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## “Impact of Climate Change on Arabica Coffee in Papua New Guinea”

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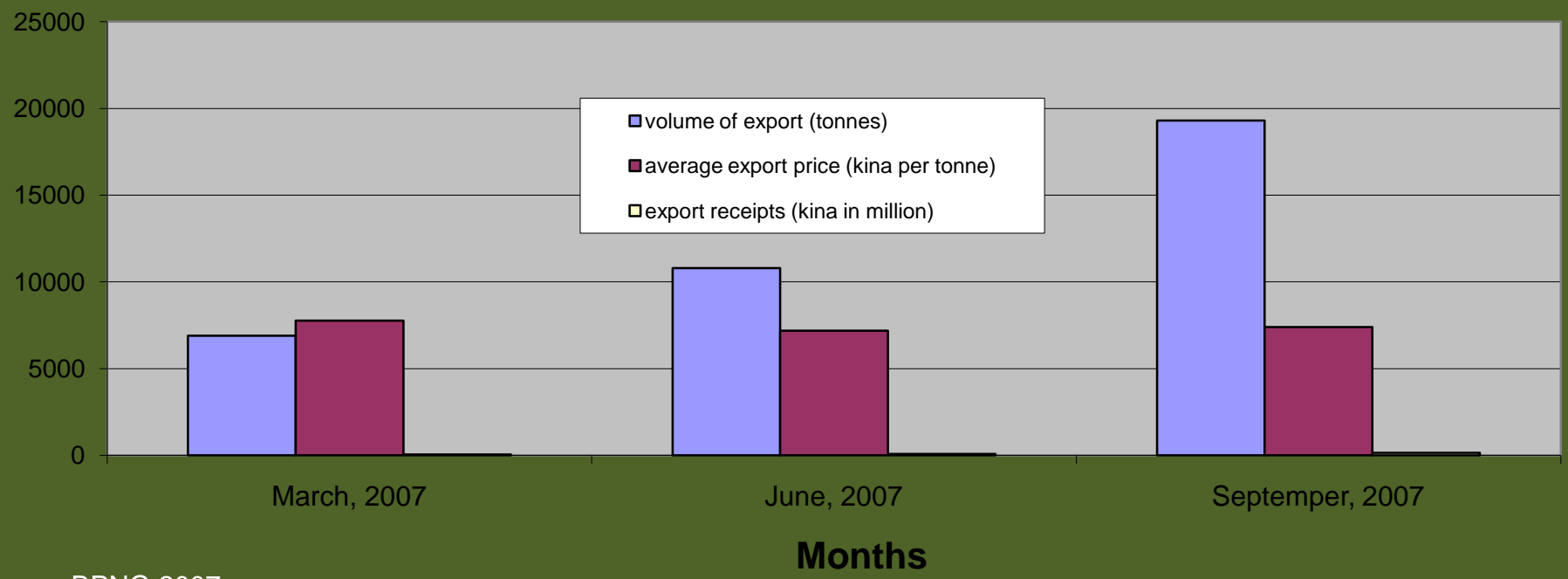
# INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND INFORMATION



# Research Problem

- ☐ Decline in coffee export quantity.  
(BPNG, 2007).
- ☐ Changing weather pattern.

### Coffee Generated Revenue 2007



Source: BPNG, 2007

## Factors that affect production and export quantity of Coffee in Papua New Guinea

- ✓ World supply and demand
- ✓ Social and development trend
- ✓ Coffee management practices

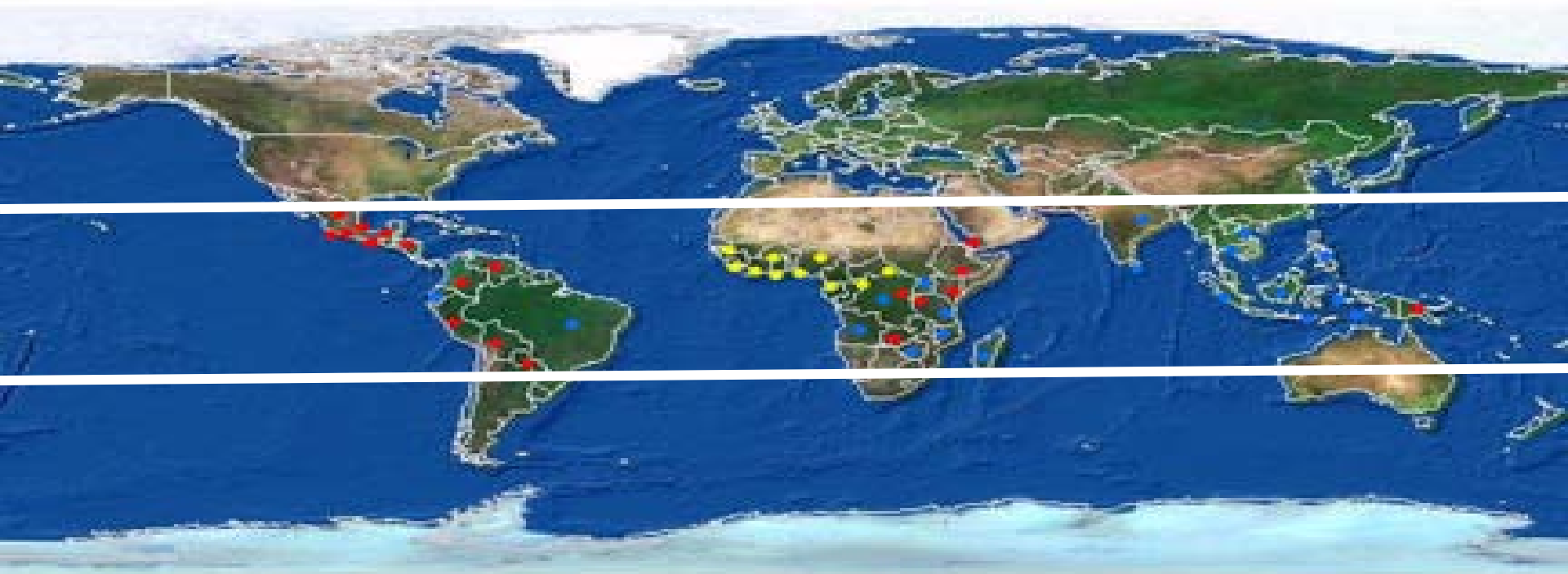
( CIC, 1998 )

# Coffee

There are four types ; arabica, canephora, liberica and excelsa.

