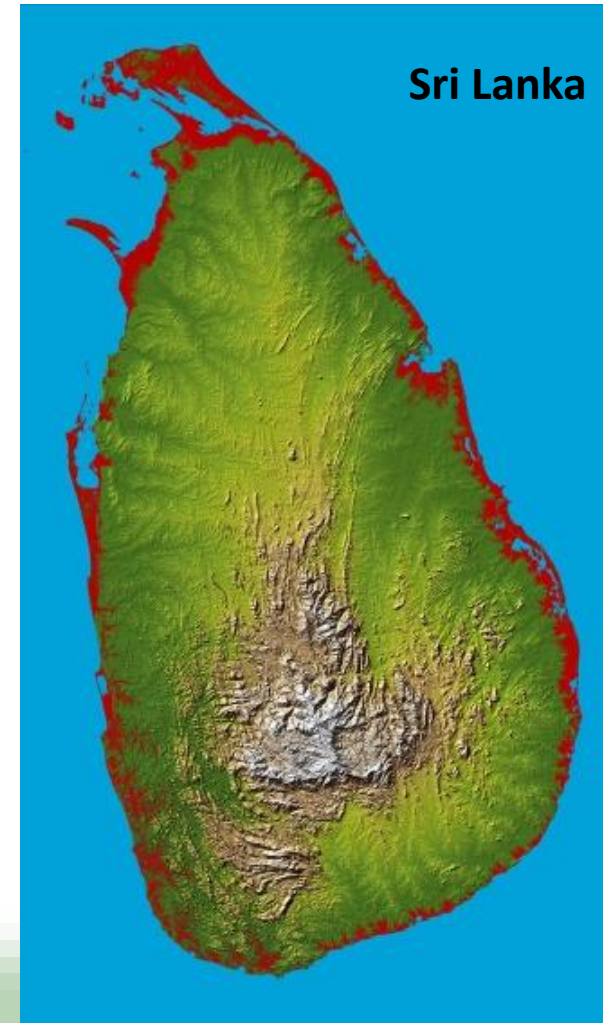


# Development Action Plan

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# Introduction

## Institute of Post Harvest Technology (IPHT):

- Under Ministry of Agriculture
- Main government institution
  - Research, training, extension, consultancy and other development activities
  - On postharvest technology of paddy/rice, other cereals, pulses, other field crops, fruits, vegetables, spices



## My work:

- **Extension Officer**
- **Responsibilities:**
  - Conducting technology dissemination activities
    - To increase adoption of technologies
    - Reduce postharvest loss
    - Agri-business development
  - Conducting research (technical, social aspects)



# Most useful topics

- Extension
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Research/project Development and Management:  
Tools and best Practices



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# Problem Identification

- Agriculture – major role in Sri Lankan economy
- Wide variety of tropical crops
  - Vegetables
- Postharvest loss of vegetables
  - 35-40%
- Improvement of postharvest sector
  - important



- **Problem to be addressed:**

- Use of appropriate development communication methods



- Current training materials/ approach in training of extension staff - Too much (technical) / less (cost benefit)

- Need to improve



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## **Capacity building of extension staff of IPHT on vegetable postharvest technologies in Sri Lanka**





# Objectives

- To develop capacity of extension staff of IPHT to understand the postharvest technologies and effectively communicate them to vegetable value chain actors (VCA)
- To reduce postharvest loss of vegetables through increased adoption of appropriate postharvest technologies

