

The eradication of the tsetse fly *Glossina palpalis gambiensis* from the Niayes of Senegal using an area-wide integrated pest management approach that includes the release of sterile males



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Overview

- The tsetse and trypanosomosis problem
- Tsetse eradication in the Niayes, Senegal using a Phased conditional approach (PCA)
 - Organisational frame work (Government)
 - Feasibility studies
 - Pre-operational phase
 - Operational phase
- Achievements
- Conclusions

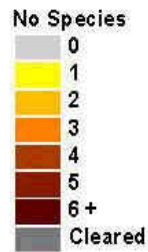


The problem



Distribution of *Glossina* spp in Africa

Tsetse distribution map



The Tsetse fly – Africa's Bain



36 countries – 10 million km²



165 million cattle in Africa



only 10 million in tsetse infested areas



50 million cattle at risk



Direct losses: US\$ 0.6 – 1.2 billion EACH YEAR



Responsible for separation of crop farming and livestock production



60 million people at risk



3-4 million people: surveillance

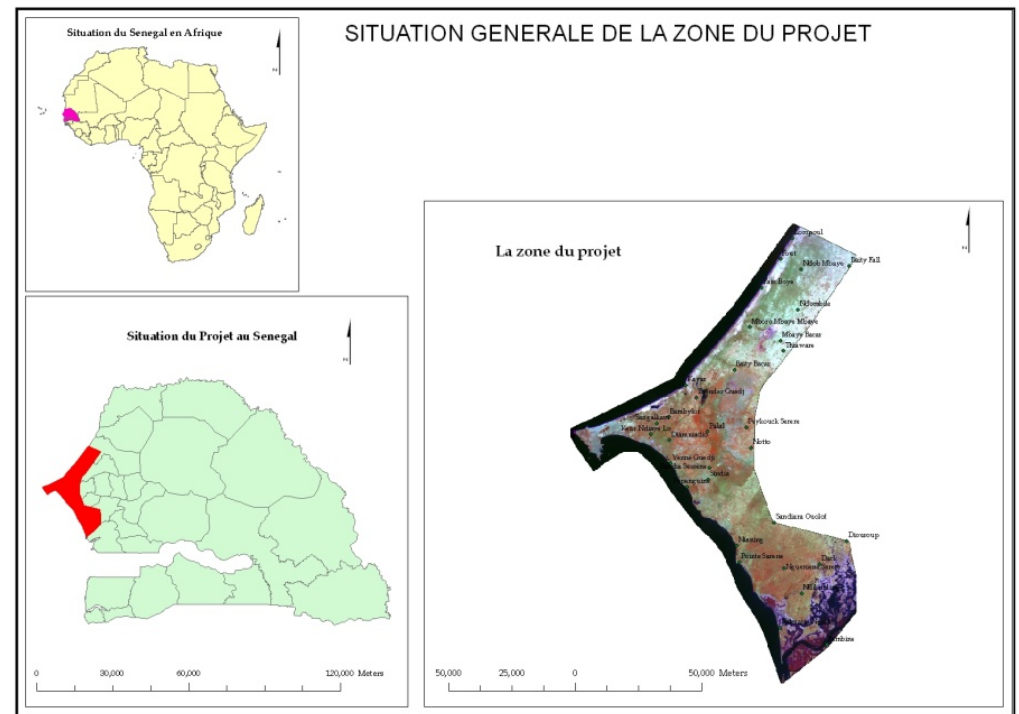


300,000 – 5000,000 infected (10%)



The target area in Senegal: Niayes

- Good climatic conditions
- Trypanosomosis = main constraint
- Tsetse eradication = to create a suitable sanitary context for innovation



History of tsetse control in the Niayes of Senegal

- ✓ **1970-1980:** tsetse control in the Niayes (Dr Touré)
 - ✓ Insecticide (spray)
 - ✓ Bush clearing
- ✓ 1980- 1999: No activities
- ✓ **1999-2003:** 2 surveys confirmed presence of tsetse (locale population or reinvasion from other tsetse infested areas? and trypanosomosis)



**New project with a new approach and
new tools**

Phased Conditional Approach (PCA)

1. Organisational frame work (Government)

- a. Training of technical field and insectary staff

2. Feasibility studies

- a. Entomological, parasitological and serological base line data collection
- b. Population genetics, socio economics, environmental study

3. Pre-operational phase

- a. Establishment of insectary (dispersal centre in Dakar)
- b. Research at IPCL: transport protocol of male sterile pupae (from Burkina Faso and Slovakia to Senegal)
- c. Pilot release (ground and air) (3 years)
- d. Development of distribution model

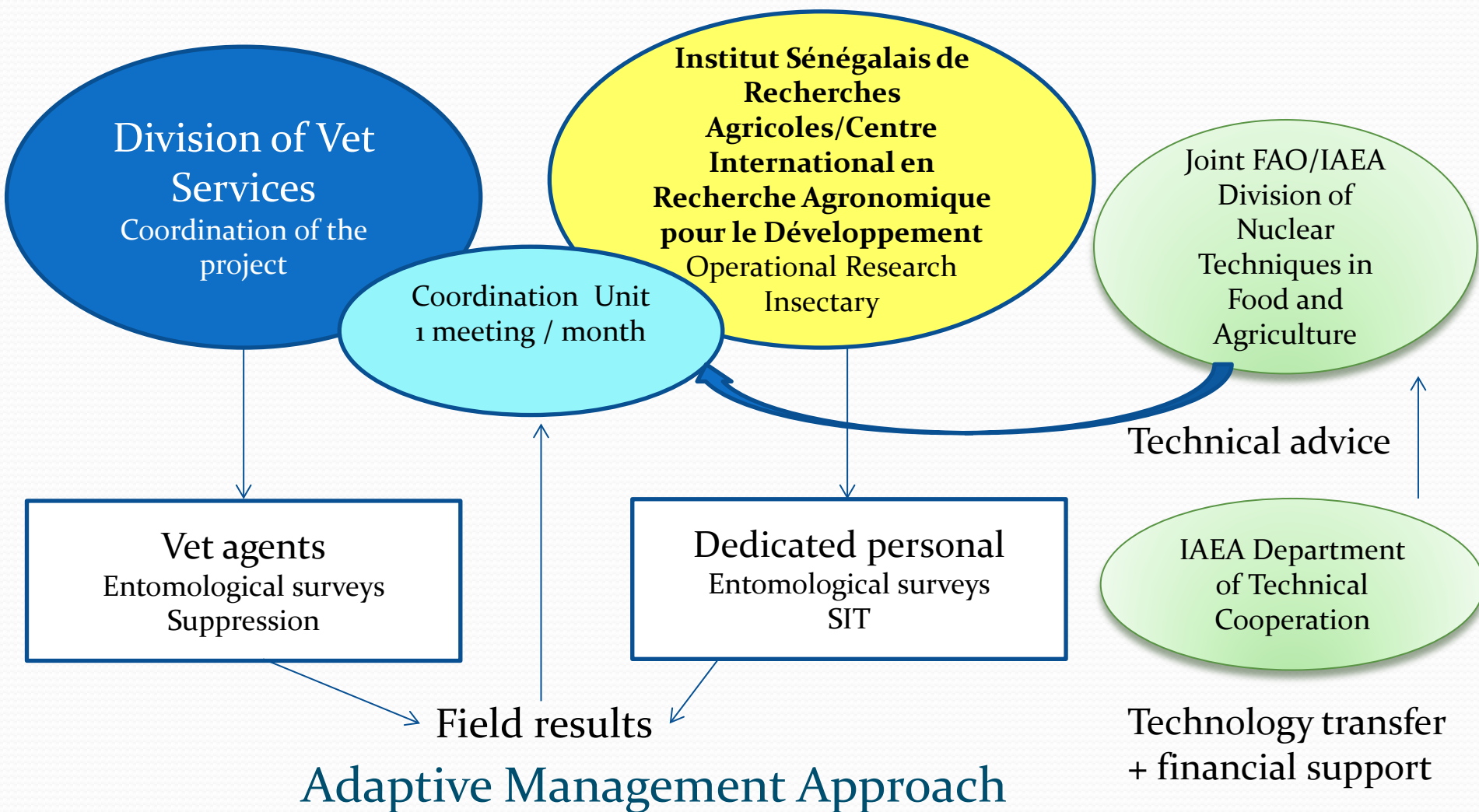


4. Operational phase

- a. Suppression
- b. Release of sterile males
- c. Monitoring of project progress.

