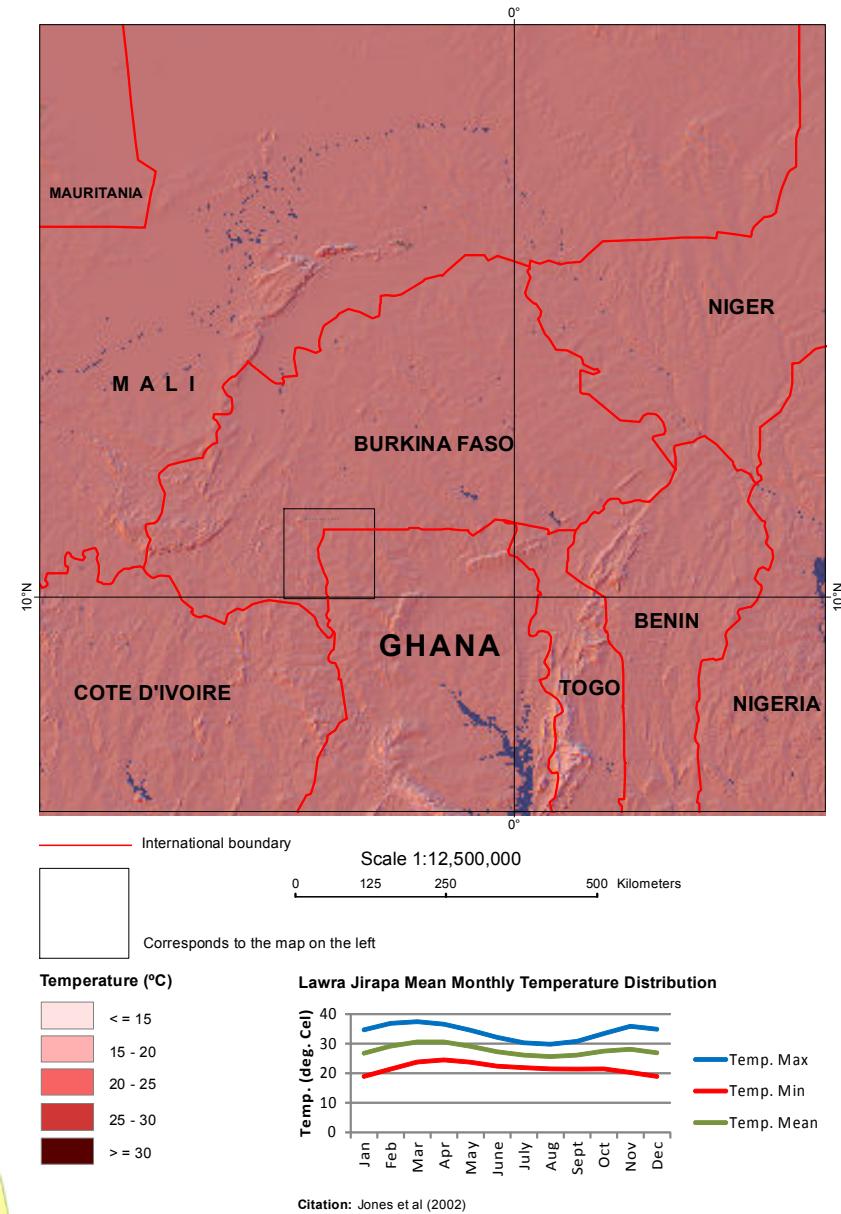
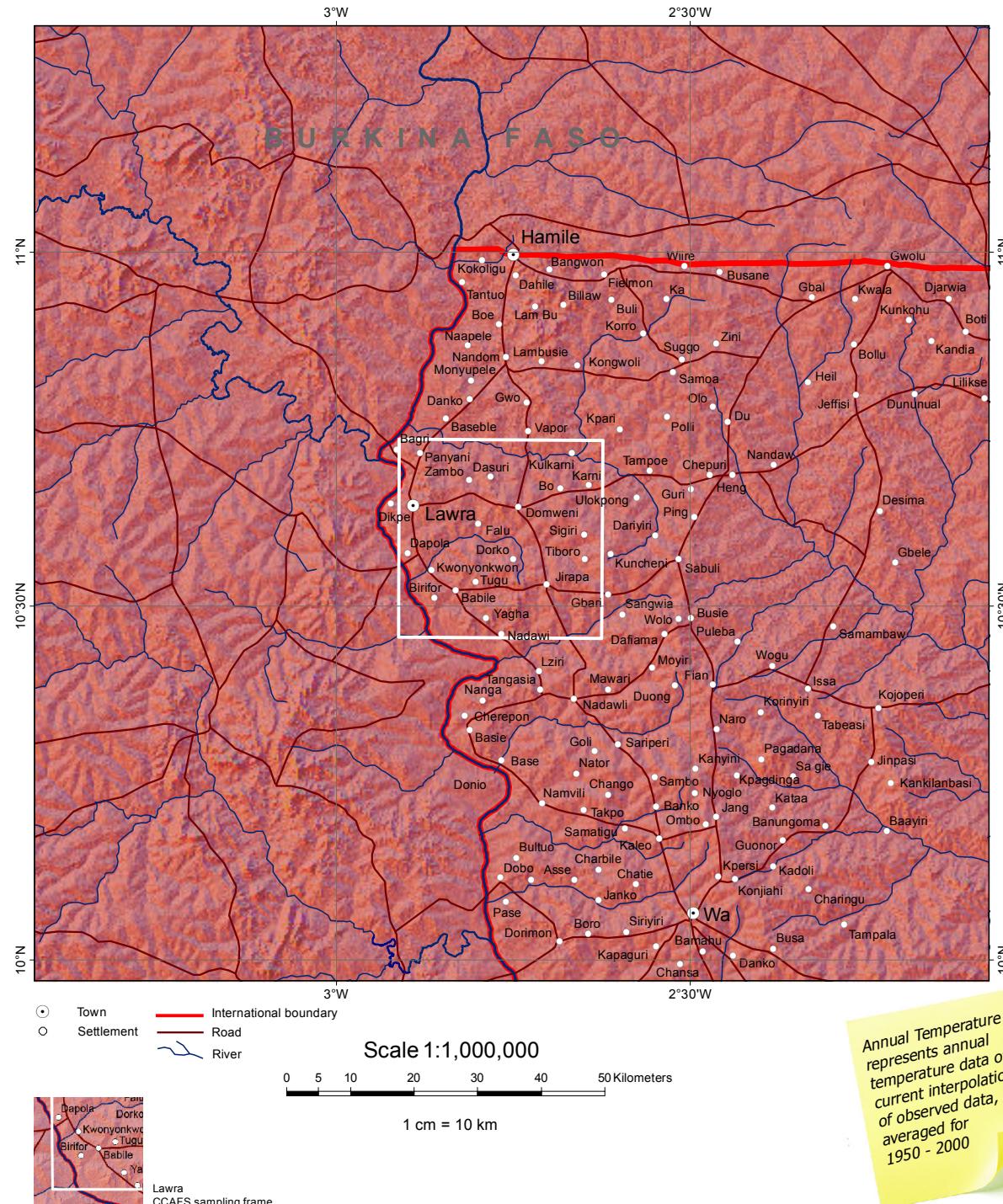
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Annual Rainfall

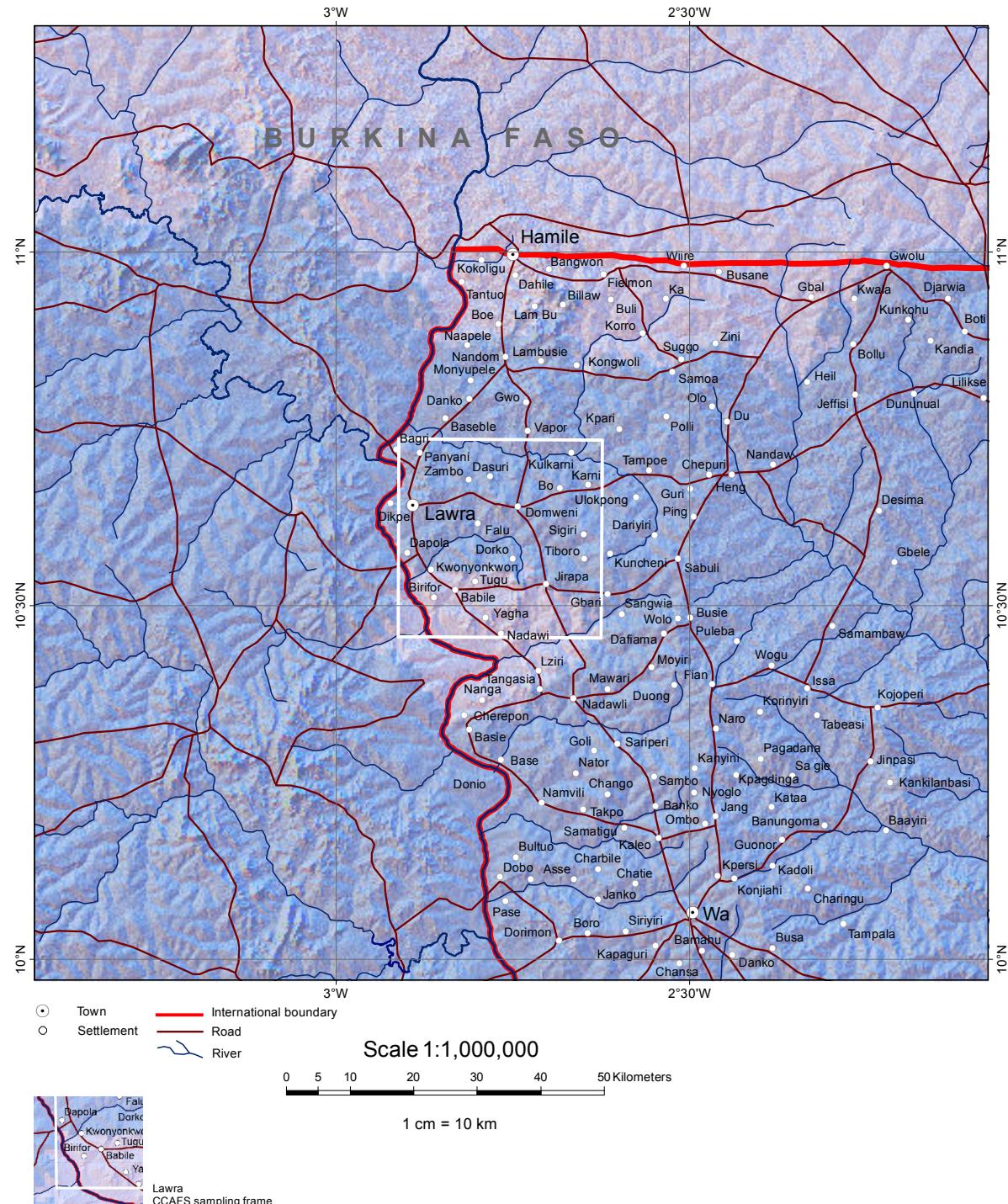


Citation: Hijmans et al (2005)