## Arabica Coffee

- ✓ 80% of total world production
- ✓ grows from equator to 25°N and 25°S
- ✓ temperature ranges 15 to 25°C with plenty of rainfall
- ✓ grows between 1000 to 2200 metres



# Arabica Coffee in Papua New Guinea

- ✓ First introduced to PNG in early 18<sup>th</sup> century by Dutch sailors
- ✓ Contribute 6.6% of GDP for agricultural sector.
- ✓ Arabica coffee grows mainly in the highlands and high altitude areas
- ✓ More than 200 varieties
- ✓ Only 6 are commercially viable

❖ Catura, Catimor, Arusa, Mundo Novo, Typica and Bourbon

- ✓ Temperature; <15°C die of frost or no crop (C<sub>3</sub>)
  - >25°C reduced photosynthesis rate
  - >30°C leaf begin to suffer damage

- ✓ Rainfall: high rainfall - encourage fungal diseases and flowering abnormalities  
(flowering is induced by rain only following water stress )

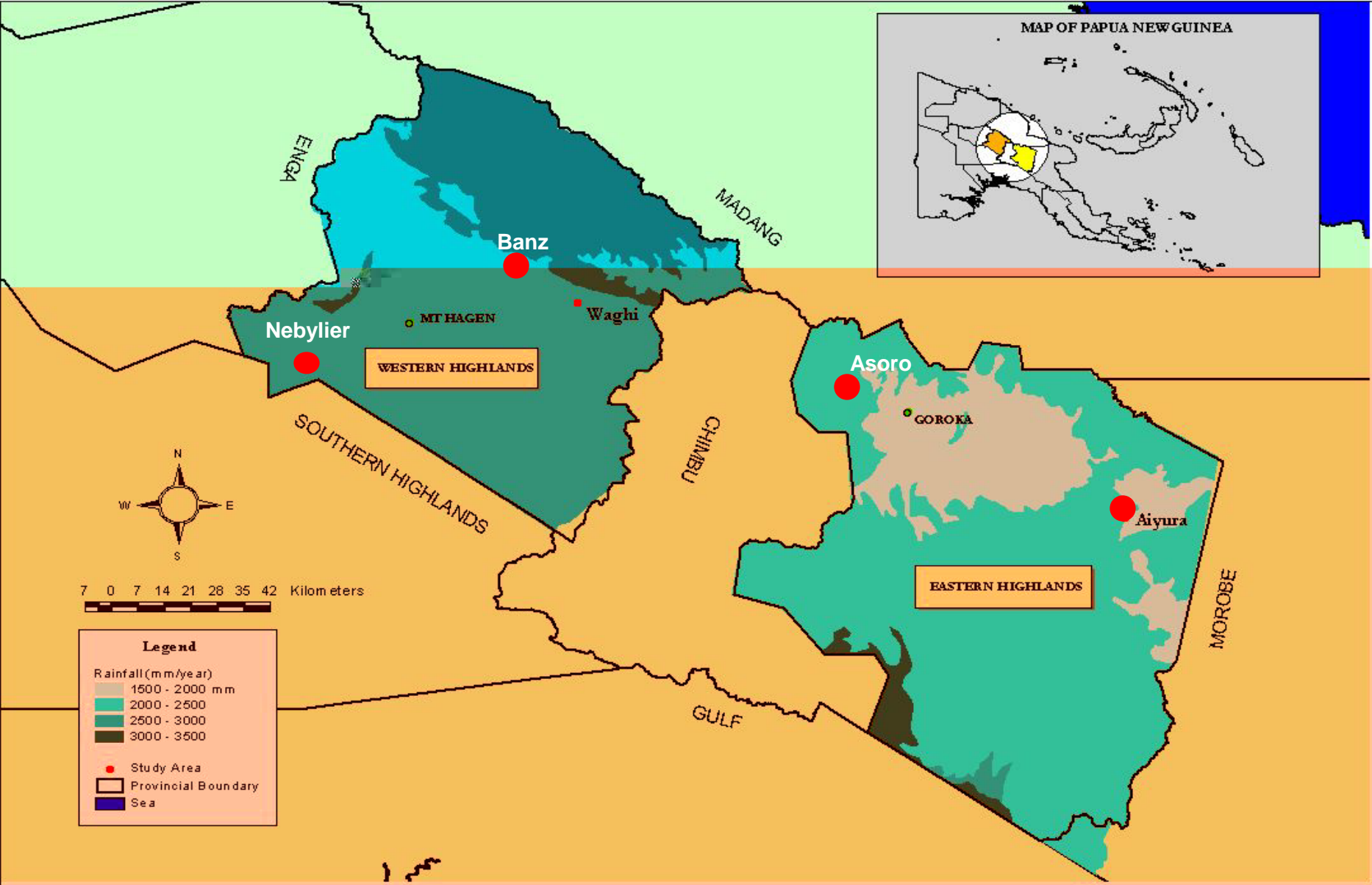
low rainfall - encourage maturity of cherries  
prolonged water stress will effect yield and plant dies.

# **STUDY OBJECTIVE**

The research therefore is trying to find out whether;

- 1) *there are different effect of climate change in different arabica growing areas of the highlands region which has contributed to the daily weather pattern and thus decline in export quantity;*
- 2) *the highlands region does have a clear wet and dry season as other coastal and the island areas of the country*

# STUDY AREA



# DATA SETS

There are three methods used for this research.

