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## Innovative and modern monitoring techniques essential tool for effective pest control management

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#### What is IPM ???



### IPM



Monitoring means checking fields to identify which pests are present, how many there are, or what damage they've caused.

**Correctly identifying** the pest is key to knowing whether a pest is likely to become a problem and determining the best management strategy.

#### Invasive species

An **invasive** species is a species that does not occur naturally in a specific area and whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic (including agricultural) or environmental harm or harm to human health.

#### Alien species in Europe (2012)



### Why conduct monitoring??

✓ Monitoring can play an essential role in managing invasive pests - it provides nonbiased information to make well-informed management decisions.



## Importance/Issues

#### Monitoring can be used to:

- 1. detect new populations
- determine the status and temporal trends in population sizes and distributions over time (e.g., evaluate invasiveness)
- 3. determine **effects** of invasive species on ecosystem
- 4. measure **success** of best management practices (e.g., chemical control..) that are meant to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive pests into and throughout a management area

## Type of Invasive Pest Monitoring

#### **1. Monitoring for Early Detection**

#### 2. Monitoring for the Effect of Management Actions on Target Invasive Pests

#### Elements of a monitoring plan include:

- ✓ statement of problem
- monitoring objectives for target species (level of accuracy and precision)
- ✓ sampling design (to achieve monitoring objectives)
- ✓ field sampling methods
- $\checkmark$  data management and analyses
- ✓ evaluation of monitoring results
- ✓ adjustment of management actions

### INVASIVE PEST INTRODUCTION



#### **Invasive Pest**





From Science to Field Maize Case Study - Guide Number 2

#### Western Corn Rootworm In Europe: Integrated Pest Management Is The Only Sustainable Solution

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#### **INVASION PROCESS**





**INTRODUCTION** 

1995.

**ESTABLISHMENT** 



**SPREAD** 

WCR IS PRESENT IN CORN GROWING REGIONS IN CROATIA AND Europe (400.000km<sup>2</sup>)

### PROBLEM



- The control and management of WCR is often hindered by a lack of understanding about their biology and ecology, including aspects of their invasion genetics.
- Determining the factors that positively or negatively affect or limit the growth of WCR populations will facilitate the development of IPM strategies aimed at slowing the spread and prevention of damage from potentially the most important pest of corn.

## AIM



- TO monitor the movement of a invasive species
- TO predict its population abundance
- TO detect variation among populations

### GOAL

✓ To understand if a control strategy have long term effectiveness

#### METHODS



 Our study combine different monitoring techniques to detect all possible changes that occur in invasion process of this species and to achieve better control and management.

#### LOCATION





## MONITORING METHODS

• PHEROMONE TRAPPING

 ✓ possible to monitor the occurrence and abundance of the beetle to predict the damages it would inflict to corn crops in the following year



9 year period (1996-2004)

#### MONITORING METHODS

POPULATION GENETICS

6 msat 'core set' loci

Individuals genotyped using ABI3100 Genetic Analyzer following methods of Kim *et al*. (2008)







#### samples from 1996 & 2009; n= 294



### MONITORING METHODS

• GEOMETRIC MORPHOMETRICS



n= 60 males <u>60 females</u> 120 left 120 right

- Wing preparation (left/right)
- 14 landmarks digitized using TPSDIG v2.16 (Rohlf, 2008)

## DATA ANALYSES



#### GENETICS

- Tests of fit to Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE): GENEPOP
  3.4 (Raymond & Rousset, 1995a)
- Per locus estimates of: (1) number of alleles, (2) expected (H<sub>E</sub>) & observed (H<sub>O</sub>) heterozygosity, (3) Weir and Cockerham's (1984) F<sub>IS</sub> (inbreeding co-efficient) & θ (F<sub>ST</sub>): FSTAT 2.9.3 (Goudet, 2001)
- ✓ Significant differentiation (Fisher exact tests) among populations for all loci & population pairs: GENEPOP
- ✓ θ (F<sub>ST</sub>) calculated among population pairs: **FSTAT**
- GEOMETRIC MORPHOMETRICS
- ➢ Shape variation − ANOVA, PCA, CVA
- All morphometric & data analyses were performed using MorphoJ v1.04a (Klingenberg, 2011)



WCR capture numbers on pheromone trapping conducted in the region of Vukovar-Sirmium in the period 1996–2004

Year of monitoring	Number of beetles captured	Average number of beetles captured
1996	699	18
1997	2398	109
1998	4416	184

 ✓ During the 9 years of WCR monitoring in the Vukovar-Sirmium region, 48 001 adults were captured on pheromone traps
 ✓ Pheromone traps were found to be very sensitive for early detection purposes.



It has been estimated that WCR populations have an average dispersal rate of approximately 40 km/year and a growth rate that allows them to quadruple in abundance annually when inadequately controlled.



**POPULATION GENETICS** 

✓ GENETIC DIFFERENTIATION was low to moderate during the 15 years of monitoring

✓ Poulations investigated are genetically similar and exist as a single large population in the Vukovar-Sirmium region



✓ Shape variation between population was highly signifficant.

#### CONCLUSIONS



 Combinations of different monitoring techniques -> INTER POPULATION VARIATION

 Combined use of traditional monitoring (used to predict population abundance) + novel-use monitoring techniques such as genetics & GM) (used to detect pest behaviour) =

ESTIMATE VARIATION WITHIN AND AMONG POPULATIONS

### CONCLUSIONS



 Modern genetic and morphometric monitoring together with traditional tools are crucial in providing sound data for WCR control and these innovative techniques should be written into management practices for this species.





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