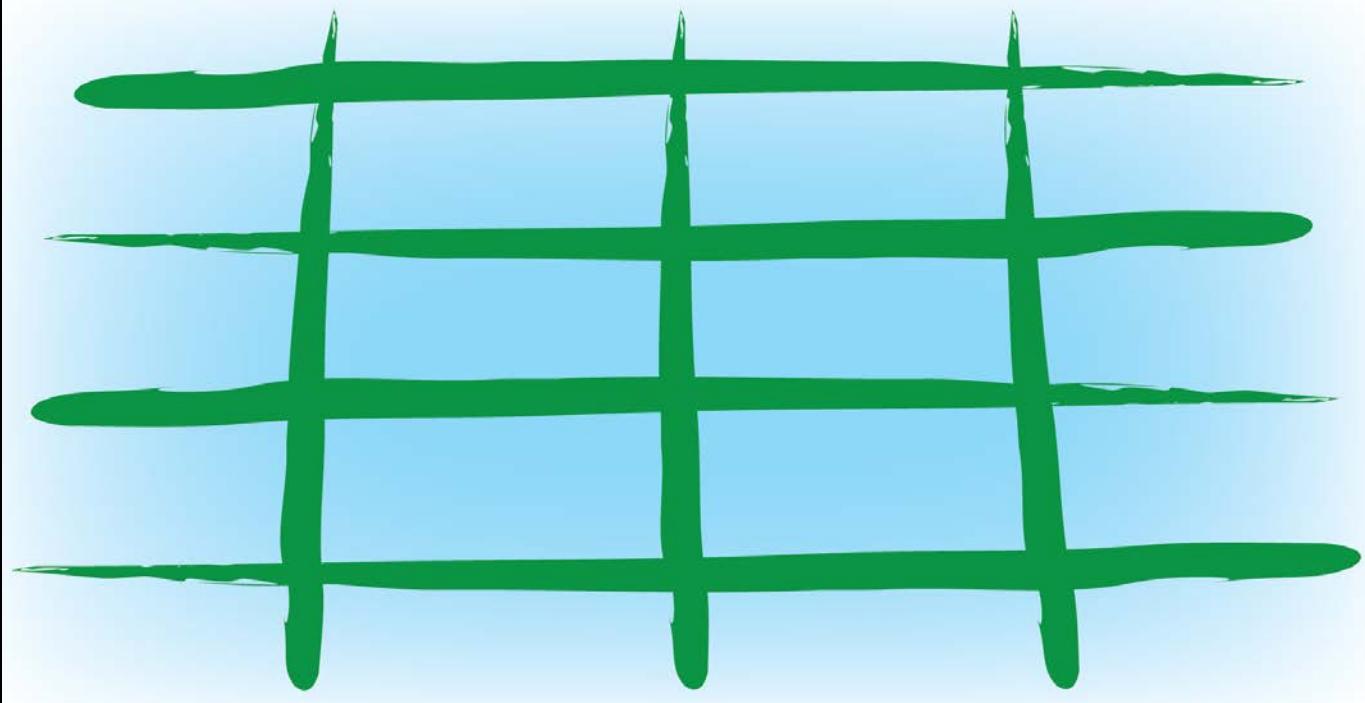


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## RICE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



# Ecosystem Services and Ecological Engineering in Asia's rice production: the LEGATO project

by the  
LEGATO consortium  
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# Sustainable land management – a BMBF funding campaign



## Module A:

„Interactions between land management, climate change and ecosystem services“

# Ecosystem Services – the baseline of the LEGATO approach

- Ecosystem services dealt with in LEGATO:
  - ✓ Provisioning: biomass & nutrients  
(rice & other crops),
  - ✓ Regulating: biocontrol & pollinators,
  - ✓ Cultural: cultural identity, aesthetics & recreation

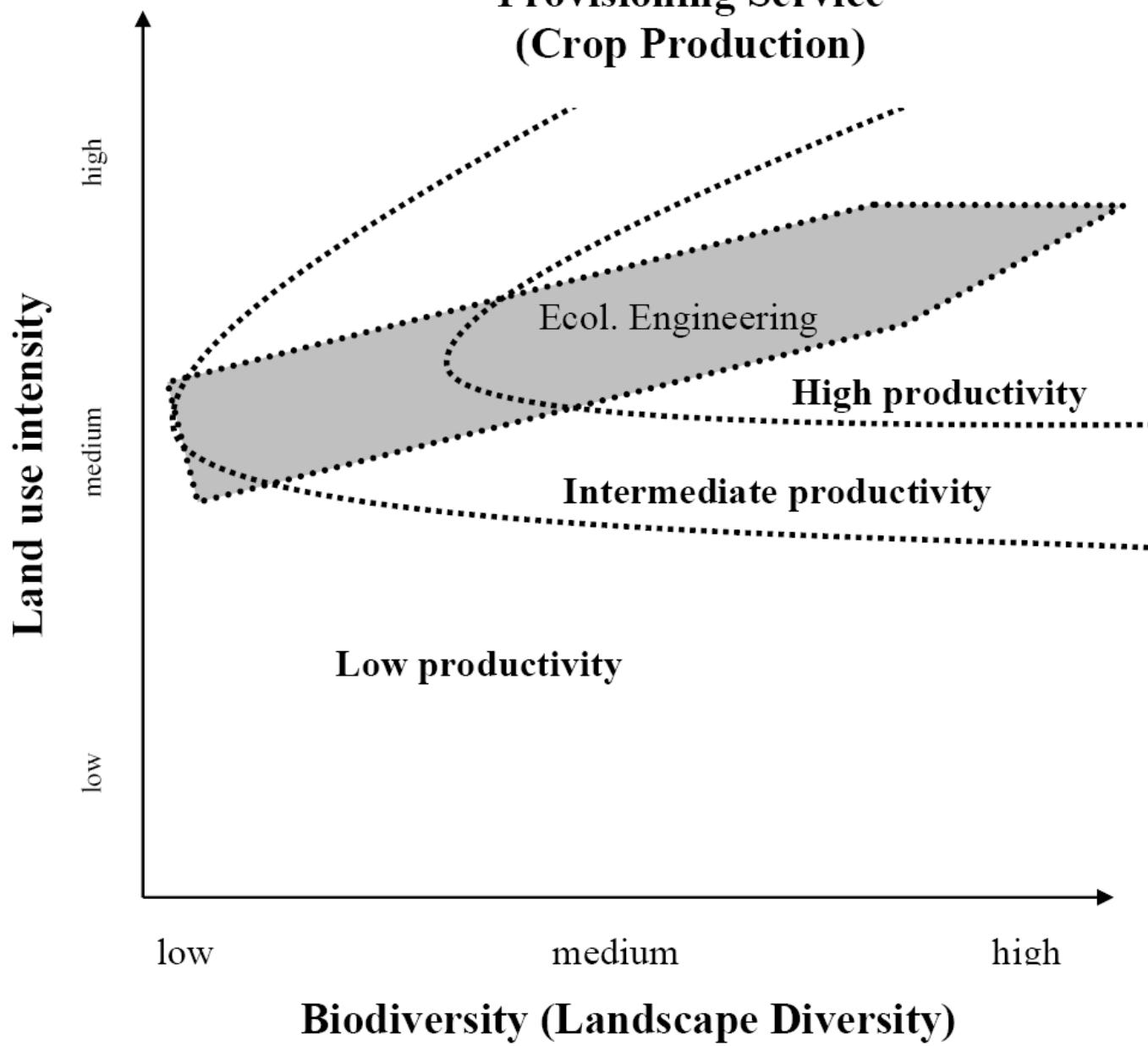
# Ecological Engineering

- design, monitoring and construction of ecosystems;
- development of strategies to maximise ecosystem services through
- exploiting natural regulation mechanisms (instead of suppressing them).