External Review

PCA1: Organizational frame work

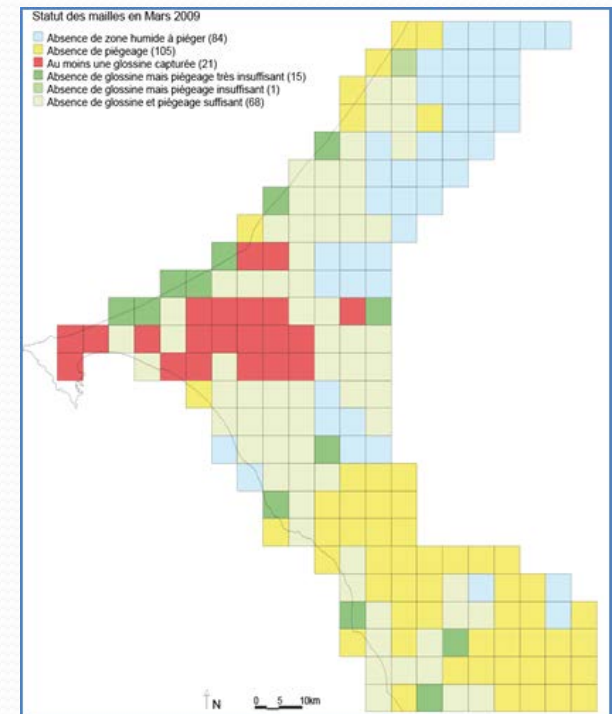


PCA1: Preparation

- 16 field and insectary staff trained
 - CIRDES
 - Tsetse ecology and biology
- Workshop to plan baseline data collection
- Equipment: traps, microscopes, binocular microscopes, sampling material,...

PCA 2: Entomological base line data

- A grid with 5 x 5 km cells to cover the entire target area (total: 294 grids,)
 - Dividing of the area in teams
 - Organisation of the teams
- Development of vegetation maps
- Initial surveys to associate vegetation types with preferred tsetse habitat
- Selection of trapping sites using GIS and RS



PCA 2: Entomological base line data



Gallery forests



Riparian tickets



Swamp forests



Palm tree plantations



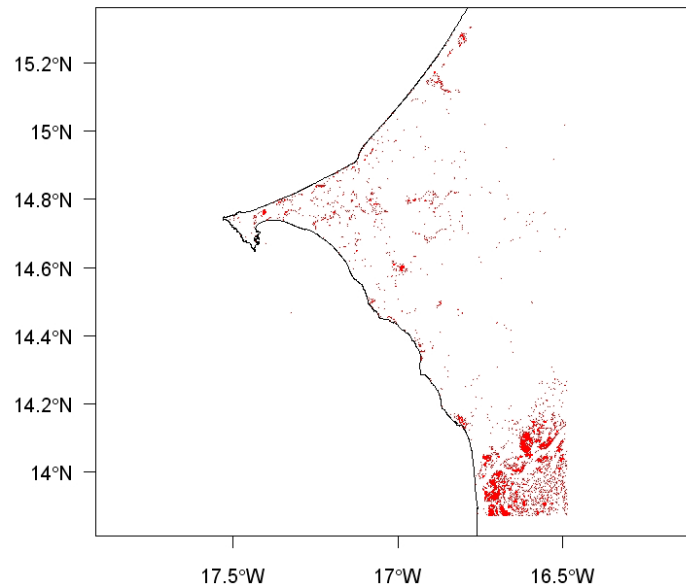
Tree orchards



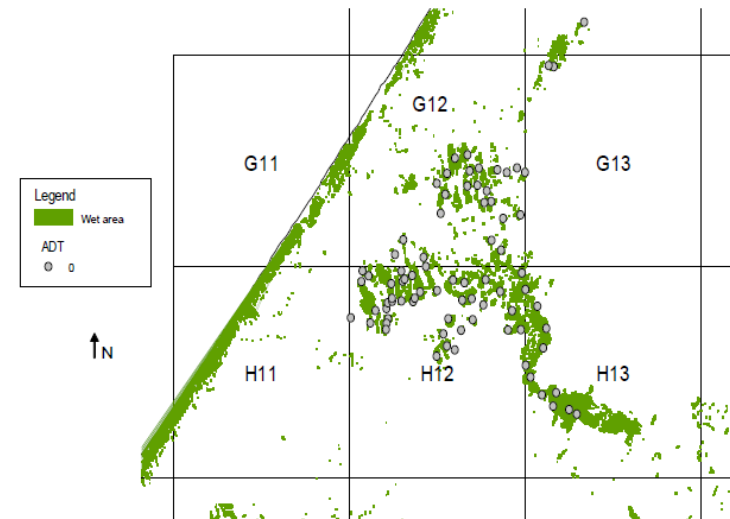
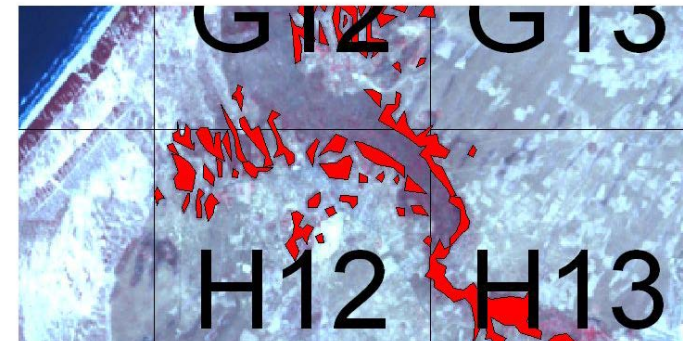
Mangroves

PCA 2: Entomological base line data

Mapping of suitable habitat – selection of trapping sites



GIS – RS: suitable habitat (525 km²)
> 700 trapping sites



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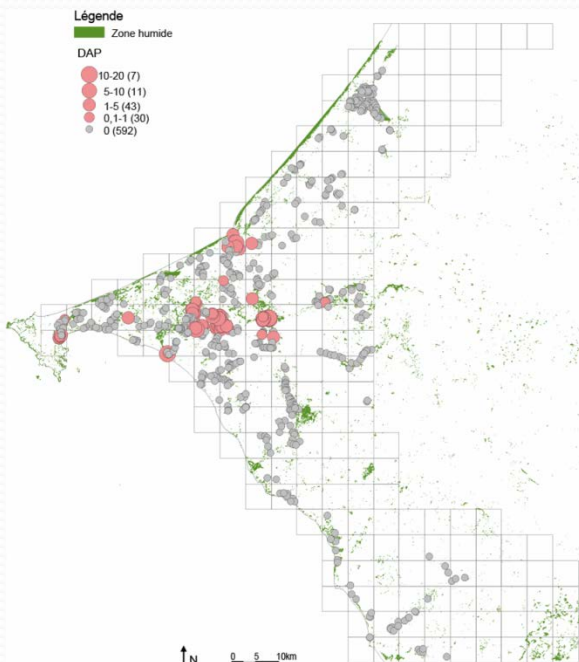


Fig. 5 Localisation des pièges posés et densités apparentes par piège et par jour (DAP)

- 55/294 grids infested (1375 sq. km out of 7350)

- 1 species: *Glossina palpalis gambiensis*
- 3 populations: Hann, Kayar and Pout
- Densities could be very high locally
- Populations appeared to be isolated