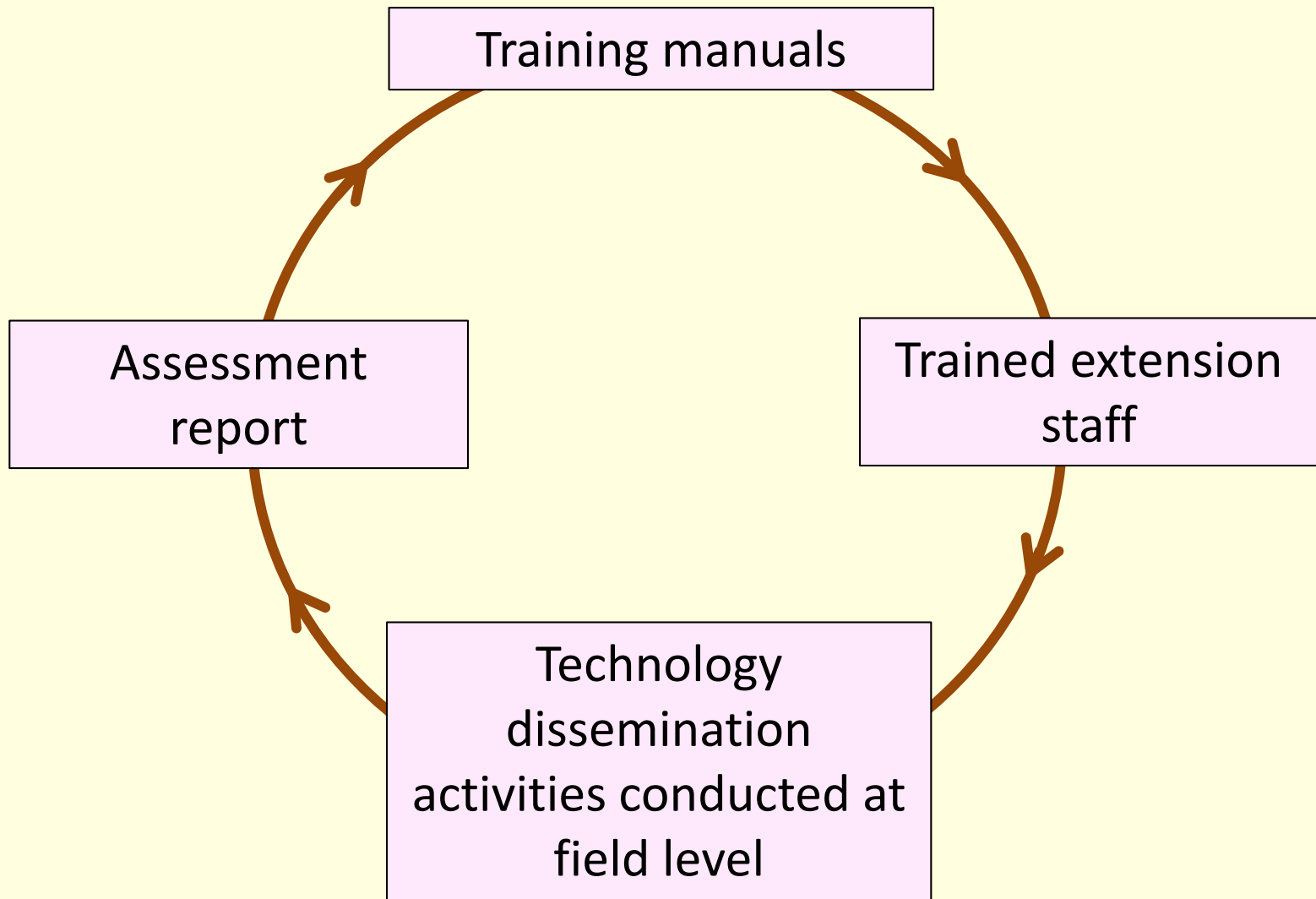


- **Target group:**
  - Extension staff of IPHT
- **Beneficiaries:**
  - Vegetable value chain actors



# Activities, Outputs, outcomes & impact

	Activity	outputs	Outcomes/impacts
1	Preparation of training manuals including fact sheets and cost benefit analysis for vegetable postharvest technologies	Prepared training manuals	Improved capability of extension staff
2	Conduct training programs on vegetable postharvest technologies and distribution of training manuals to IPHT extension staff	Trained extension staff  Training materials for VCA	Increased adoption of postharvest technologies  Reduction of postharvest loss
3	Disseminate the technology learned by extension staff to the vegetable value chain actors	Technology dissemination activities conducted	
4	Conduct follow up activities assess the effectiveness of training provided to VCA	Assessment report prepared	



**Time period:**

March – August 2016

# Challenges

- Relevant resources being available





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# Thank You