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- LEGATO analyses the potential of Ecological Engineering to achieve
  - ***sustainable land management***
  - ***increase in crop productivity*** and
  - ***diversification of income sources***
- LEGATO tests the implementation and transferability of Ecological Engineering across regions

## Provisioning Service (Crop Production)





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## Ecosystem services: Production





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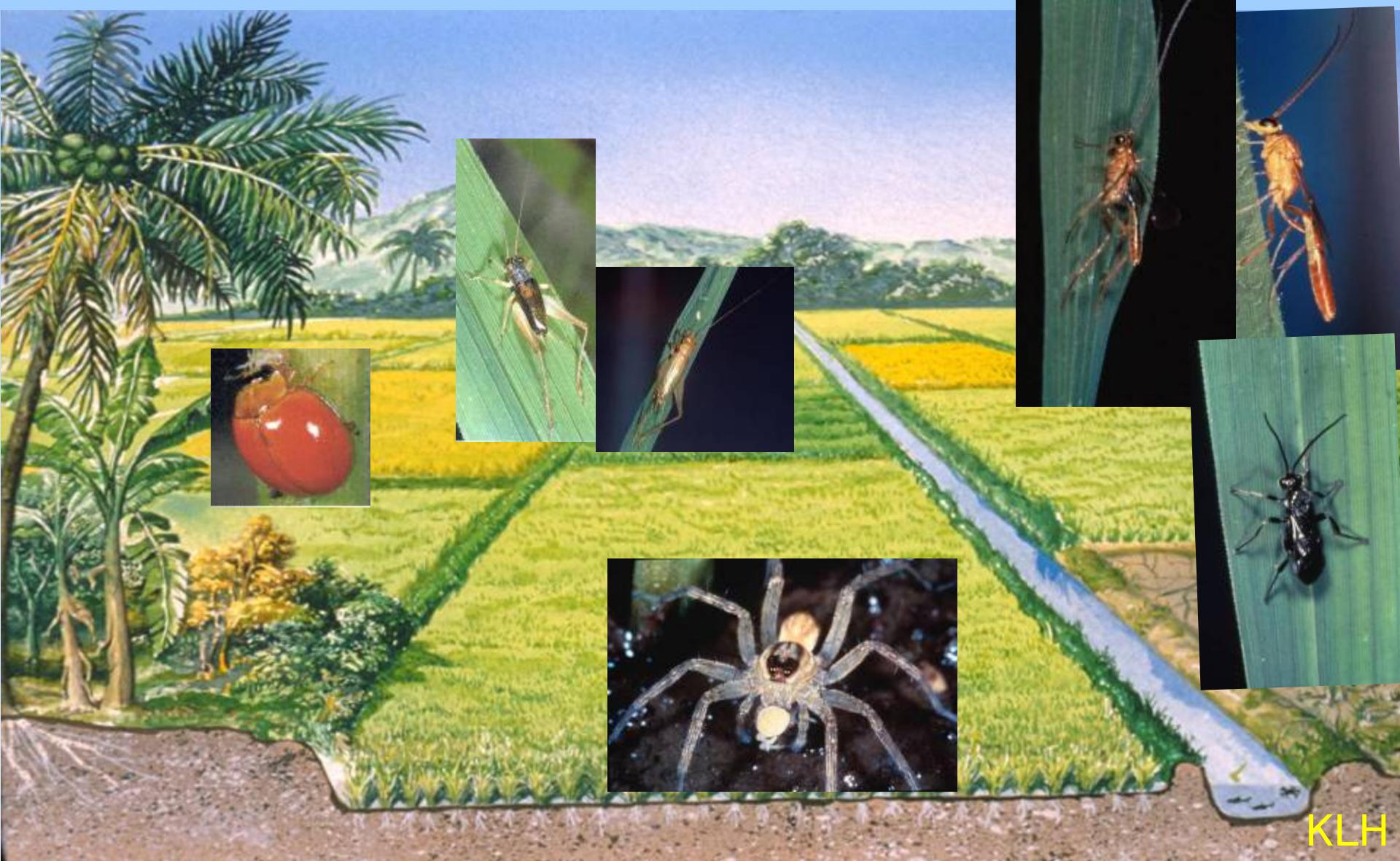
Ecosystem services:  
Biocontrol & Pollination







# Natural Biological Control Service



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## Ecosystem Services: Cultural Identity & Aesthetics

