

**Feed the Future Food Security Innovation Labs:
Collaborative Research Programs**

Innovation Lab: CRP IPM

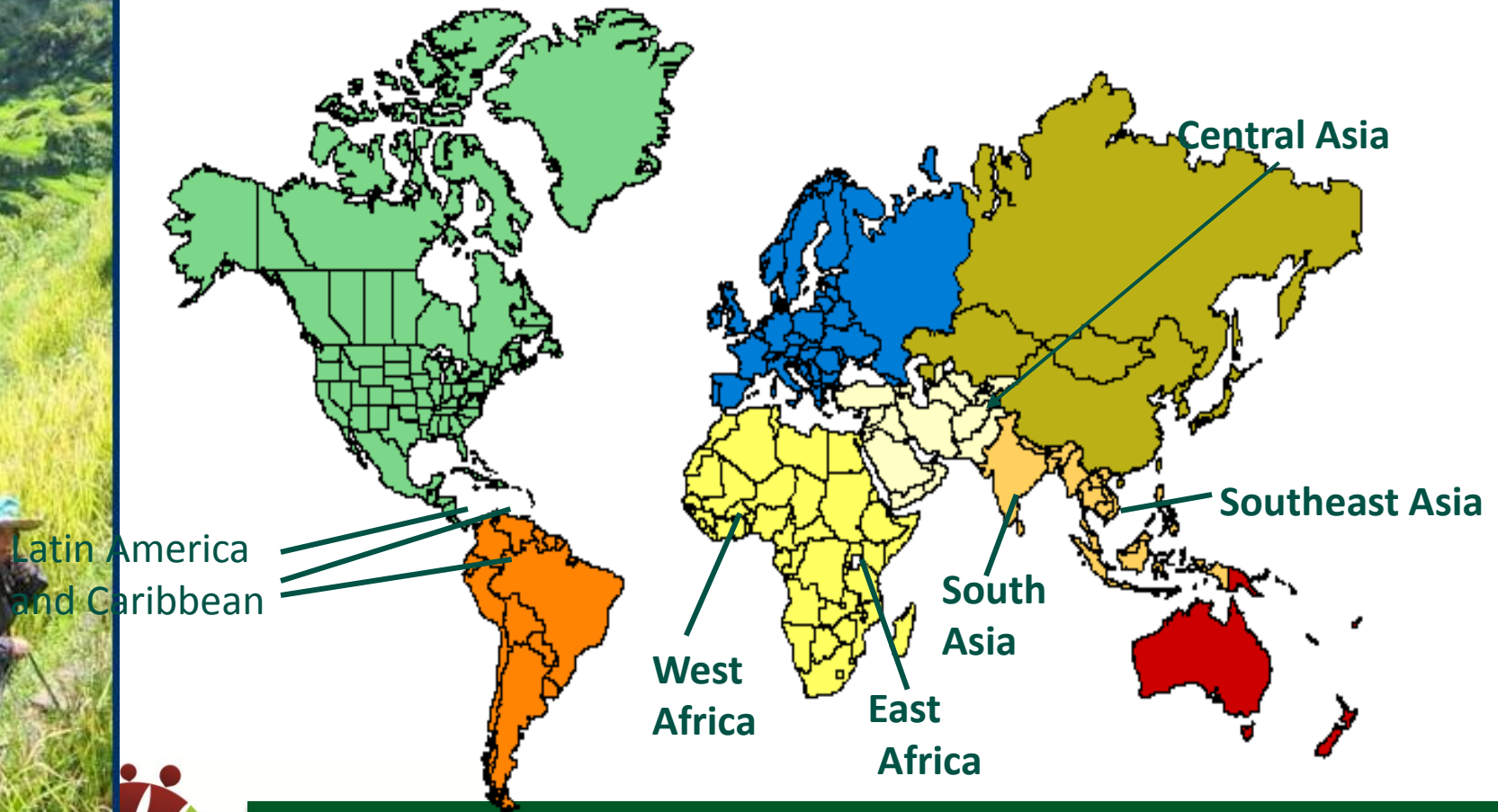
Key to Green Agriculture

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IPM CRSP Host Country Regions in 2009–2014

6 Regions



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East Africa Project

- **Ethiopia:** Biological control of the invasive weed *Parthenium*
- **Kenya:** IPM packages for tomato, passion fruit and onion
- **Tanzania:** IPM packages for tomato, onion and coffee
- **Uganda:** IPM packages for tomato, onion and coffee



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Eggplant and tomato grafting in Bangladesh



Eggplant grafting in Bangladesh

- Eggplant yield ↑ 249% in Bangladesh
- Income ↑ 305% in Bangladesh
- Technology transferred from Bangladesh to Ohio
- Technology transferred to India, Nepal, Philippines, Uganda, Honduras, Ecuador, and Kenya



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Farmers Grafting Tomato for Bacterial Wilt Control



Eggplant killed by
bacterial wilt



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Farmers practicing solarization in high tunnel tomato production

Farmers practicing solarization for bacterial wilt control in tomato by covering with clear polythene sheet for 6 weeks



Development and use of Biopesticides

- *Trichoderma*
- NPV
- *Beuaveria*
- *Metarhizium*
- *Pseudomonas*
- *Bacillus subtilus*



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Trichoderma Production and Use

Trichoderma Production and Use in Indonesia and Bangladesh. It is being introduced to Kenya and Senegal.