A. Interactive discussion survey with sample of population.

B. Rainfall and Max/Min Temperature from Goroka and Aiyura.

C. Annual coffee export data

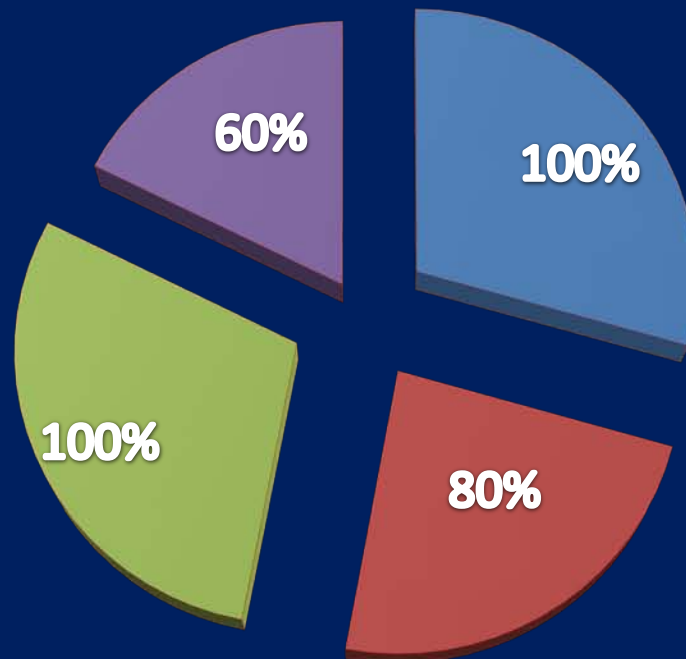
# RESULTS

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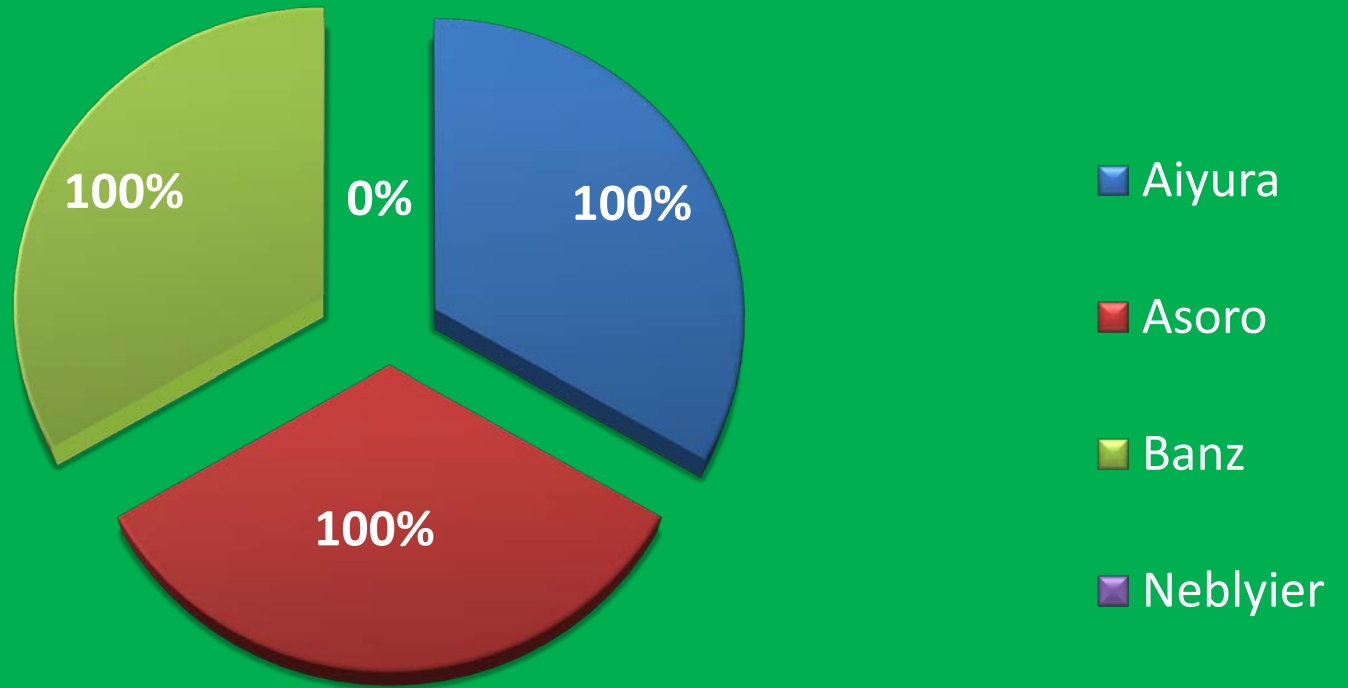
The survey analysis demonstrated that the arabica coffee did not flower and produce bean according to its normal cycle, instead, it flowered and produced the crop all year around.

