Integrated Production and Pest Management Programme in West Africa

Regional IPPM Programme
USD 9.5m
Senegal, Mali, Burkina, Benin
Funding: Govt of The Netherlands

GEF Niger and Senegal Rivers Pollution Reduction Programme
USD 8.4m
+ Guinea, Mauritania, Niger
Funding: GEF / UNEP
1996: IPM Introduced in Africa (Ghana)

2001-2005: Phase I Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso 25,000 farmers trained

2007-2010: Phase II + GEF adds Benin, Guinea, Niger and Mauritania 130,000 farmers targeted
Weekly meetings 25 farmers

Comparing conventional versus new practices

Understanding Mechanisms!

Natural enemy cage studies
Burkina Faso
Literacy: an issue to address ... 

but not a major barrier

“The Field is our Book”
Farmer Field Schools:  
20 Years Experience  87 Countries

West African Programme: Across all crops

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Mali

(Pretty & Waibel 2005)

62 IPM initiatives
26 countries
54 crop combinations
35% increase in yields
72% decrease in pesticide use
Mali: 400 Cotton Farmers

- **IPPM**
- **Control**

**Net Returns (Fcfa / Ha)**

**Input Costs (Fcfa / Ha)**
Simple Agronomic Solutions can have Dramatic Results:

Benin: Irrigated Rice (500 ha)

Yields: 2.1 t/ha → 5.6 t/ha
Fertilizer use: 4.5 t/ha → 1.5 t/ha
Growing Diversity of Topics

- Rice
- Vegetables
- Cotton
- Pulses
- Dry land Cereals
- Karité
- Pourghère (Jatropha Curcus)
- Mango, citrus
- Mixed Farming Systems
- Soil Fertility Management
- Aquaculture (rice-fish)
- IVM

Linking Farmers to Markets and Innovative Credit Mechanisms
Building Resilient Farming Systems
Diversified Cotton Systems (Burkina)

Reversing trends in soil degradation: Conservation Agriculture

- Improving Economic and Ecological Resilience
- Buffer to climate change variability
Burkina: FFS approach being adopted as principal extension tool in newly reformulated extension system and the new Service for Good Agricultural Practices

Mali: IPPM programme contributed to development of several national policy papers; FFS approach adopted by Department of Crop Protection and written in to national budget; Minister of Agriculture request for 75% of Malian rice farmers to be trained

Senegal: IPPM / FFS approach written into National Agriculture Programme 2009/2010; FFS adopted as approach in National Strategy for the Development of a Healthy and Sustainable Agriculture (ASD)
Development Objective:

- **Protect** transboundary waters
- **Eliminate** POPs and other toxic pesticides
- **Increase** agricultural productivity and net economic benefits to farmers
GEF/UNEP/FAO
Two Rivers, 6 Countries
30 Sub-Watersheds, 30,000 Farm Families

GEF Pilot Study Site
• 19 pesticides
• Dieldrin, methyl-parathion, monocrotophos, methameidohos, endosulfan, lindane

• 90% exceeded European Drinking Water Standards
• 90% exceeded the Maximum Tolerable Risk levels for ecological effects
Africa is only 2% of global market for pesticides, ...but targeted by industry to substantially increase over the next 10 years
Cotton production is an important “open door” for highly toxic pesticides flowing into other systems.
Pesticides in West Africa put at Risk
Highly Fragile Aquatic Ecosystems
...and the populations whose survival hinges on scarce water resources
New Technologies for Monitoring Pesticides
Highly Feasible and Cost Effective

Training with
Oregon State University
Passive Sampling Device (PSD):
Extraction for Identification and bioassay exposure studies
PSD: Local Preparation

CERES Locustox: Dakar Senegal

Locally built stainless steel deployment cages
PSD: Local Deployment & Retrieval
Pesticide Transport and Fate Modeling Approach

Time Series Drivers:
- Irrigation Events
- Precipitation
- Pesticide Application
- Hydrographs

Physical Parameters:
- Conveyance loss irrigation
- Percolation loss flood fields
- Soil characteristics giving base-flow

Calibration Steps

Results: temporal view of pesticide concentrations at Receptor Site
Overall Strategy: An Integrated Approach to Agro-Chemicals Risk Management

Community Education & Farmer Training

Environmental Monitoring

National & Regional legislation
Conclusions

Outcomes from IPPM include:

• optimized input use; increased net profit while developing soil fertility and sustainable farming practices (ORA-1);

• Platform for variety of initiatives, e.g. diversified farming systems and conservation agriculture (ORA-1);

• Reduction of risks to communities and environment from pesticides (ORA-3);

• Environmental monitoring of chemicals feeds into community awareness and national strategies and policies (ORA-3);

• Strong evidence for increasing adoption and institutionalization by governments.
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