Annual Temperature

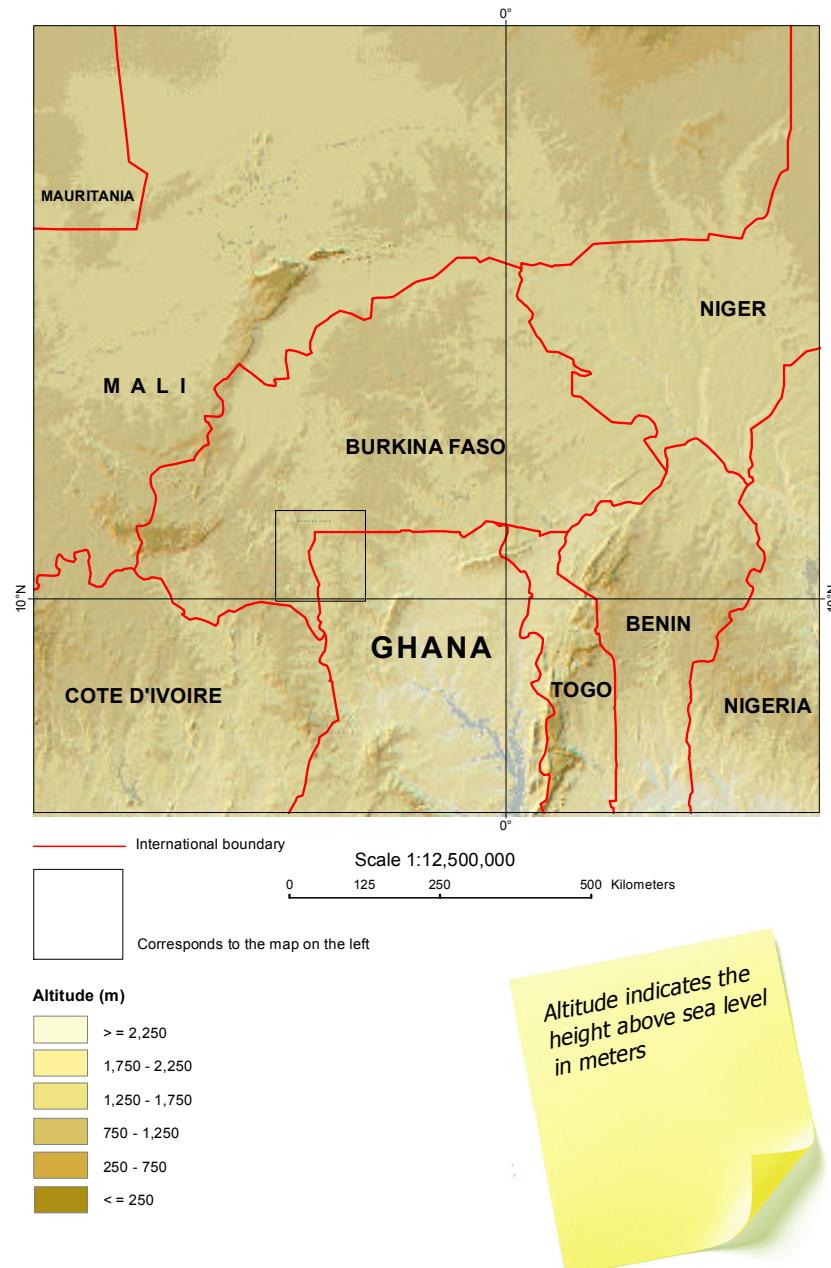


Aridity Index

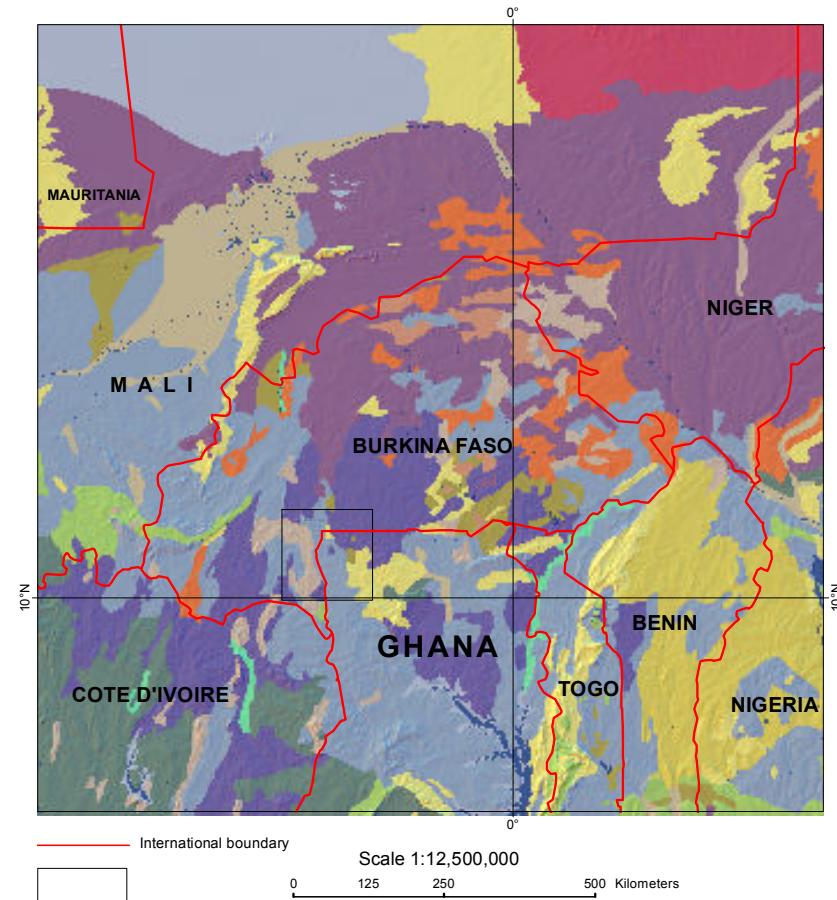
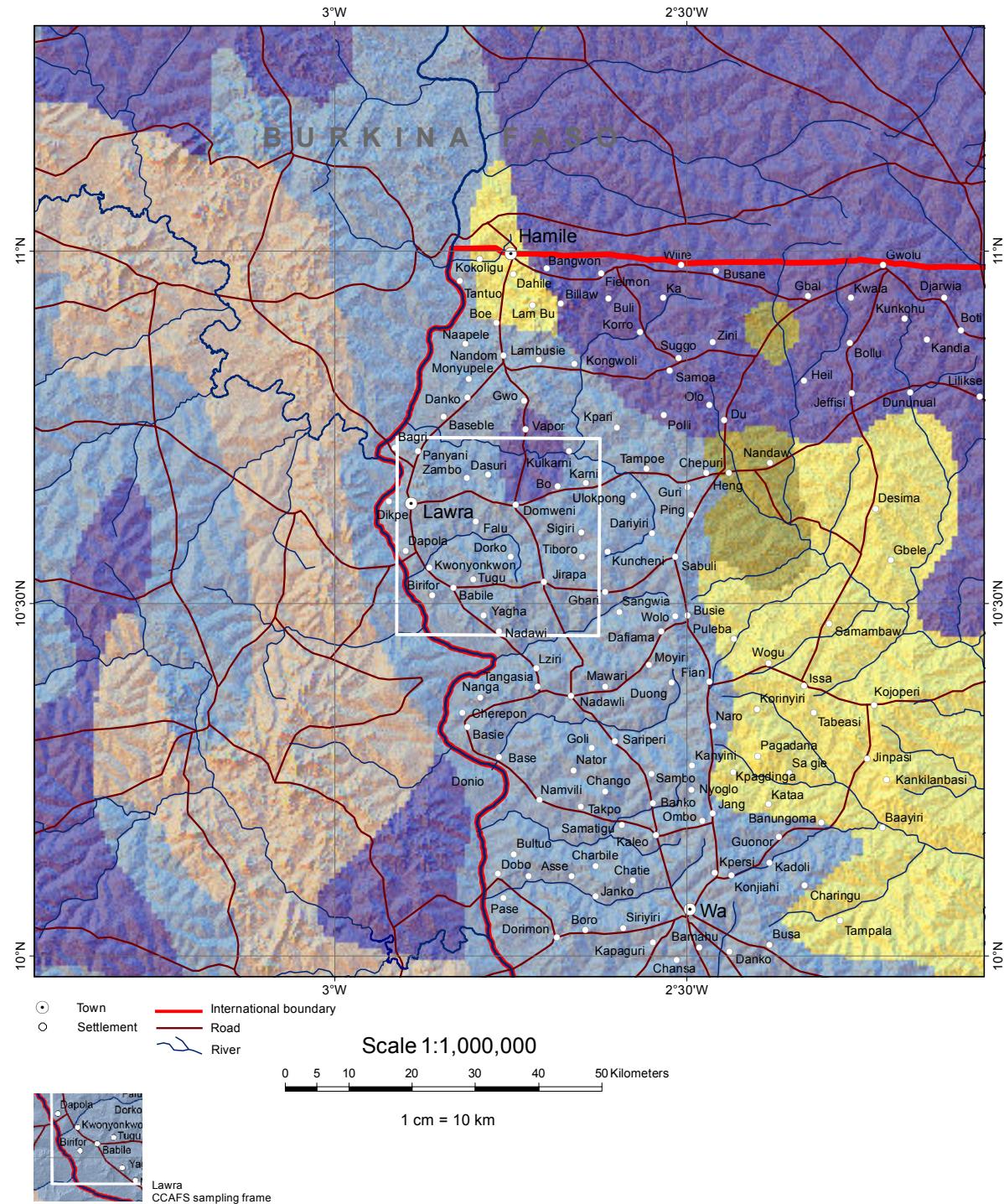


| Aridity Index | |
|---------------|--|
| Hyper Arid | |
| Arid | |
| Semi Arid | |
| Dry sub-humid | |
| Humid | |

Aridity Index indicates the level of dryness, taking evapotranspiration into account, at a given location of known rainfall



Soil Type



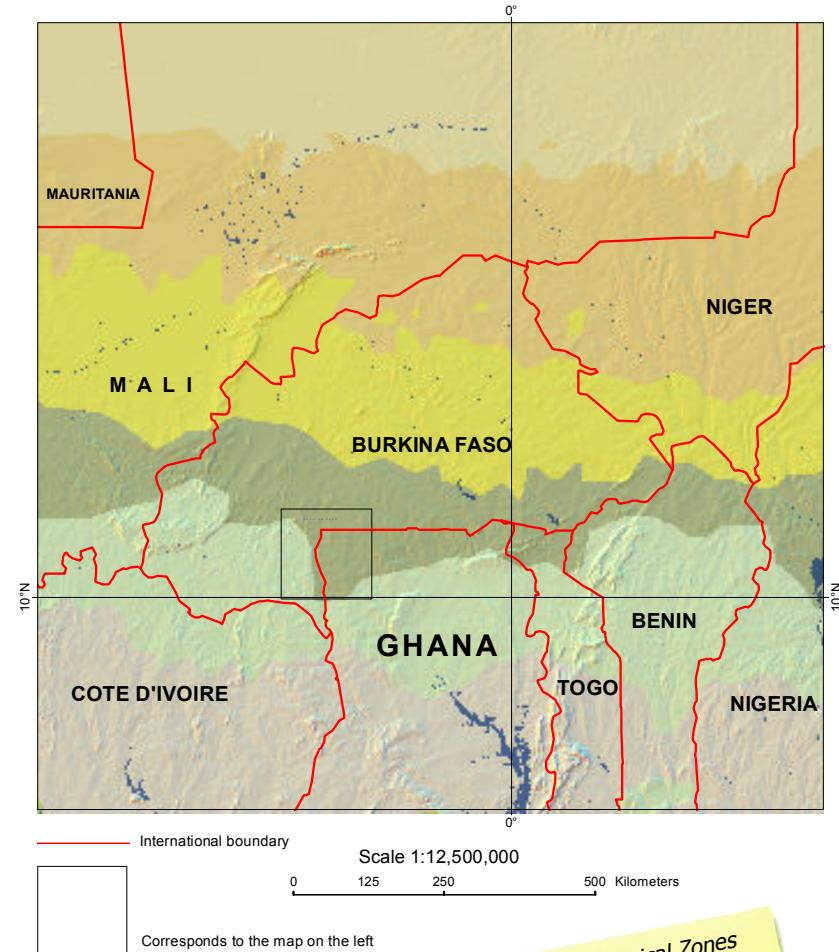
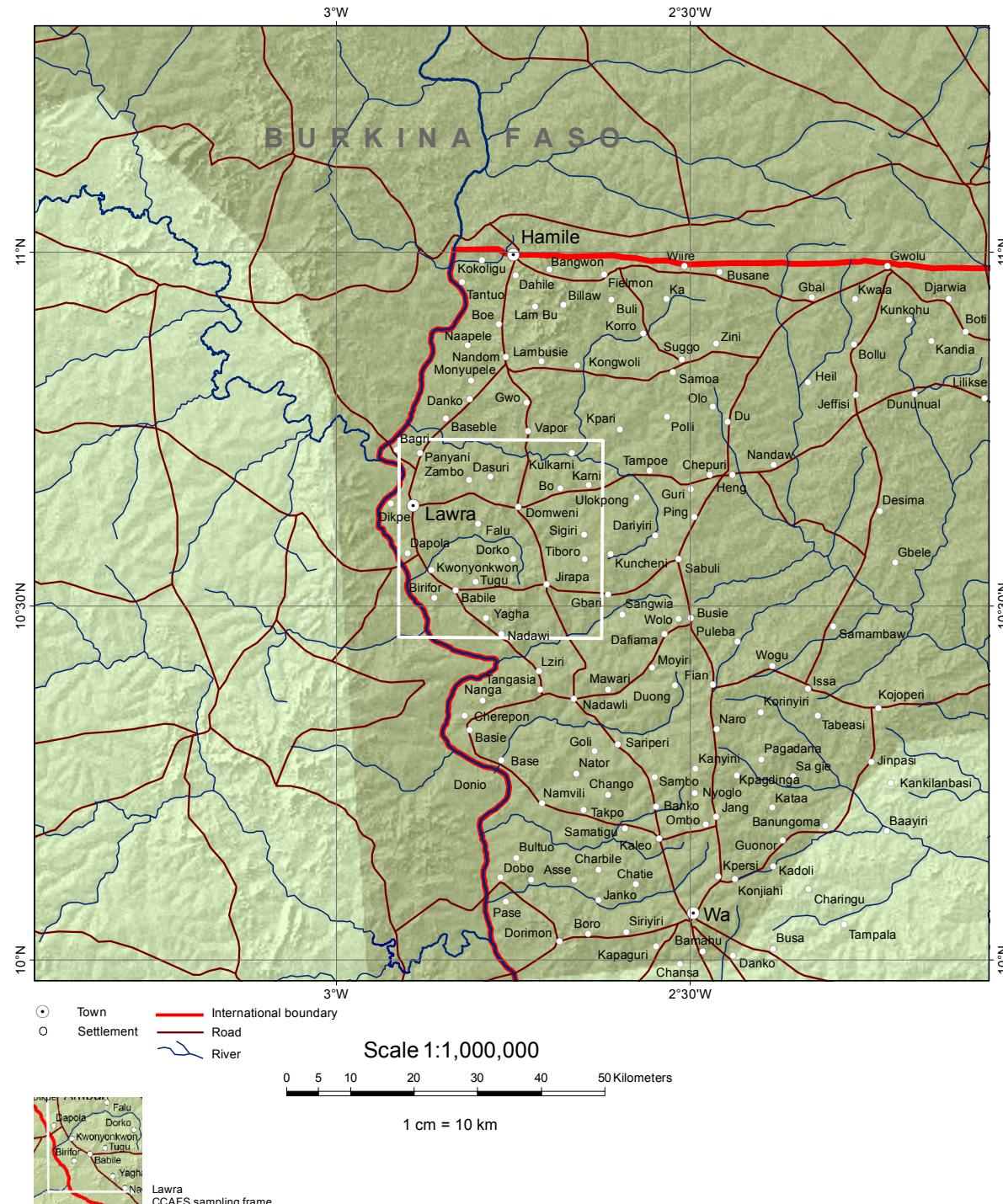
Soil Type *