Will be introduced to Uganda, Tanzania and Ghana next year.



Passion fruit Virus Diseases

Fruit woodiness, ring spots and leaf curl and roll, mosaics and crinkling



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Gemini virus control in tomato

Healthy tomato



Virus infected tomato



Transmitted by white flies
Primarily *Bemisia tabaci*



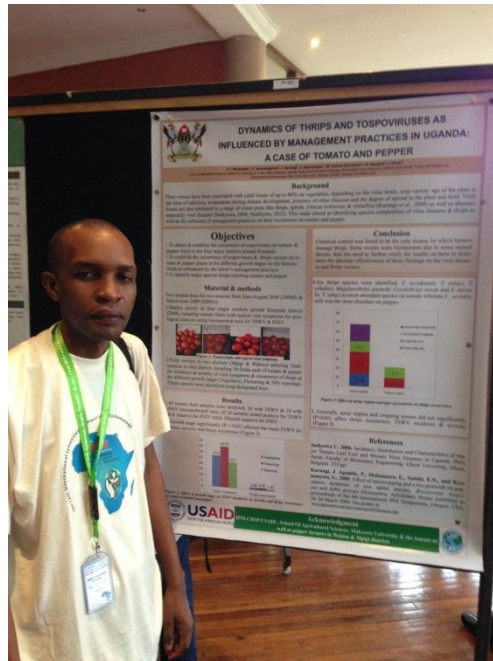
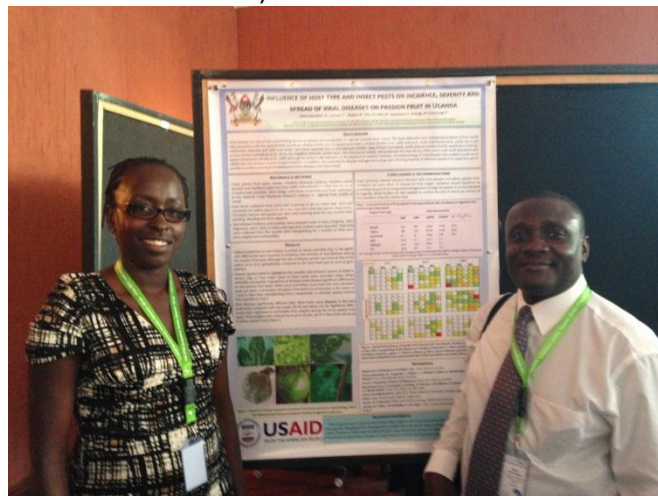
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Host free period for 3 months is effective in reducing the incidence

12th International Symposium on Plant Virus Epidemiology

January 29, 2013 Arusha, Tanzania



- **Participants:** more than 220 virologists from more than 43 countries
- **IPM CRSP Special Session**
- **Partnership for strengthening capacity building development in Africa:**
- **Four IPM CRSP students presented posters.**



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Coffee Pests in East Africa

Coffee berry borer

White stem borer

Mealybugs

Scales

Antestia bug

Coffee wilt disease

Coffee rust



IPM Packages

IPM package for vegetables delivers food security and biodiversity

Use of bio-pesticides is one of the major components of IPM. The result is a significant increase in plant health and yield, a dramatic reduction in pesticide use, improvement in biodiversity, and an increase in farmer income.

IPM plays a major role in the management of Invasive Alien Plants and especially to manage Invasive Alien Arthropods and Microbes.

An IPM vegetable package is a set of technologies that can be applied to a given crop to obtain increased yield and reduce pesticide use. It includes the following elements:

Soil Preparation

Techniques to enhance the soil—such as soil solarization and the addition of growth enhancers such as neem cake, VAM, and fertilizers—provide vegetables with the nutrients they need and deter pests such as weeds and nematodes.

Seed Treatment

Seed treatments such as *Trichoderma spp.*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Bacillus subtilis* protect the seedlings from pests.

Seed Selection

Quality seeds should be chosen according to need and availability. Pest resistance, yield, marketability, and suitability to the environment are important considerations.

