

USE OF COVER CROP



Desmodium

- ❖ Fast growing and covering the soil
- ❖ Return Nitrogen into the soil: 40- 160kg /ha /year
- ❖ Seeds: 5-10kg /ha
- ❖ Slash them after 6 weeks

Mucuna

- ❖ Grows vigorously and can climb coffee trees
- ❖ Return Nitrogen into the soil: 60- 150kg/ha/year
- ❖ Seeds: 25-30/ha
- ❖ Monitor the growth and slash after 6- 8weeks

Cow peas

- ❖ By covering the soil, they suppress weeds and prevent erosion
- ❖ Return Nitrogen to the soil at the rate of 60-90kg/ha/year