Data Sheet for Maize Image Data Collected in Namibia Under the Lacuna Project

We present the Lacuna Maize data sheet created by Namibia University of Technology. We follow the datasheet for dataset framework created by (Gebru et al. 2021).

Motivation	
For what purpose was the data set created?	The dataset was created to provide an open, well-labelled, sufficiently curated and accessible *maize image dataset*. Data scientists, researchers, and the broader machine learning community can use the dataset for various machine learning experiments to build maize crop disease diagnosis and spatial analysis solutions.
Was there a specific task in mind?	Although the agricultural sector is a national economic development priority in sub-Saharan Africa, crop pests and diseases have been the challenge affecting major food security crops like Maize. During the last decade, Maize Leaf Blight disease, also known as Northern Corn Leaf Blight, has become a menace in low land agroecologies (Badru et al. 2021). On the other hand, Maize Streak Disease caused by the Maize Streak Virus is regarded as the third most serious disease affecting maize in sub-Saharan Africa (Martin and Shepherd 2009). The prominence of these diseases has dramatically affected Maize yields. The current state of data collection and crop pest and disease diagnosis is transitioning from disease identification using visible symptoms to using data-driven solutions applying machine learning and computer vision techniques. The image data previously collected has not been sufficiently curated, prepared, and shared with the broader community.
Who created the dataset?	The data was collected and curated by a team from the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).
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Composition	

What do the instances that comprise the dataset represent?	Each instance in the dataset consists of a crop image with an image status, i.e., Healthy, Fall Army Worm, and Maize Streak Virus.
How many instances are there in total (of each type, if appropriate)?	In total there are 9034 images - 2611 healthy, 3009 Maize Streak Virus and 3414 - Fall Army worm images.
Does the dataset contain all possible instances or is it a sample (not necessarily random) of instances from a larger set?	No, it doesn't.
What data does each instance consist of? "Raw" data or features?	The data consists of raw image data.
Is there a label or target associated with each instance? If so, please provide a description.	Each instance is associated with a class label based on the status of the crop: healthy or diseased. The given labels per image are: Healthy, Maize Streak Virus and Fall Army Worm as shown in Figure 1.
Is any information missing from individual instances?	None
Are relationships between individual instances made explicit?	There are no relationships between the different image instances in the dataset.
Are there recommended data splits (for example, training, devel- opment/validation, testing)?	We do not specify any data splits.
Are there any errors, sources of noise, or redundancies in the dataset? If so, please provide a description.	None
Is the dataset self-contained, or does it link to or otherwise rely on external resources?	The dataset is self-contained.
Does the dataset contain data that might be considered confidential?	No.
Does the dataset contain data that, if viewed directly, might be of- fensive, insulting, threatening, or might otherwise cause anxiety?	No.
Collection Process	
How was the data associated with each instance acquired?	The diseases were identified by the experts first and then using the mobile application the labels were assigned for the captured images.

What mechanisms or procedures were used to collect the data?	The data was collected using smartphone cameras (Nokia G10 and Samsung A9) using the AdSurv android application modified from the ODK application.
If the dataset is a sample from a larger set, what was the sampling strategy?	The dataset is not from a larger set.
Who was involved in the data collection process?	The data was collected by students who were part of the core team that was working on creating the dataset itself and agriculture experts labelled the dataset.
Over what timeframe was the data collected?	The dataset was collected over three periods. The first period was in December 2021 and the second collection was in February 2022. In the third period some other healthy classes were collected on isolated dates during May and June 2022.
Were any ethical review processes conducted (for example, by an institutional review board)?	Ethical review processes were conducted by applying for a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture of Namibia. The process involved detailing the work that was going to be done, in order to get access to the farmers and within regions where data was going to be collected.
Preprocessing, cleaning, and labelling	
Was any preprocessing/cleaning/labeling of the data done (for example, discretization or bucketing, tokenization, part-of-speech tagging, SIFT feature extraction, removal of instances, processing of missing values)?	Steps taken for preprocessing data as follows: Resizing : The images were resized to make it easier and faster for other preprocessing steps. Remove duplicates: Duplicate images were removed from the dataset Labelling: The images were labelled to indicate the belonging class (healthy, MSV, FAW). The images were then further annotated for object detection and image segmentation through the drawing of bounding boxes.
Was the "raw" data saved in addition to the preprocessed/cleaned/ labeled data (for example, to support unanticipated future uses)? If so, please provide a link or other access point to the "raw" data.	The raw data was saved.
Is the software that was used to preprocess/clean/label the data available? If so, please provide a link or other access point.	The link to the annotation tool is available: `https://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/software/via/`
Uses	
Has the dataset been used for any tasks already? If so, please provide a description.	No

Is there a repository that links to any or all papers or systems that use the dataset?	No.
What (other) tasks could the dataset be used for?	The dataset can be used for building object detection, segmentation, and time-series analysis models.
Is there anything about the composition of the dataset or the way it was collected and preprocessed/ cleaned/labeled that might impact future uses?	No.
Distribution	
Will the dataset be distributed to third parties outside of the entity (for example, company, institution, organization) on behalf of which the dataset was created? If so, please provide a description.	Yes, the dataset will be made publicly available.
How will the dataset be distributed (for example, tarball on website, API, GitHub)? Does the dataset have a digital object identifier (DOI)?	The dataset and the associated metadata are stored on the Harvard DataVerse which is an open-source data repository. The dataset is assigned a Digital Object Identifier: `https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/6R78HR`.
When will the dataset be distributed?	The dataset is available under the specified DOI.
Will the dataset be distributed under a copyright or other intellectual property (IP) license, and/or under applicable terms of use (ToU)?	The dataset is licensed under the CC BY license that allows users to share and adapt the dataset so long as they give credit to data set creators.
Have any third parties imposed IP-based or other restrictions on the data associated with the instances?	No.
Do any export controls or other regulatory restrictions apply to the dataset or to individual instances?	No.
Maintenance	
Who will be supporting/hosting/maintaining the dataset?	The dataset will be maintained by the research team at the Makerere Artificial Intelligence Lab. The team will support, host, and maintain the dataset.
How can the owner/curator/ manager of the dataset be contacted (for example, email address)?	The dataset manager can be contacted via email.

Is there an erratum?	No.
Will the dataset be updated (for example, to correct labeling errors, add new instances, delete instances)?	All updates to the dataset will be documented and communicated through the Makerere AI Lab GitHub repository.
Will older versions of the data- set continue to be supported/hosted/ maintained? If so, please describe how.	Yes, the older versions will be stored locally on data storage servers in the Makerere Artificial Intelligence Lab and on remote data storage buckets on the Google cloud.
If others want to extend/augment/build on/contribute to the dataset, is there a mechanism for them to do so?	Interested researchers can send an email to data managers manager one and manager two to discuss the dataset extension and contribution.

Figure 1: Maize Data Labels.

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