## Changes in Coffee Season

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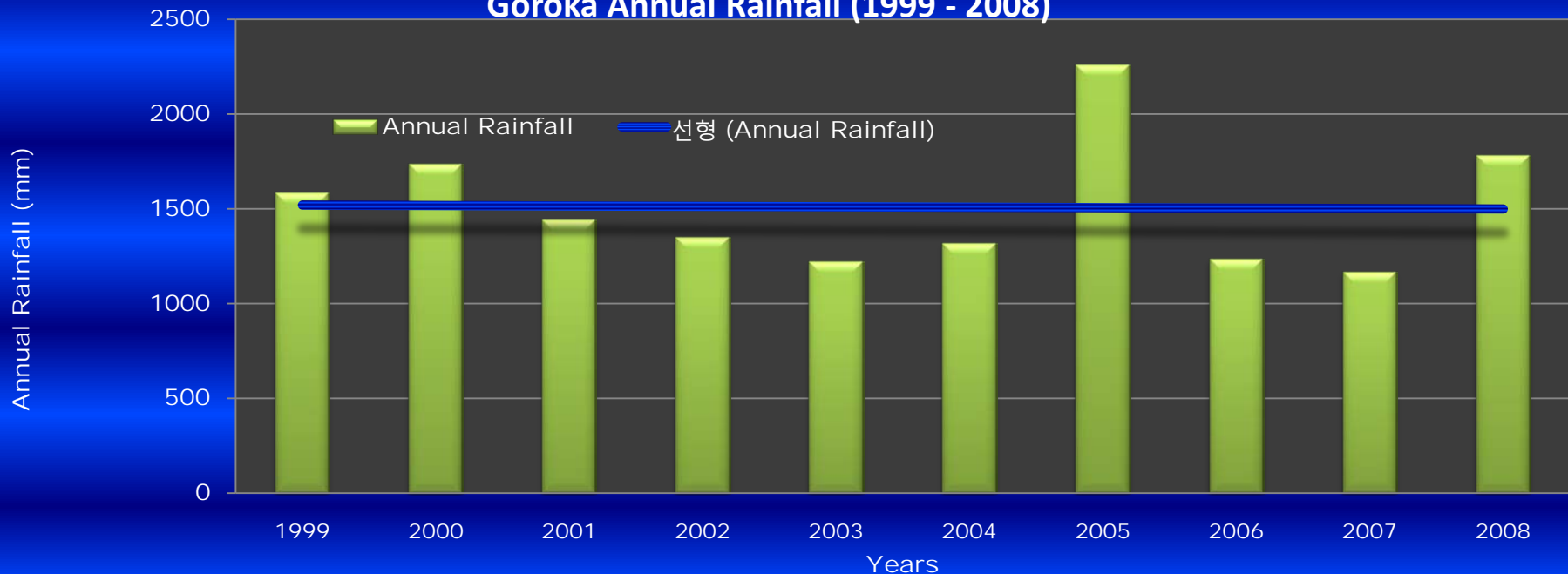