Seedling Selection and Grafting

All seedlings in the nursery should be closely examined for viral and other diseases, and infected seedlings should be eliminated from the planting material. Grafting for pest resistance should be done when needed.

Biological Control

Adoption of biological control is a major component of IPM. Local natural enemies such as parasitoids can significantly decrease the need for pesticides.

Traps and Biopesticides

Sticky traps, pheromone traps, and bait traps may be used for both monitoring and reducing pest populations. When these populations reach an economic threshold, biopesticides such as NPV can be used.

Supplemental Tactics

Supplemental tactics including physical management techniques, such as using stakes, nets, and planting trap crops or nectar plants can be used to reduce pest damage.

Strategic Action

Strategic action, such as irrigation and roguing, should be taken to keep plants healthy, reduce re-infection, and discourage pests. While this step is very effective, it is often labor



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IPM for Tomato

- Seed or seedling treatment with *Trichoderma*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, and *Bacillus subtilis*
- Solarization of seed beds and greenhouses
- Use of VAM, neem cake and other organics
- Selecting virus-resistant varieties
- Grafting on resistant rootstock for bacterial wilt, Fusarium and others
- Staking and mulching
- Yellow sticky traps for thrips, leafminers etc.
- Pheromone traps for *Helicoverpa* and *Spodoptera*
- Host-free period and rogueing for control of virus diseases
- Use of Biopesticides such as neem
- Use of microbial pesticides such as NPV, *Metarhizium*, and *Beauveria*

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Invasive Species in Africa

- Tomato leaf miner – *Tuta absoluta*
- Spiraling Whitefly – *Aleurodicus dispersus*
- Nesting Whitefly – *Paraleyrodes minei*
- Papaya mealybug – *Paracoccus marginatus*
- Solenopsis mealybug – *Phenacoccus solenopsis*
- Cassava mealybug – *Phenacoccus manihoti*



Papaya mealybug, *Paracoccus marginatus*

Order: Hemiptera, Suborder: Sternorrhyncha, Family:
Pseudococcidae

- Native to Mexico
- First described in 1902
- Caribbean: 1995-2000
- Pacific: 2000-2005
- Asia: 2008
- West Africa: 2009



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Papaya Mealybug Damage



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Acerophagus papayae, A Parasitoid Used for Papaya Mealybug Control in West Africa



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Tuta absoluta in Senegal and Ethiopia

A native of South America.

Introduced to Spain in 2006.

Now it is in **Senegal** and **Ethiopia**.

it will spread to West and East

Africa in next one or two years.

