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Mulch Mulch Mulch

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Thanks to my lovely wife

Dr. Lorna Reyes
Analytics Software
Tester
SAS, Cary, NC



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Thanks to my two sons

Micah

North Carolina State University,
BS Civil and Environmental
Engineering, and MS in Marine
Sciences; currently designing
various gadgets, 33 years old no
girlfriend. I told him my need to
be a grand dad, he said not yet.



Zach kissing an ancient smiling face in Angkor

Wat, Cambodia

Thanks to my son Zach

2011

12 years old

2012

13 years old

2013

14 years old

2014

15 years old



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Stephane 'macho' Boulakia --- My Teacher in Conservation Agriculture



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International Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) Model Southeast East Asia Conference October 22 to 25, 2018, Siem Reap, Cambodia



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I am so proud of Cambodia. All pictures and examples are:

Made in Cambodia

I am proposing to be the

'Center of Conservation Agriculture in Southeast Asia'



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Conservation Agriculture on Commercial Vegetable Home Gardens It Works!!!!



Manuel R. Reyes
Kansas State University



Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy!



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Minimum soil disturbance

No tillage



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Minimum soil disturbance no-tillage





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**Kudos to the SIIL
Appropriate Scale
Mechanization
Consortium team look
at the posture**



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Continuous mulch



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Continuous mulch



Continuous mulch





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Diverse species



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Diverse in time



String Beans



Tomatoes



Kale



Cucumber



Diverse in space



A photograph of a narrow, winding path through a dense garden. The path is covered with a thick carpet of low-growing, green, leafy plants. On either side of the path, there are tall, leafy plants with large green leaves and bright yellow flowers. The background is filled with more greenery, creating a sense of depth and enclosure. The overall atmosphere is vibrant and natural.

Diverse in space



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Cambodian Widow Ms. Lamom

Asking for MULCH, MULCH, MULCH. Our about 80 Cambodian women farmers practicing CA for Veggie production are asking for:

MULCH, MULCH, MULCH



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Urgent Need of Mulch



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Fodder resource after rice, sandy podzolic soil (80% sand, Stung Chinit)

Slide from a presentation of Vira Leng et al, 2017

April 2015

Stylosanthes guianensis and *Centrosema pascuorum* (April 2015)



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**We moved from 1.5 ton to over 4 tons of Pkha Rumdoul in Stung Chinit
(> 80% sand, less than 1% of OM)**

Slide from a presentation by Vira Leng et al, 2017

Pkha Rumdoul direct seeded on mulch of *S. guianensis* and *C. Pascuorum*



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Farmer Lamoms 500 square meters lowland rice field with centrosema, dry season 2018, Picture provided by Ren Ry

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**Successful sowing in
no-tillage conservation
agriculture seven-500
square meter lowland
rice fields. 2018
growing season, Siem
Reap, Cambodia.**

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How can we provide Mulch, Mulch, Mulch from Main Crops to Women Farmers like Widow Lamom?



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