# New Coffee Gardens

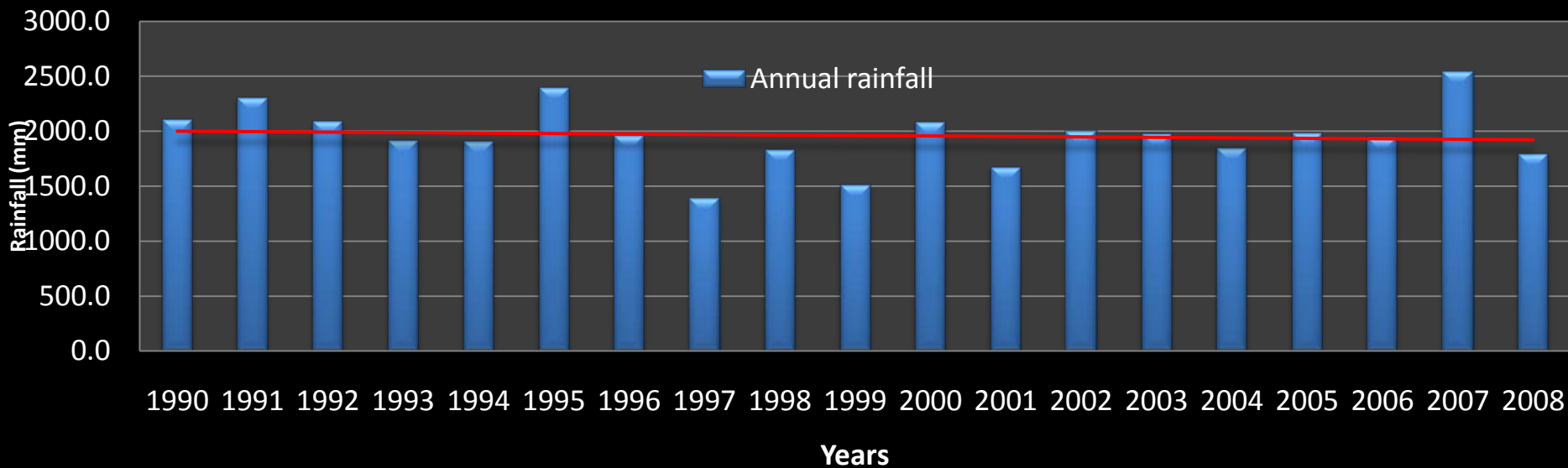


# Weather & Climate

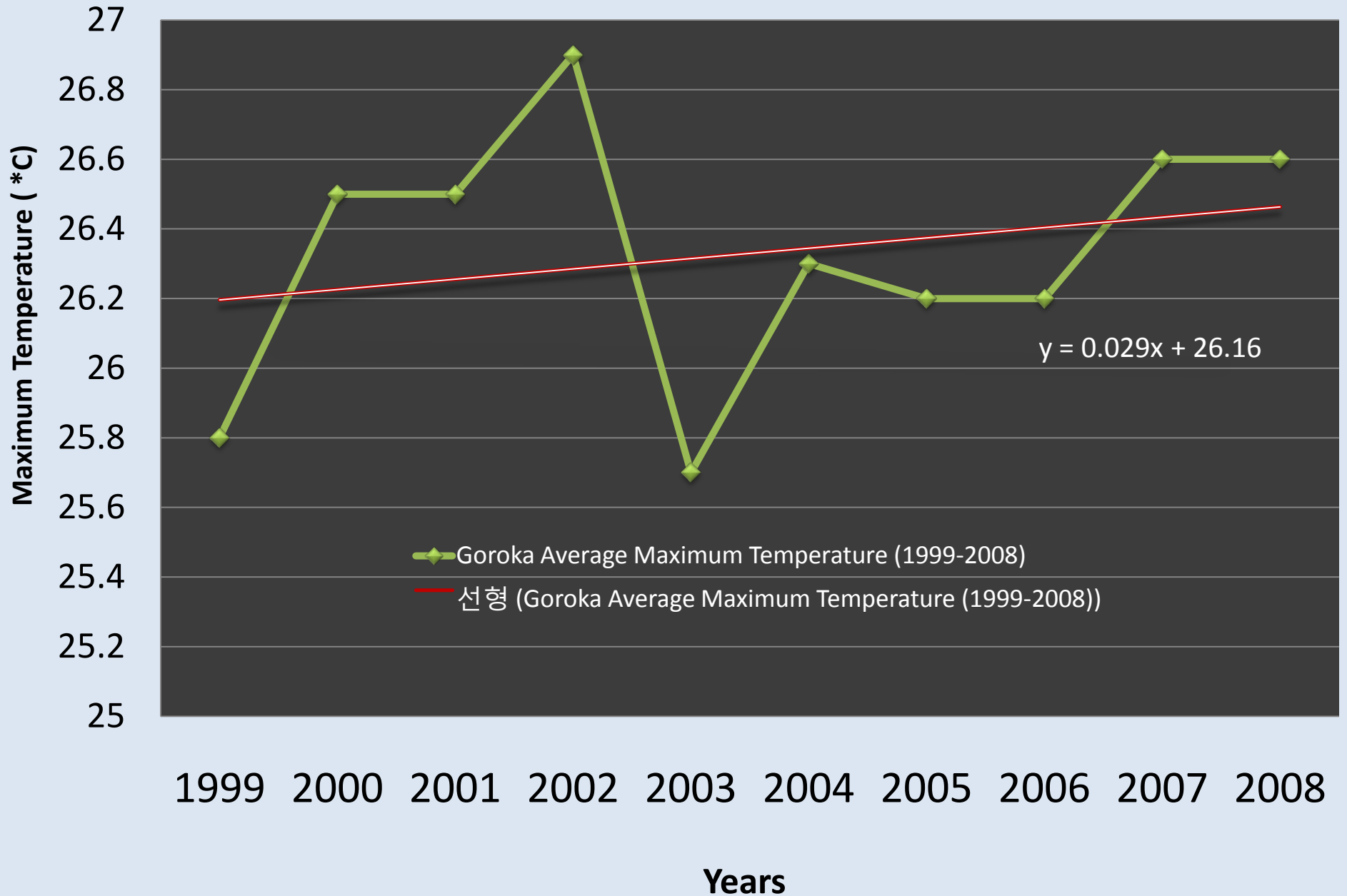
## Goroka Annual Rainfall (1999 - 2008)