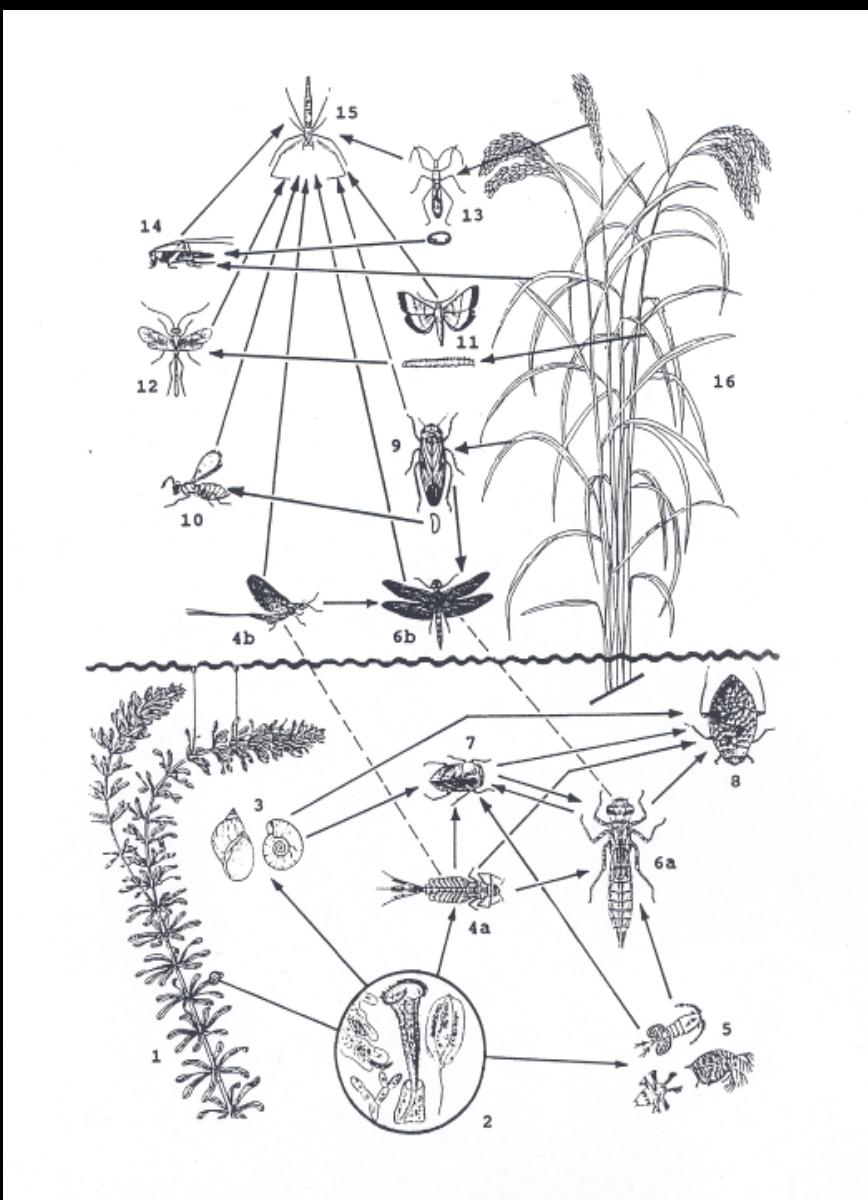




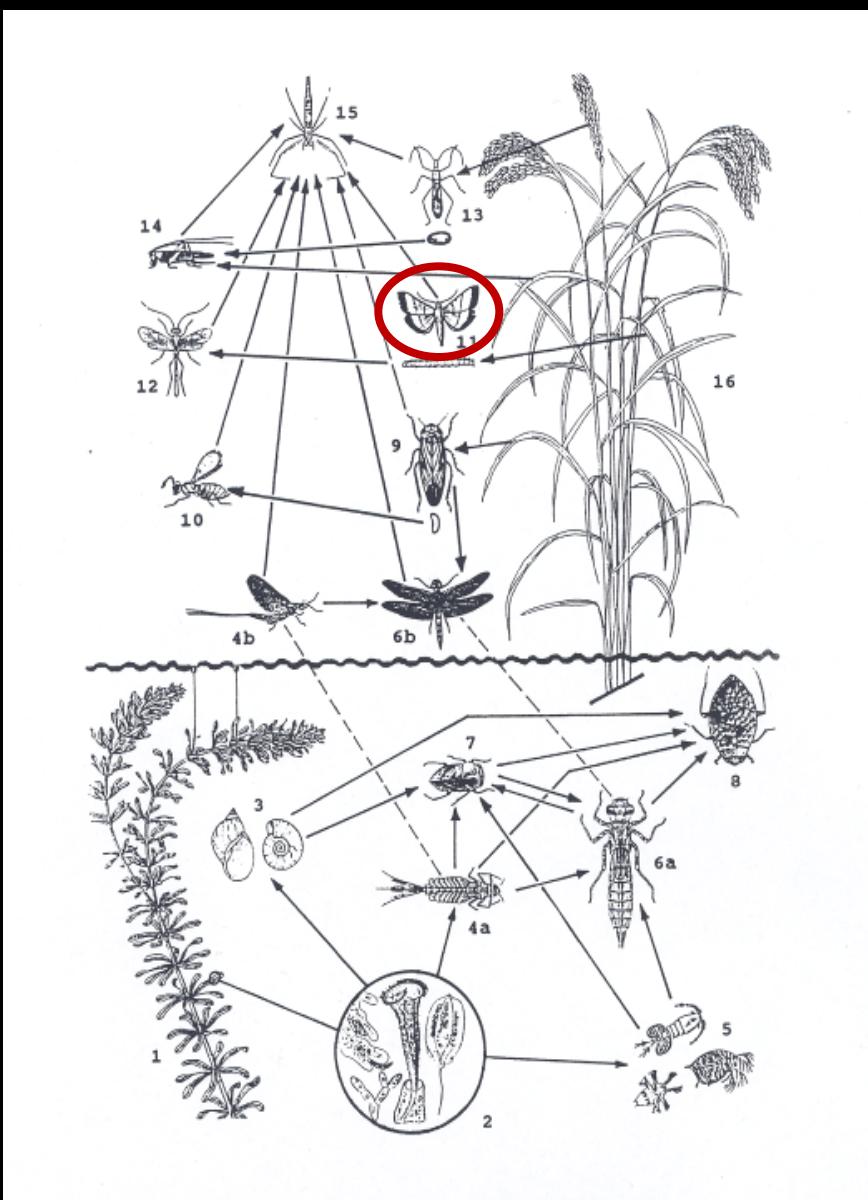


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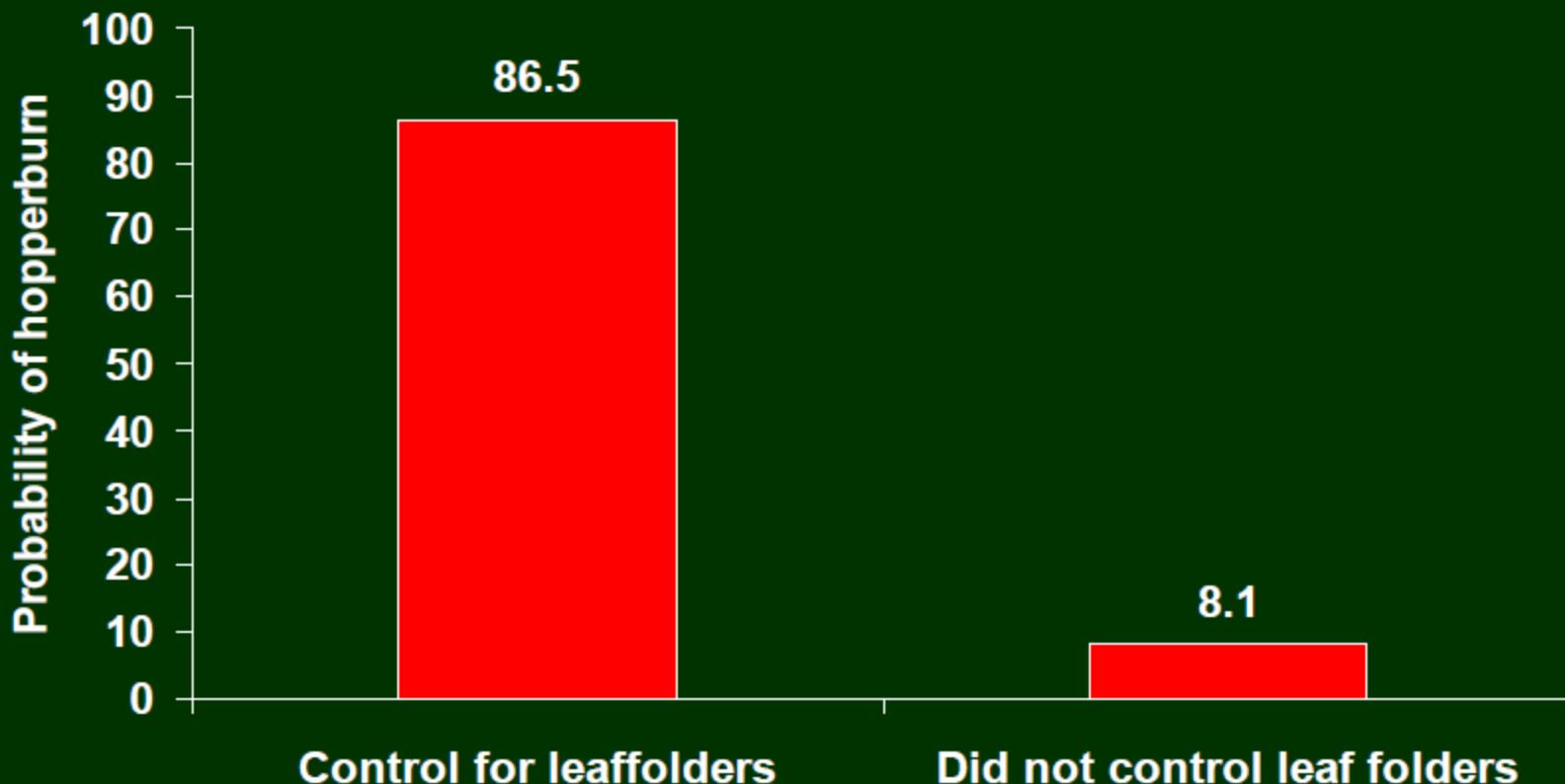