- Cambisols
- Leptosols
- Lixisols
- Plinthosols
- Vertisols

* Legend corresponds to left map

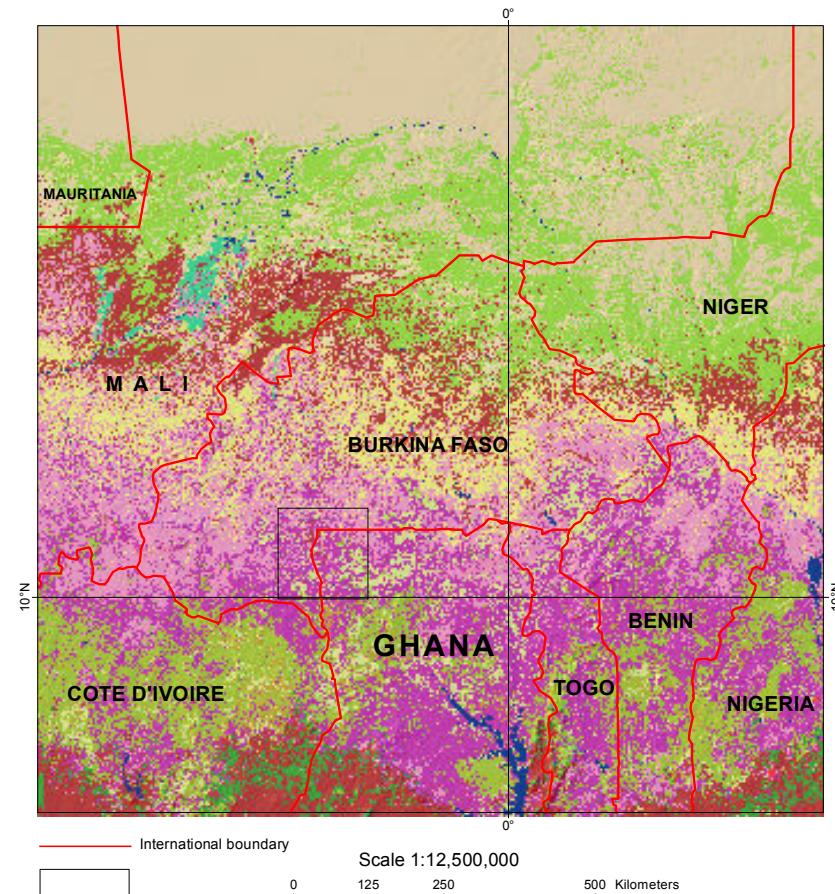
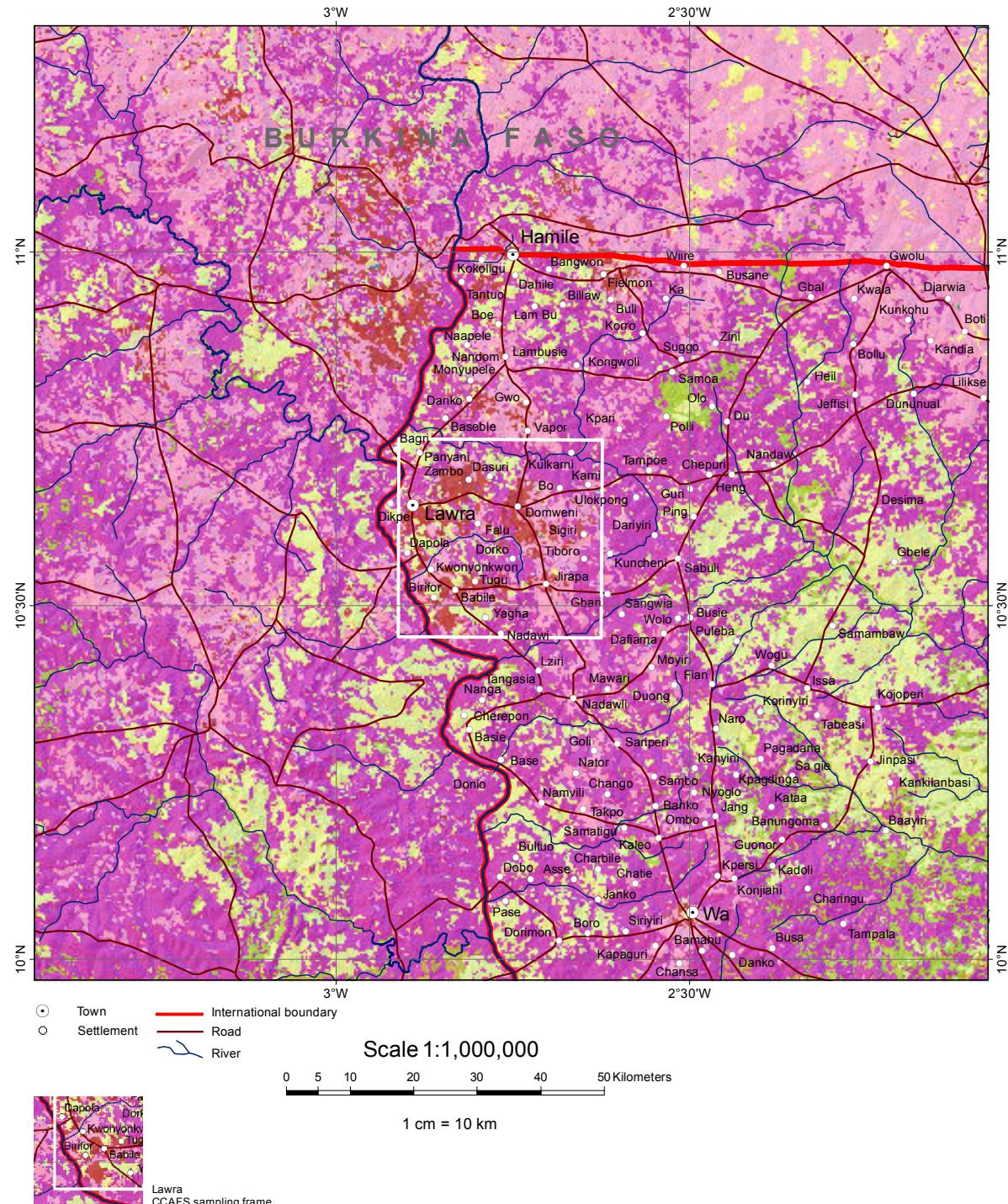
Soil Type refers to the soil group as per the FAO classification. Soil groups are defined by their parent material and morphogenetic characteristics in terms of structural properties and texture (sand, silt and clay content), as well as organic matter content.

Agro-Ecological Zones



Agro-Ecological Zones indicate the division of land areas that have similar characteristics related to land suitability, potential agricultural production and environmental impact.

Landcover



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0 125 250 500 Kilometers

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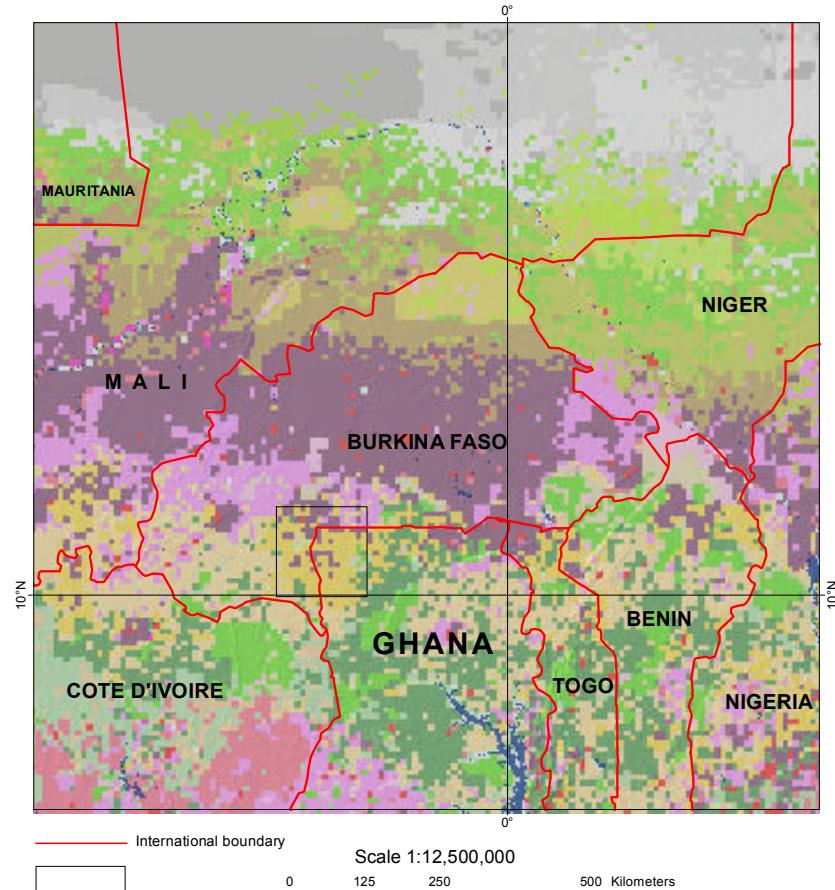
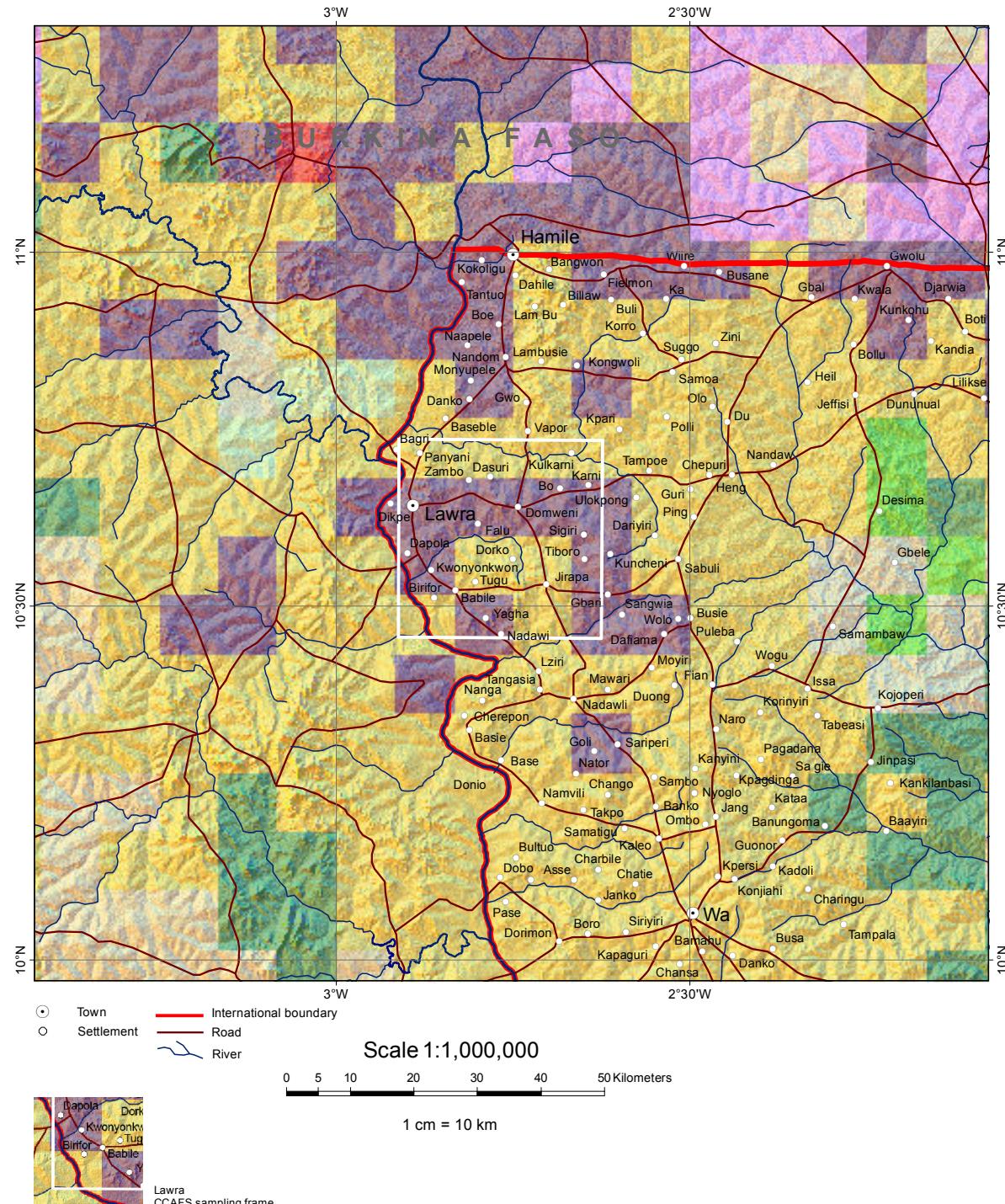
Landcover *