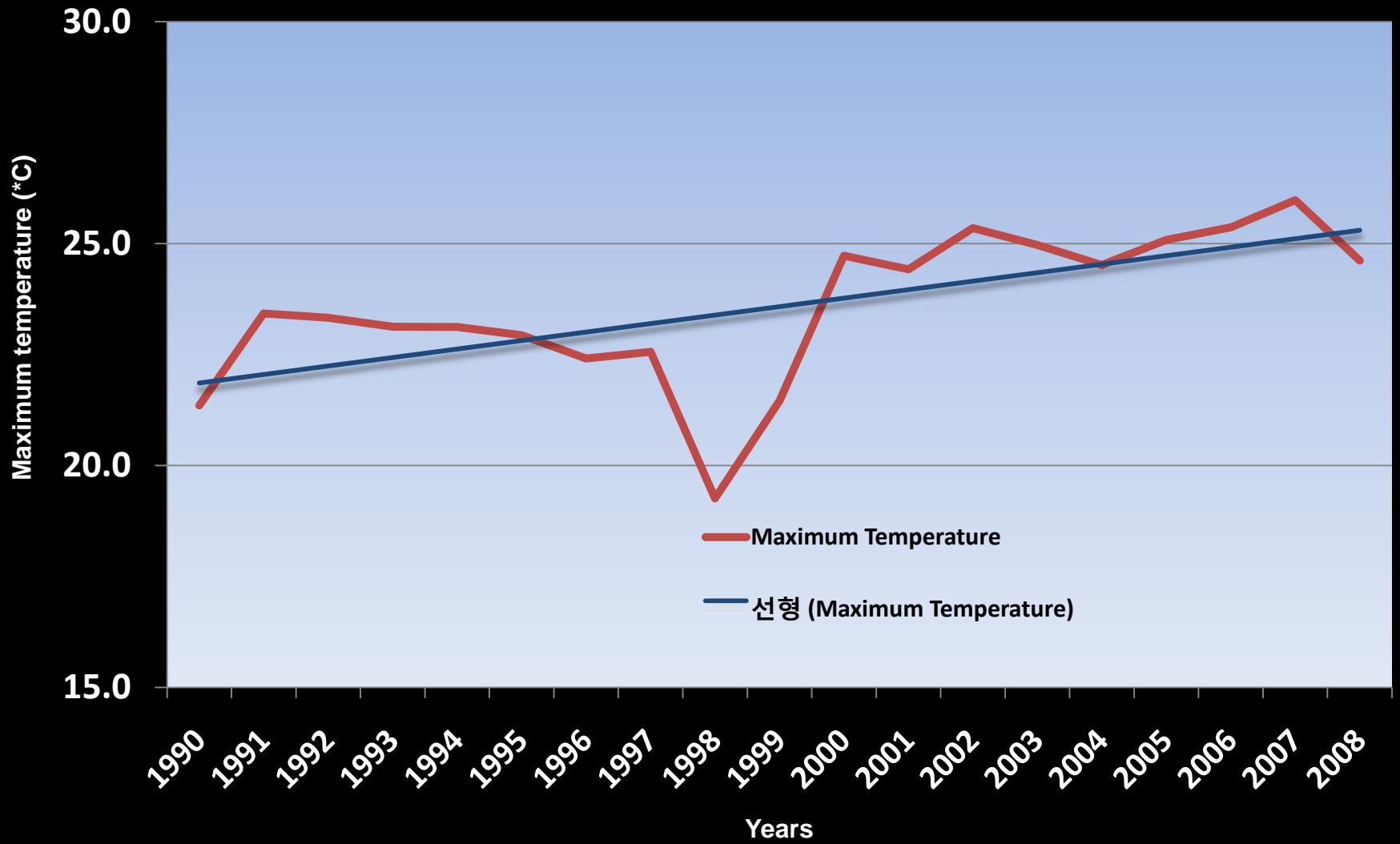
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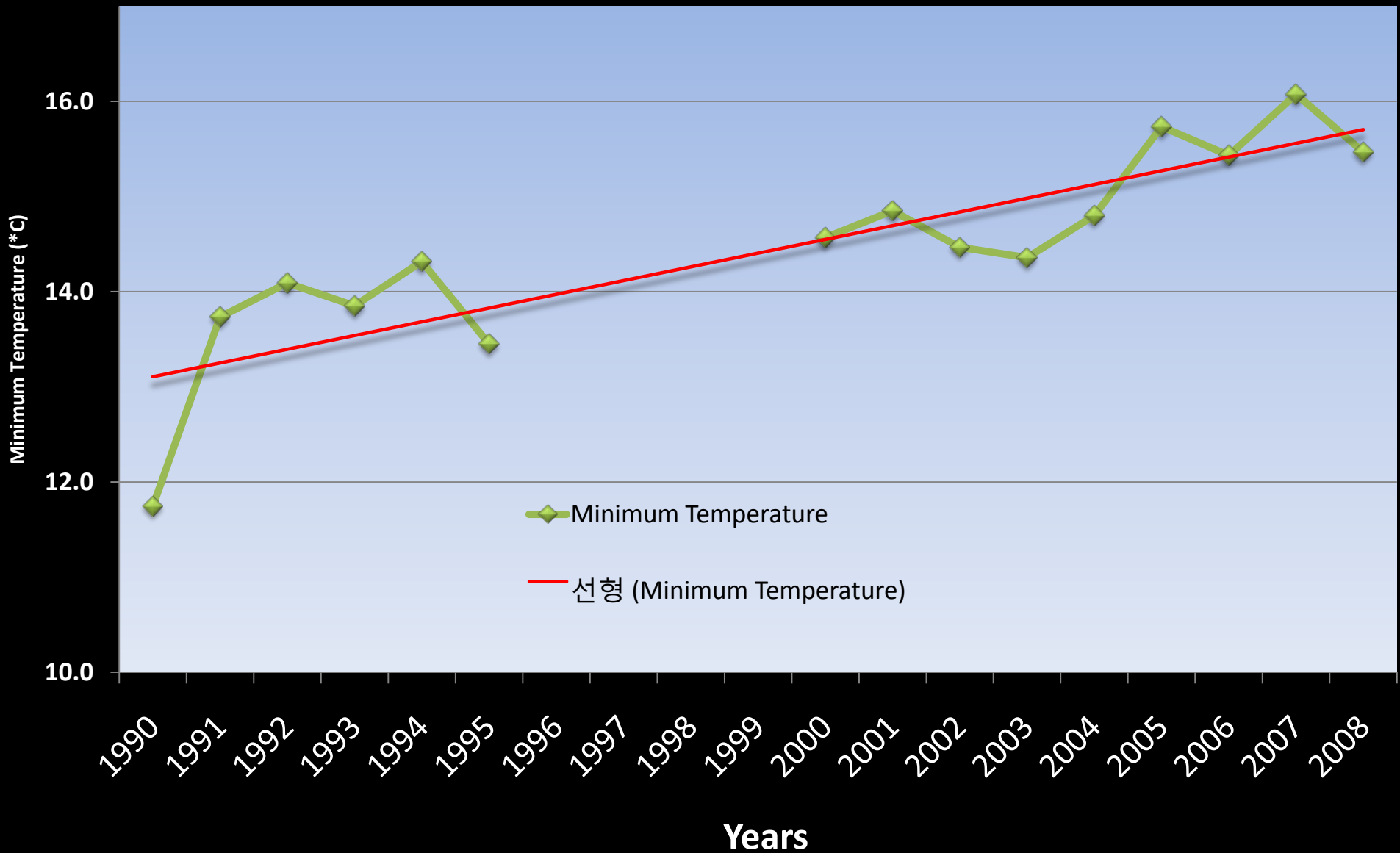
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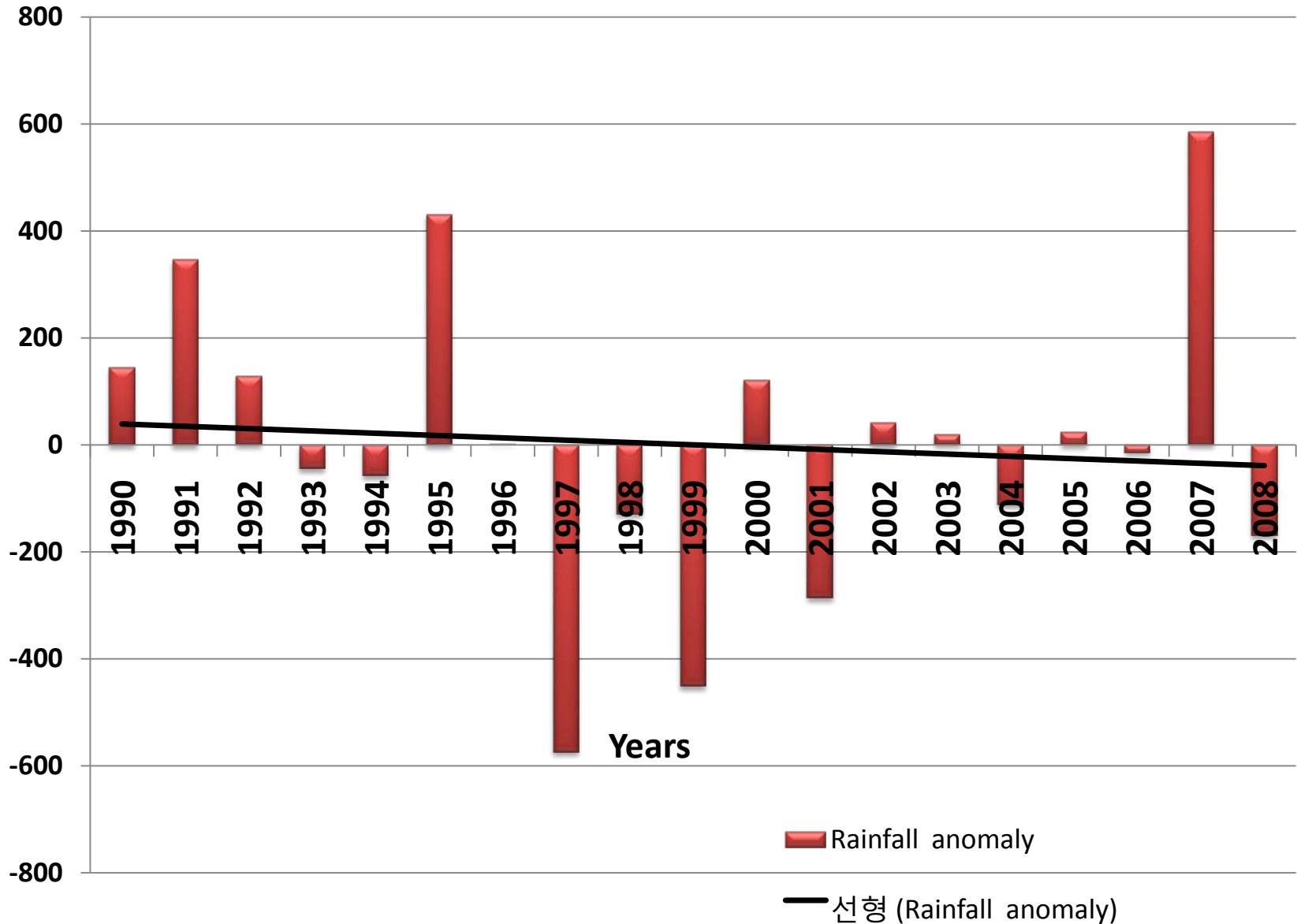