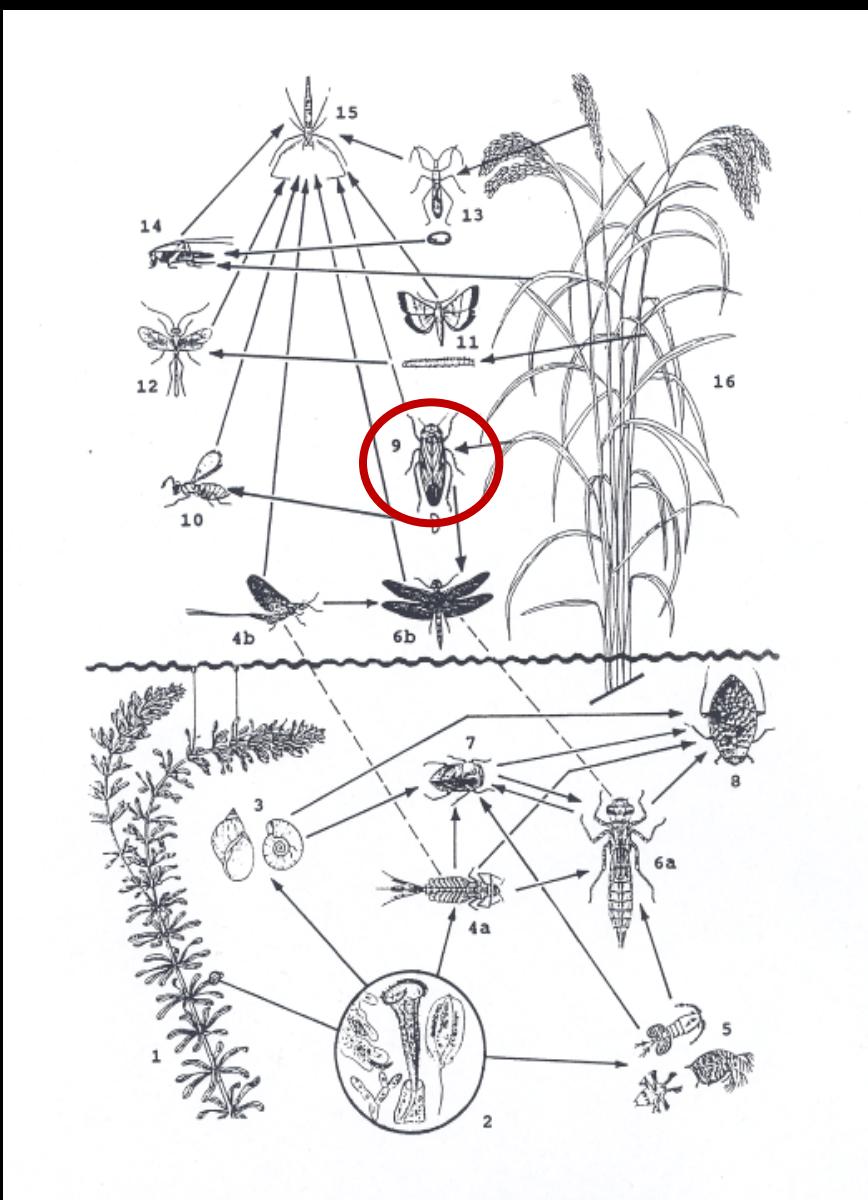
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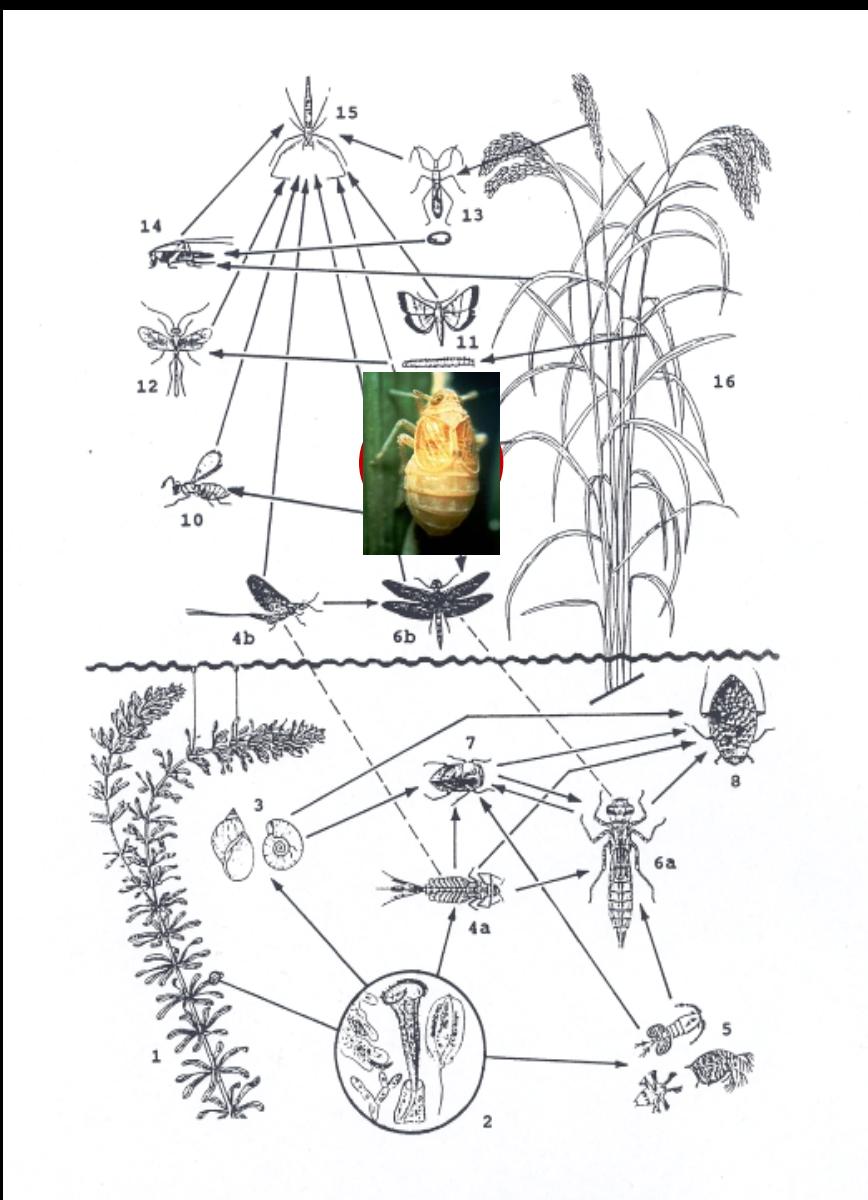
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# Leaf folder control in early crop stages increases vulnerability to hopperburn by 10 folds