West Africa Regional Workshop – May 7-9, 2013

in collaboration with CORAF and USDA/APHIS

East Africa Regional Workshop – in planning stage

with ASARECA and USDA/APHIS



Cassava Mealybug – *Phenacoccus manihoti*

Native of South America

Introduced to Congo in early 1970s

Spread to Rest of Equatorial Africa

Thailand – 2009

Indonesia - 2010



Parasitoid: *Anagyrus lopezi*

Native of Paraguay and Brazil
Introduced to Africa – 1981

Thailand - 2009

Benefit of Introduction of
this Parasitoid into Africa :
\$200 to 500 for Each Dollar
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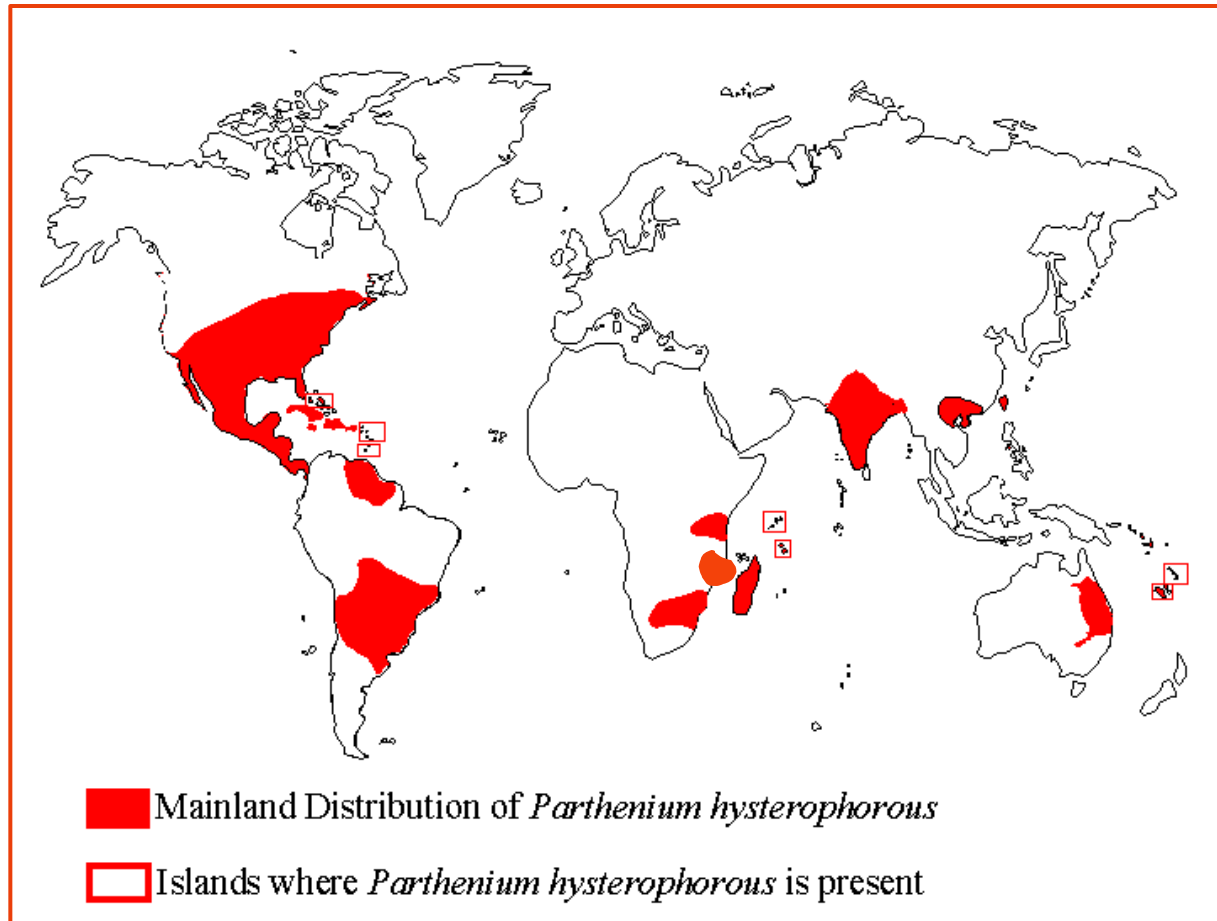
Invasive Weed - Parthenium

North American/Central American native plant threatening:

- Cultivated land
- Range land
- Natural biodiversity



Worldwide distribution of *Parthenium hysterophorus*



Parthenium hysterophorus

Spreading in Eastern and Southern Africa

- For Biological Control of Parthenium
- Built a Quarantine Facility in Ethiopia
- Trained Personnel in Quarantine
- Host Specificity Tests Completed
- USAID Permit Received for Field Release



Zygogramma bicolorata (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

- Introduced to Australia in 1980
- Introduced to India in 1984
- Ready to be released in Ethiopia



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International Conference on Parthenium organized in Kenya



Plant Disease Diagnosis Training Tanzania- Sokoine University of Agriculture, May, 2012



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Ghana 2011: Tomato Disease and Insect Pest Diagnostics



- Overviews -major diseases and pests
- Bacterial diseases
 - Culture, HR, serology
- Virus diseases
 - Sap transmission, serology, PCR
- Insect pests and vectors identification
- Fungal disease identification
 - Culturing, microscopy, serology
- Root knot nematode identification
- DDIS-CIMS training



Long-term training

- Ethiopia – 3
- Kenya – 4
- Senegal – 3
- Tanzania – 7
- Uganda - 12



Selected Impacts of the IPM CRSP

Country and Authors	Crop	IPM Practice(s)	Net Benefits (millions)
Uganda, Moyo et al, 2007	Peanuts	Virus resistant variety	\$33-36
Mali, Nouhoheflin, et al, 2011	Tomato	Cultural	\$21-24
Uganda, Debass, 2000	Beans and maize	Cultural	\$36-202
Bangladesh, Debass, 2000	Eggplant, cabbage	Cultural practices	\$26-29
Bangladesh, Rakshit et al, 2011	Cucurbits	Pheromone traps	\$3-6
Ecuador, Baez, 2004	Plantain	Cultural	\$59-63
Ecuador, Quishpe, 2001	Potatoes	Resistant variety	\$50
Albania, Daku, 2002	Olives	Cultural	\$39-52
Honduras, Sparger, et al, 2011	Eggplant, onion, tomato, and pepper	Cultural practices	\$17
India, Selvaraj, 2012 (preliminary analysis)	Mulberry, papaya, cassava	Papaya mealybug parasitoid release	\$500



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IPM CRSP Cost: Benefit Ratio

- IPM CRSP Budget for 20 Years
\$50 Million
- Benefits from IPM CRSP
\$788 to 983 Millions
- Cost:Benefit
1:15 to 20



(This ratio is based on impact assessment of **10** IPM technologies implemented in **10** countries. Over **100** more technologies implemented are yet to be assessed. Assessing these may lead to a ratio of **1:150 to 200**)





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