- Rainfed croplands
- Mosaic Croplands/Vegetation
- Mosaic Vegetation/Croplands
- Open broadleaved deciduous forest
- Mosaic Forest-Shrubland/Grassland
- Closed to open shrubland

* Legend corresponds to left map

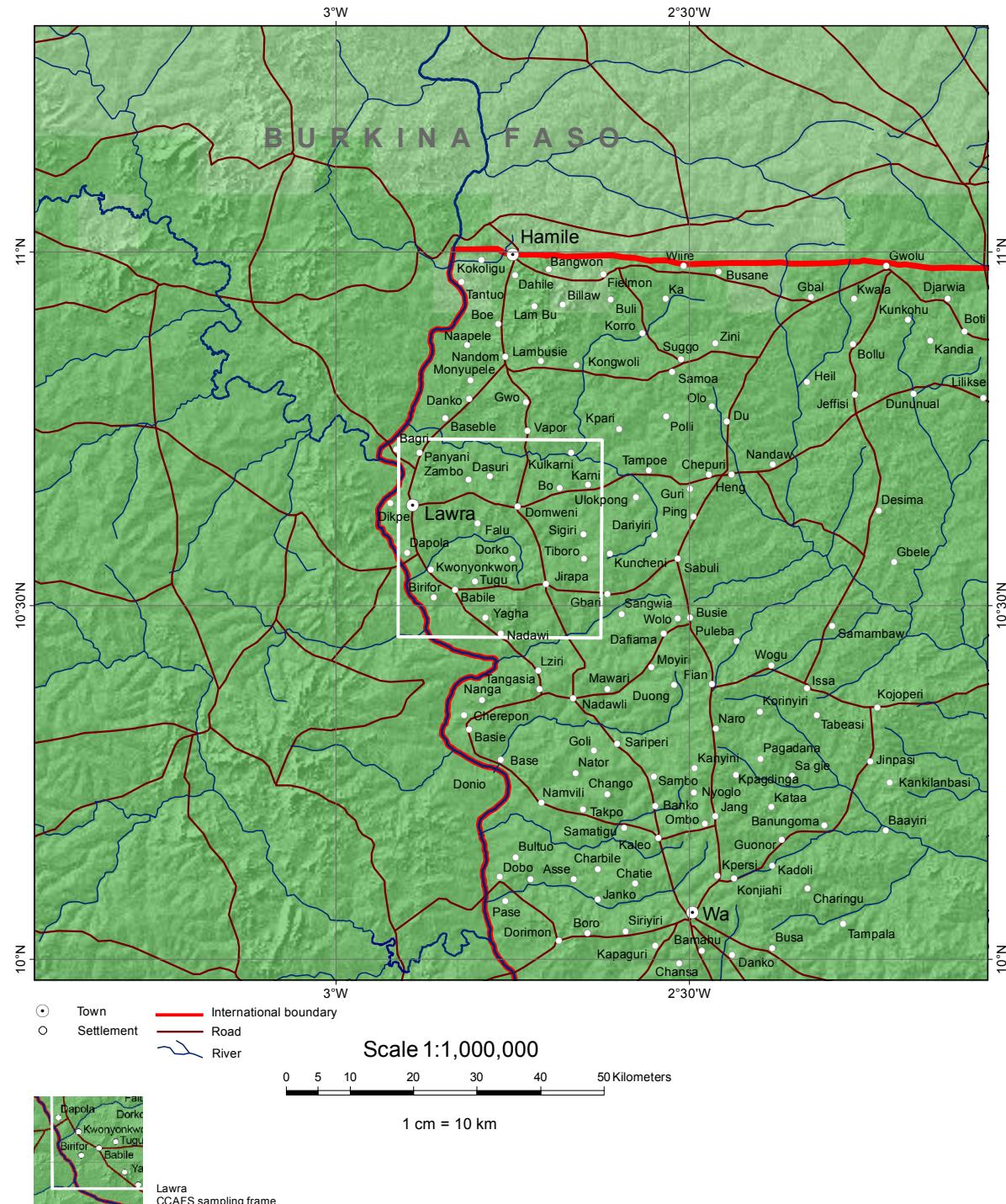
Landcover shows the observed (bio)physical cover of the earth's surface, i.e. dominant vegetation, land use and man-made features.

Landuse



Landuse is a description of how people utilize the land. It involves socio-economic activity, i.e. the management and modification of the natural environment into built environment, such as agricultural fields and settlements. At any place, there may be multiple land uses, the dominant one is presented here.

Length of Growing Period 2000

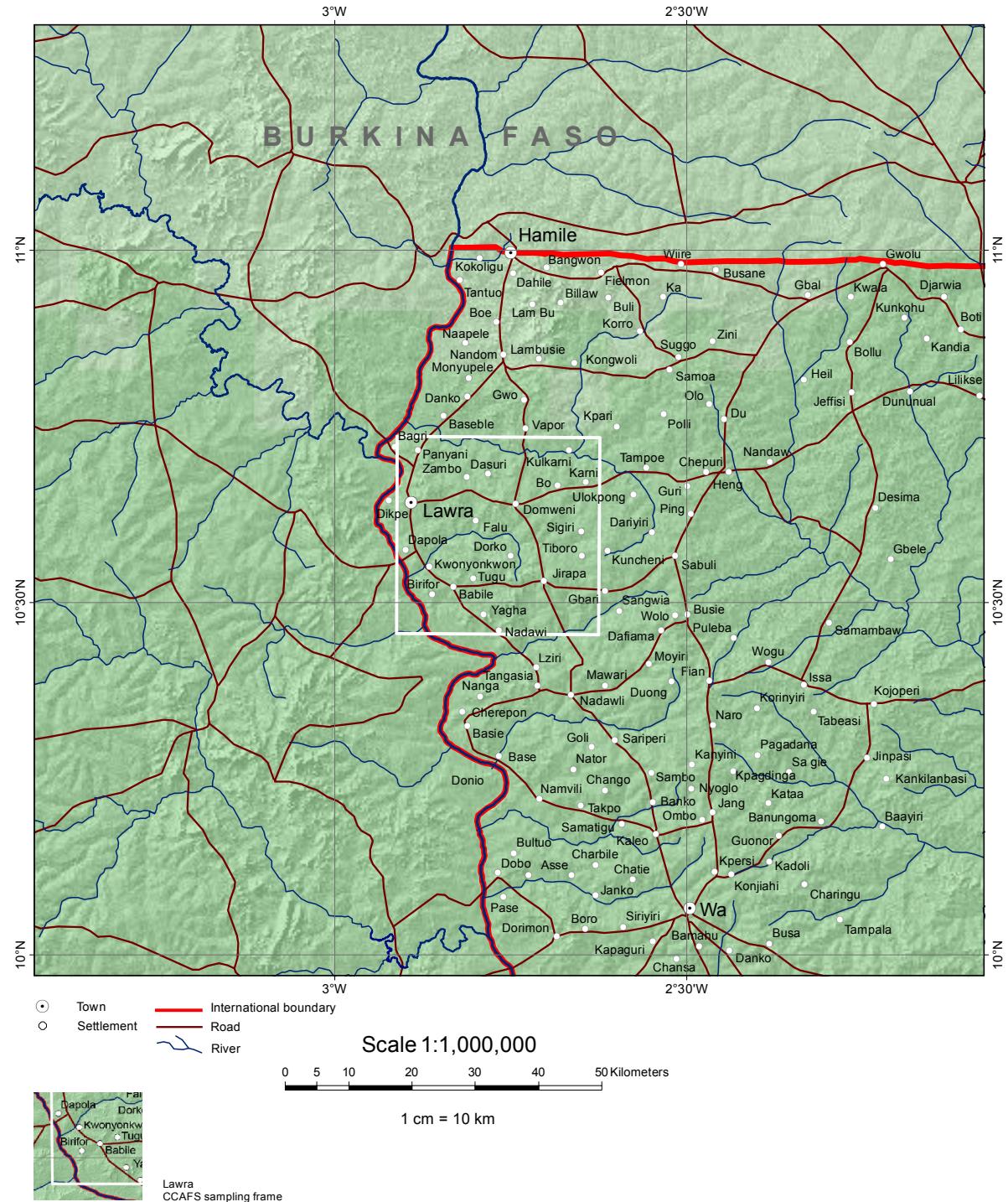


Length of Growing Period (Days)

| |
|-----------|
| <= 50 |
| 50 - 100 |
| 100 - 150 |
| 150 - 200 |
| > 200 |

The Length of Growing Period (LGP) is defined as the number of days in a year during which there is available rainfall soil moisture supply for plant growth.