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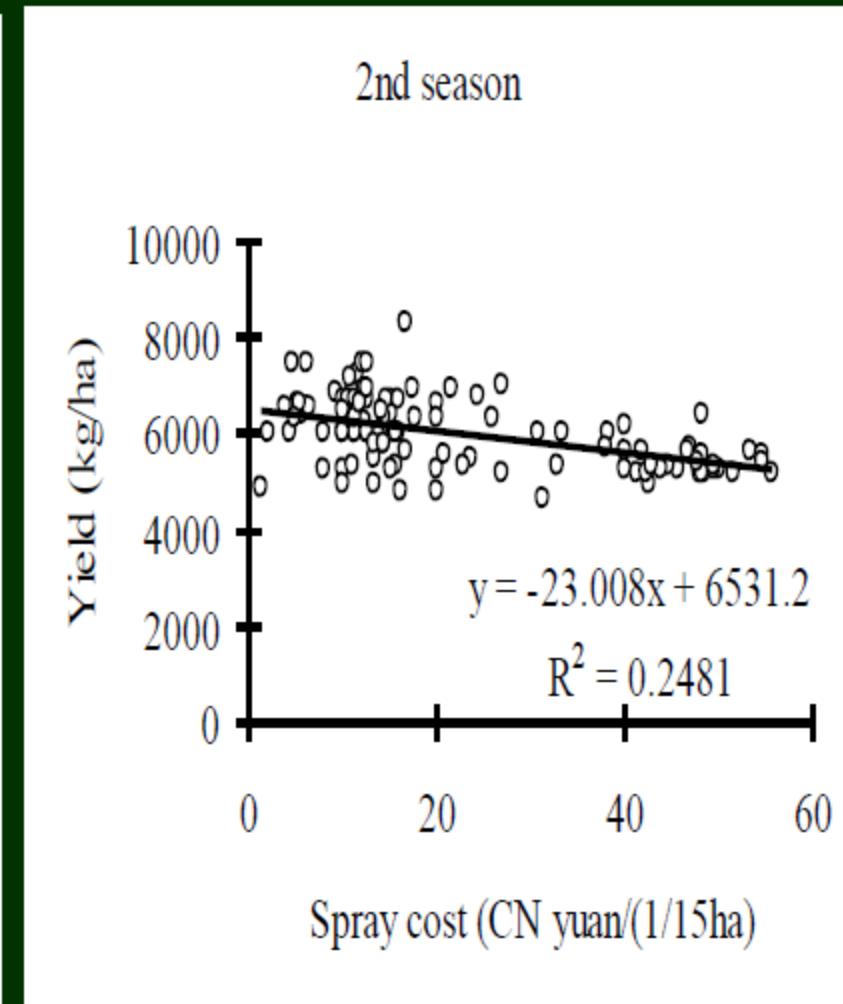
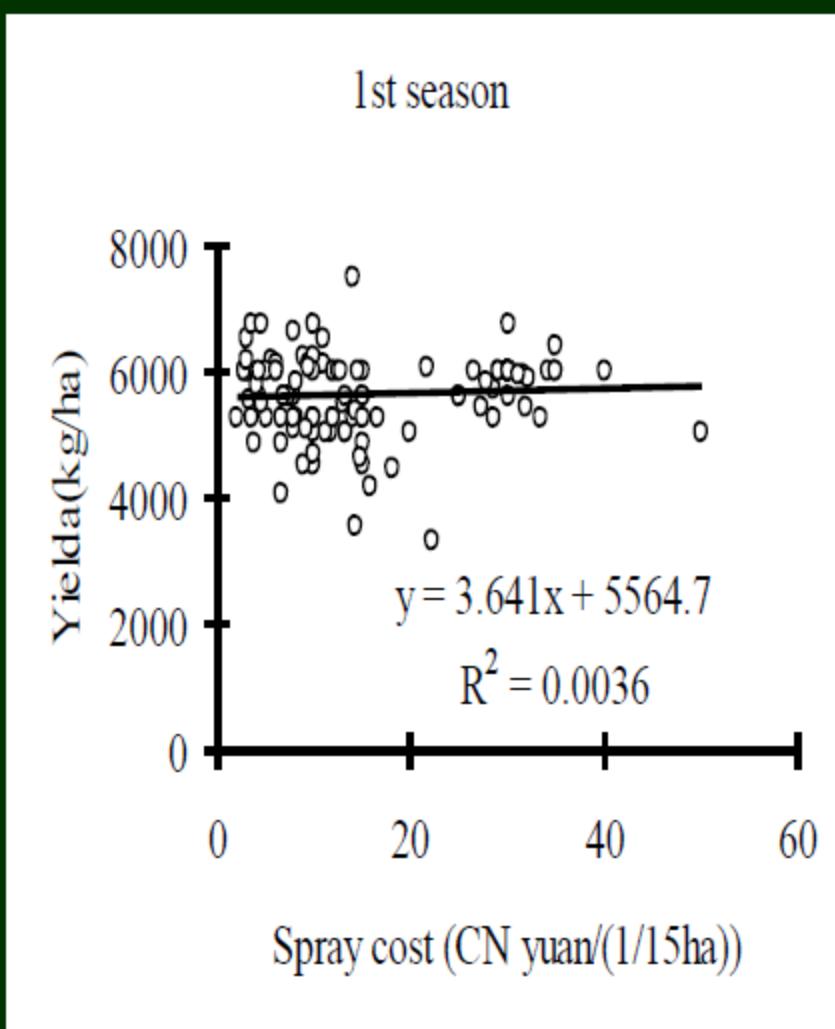
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# Insecticide sprays have no effect on hopper – Only few specialist species for egg mortality



Youtube

# Relationships between farmers' yields and pesticide spending in Jiaxing, China.



# Banaue / Philippines 1908



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# Banaue / Philippines 2010



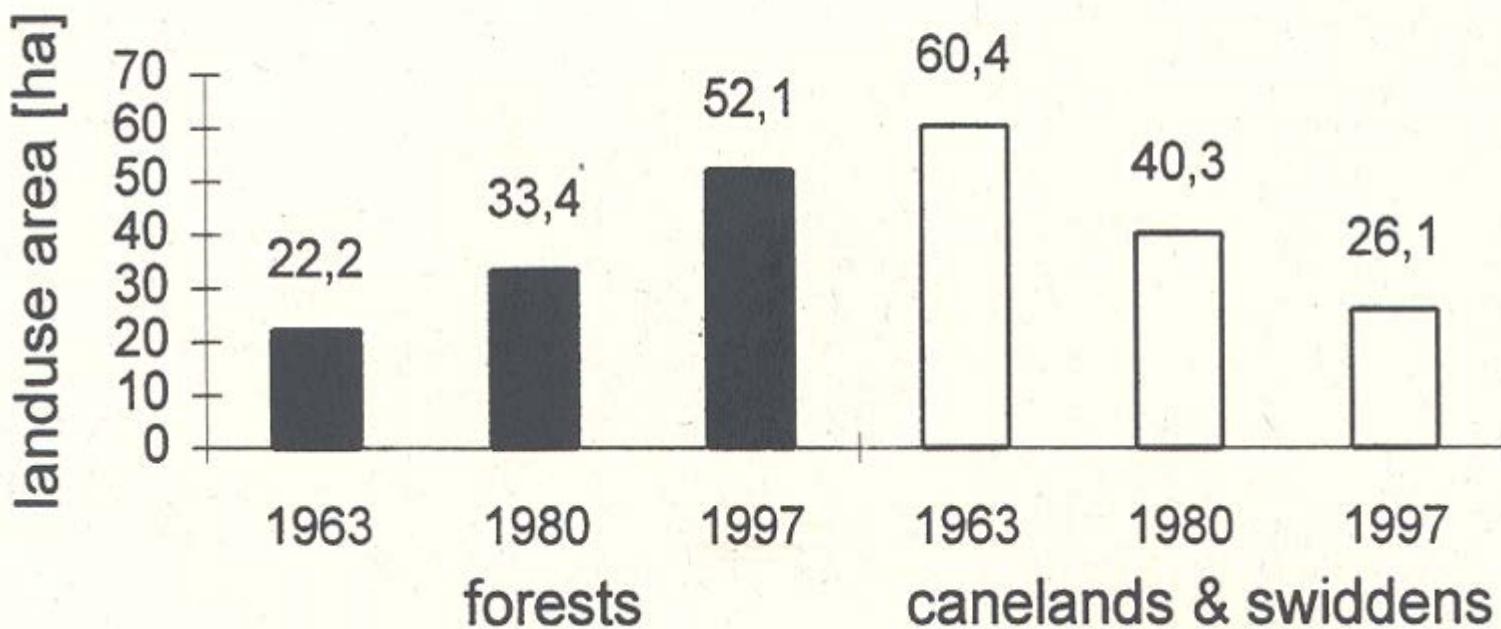
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Co-Design, Feedback,  
Implementation  
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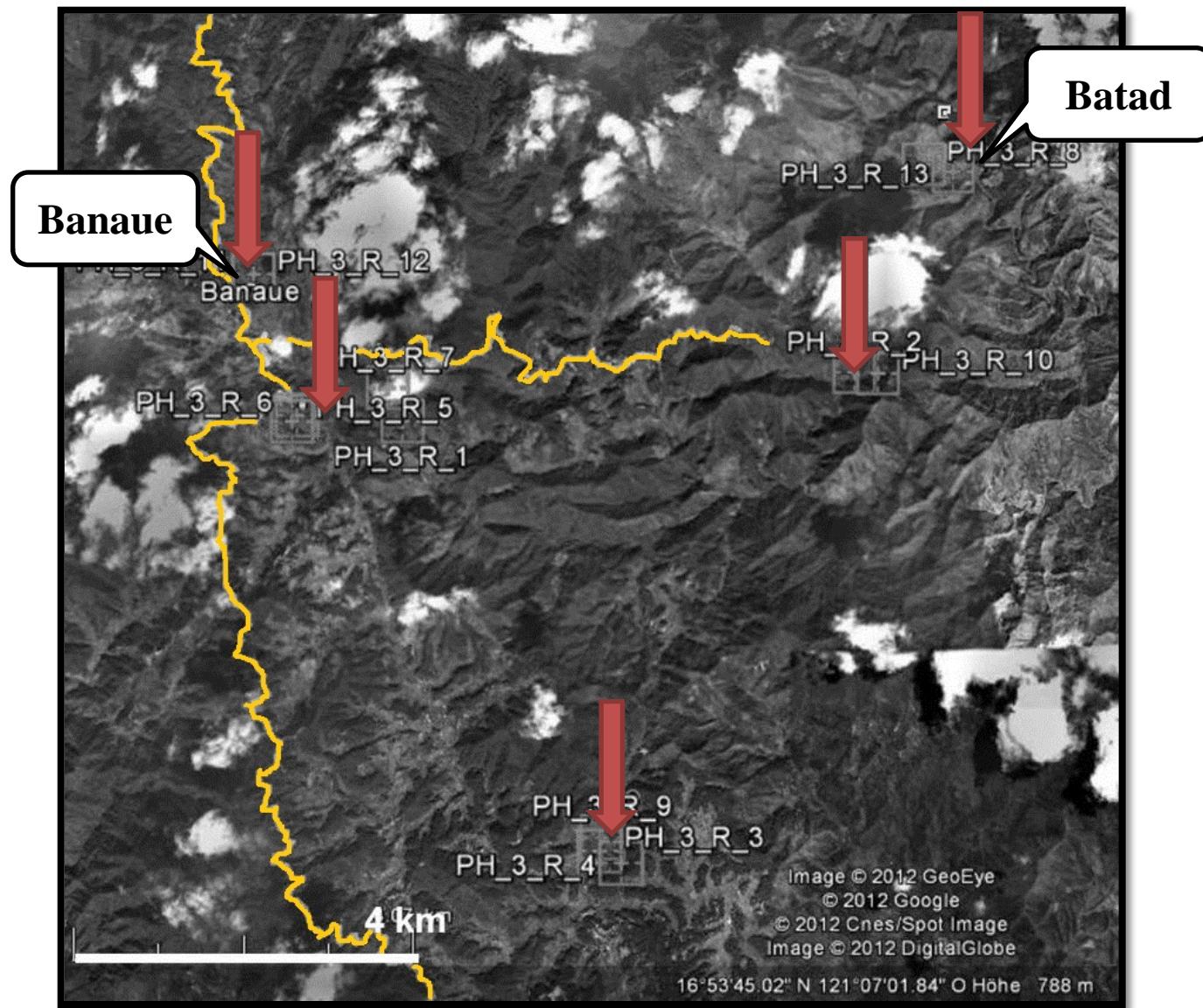
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## Research Regions