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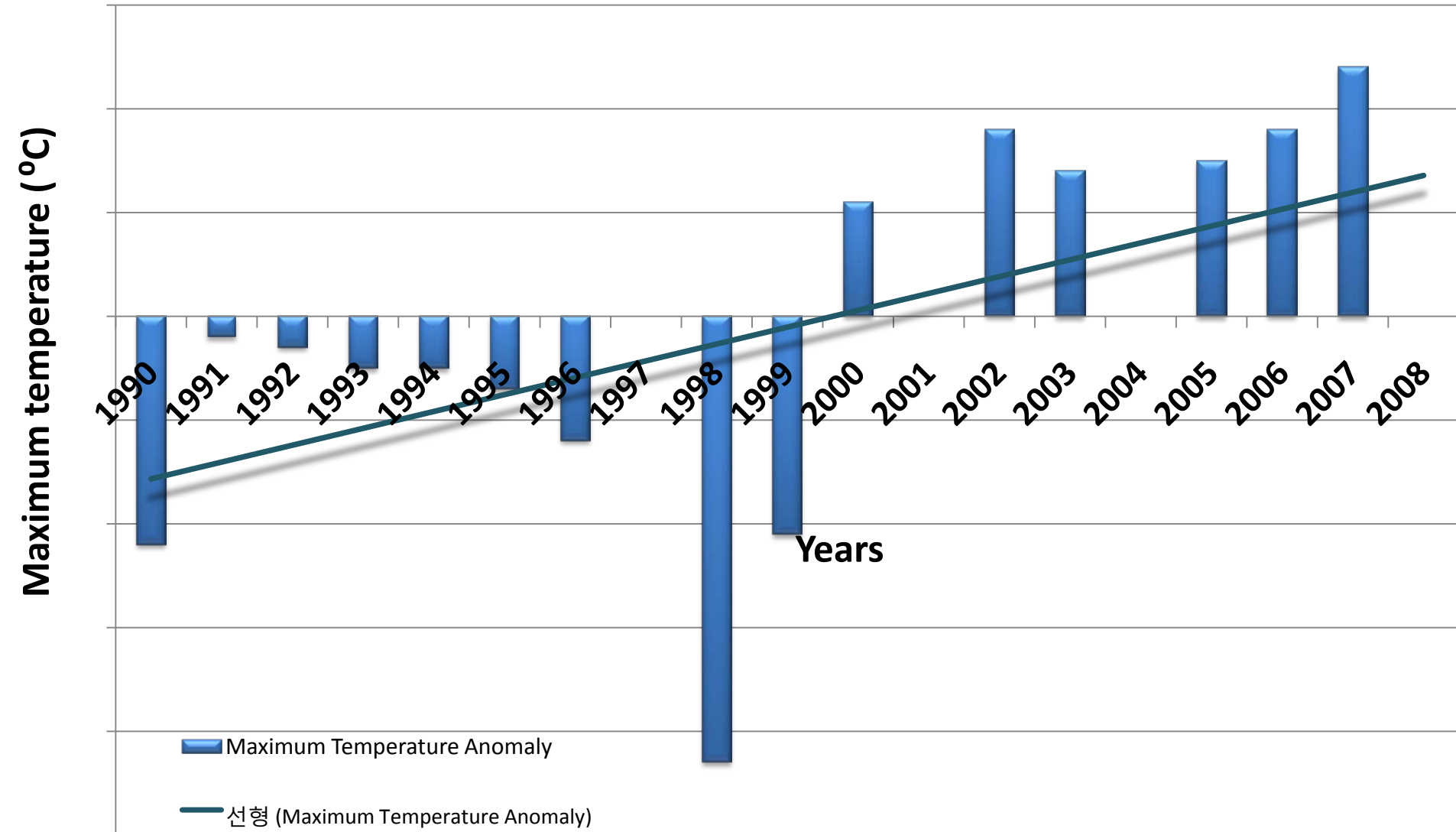
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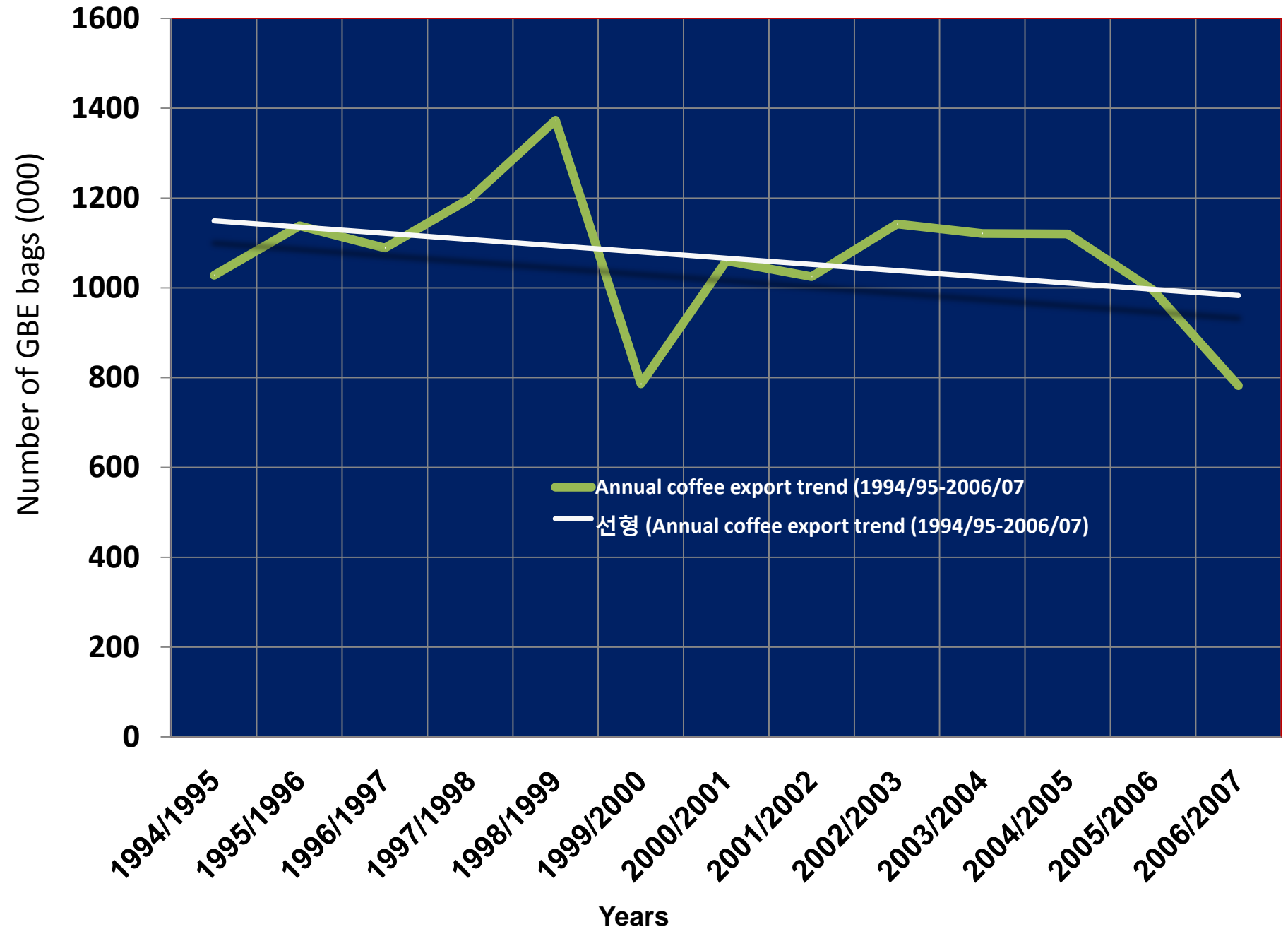
# Aiyura Rainfall anomaly (1990 - 2008)