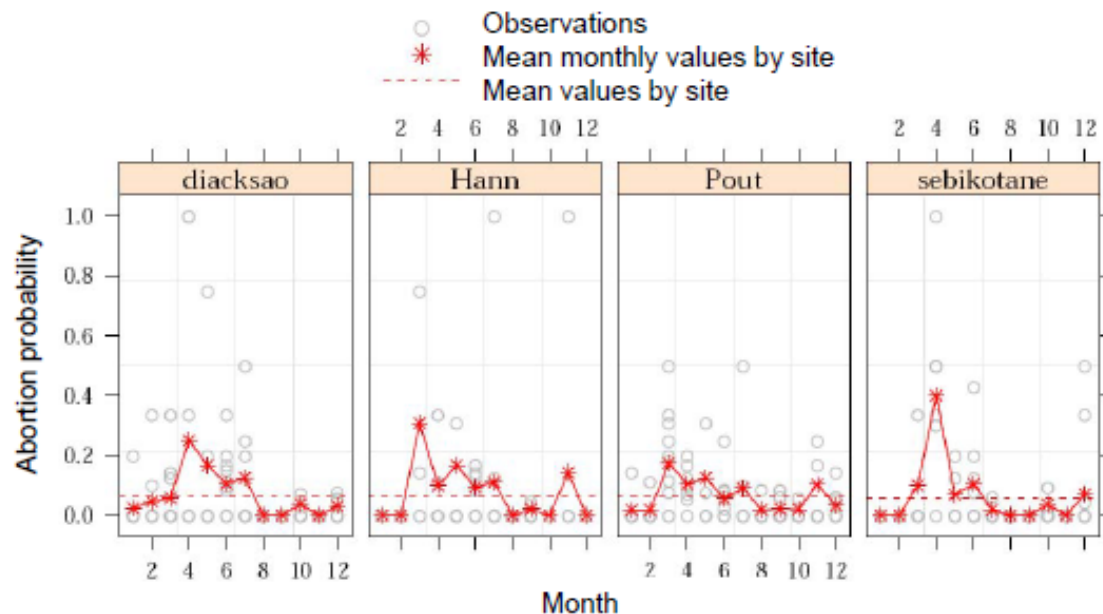


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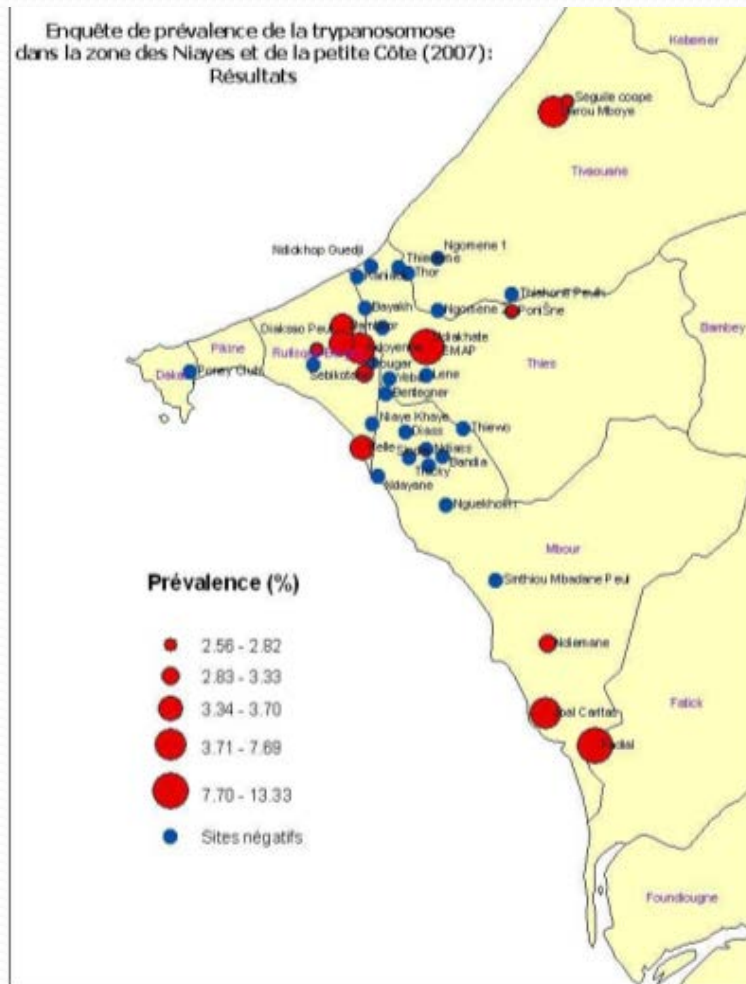
Information about population dynamics

- Apparent densities in different seasons and different ecosystems
- Natural abortion rates

Evolution of the natural abortion rate



PCA 2: Parasitology base line data



Cattle

Mean prevalence

Buffy coat: 2.01%

Serology:

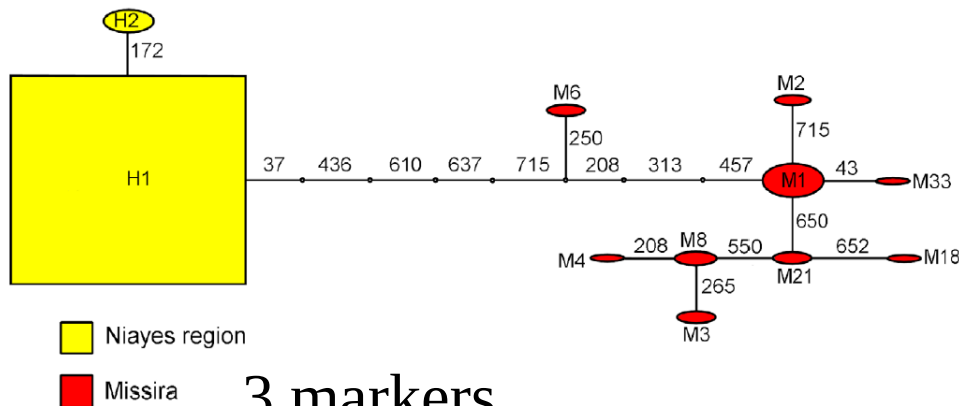
T. vivax 28.68%

T. congolense 4.36%

T. brucei brucei 0.3%

Strong relationship
with tsetse

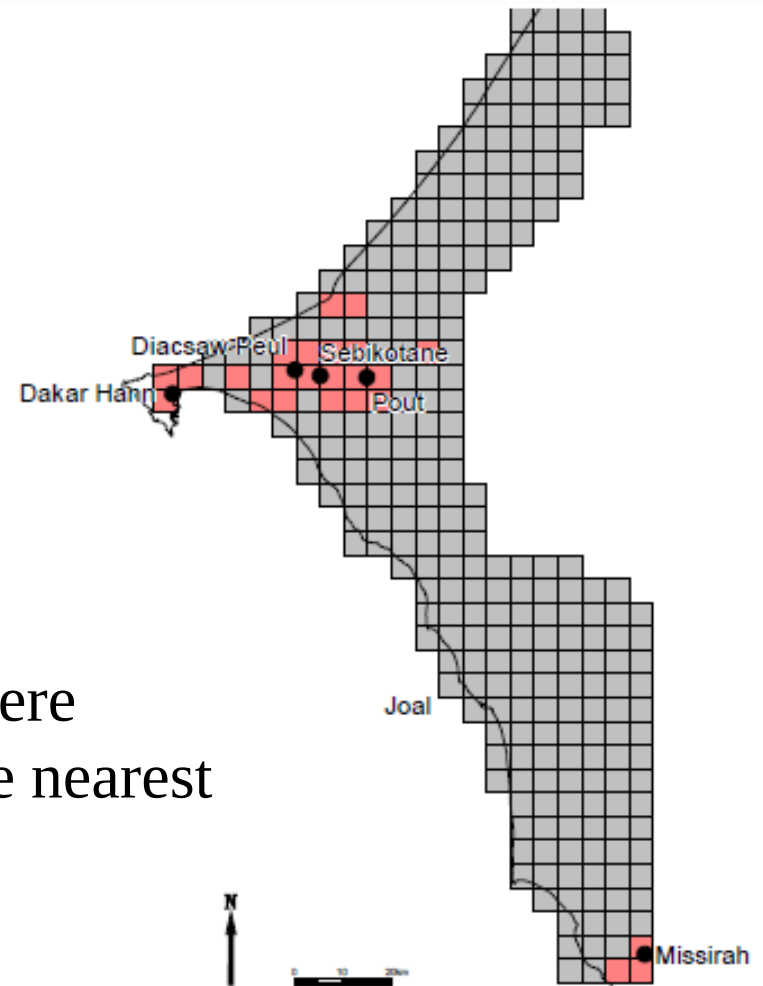
PCA 2: Population genetics study



3 markers

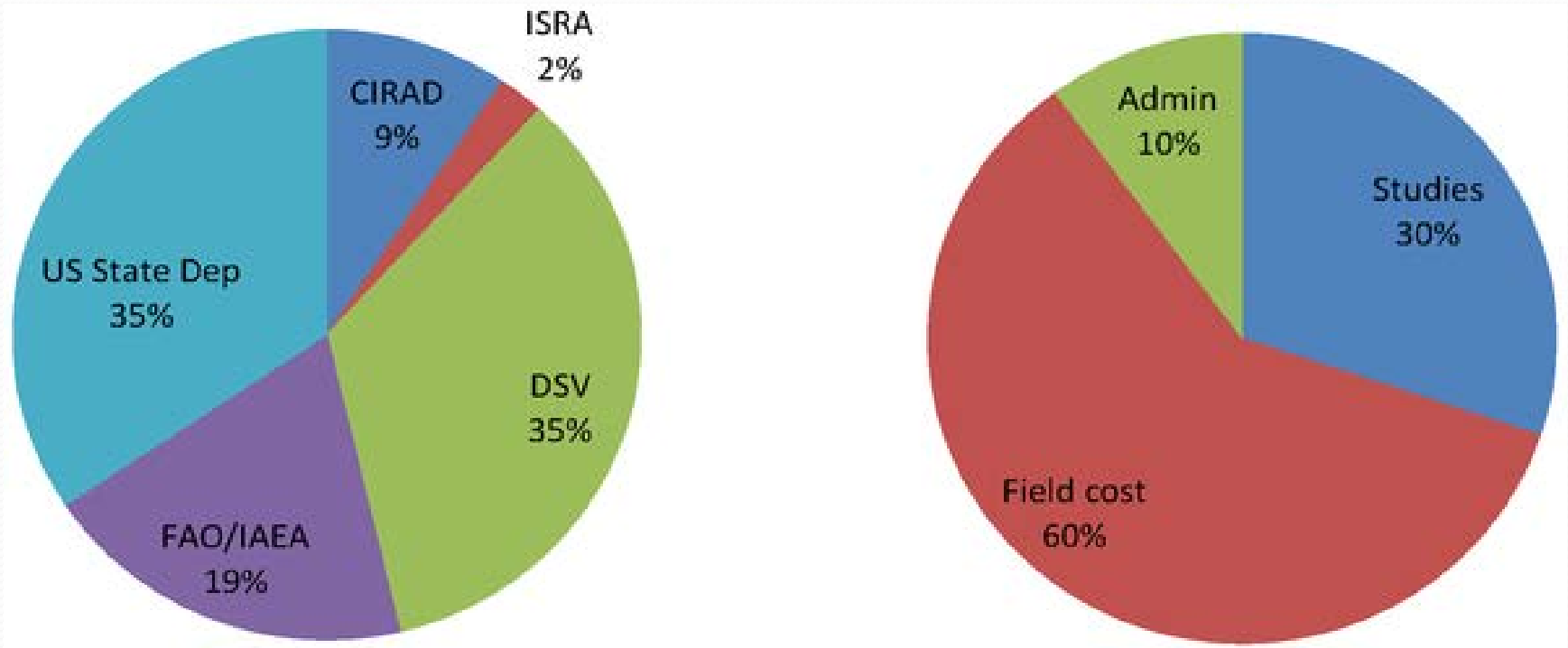
Microsatellites
 Mitochondrial DNA
 Wing morphometrics

- Niayes tsetse populations were genetically isolated from the nearest population in the South
- No exchange of genes



PCA 2: Socio-economics study

- ~ 6.4 million Euro until 2016 (~€ 6400/km²)

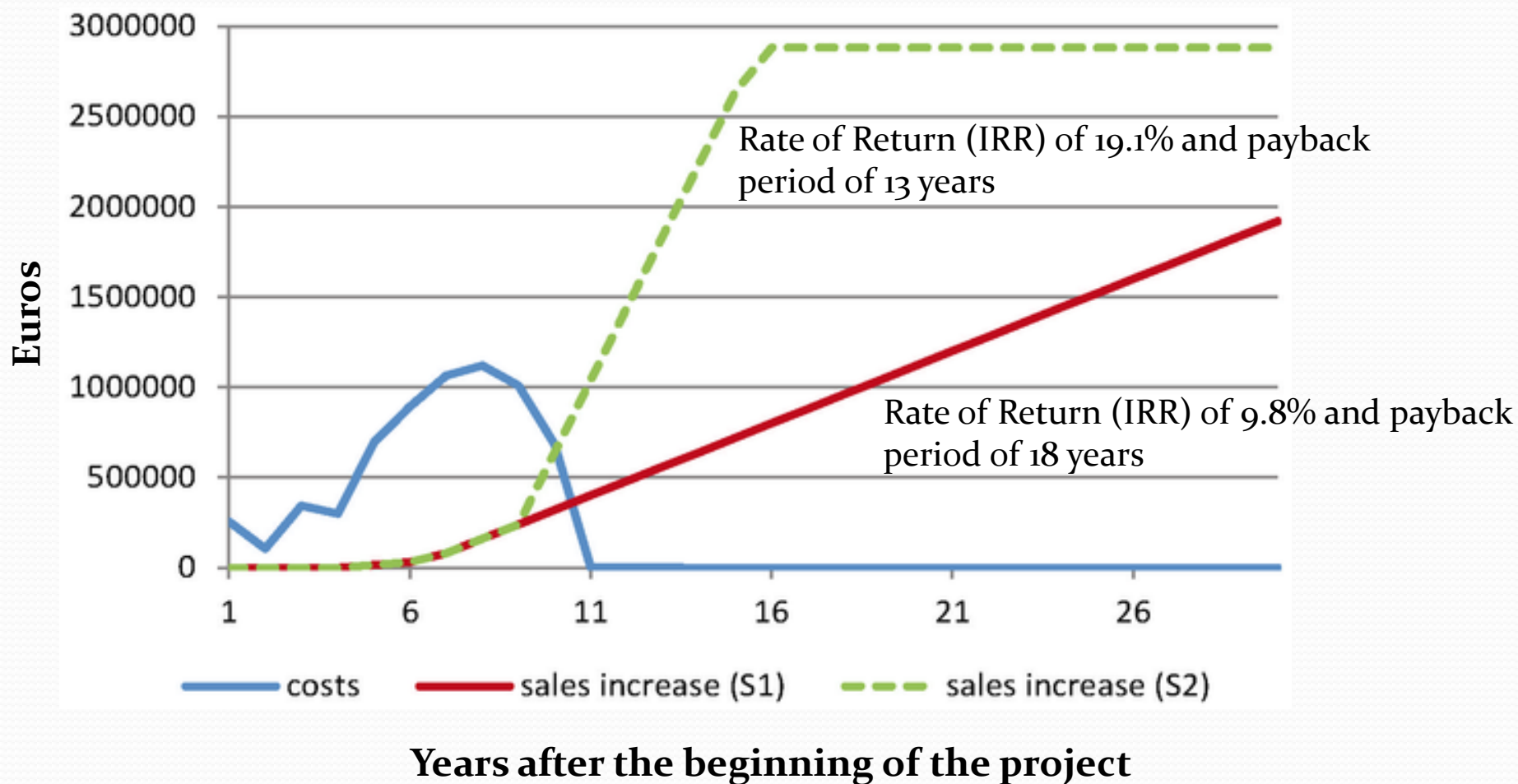


Distribution of the costs by partner (left) and component (right).