# LEGATO Ifugao (PH\_3) research sites





Tappiya Falls Trail

Structurally  
rich

PH\_3\_R\_8

Structurally  
poor

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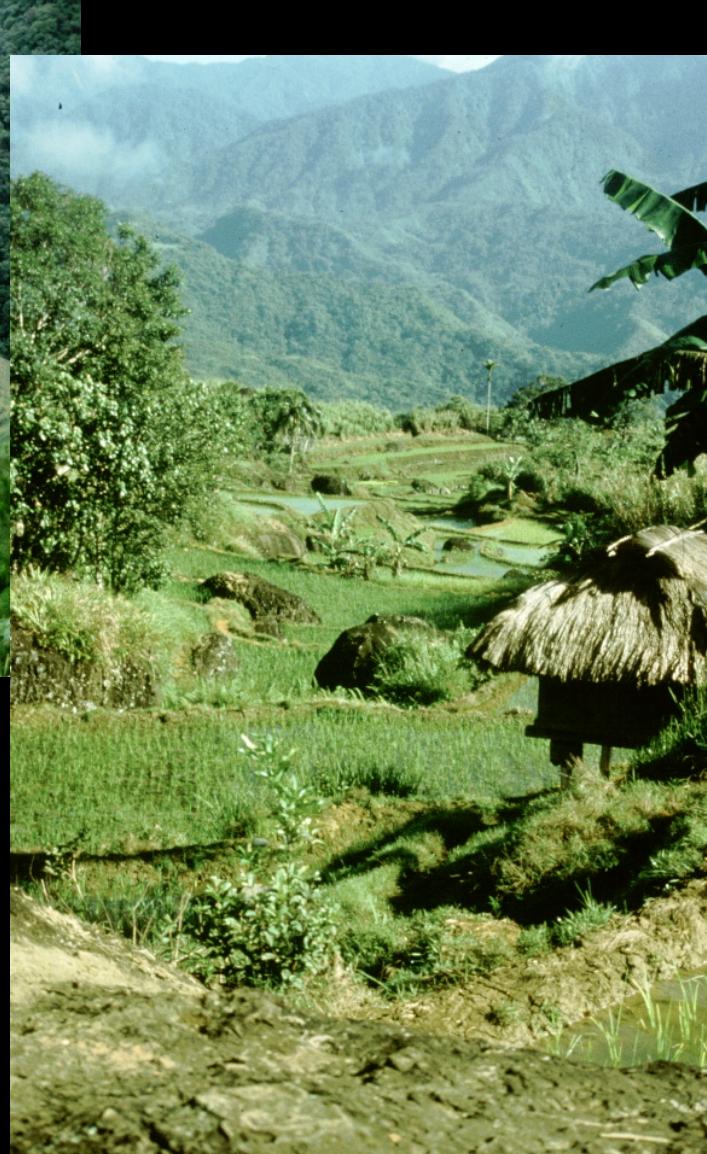
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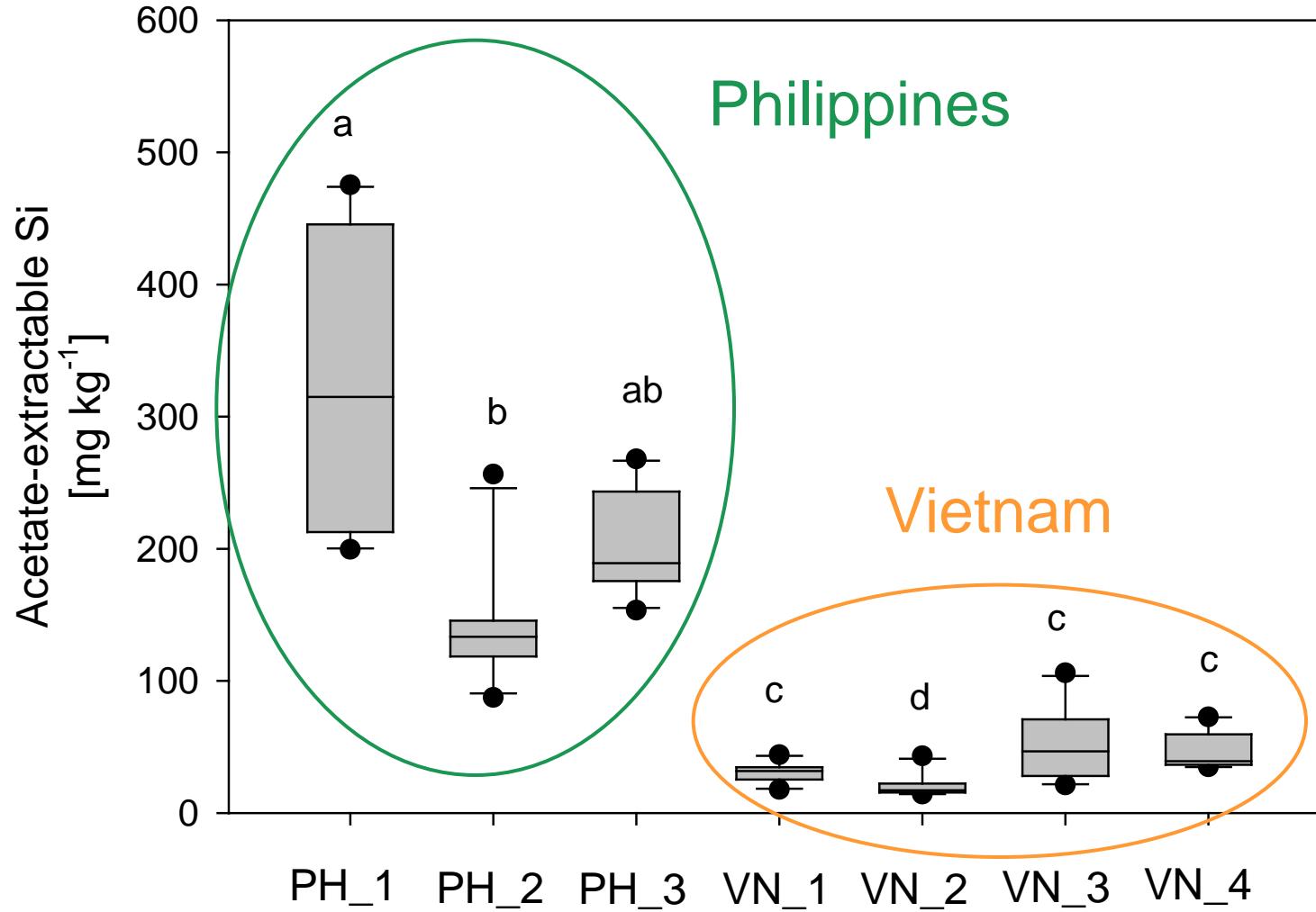