# Aiyura Maximum Temperature Anomaly (1990 - 2008)



# Coffee Annual Export Trend (1994/95-2006/07)



# DISCUSSION

## A. Survey Data

- Arabica coffee flowers and bears cherries all year around instead of being a seasonal crop.
- Uncertainty in the upper part (west) of Western Highlands (Nebylier)
- Highlands areas do not have a defined wet and dry season.

## B. Weather & Climate Data

- Rainfall is gradually decreasing in the study areas.
- The temperatures are showing generally increasing trend.

## C. Coffee Export Data

- The export quantity is also showing a gradual decrease in the annual trend.

No correlation between rainfall and temperature against coffee export data.

# **SUMMARY & CONCLUSION**

It is evident that with the impact of climate change, highlands would be experiencing warmer conditions and less rainfall.

Coffee Industry Corporation must invest in mitigation and adaptation measures to save the industry from the adverse impact of climate change on arabica coffee.

## **Mitigation**

- ✓ Improve farming practices
- ✓ More shade
- ✓ Mulching
- ✓ Irrigation

## **Adaptation**

- ✓ Breed warmer condition cultivar (variety)
- ✓ Innovative technology development (thin layer drier)
- ✓ Move up to higher altitude areas

- ❖ Arabica coffee in PNG will be greatly affected as a result of climate change. ( increase temperature, decrease rainfall trend & unseasonal flowering)
- ❖ It would be a benefit for the farmers but at the expense of less crop.
- ❖ There is a relationship between the weather/climate and coffee export trend. Therefore, weather and climate do affect the export quantity of coffee in PNG.
- ❖ Adequate adaptation and mitigative measures must be a priority to safeguard the industry and more collaborative effort among the stakeholders through research is the only way forward for the industry.
- ❑ PNG's experience would be similar to other arabica coffee growing nation of the world. Arabica coffee may be a good climate indicator

# WAY FORWARD

## ➤ ***Improve Data Collection Network***

1. Establish additional meteorological/climate stations in highlands of PNG.
2. Extend study to other sectors (energy, agriculture, water and health) to share and collect climate data.

## ➤ **Research**

1. Collaborative research with agriculture sector to develop cultivar with unfavourable temperature and drought tolerance trait.
2. Effect of climate change on our environment and society.

*Thank you for listening!*