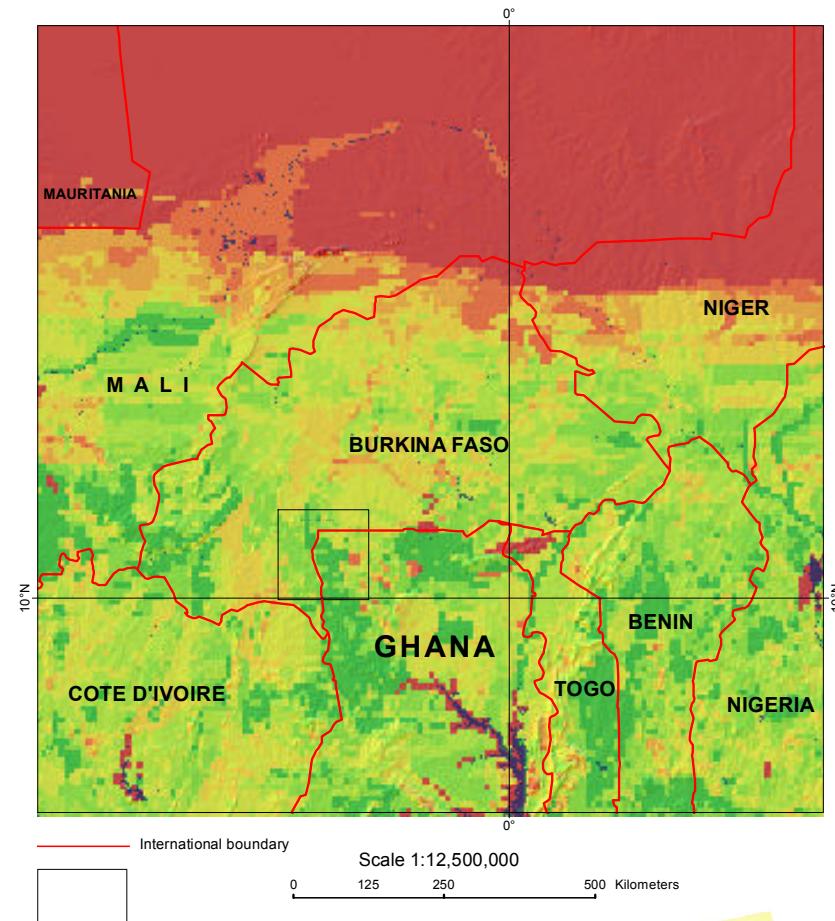
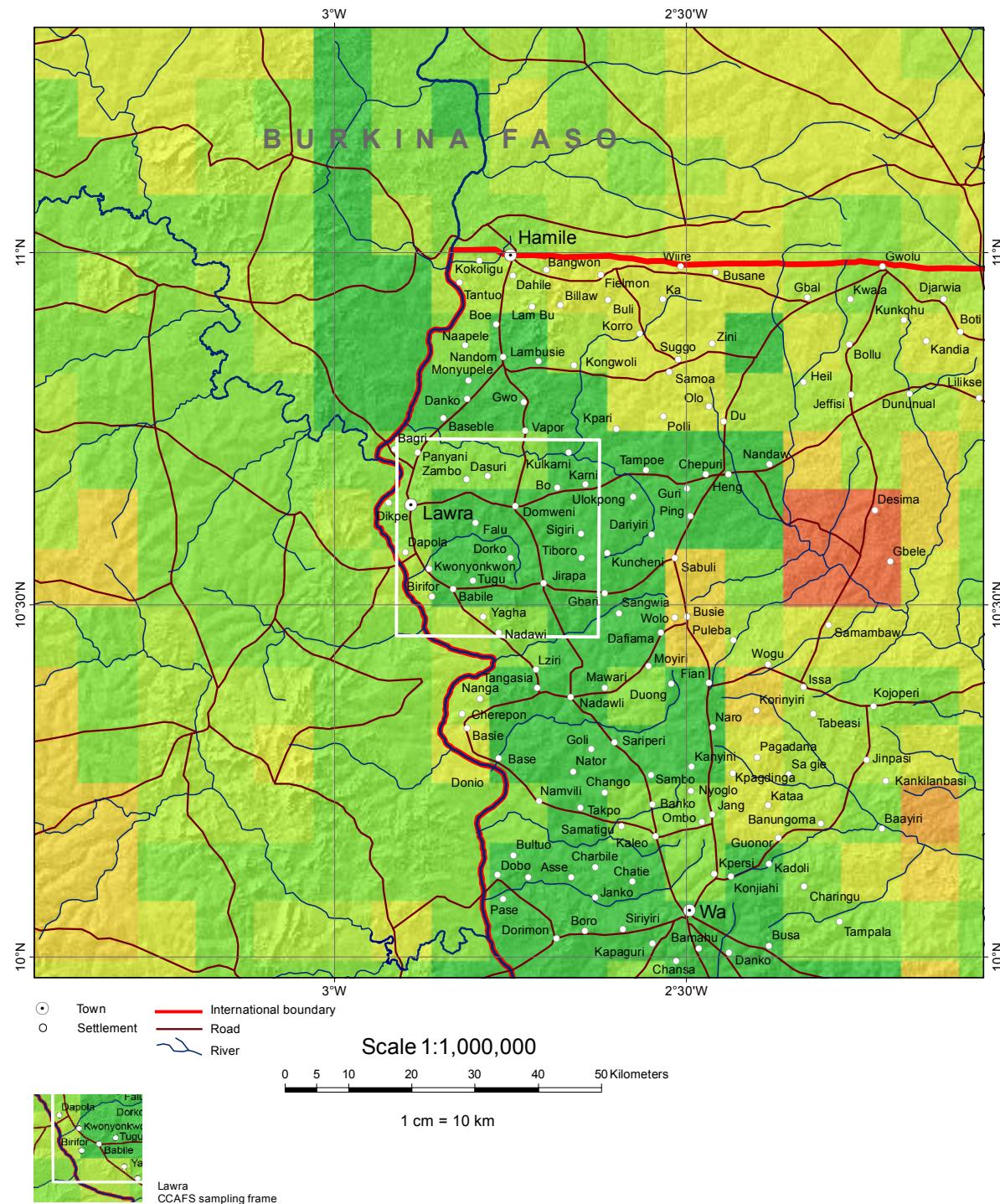
Length of Growing Period 2030



| Length of Growing Period (Days) |
|---------------------------------|
| <= 50 |
| 50 - 100 |
| 100 - 150 |
| 150 - 200 |
| > 200 |

The Length of Growing Period (LGP) is defined as the number of days in a year during which there is available rainfed soil moisture supply for plant growth; here modeled for 2030

Crop Suitability

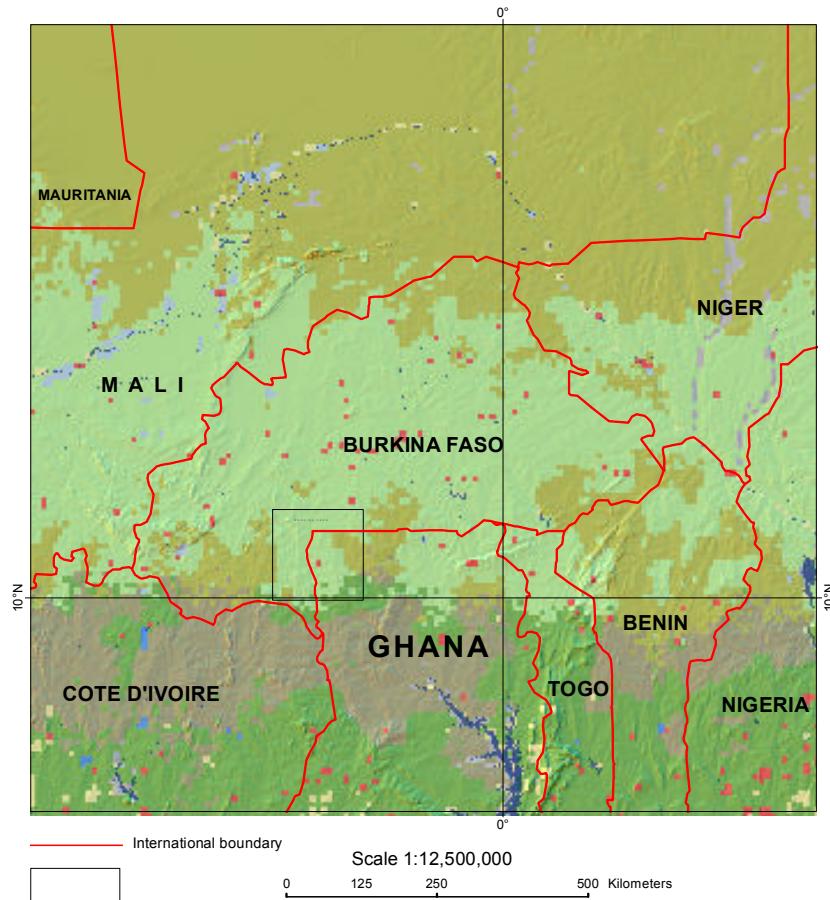
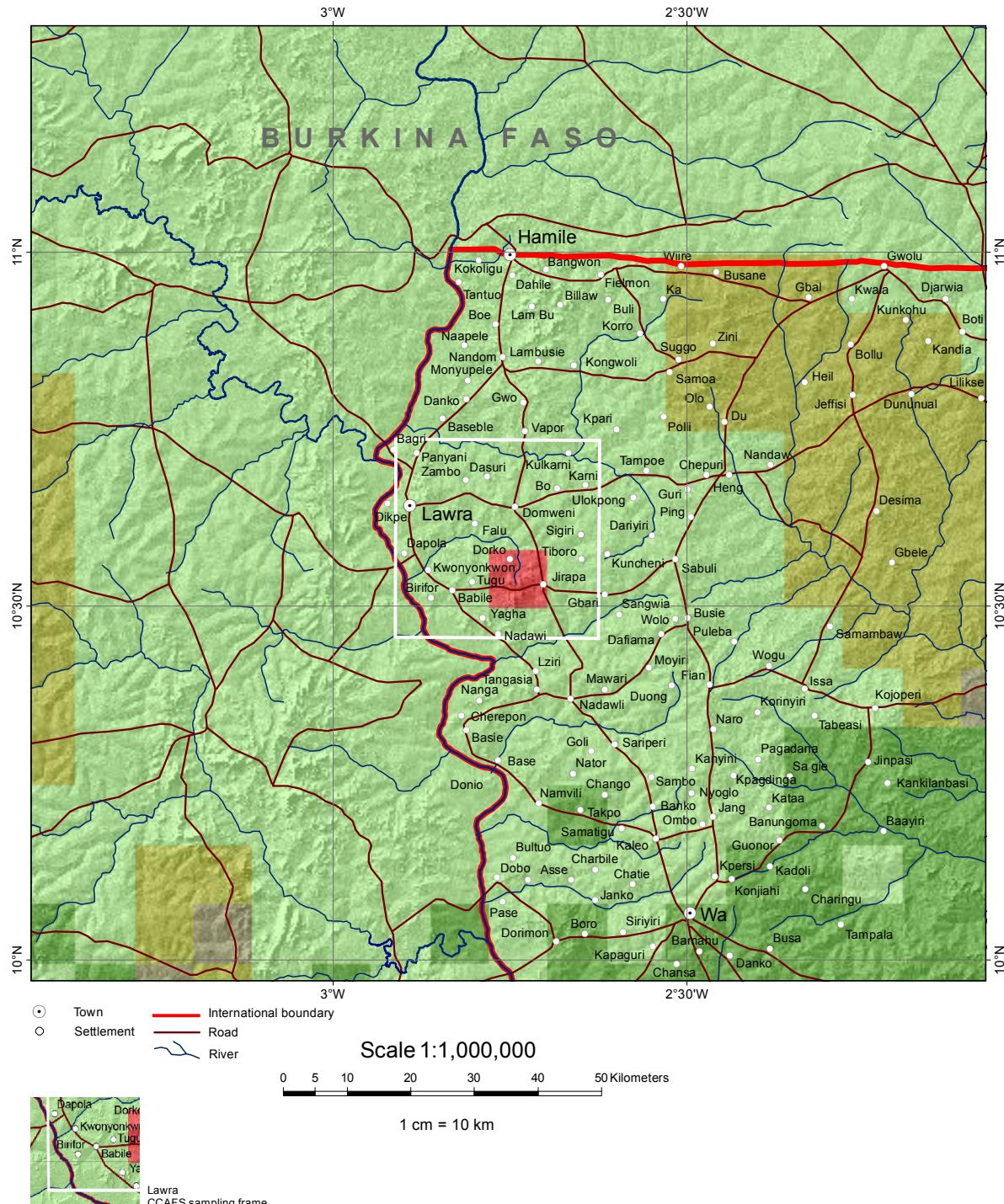


Crop Suitability

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Red | Not suitable |
| Orange | Very low |
| Yellow | Low |
| Medium yellow | Medium low |
| Light green | Medium |
| Dark green | Medium high |
| Dark green | High |
| Dark green | Very high |

Crop Suitability refers to the land resource assessment that considers agricultural land use options with relevant agro-ecological condition to estimate expected cropping activities.