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Spotlight on some ongoing  
research activities

# Plant available Si in soils

(Klotzbücher et al., in prep.)



# **Plant available Si in soils**

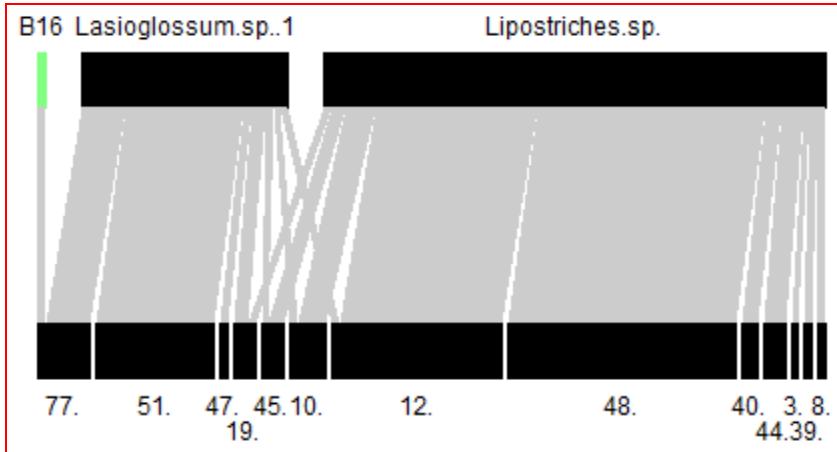
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## **Interdisciplinary questions**

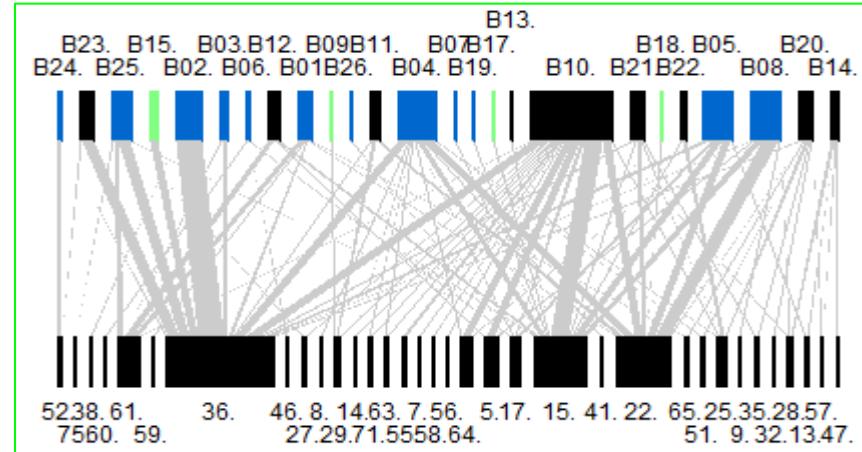
- Influence of rice Si concentration on pests?
- Which socio-economic factors drive crop residue management?
- Economic feasibility of Si fertilization?

# Pollinator Research in LEGATO (Westphal et al. In prep.)

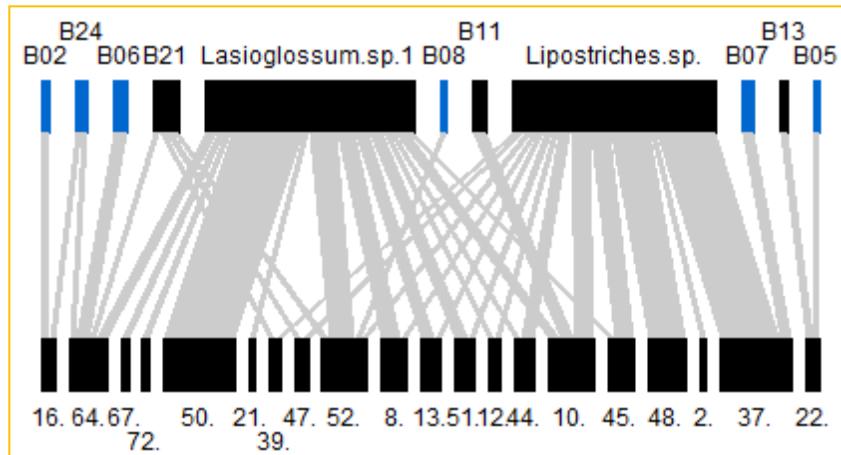
## Complexity of interaction webs



Rice.iso



Polyculture



Rice.aPc



- Halictidae
- Apidae
- Megachilidae



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## Conclusions on the role of Polycultures

- Provide important nesting and foraging habitats for bees in rice-dominated landscapes
- Positive effects on diversity and stability of plant pollinator interactions in neighboring fields
- Structurally complex polycultures could represent effective ecological engineering measures