PCA 2: Socio-economics study

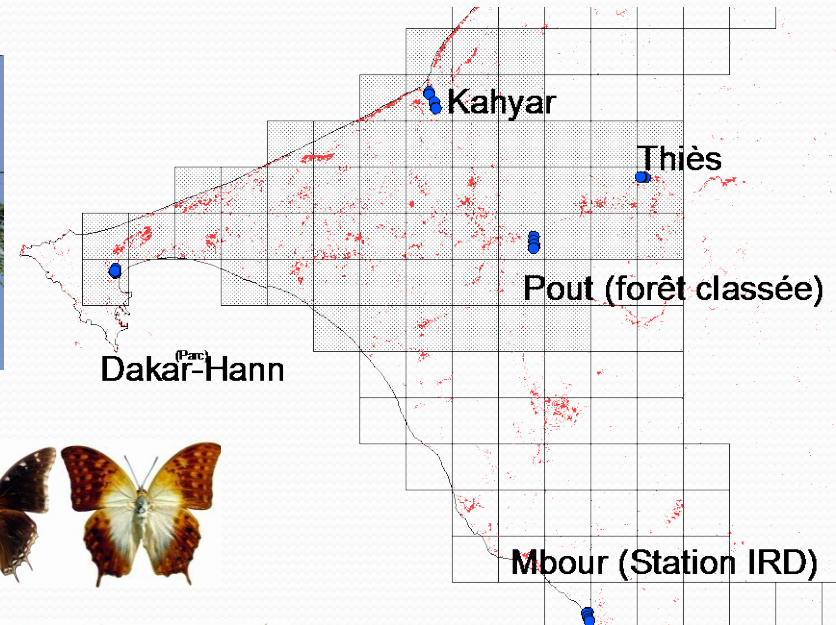
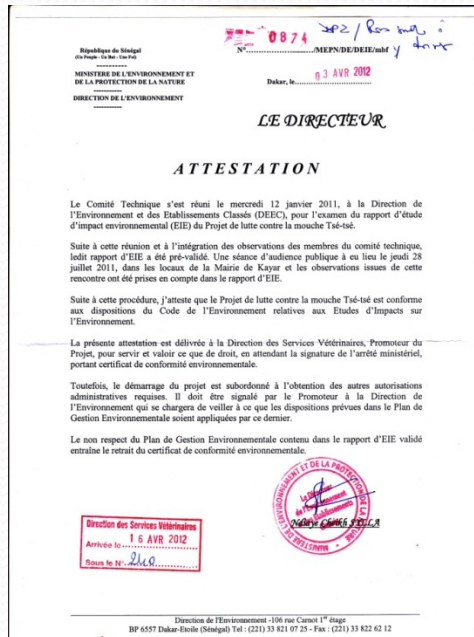
- One traditional system based on trypanotolerant cattle
 - annual cattle sales €74 (s.d. 38) per head
- Two other livestock keeping systems using more productive breeds (improved meat & improved milk production)
 - annual cattle sales were € 250 (s.d. 513) per head
 - herd size 45% smaller
- Increase of animal sales: **€ 2800 / km² /year (total cost € 6400/ km²)**

PCA 2: Socio-economics study



PCA 2: Environmental impact study

Permit from the Ministry of environment obtained
Light and transitory impact on non target species



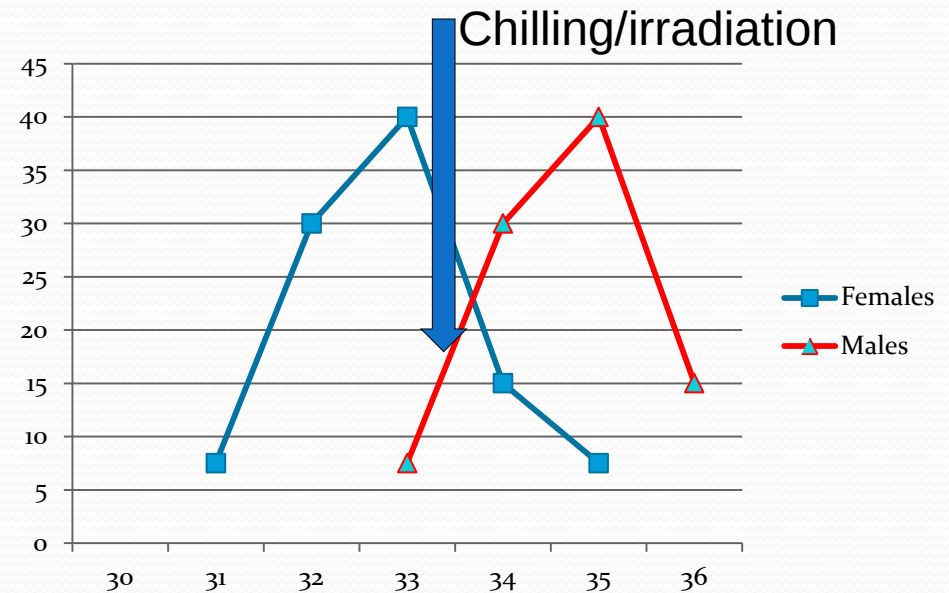
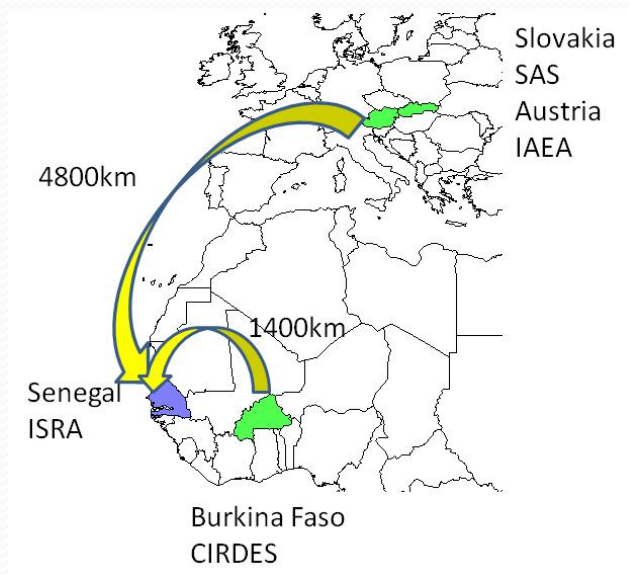
PCA 3: Establishment of a dispersal centre/insectary in Dakar

- Mass-rearing & irradiation in Centre International de Recherche-Développement sur l'Élevage en zone Sub-humide, Burkina-Faso & Slovakia Academy of Sciences, Slovakia / FAO-IAEA Insect Pest Control Laboratory, Austria



PCA 3: Development of a transport protocol

- Transport of pupae, not adults
- Sex sorting to keep females (colony stability)



PCA 3: Development of a transport protocol

- Impact of low temperatures (10, 12.5 and 15 °C) for various periods of time & irradiation & transport on the quality of sterile males
- Parameters assessed: emergence rate, survival, insemination capacity and field competitiveness
- Development of a quality control test

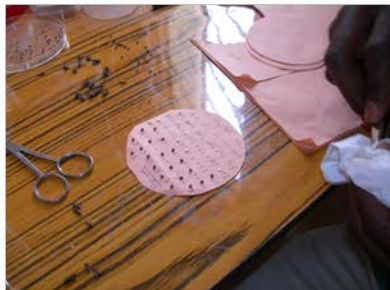
PCA 3: Development of a transport protocol