Livestock Production Systems

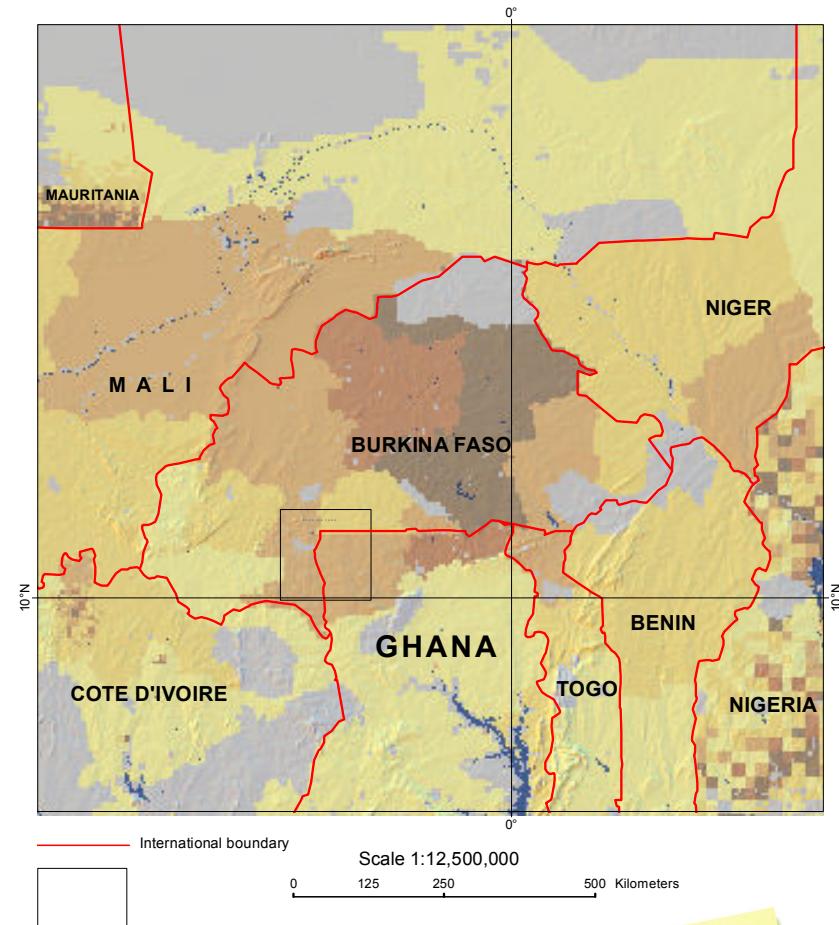
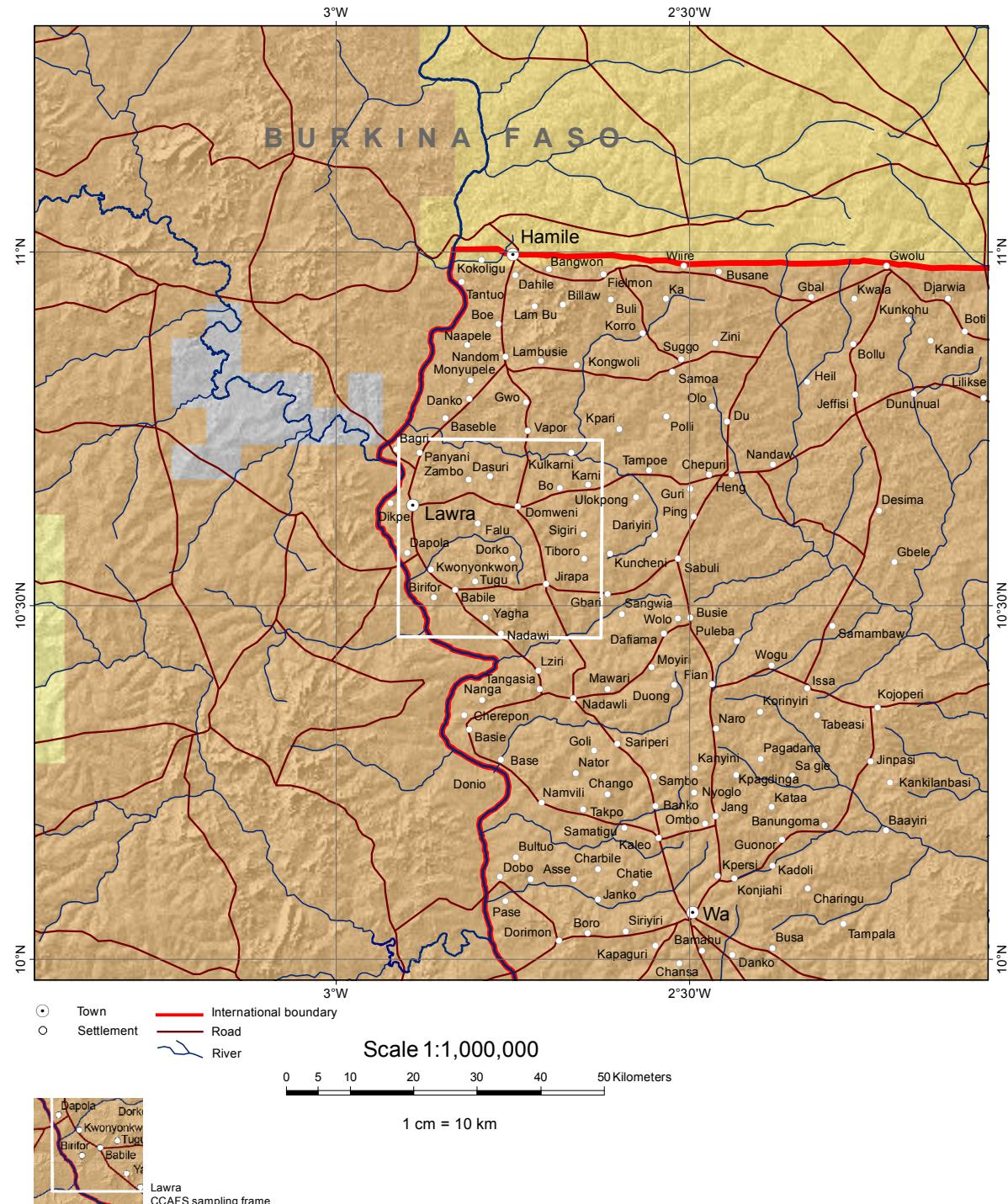


Corresponds to the map on the left

| Mixed Rainfed | | Livestock only | |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Arid / semi-arid | | Arid / semi-arid | |
| Humid / sub-humid | | Temperate / highland | |
| Temperate / highland | | Closed to open shrubland | |
| Mixed Irrigated | | Urban area | |
| Arid / semi-arid | | Urban area | |
| Humid / sub-humid | | Other | |
| Temperate / highland | | | |

Livestock Production Systems as part of agricultural systems take agro-climatic condition into account and are classified in terms of feed and livestock resources; livestock commodities produced; production technology; product use and livestock functions; area covered; geographic locations; and human populations supported.

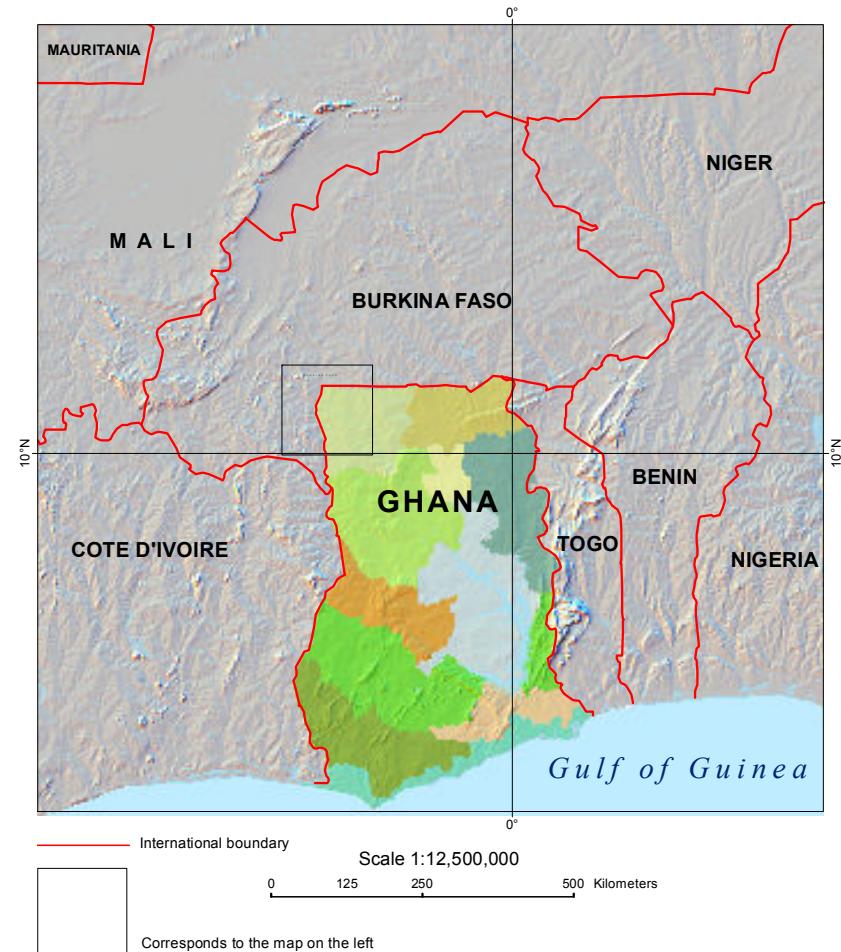
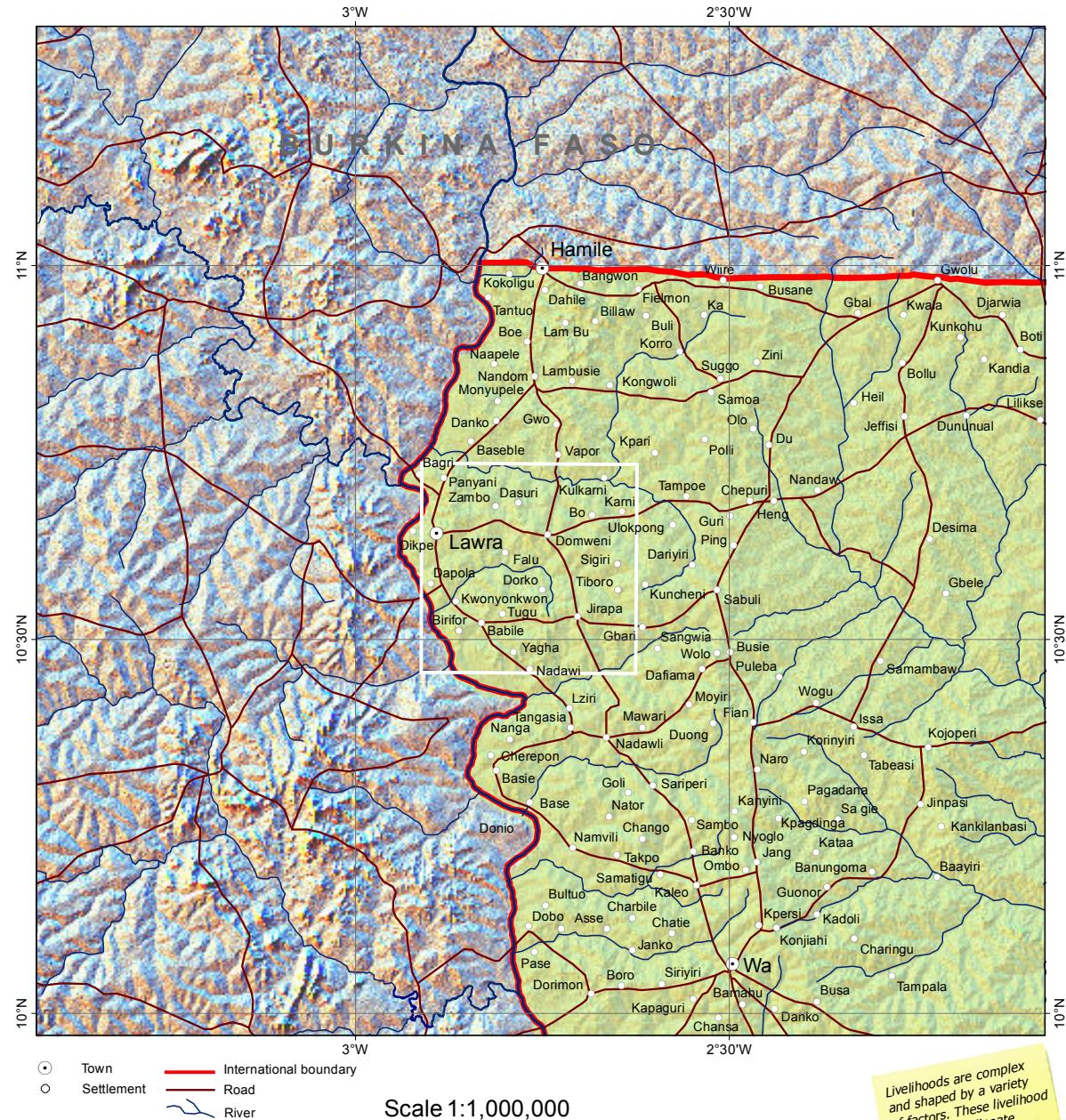
Livestock Density



Livestock Density is measured in numbers of livestock, including cattle, goats and sheep, per km^2

| Number per km^2 |
|--------------------------|
| No Observations |
| ≤ 5 |
| 5 - 10 |
| 10 - 15 |
| 15 - 20 |
| ≥ 20 |