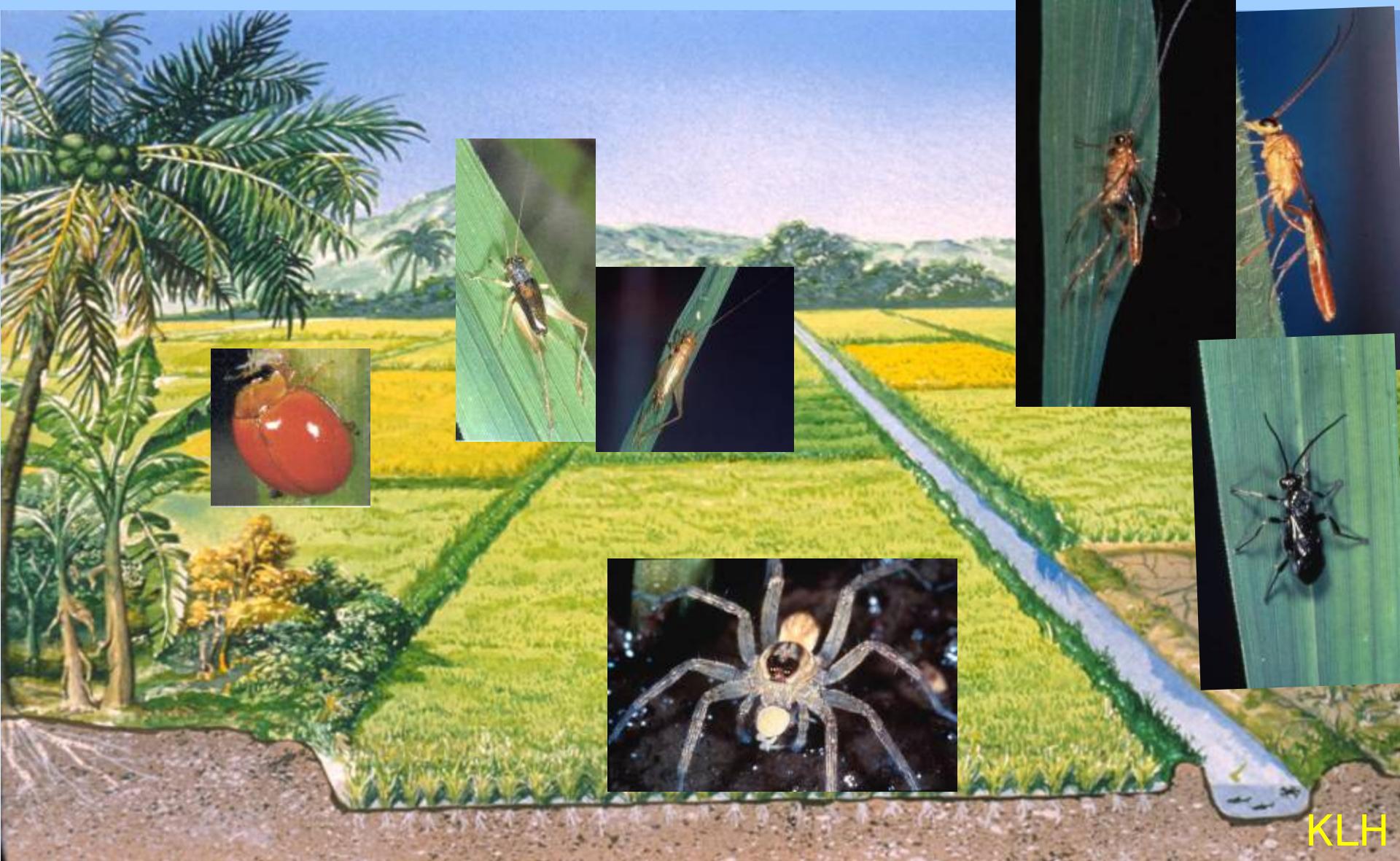
Next step: role of bees as  
indicators of landscape  
level status of parasitoids



## The effects of surrounding landscapes on the biocontrol-production function in rice dominated agroecosystems

Christophe Dominik

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# Science



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# Market without Pollinators



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# Market with Pollinators



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# CORRESPONDENCE

## Switch to ecological engineering would aid independence

SIR — In your News Feature “Is China ready for GM rice?” (*Nature* 455, 850–852; 2008), you consider the merits of using genetically modified (GM) crops for pest control. But don’t overlook the potential of ecological engineering, which can provide an important and undervalued approach to tackling agricultural problems.

Biological control in irrigated rice is a prime example of how

sustainable management schemes for ecosystem services for other key crops, in China and worldwide.

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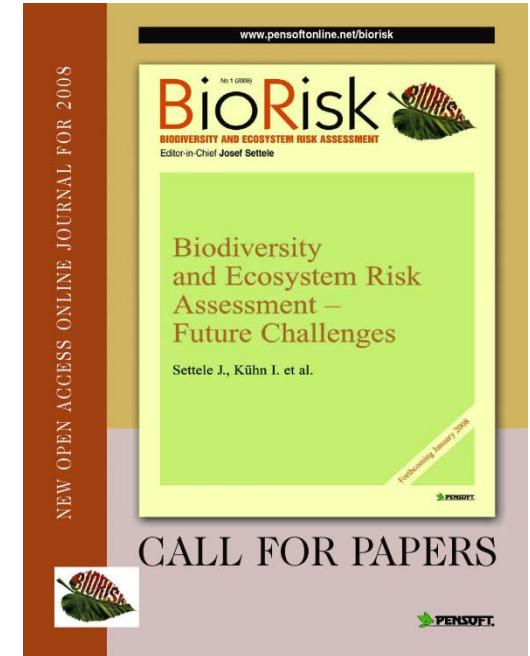
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- ✓ Risks and consequences for biodiversity and ecosystems caused by: socio-economic developments, land use and habitat fragmentation, landscape planning and infrastructures, climate change, environmental pollution, loss of pollinators, biological invasions.
- ✓ Methods and tools for biodiversity risk assessment
- ✓ Uncertainty in risk assessments
- ✓ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- ✓ Ecological expertise, expert systems and evidence based assessments
- ✓ Goods and services at risk

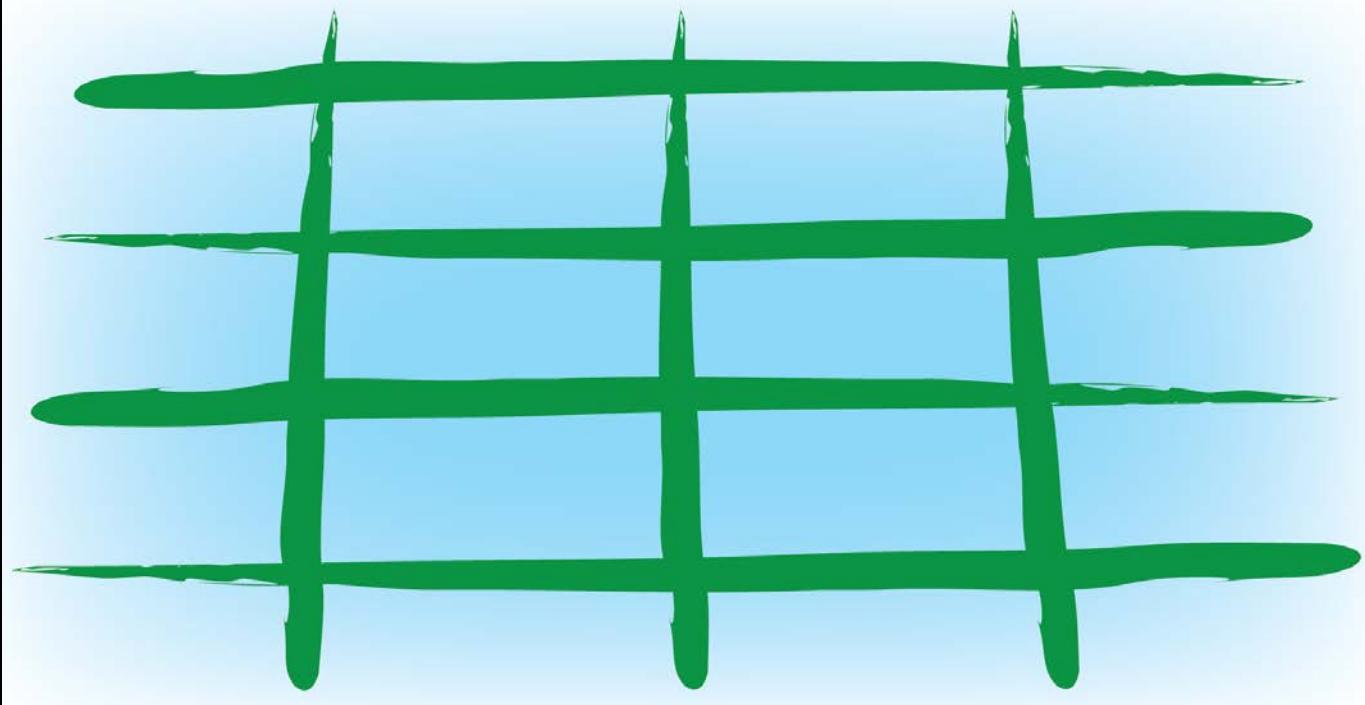
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