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Key experience:

-A Tropical land resource specialist and agronomist with over 45 years experience in the evaluation of the soils, land-use potential and the management and conservation of land in tropical South America and the Caribbean.

-In-depth knowledge of the agro-ecology, farming systems, agronomy and fertilizer needs of tropical crops.

-Extensive practical experience in carrying out multipurpose tropical soil, land and natural resource surveys and inventories, in identifying limitations for land usage under different agricultural and agro-forestry systems, and evaluating land and forestry degradation problems and conservation needs. Work has ranged from basic to applied research.

-Has an in-depth and proven knowledge of modern remote sensing and computer techniques for the study of natural resources.

-Has extensive knowledge on the extractive and farming systems of tropical America, both traditional and with improved technologies. Has developed and implemented successful agricultural projects in the region, including the installation of a sugar factory in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Career History:

Current activity:

-In the process of editing the up-coming book titled "Amazon Forest and Savanna Lands" (Cochrane and Cochrane), and updating the study "Land in Tropical America" (Cochrane et al., EMBRAPA-CIAT, 1985, 2003). Also helping to supervise the Amazonian forest-savanna border ecological conservation reserve in North-eastern Bolivia belonging to the non-Government organization, Agrotecnologica Amazonica, AGTECA; refer to web site "www.agteca.org" for further details.

-Honorary working committee member of the World Soils and Terrain Digital Data-base SOTER project of the International Society of Soil Science Society and supported by ISRIC, FAO, UNESCO and other organizations world-wide. This project developed from his work in computerizing the "land systems" approach for the study "Land in Tropical America".

2003. Developed a Personal Computer version with **database** of the publication, study "Land in Tropical America". (Original publication available from Winrock in Washington, DC, and CIAT, Cali, Colombia), see list of publications attached).

1998. Completed a consultancy with the World Bank sponsored agro-ecological zoning project of the Amazonian State of Rondônia, Brazil. Coordinator of the land resource evaluation of that project and actively involved in fieldwork. Developed a PC compatible Geographic Information System of the land and soil resources of Rondônia in addition to writing a detailed report.

Recent technological developments:

- 1) The development of PC Users Packets for the study of natural resources
- 2) A unifying molecular theory of water movements throughout plants and soils, together with a new equation for calculating osmotic potential based on that theory.
- 3) A new equation for fertilizing tropical soils. (Had developed a new equation for liming acid mineral soils in 1980.)

Other consultancies during the recent past have included:

Bolivia: Land resource specialist, World Bank Agricultural Development Program for the Brazil nut region of northern Bolivia, and for the DHV-ITC territorial zoning project of the Pando Department. These two studies included the creation of PC compatible land resource Geographical Information Systems based on the SOTER (Australian land systems) concept. A holistic approach was developed to integrate soils, forestry and other surveys.

Soils Consultant for the British Tropical Agricultural Mission, ODA, to Bolivia, which included the publication of an up-to-date manual for tropical soil and plant analyses.

Brazil: Project leader, SOTER pilot project to develop a computerized land resource evaluation of the Geo-economic Region of Brasilia. (IICA-BID).

Land Resource Consultant to the Instituto Americana de Ciencias Agricolas, IICA to established a PC compatible, Pan-Amazonian land resource Geographical Information System for the PROCITROPICOS project

Chile: Land Resource Consultant, BID-DHV. Set up a PC compatible Geographical Information system for Chile's Forestry Institute, as a part of BID's Hydrological Basins project (1994-5).

Consultant in land degradation, FAO, 1992.

1982-1989. Tropical South America and Brazil:

Coordinator, South American sector of the "World Map of Status of Human-Induced Soil Degradation". (ISRIC-UNEP).

Land Resource Consultant to strengthen agricultural research in EMBRAPA-CPAC, Brasilia (IICA -IBRD contract). Carried out a semi-detailed computerized land systems survey of the Geo-economic region of Brasilia. Demonstrated a statistically significant imbalance between calcium and magnesium in the savanna (cerrados) soils that differentiates those lands from adjacent forested lands. Developed a new methodology for the determination of anion exchange capacity in tropical acid soils.

1981-1982 Seychelles:

Soil Scientist with SECID - USAID. Installed a soil- plant laboratory, and carried out studies on the fertilizer needs of tropical tree and vegetable crops, which eventually led to the development of a differential equation to estimate fertilizer response curves of special use in under-developed tropical regions.

1977-1981 Colombia:

Land resource specialist and Agronomist, CIAT. Carried out and published a pioneering computerized land resource inventory of tropical South America including the Amazon basin, titled "Land in Tropical America", which paved the way for the establishment of the SOTER (World Soils and Terrain digital database) project. Developed an equation for correcting soil aluminum toxicity. Demonstrated a statistical relationship between the native vegetation and "wet season potential evapotranspiration" over Amazonia.

1974-1977 Bolivia and Mexico:

Consultant, Tate and Lyle Technical Services, London-Miami. Work included various consultancy projects around the world. Carried out a land use potential survey of the Gulf Coast of Mexico for IBRD. Instrumental in setting up a farmer owned sugar-cane factory project, and developed a 1000 ha commercial sugar-cane farm together with a 50 ha experimental area for that factory.

1963-1974 Bolivia:

Soil Scientist and agronomist, British Tropical Agricultural Mission to Bolivia (1963-73). Head of Mission (1973-74). Carried out and published a land resources survey of Bolivia. Established a soil-plant analytical laboratory in Santa Cruz. Was instrumental in setting-up the sugar-cane research station, "CIMCA". Carried out field fertilizer trials on sugar cane, bananas, cotton and coffee, and developed a novel methodology for monitoring fertilizer trials by statistically analyzing plot by plot foliar chemical analyses, in the same way as yield data.

1962 St. Lucia - Trinidad:

Agronomist, Regional Research Center, Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture. Laid down banana trials in the Island of St. Lucia in collaboration with WINBAN.

1960 New Zealand:

Interim manager, Tutira Station, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand (sheep - cattle station, 4000 ewes, 600 beef cows, 90 dairy cows).

Education:

- 1956-59** **B.Ag.Sc.** University of New Zealand, Massey College.
Specialty: soil and crop science.
- 1960-61** **A.I.C.T.A.** (Associate of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture) Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad.
(Post graduate college of the Universities of Cambridge and London.
- 1968-69** **Ph.D.** (In tropical soil science land resource evaluation).
Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, University of the West Indies. Awarded Currie and Texaco prizes.

Honors:

- 1973** Received the official Bolivian Government decoration "El Condor de los Andes."
- 1992-** Who's Who in Science and Engineering
- 1993-** Who's Who in the World.

Languages:

English: mother tongue.

	speaking	writing	reading
Spanish	excellent	excellent	excellent
Portuguese	excellent	good	excellent
French	slight	slight	good

Publications:

Three books and over 50 scientific publications, see list attached.

Computer Skills and production of PC Uses Packets:

Produced several PC Users Packets for Land Resource assessment and has set up low cost, PC systems for Soil Survey and Soil-Plant analytical laboratories. (Skilled in GIS, RDBMS, Word Processing, Electronic Spreadsheet programs and the use of PCs in general.)

Other skills:

Active private aeroplane pilot with international flying experience.

Family:

Wife, Sra. Rosa Elena Fajardo de Cochrane. Son, (Dr.) Thomas Arey Cochrane, currently senior lecturer in natural resource engineering in the Civil Engineering Department of Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand.

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