Livelihood Zones



Livelihood Zones

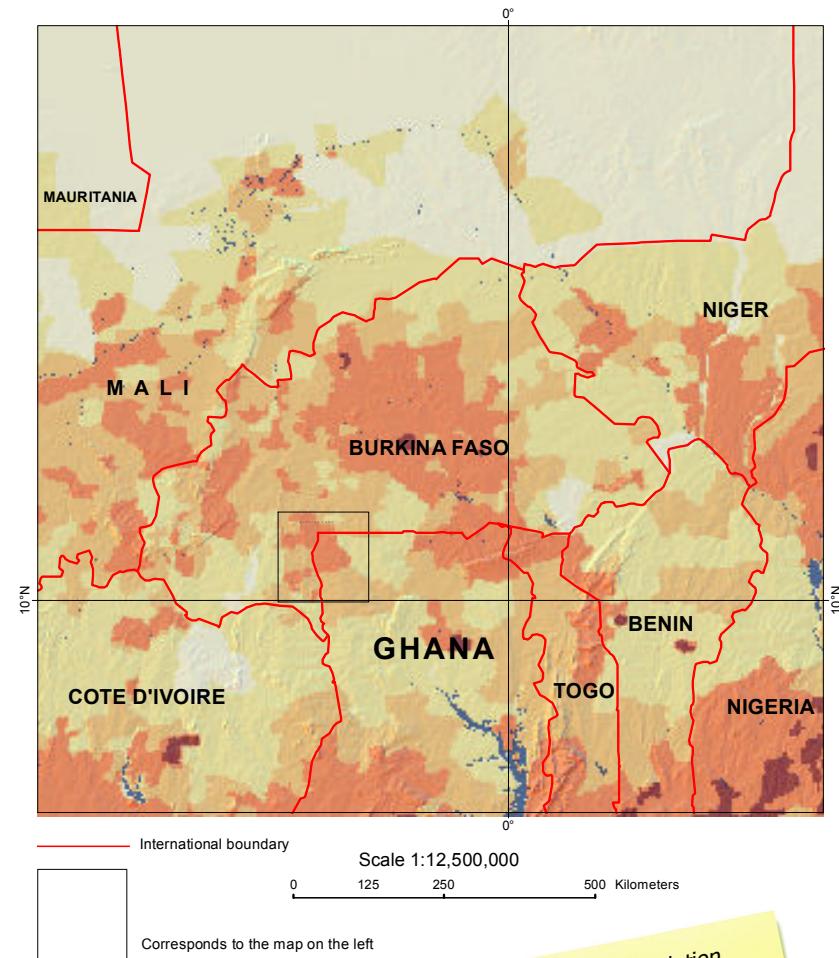
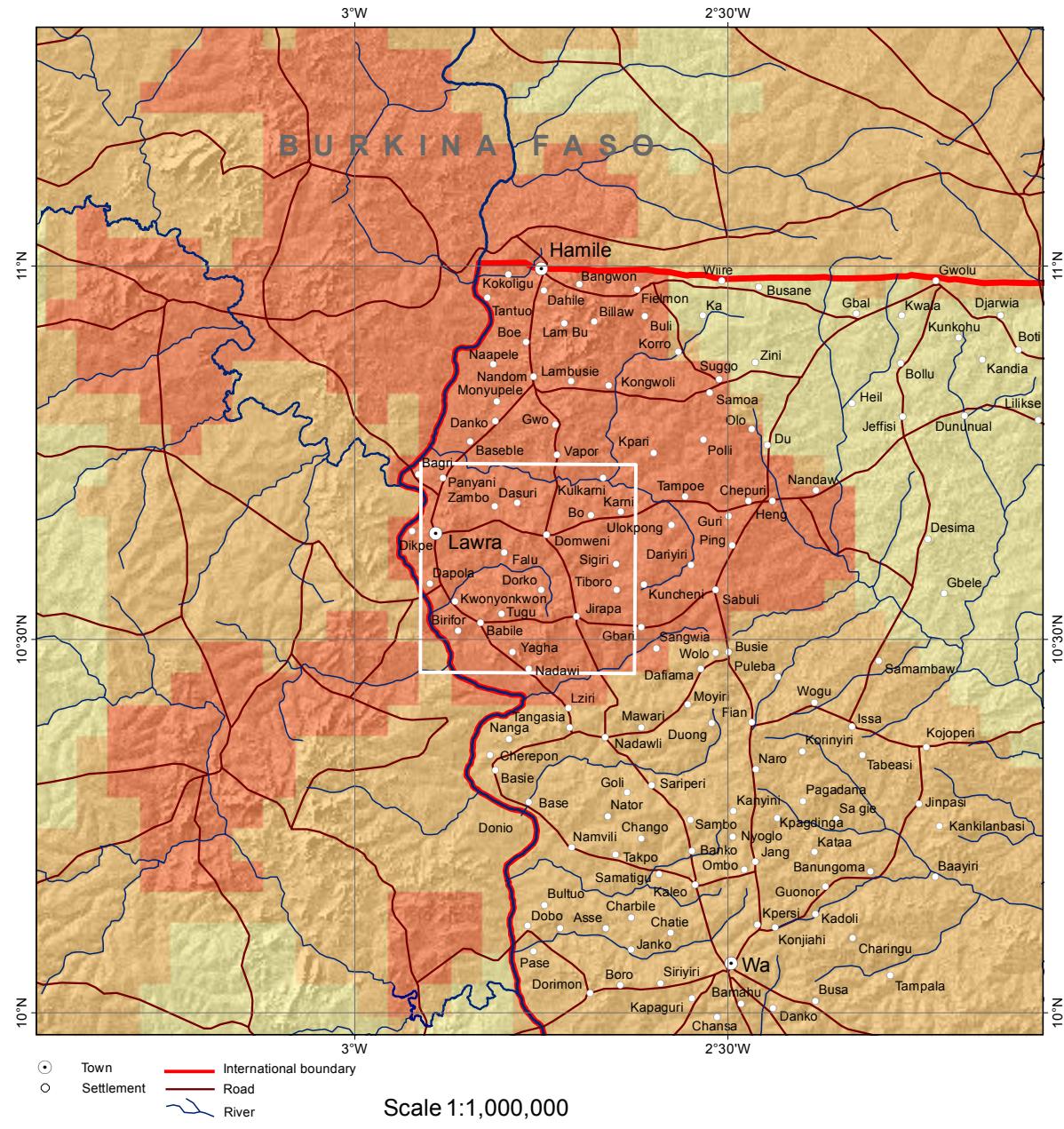
| |
|--|
| Yam, Cassava, Livestock |
| Commercial Rice and Livestock |
| Commercial Maize, Cassava, Small Ruminants |
| Forest Tree Crops, Rubber |
| Maize, Rice, Tree Crops / Mango, Livestock |
| Tubers Maize, Cashew, Livestock |

Livelihoods are complex and shaped by a variety of factors. These livelihood zone maps delineate geographic areas within which people broadly share the same livelihood patterns including access to food, income, and markets.

Citation: USAID (2011)



Human Population Density

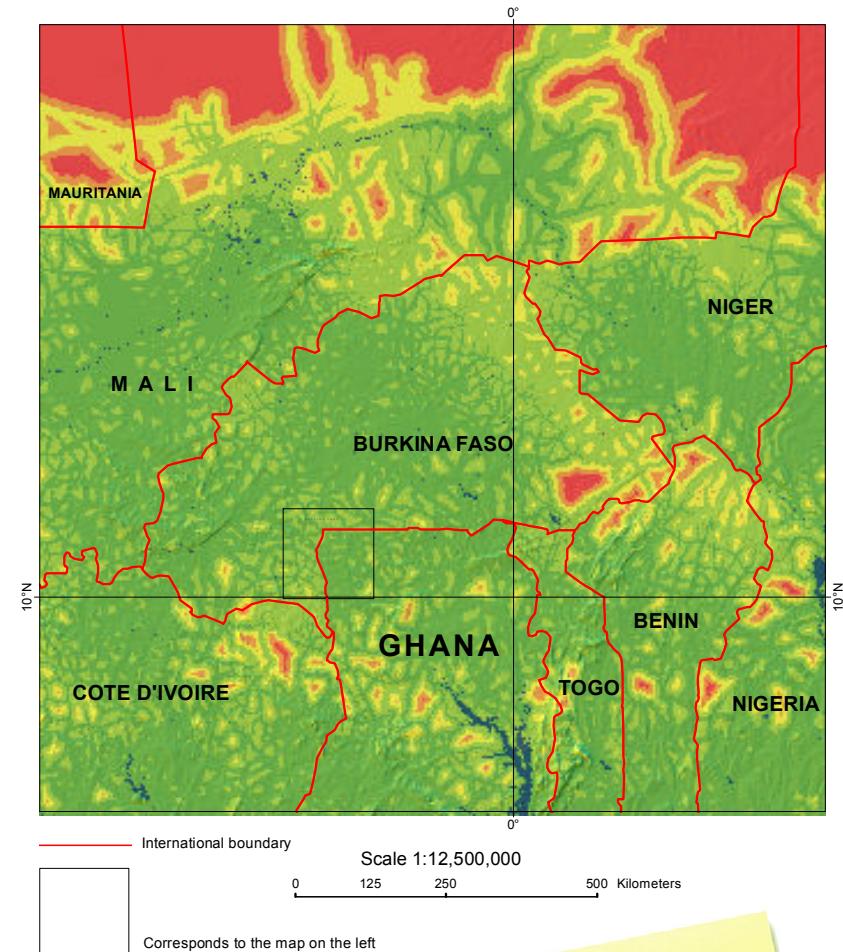
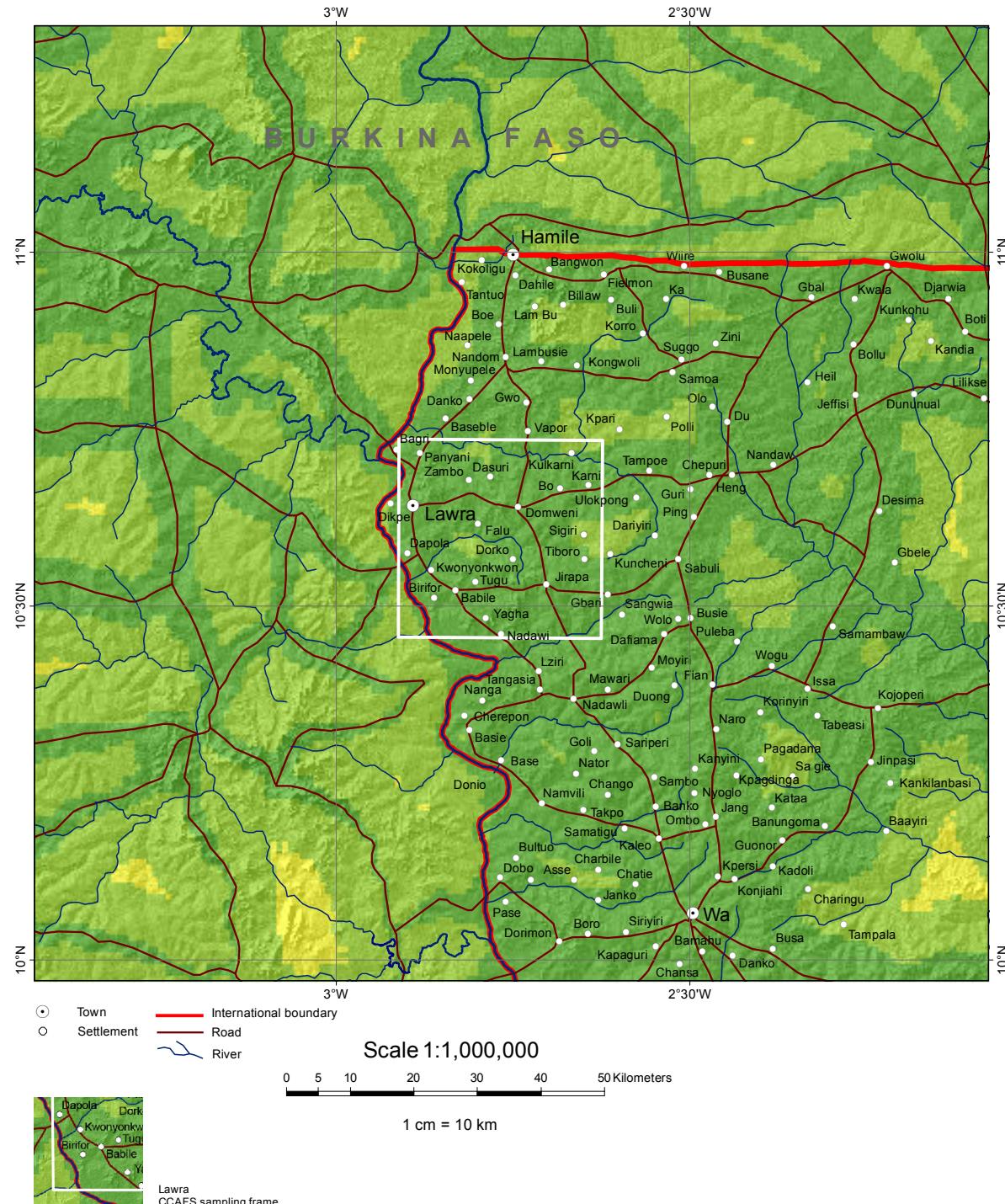


