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APRIL 2018

FAO will host the [2nd International Symposium on Agroecology: Scaling up agroecology to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals](#) from 3-5 April in Rome headquarters. To contribute to this important meeting, please find below some pertinent literature on the topic of agroecology.



FROM THE FAO LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

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HIGHLIGHTS

E-BOOKS



The Final report of the 1st International Symposium on Agroecology (FAO, 2014) and the regional meetings in Brazil, Thailand, Senegal and China (FAO, 2015 & 2016)



Légumes secs et exploitations durables en Afrique subsaharienne. (FAO, 2017) Also in: [En](#).



Agroecology: reweaving a new landscape. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018)

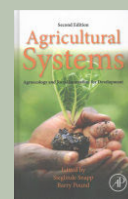


Community forest management agroecology: links and implications. (FoEI, 2017)

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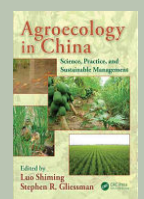
Fertile ground: scaling agroecology from the ground up. (Food First Books, 2017)



Agricultural systems: agroecology and rural innovation for development. (Academic Press, 2017)



Agroecology: science and politics. (Practical Action, 2017)



Agroecology in China: science, practice, and sustainable management (Practical Action, 2017)

FROM THE WEB OF SCIENCE



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162 journal articles have been published on "agroecology" in high impact peer-reviewed scientific journals since 2000.

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HIGHLIGHTED ARTICLE BY FAO AUTHORS

Pittiglio, C., Mattioli, R., et al. 2014. [Did Ebola emerge in West Africa by a policy-driven phase change in agroecology? Ebola’s social context.](#) *Environment and Planning A*, 46 (11): 2533-2542

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE (IIA) COLLECTION

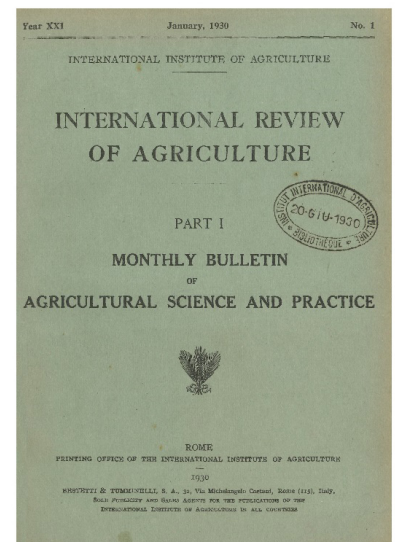
Coining the term “agroecology”

The term agroecology was coined in 1930 by B.M. Bensin, a Russian agronomist, in the article “[Possibilities for international co-operation in agroecological investigation](#)” published in the *International Review of Agriculture* of the International Institute of Agriculture, the predecessor of FAO.

In this article Bensin introduces the concept of agroecology, proposes a detailed terminology, a method and a plan for international cooperation guided by the IIA.

“The term ecology, which is derived from the Greek “home” has been introduced by botanists who have studied the plants in their natural associations as they appear in definite geographical regions under varying conditions of climate and soil. [...] I believe that the same methods can be successfully applied to scientific agriculture or agronomy.”¹

This historically important article is part of the IIA Library collection and is now available in a [digital format](#). It will be on display inside the library during the month of April.



International Institute of Agriculture
International review of agriculture.
Pt. 1: Monthly bulletin of agricultural science and practice / International Institute of Agriculture. - A. 21, n. 1 (January 1930). - Rome : IIA, 1930. - 484 p.; 25 cm.

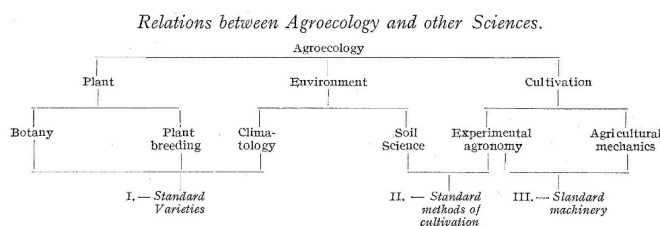


Diagram by Bensin showing the relationship of agroecology to other sciences

[1] Bensin, B.M. 1930. Possibilities for international co-operation in agroecological investigation. *The International Review of Agriculture*. Part I: Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Science and Practice, XXI (8): P. 279-280