Transport through express mailing services using phase change materials



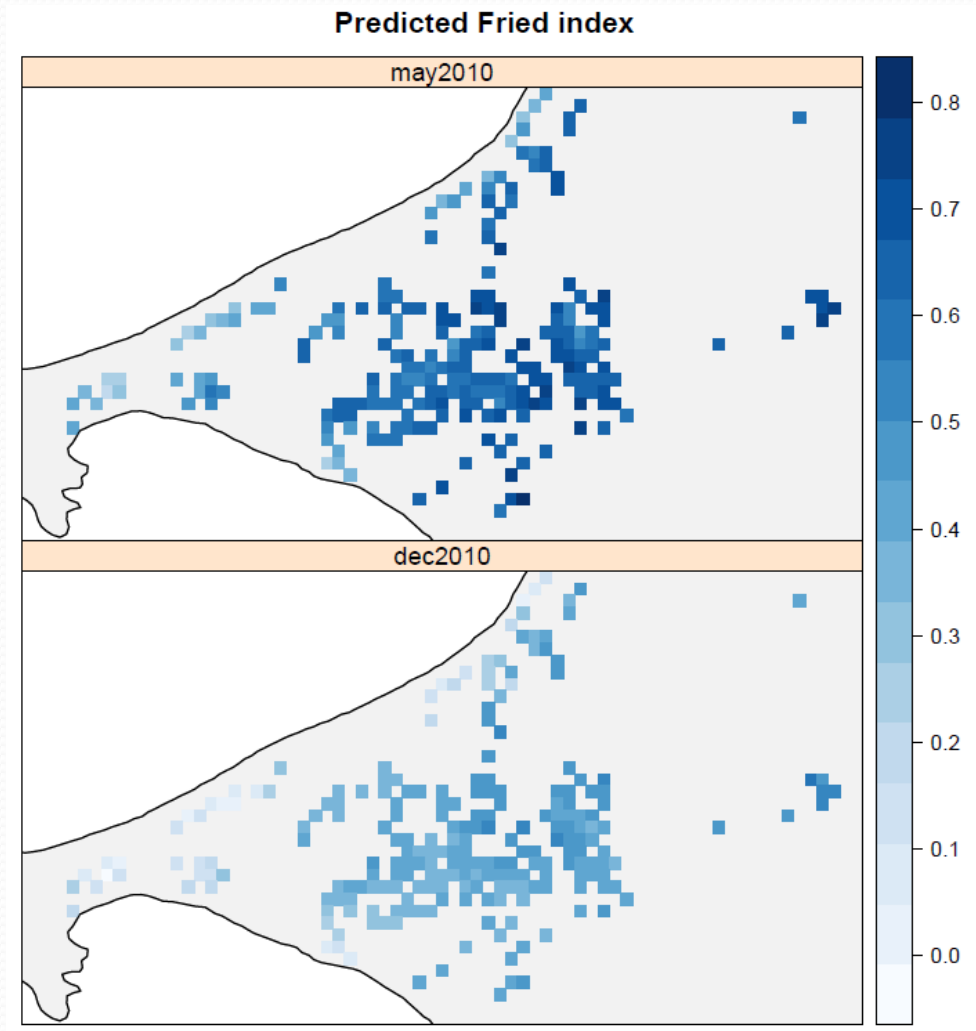
PCA3: Pilot Release of Sterile Males

- Trial releases on the ground and with boxed sterile males
- Mortality: releases twice a week
- Dispersal rates: swath widths of 250 m between the flight lines
- Very good competitiveness: ratio 10:1 gives a reduction in fertility $> 80\%$

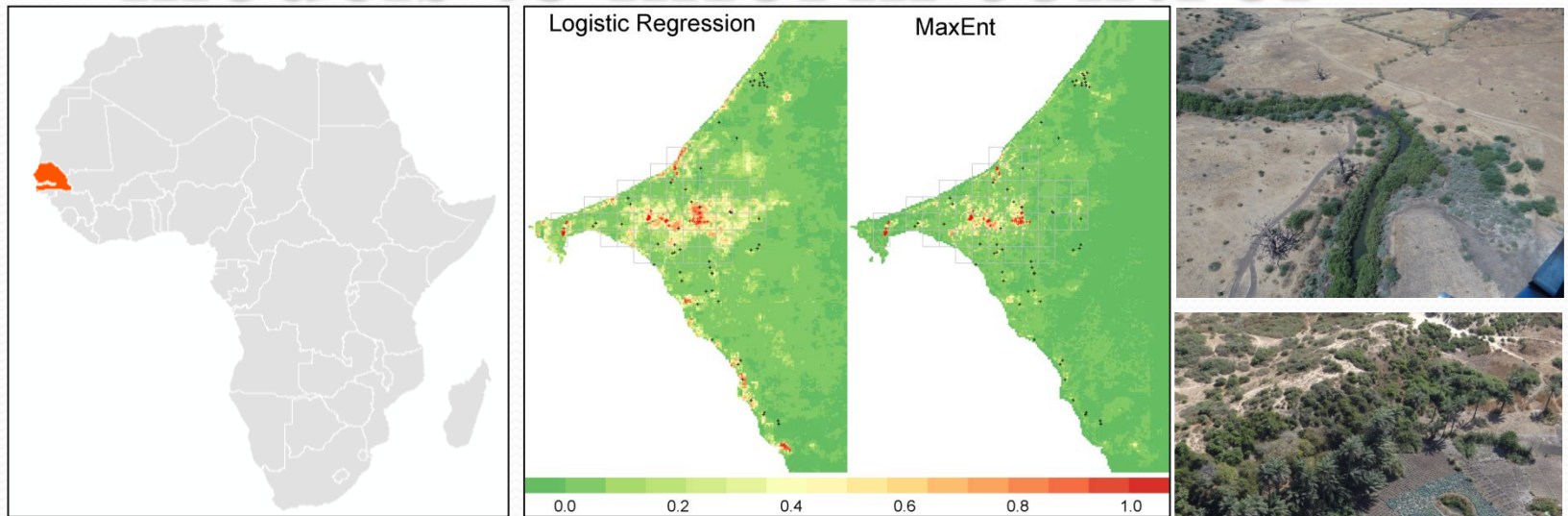


PCA3: Pilot Release of Sterile Males

Maps of predicted competitiveness



PCA3: Development of distribution models to inform control



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PCA4: Sequential eradication

Strategy developed using data from the feasibility study :

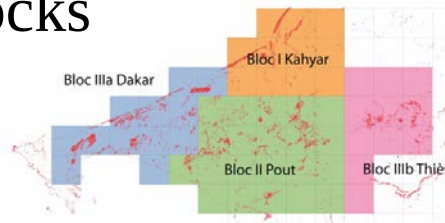
- Isolated population – opted for Eradication

- High fly densities – need for suppression
(insecticide impregnated traps, pour ons)

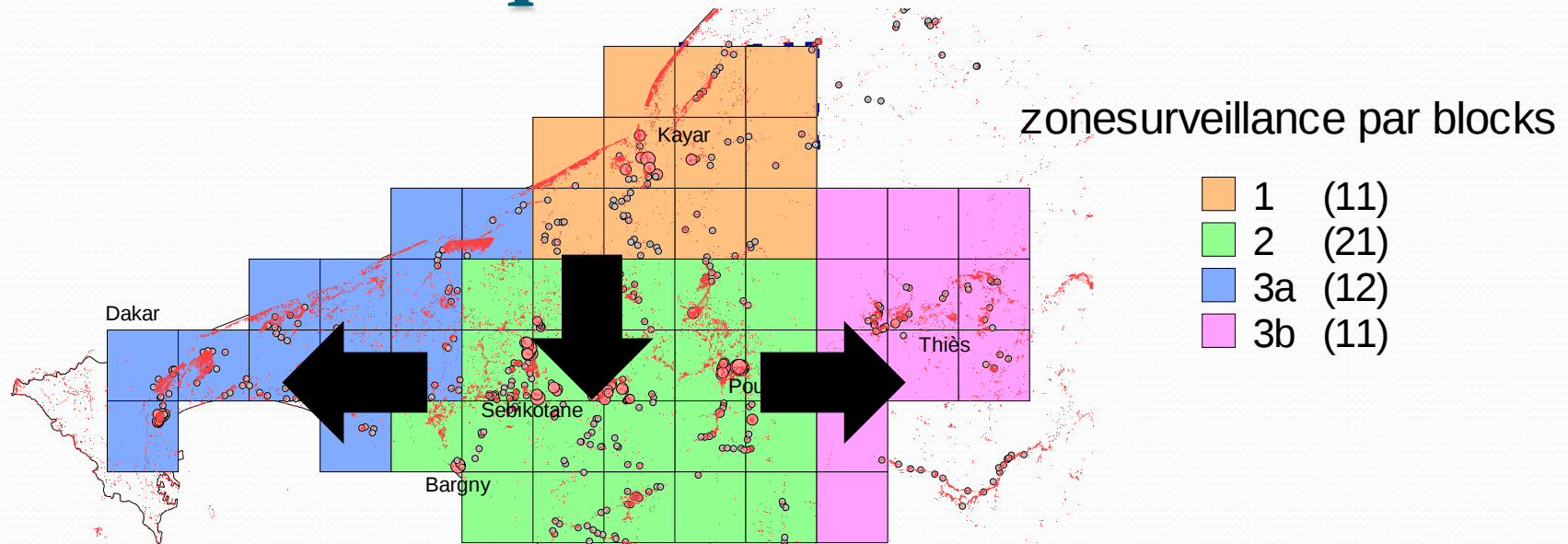
- Fragmented nature of the habitat – required the sterile insect technique

Preoperational phase: tools tested (transport, release system,...)

