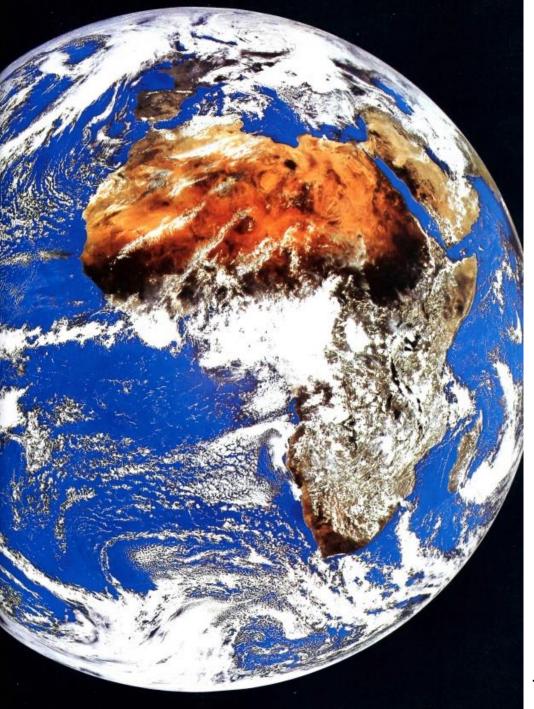
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# BIGGEST CHALLENGES AND RESEARCH GAPS FOR BIOLOGICAL PLANT PROTECTION IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

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Source: NASA (1966)

Source: Diercke Weltatlas (1989)

### NEW WORLD

• Southern California (1968-1973): Termites and cotton pest insects





Termite mounds (*Nasutitermes triodiae*) *Photo: Metcalf et al. (1962)* 





Destruction caused by termites in North America *Photos: Metcalf et al. (1962)* 



Application of pheromones against Pink Bollworm (Pectinophora gossypiella) in cotton field in Califormia

### NEW WORLD

 Florida and the Caribbean (1983-1985): ocean products for pest control



Marine natural products extracted from sponges, tunicates, dinoflagellates and snails

Source: Sennett (2001)

## NEW WORLD

• Southern Brazil, Porto Alegre (2015-2017: Oriental fruit moth



Peach orchard protected with pheromones Source: Hummel et al. (2017a)

Egypt, Sudan: desert locust



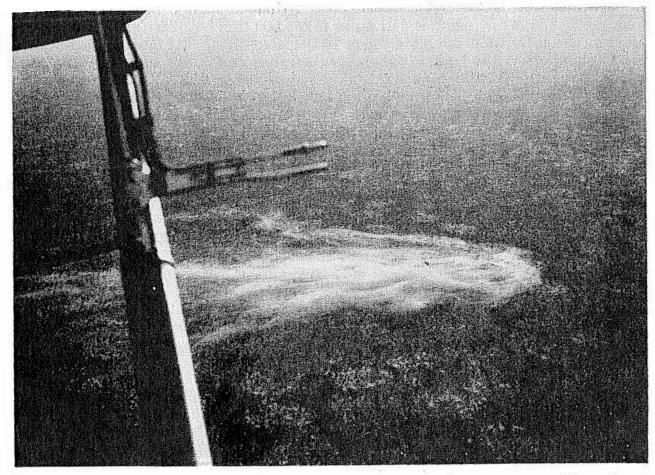
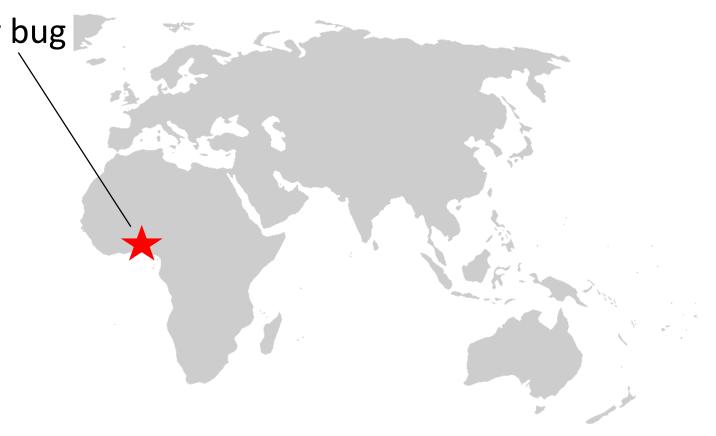


Fig. 1.1. Aerial view of swarm of locusts, Schistocerca gregaria, in Kenya. (From H. J. Sayer and Shell Chem. Co.)