Number of persons per km²

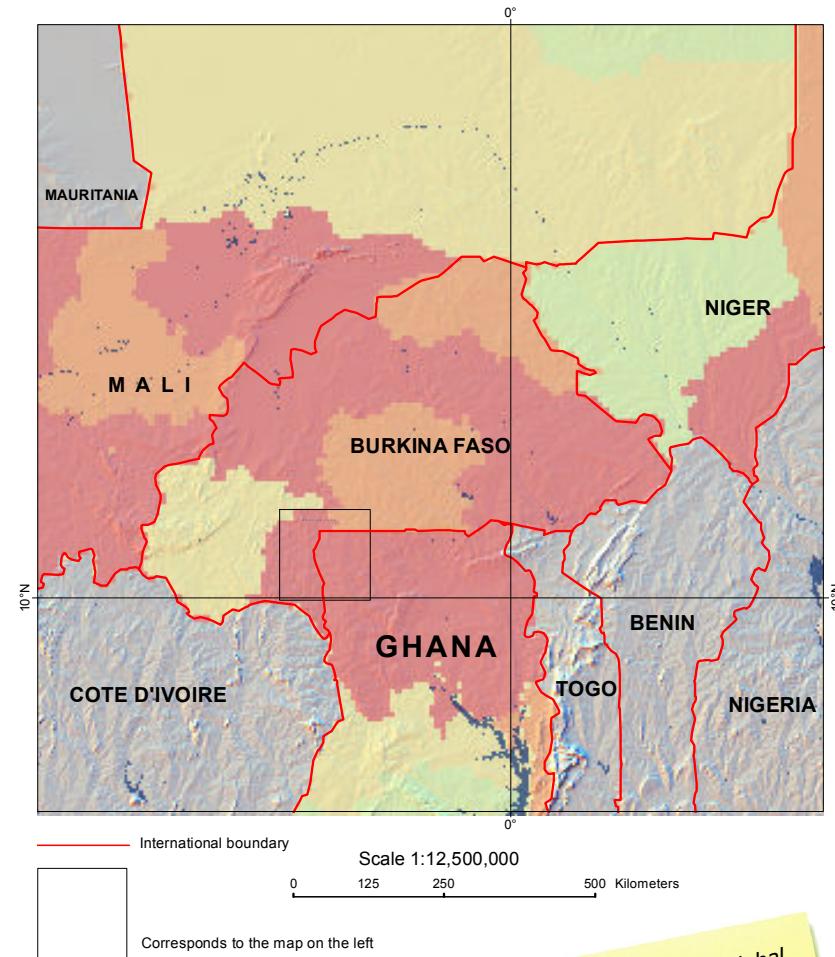
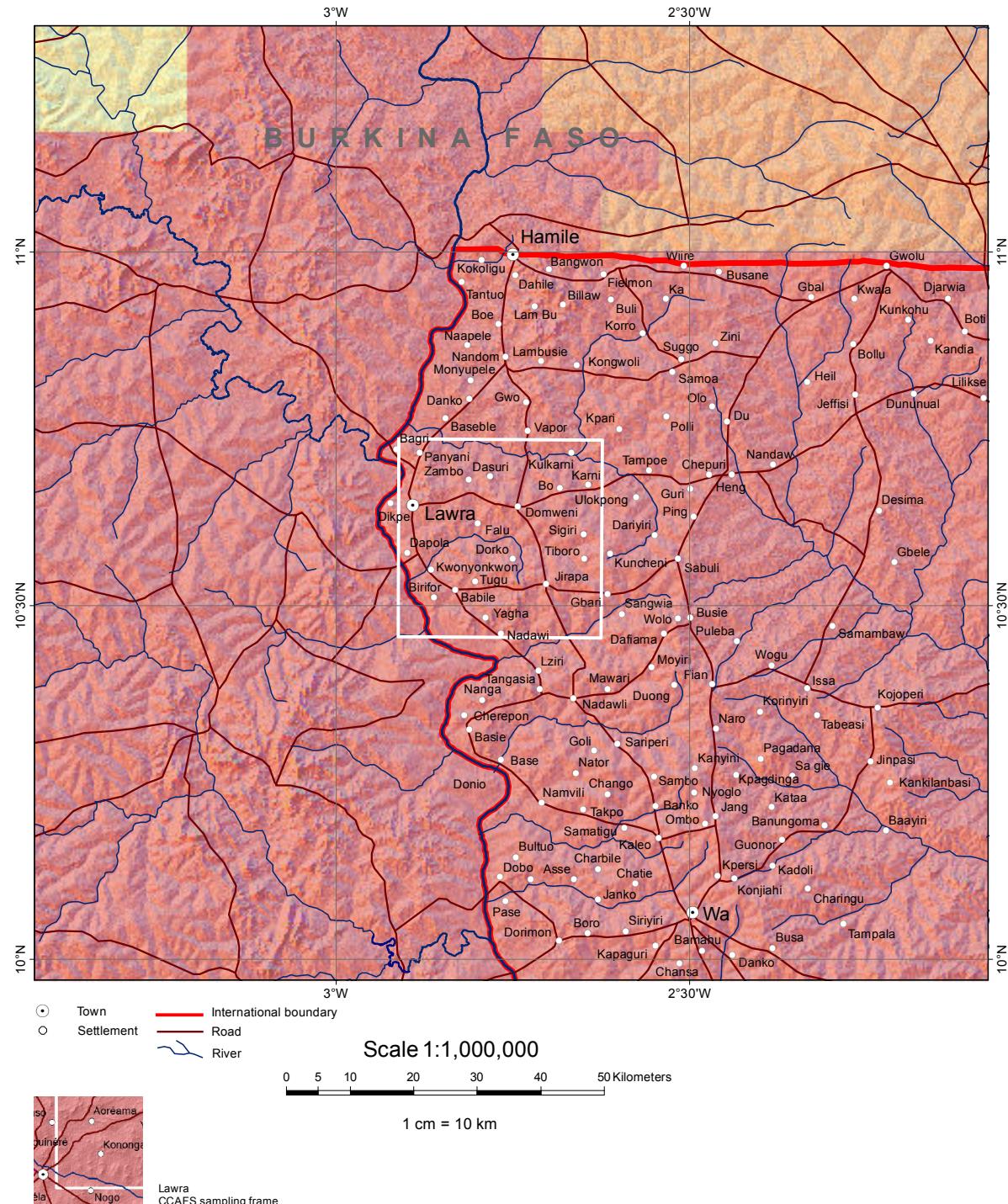
| |
|----------|
| < 5 |
| 5 - 25 |
| 25 - 50 |
| 50 - 250 |
| > 250 |

Human Population Density is the gridded number of persons per km² in 2005.

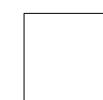
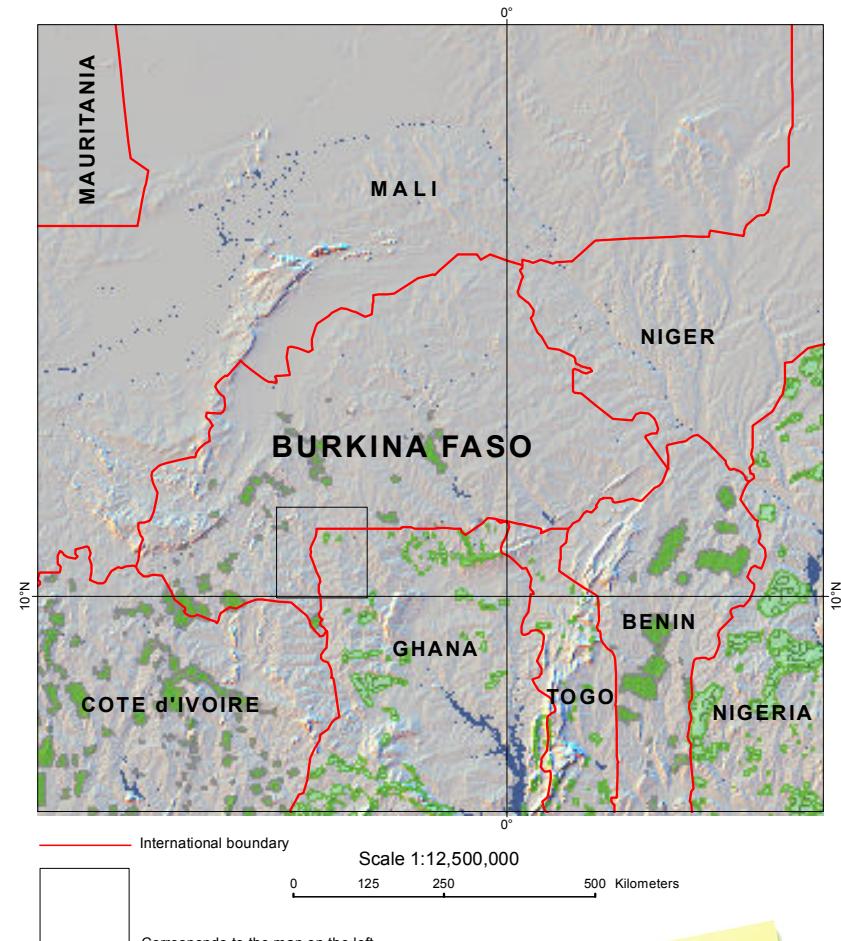
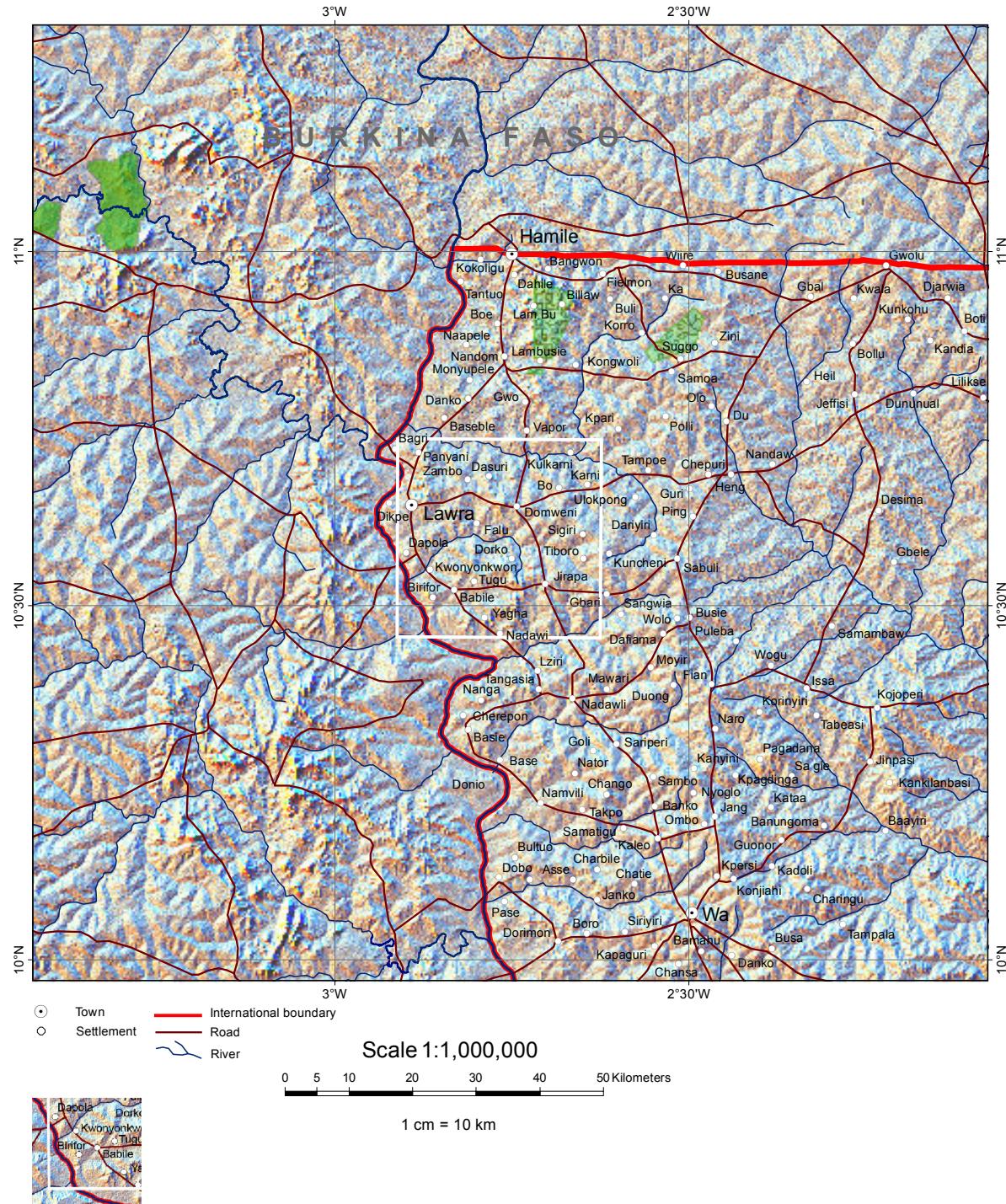
Market Access



Travel time is a measure of accessibility determined in the time (hours) taken to the nearest urban centre, town or city of a population of 50,000 people or more (taking different means of transportation into account)



Conservation Areas



Corresponds to the map on the left

Conservation Areas

- Forest Reserve (green textured area)
- Classified Forest (solid green area)

Conservation Areas represent protected areas that, according to IUCN, are clearly defined geographic spaces, recognized, dedicated and managed through legal or other effective means, to achieve long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural value.

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RapidEye Satellite Image, 5 meter ground resolution,
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