Phased approach – 3 blocks



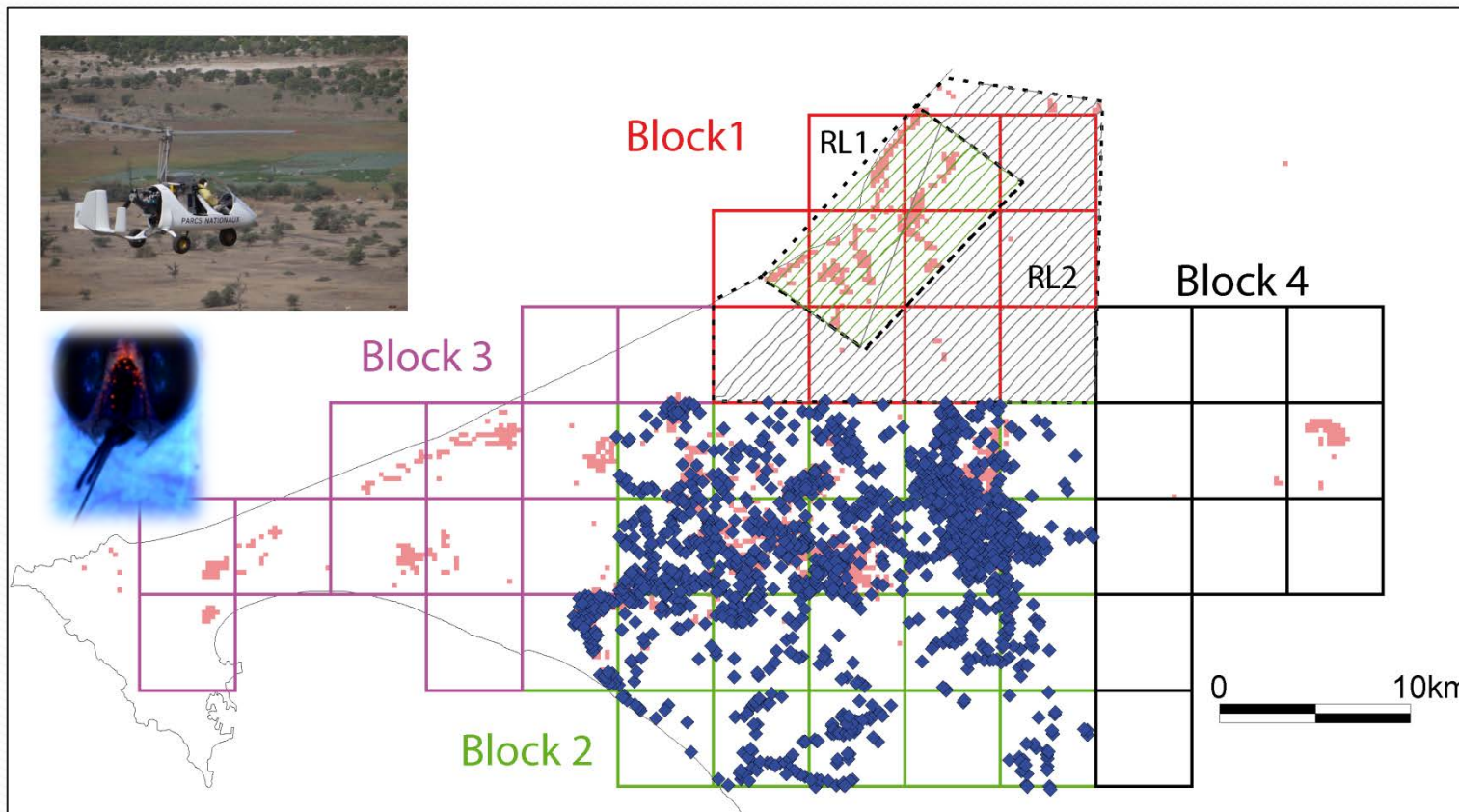
PCA4: Sequential eradication



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Block 1	Suppression				Eradication				Entomological monitoring				Entomological monitoring				Entomological monitoring				Entomological monitoring				Entomological monitoring				Entomological monitoring			
Block 2																																
Block 3 & 4																																

PCA4: Sequential eradication

Optimization of control based on distribution models: targeting suitable habitats



PCA4: Sequential eradication

Aerial and ground release of sterile males



Ground release



Aerial release
with boxes

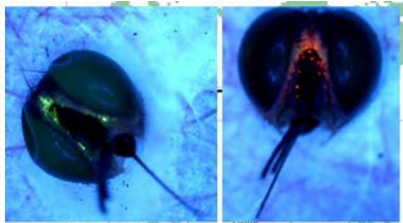


Release machine



Aerial release
with machine

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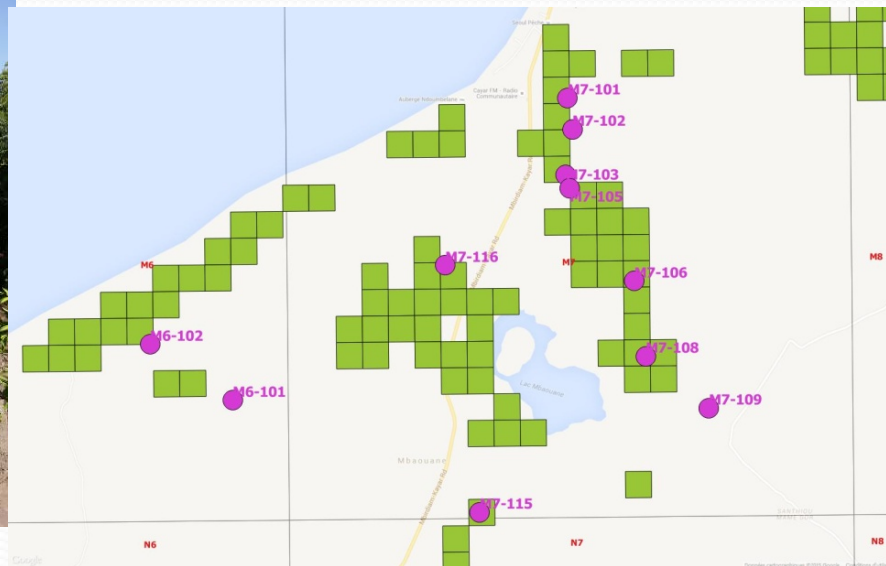


Monitoring system

Block 1: 24 monitoring traps (once a month)

Block 2: 72 monitoring traps (twice a month)