Source: Metcalf et al. (1962)

Benin&Malawi: Cassava mealy bug





Healthy Cassava plant (Photo: R. Borowka, 1992)



Infested Cassava plantation (Photo: R. Borowka, 1992)



Cassava plant, infested by Cassava mealybug *Phenacoccus manihoti* (*Photo: R. Borowka, 1992*)



Cassava mealybug *Phenacoccus manihoti* (*Photo: R. Borowka, 1992*)



Neotropical biocontrol agent *Apoanagyrus lopezi (Photo: IITA Benin)* 



Exposed steep hillside in Malawi 1992, near Malawi Lake shore region (Photo: Borowka)

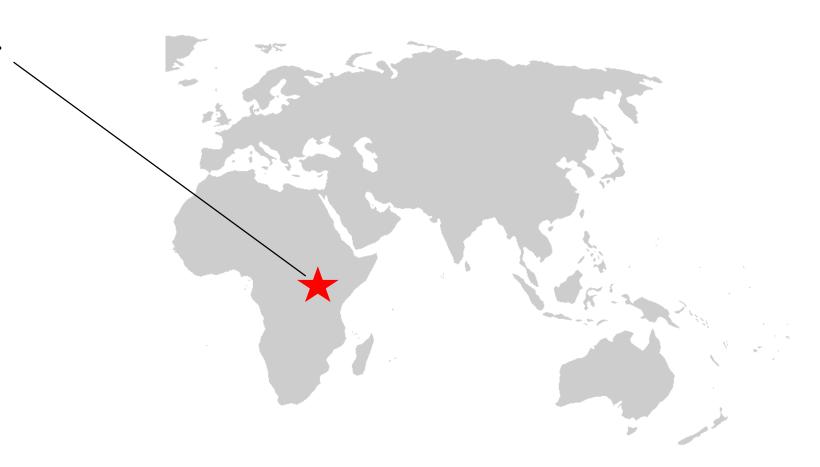
 South Asia: various pest insects and Neem





Neem extraction plant in Mandalay (Myanmar) Photo: Feuerhake (1987)

• Kenya: Maize Stemborer

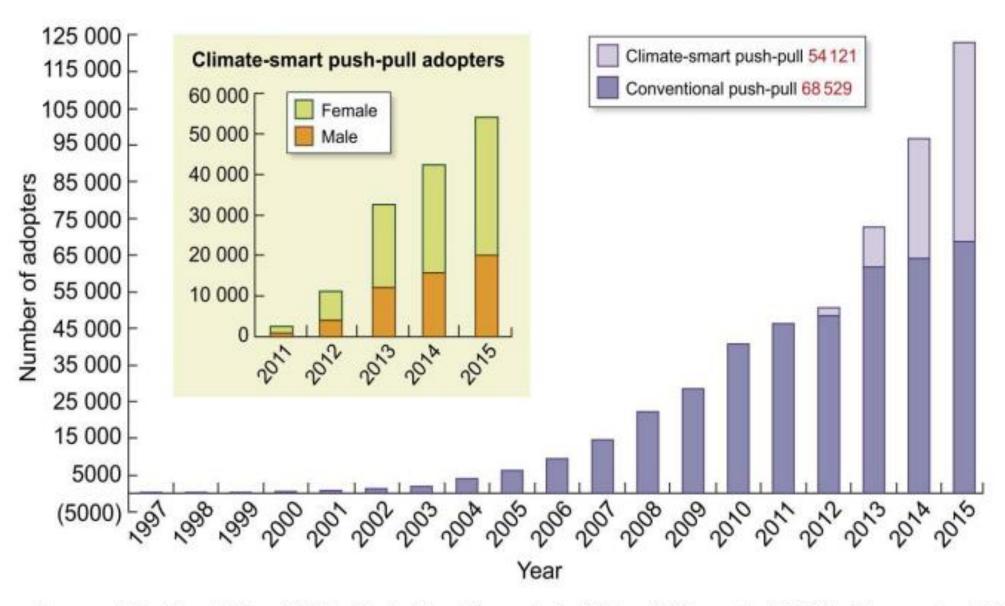




Maize dameged by Stemborer (Chilo partellus)
Source: ICIPE



Push-Pull system for Maize protection from Stemborer in Kenya Source: Hummel et al. (2017b)



Source: Pickett and Khan 2016, cited after: Khan et al. 2014a; Midega et al. 2015; Murage et al. 2015; Pickett et al. 2014

#### TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- 1. Planet Earth is beautiful. We have, however, only **ONE** planet, not FOUR, as the present day apostles of steady growth would make us believe.
- 2. Human disregard of **ecological responsibility**, but also steady world population growth, plus the lures of fast money and the growing promise of a flamboyant lifestyle combine to form an explosive mixture that may tear human society apart. If unchecked, it may take the planet earth **uninhabitable** before long.
- 3. Partial solutions are visible on many fronts; among them are examples for **environmentally responsible** plant protection by IPM. They provide reason for hope.
- 4. **Homo sapiens sapiens**, so our zoological name, appeals to our powers of reasoning. Today's symposium is but a small step in the required direction.

# Thank you for your attention!



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