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(57) Abstract:

Agricultural productivity in coastal locations is distressed by a number of vagaries of nature such as soil and water quality degradation owing to salt/saline water inundation or scarcity of irrigation water during the dry season, existence of brackish ground water table at shallow depth, drainage congestion during monsoon months, weather adversities, etc. The farmers are severely affected by such uncertainties leading to monoculture and poor nutritional and economic condition. In this pretext our technological intervention on a community basis can solve this conundrum by quality assessment and purification of sea water and its reuse in agriculture. The involvement of low cost alternatives like solar energy and cyanobacteria driven desalinization and filtration can ensure large scale remediation of the saline water. Further using it in soilless agriculture or farming through hydroponics using fallen logs can be the most suitable alternative to improve cropping intensity, agricultural productivity, nutritional security and economic prosperity of the farmers and local residents of resource scarce coastal saline belts.

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