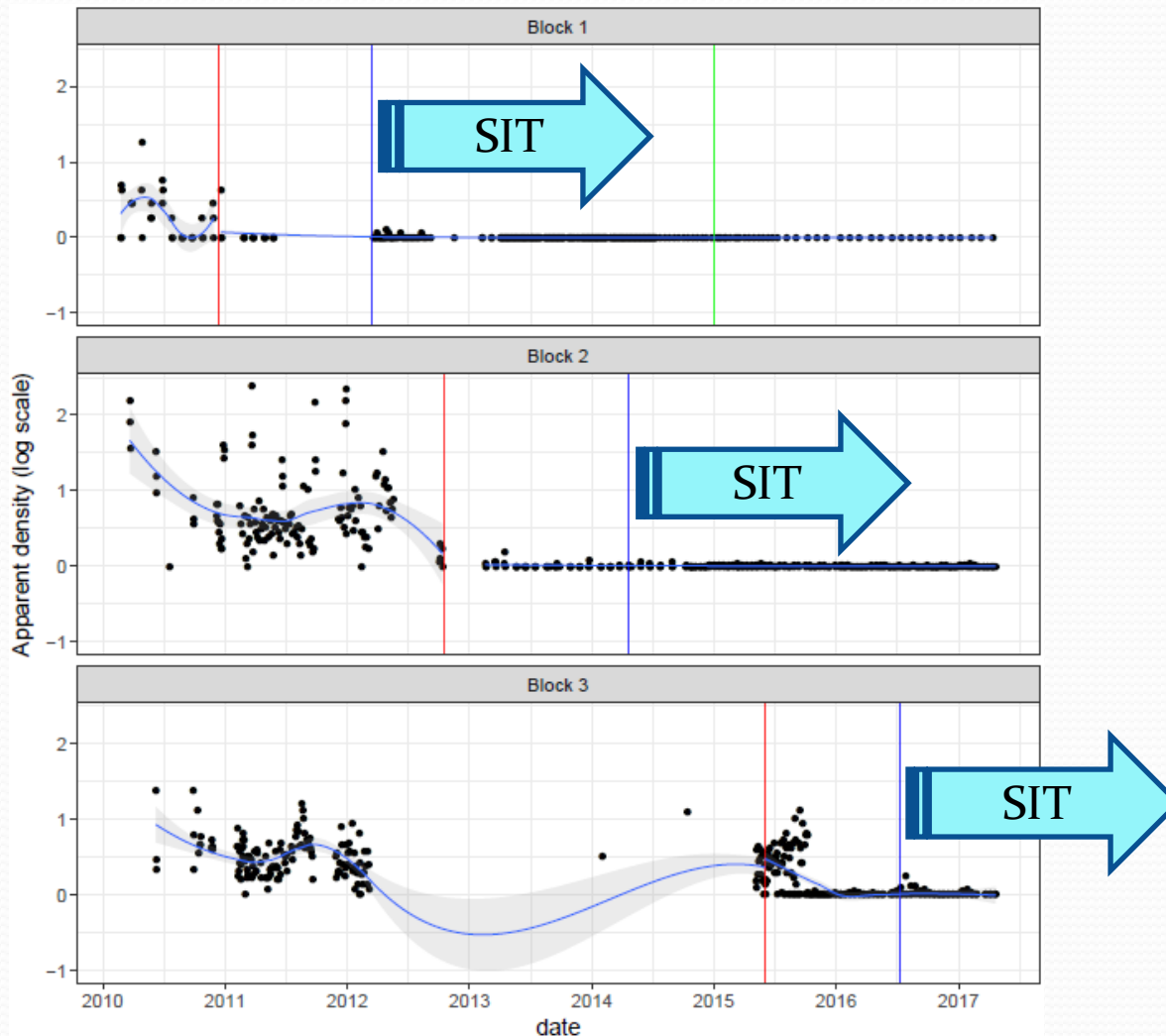
Block 3: 45 monitoring traps (twice a month)



PCA4: Sequential eradication

Achievements

Impact on tsetse populations

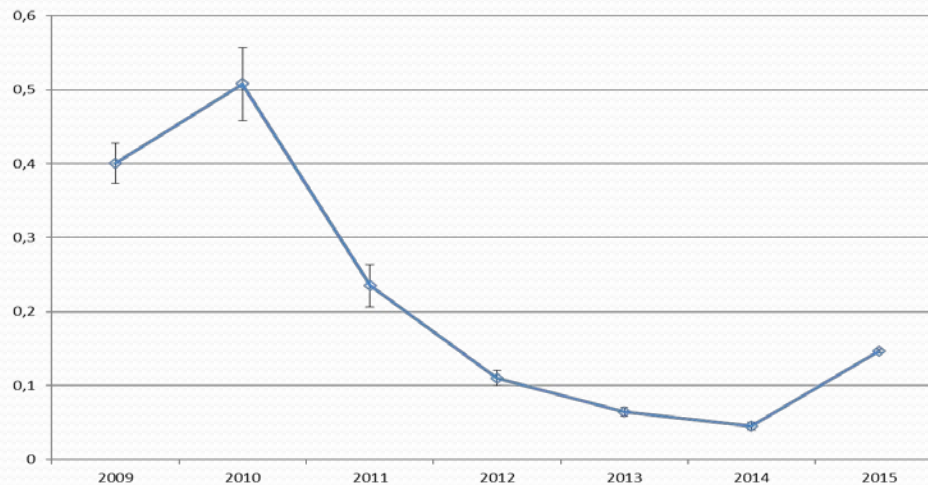


1-3.4 insecticide
impregnated
targets/km²

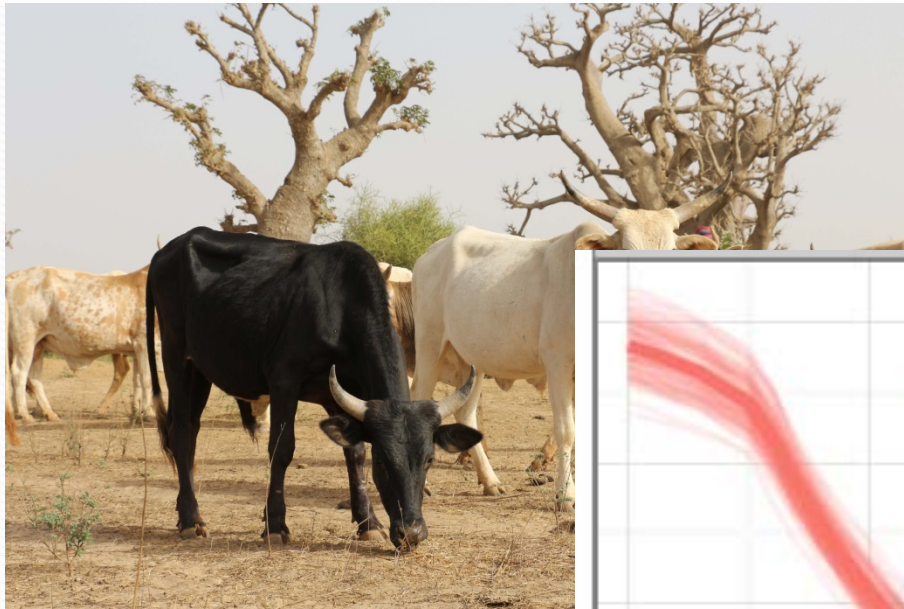
+

10 and 100 sterile
males/km²
unsuitable vs
suitable habitat
respectively

Impact on disease prevalence in sentinel herds



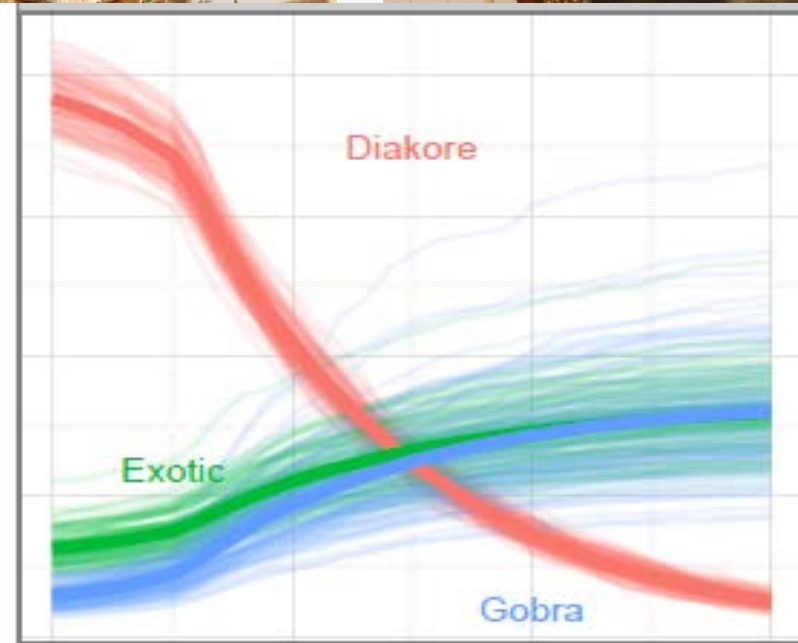
Progressive replacement of trypanotolerant breeds by improved breeds



Djakoré cross-bred with



Montbéliard



2010

2040

Environmental impact

- ✓ 2 out of 10 non target species (Cetoniina species) slightly affected by the suppression methods: *Pachnoda interrupta* in Kayar (block1) and *P. marginata* in Pout (block 2)
- ✓ Both species reached the reference situation (2009) after 2 years



Weaknesses and strengths

Weaknesses

- Human resources: Only few staff members are fully dedicated to the project
- Financial challenges
- Lack of sterile flies: project extended over expected deadline

Strengths

- Strong support from FAO/IAEA, CIRAD, USDA
- Strong team management
- Strong involvement of the staff (field and insectary)
- Very good working environment



Conclusions

- Benefits of the campaign already huge
- Change in sanitary context already perceived -> strong innovation anticipated
- **The change of socio-technical regime accelerated after the eradication process**
- Reduction of cattle size and integration between agriculture and cattle breeding promoted

Thanks!



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