

Potato tuber moth at Java

Phthorimaea operculella

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Potatoes: life-cycle in the field



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Potatoes: life-cycle in the storage



Objectives

1. Develop and design of GAP/IPM to control Potato Tuber Moth (*Phthorimaea operculella*).
 - Current and new practices to control PTM
 - Field
 - Post-harvest
 - Minimal input of synthetic insecticides
2. Describe a roadmap to the development/implementation of a biological product
 - success depends on point 1!

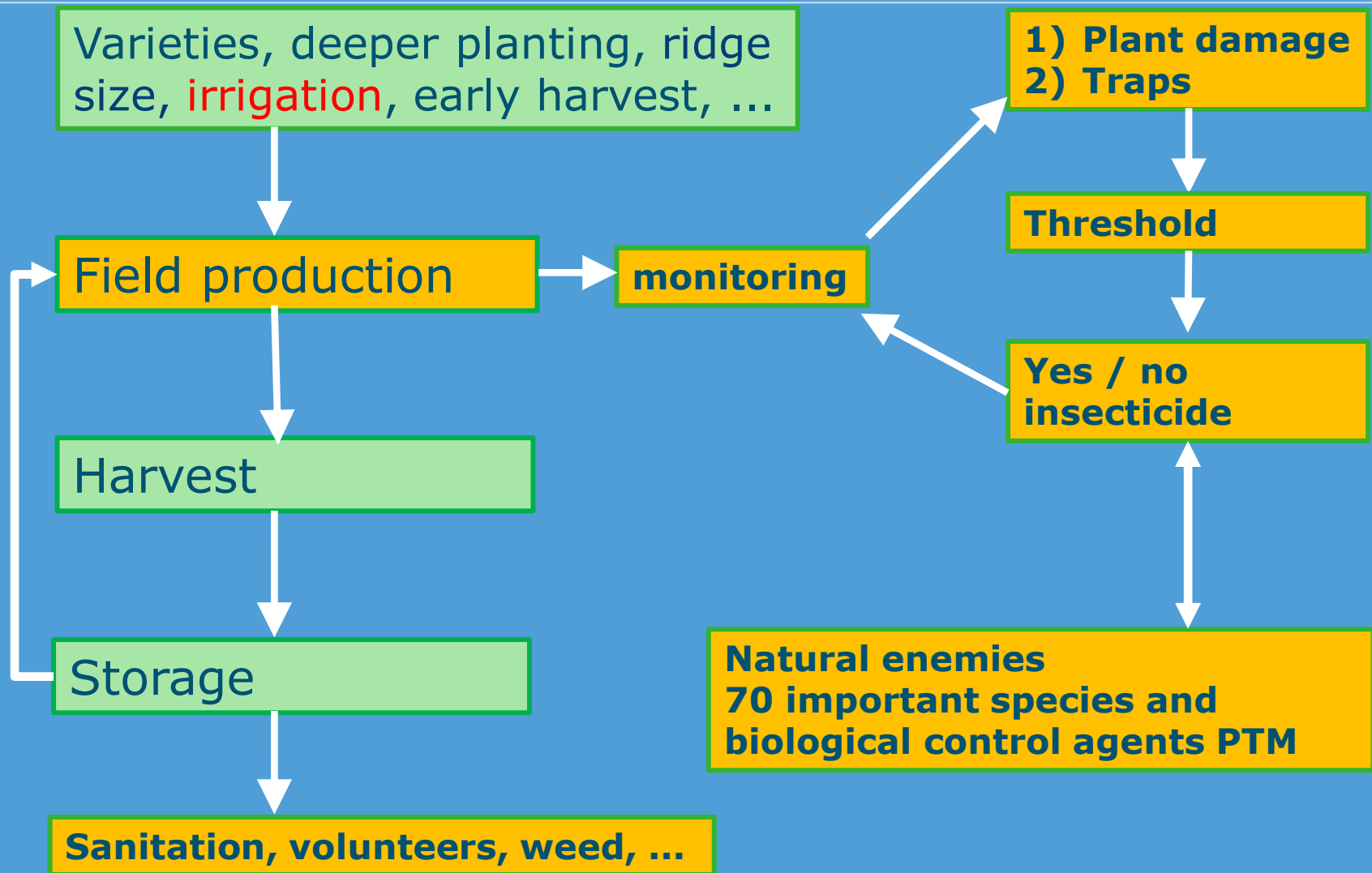


Kenhose

- Discussion of the production chain and PTM biology:
 - State of the Art
 - Points of control action
- Field visits



Potato production & IPM – critical phase?



Waiting for the nocturnal PTM



Conclusions from field visits

- Few moths, damage, caterpillars, eggs:
 - Insecticide strategy Kenhose farmers sufficient
 - PTM pest density?
 - Effect natural enemies?
 - New fields, converting nature into agriculture:
 - Impact natural enemies?
 - Impact insecticides?

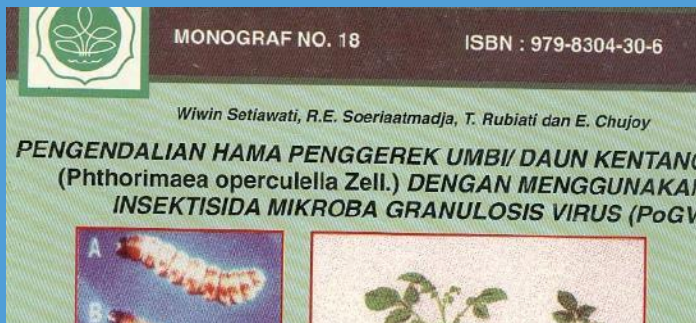


Natural army



Insecticide potential

Insecticide	Active ingredient	Water life	Soil life	Groundwater	Pollinators	Natural enemies
NeemAzal-T/S / Oikos	azadirachtin	Green	Green	Green	A	A
Tracer	spinosad	Red	Yellow	Green	B	C
CoStar WG / DiPel DF	Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. kurstaki	Green	Green	Green	A	A
Steward	indoxacarb	Yellow	Green	Green	B	B
Altacor	chlorantraniliprole	Yellow	Green	Yellow	A	A
Vertimec Gold / Vectine Plus	abamectin	Yellow	Green	Green	B	C
Tutavir	granulovirus PhopGV*	Yellow	Green	Yellow	A	A



* granulovirus against Tuta selected from PTM

Green	IPM
Yellow	Limited usable
Red	Not usable



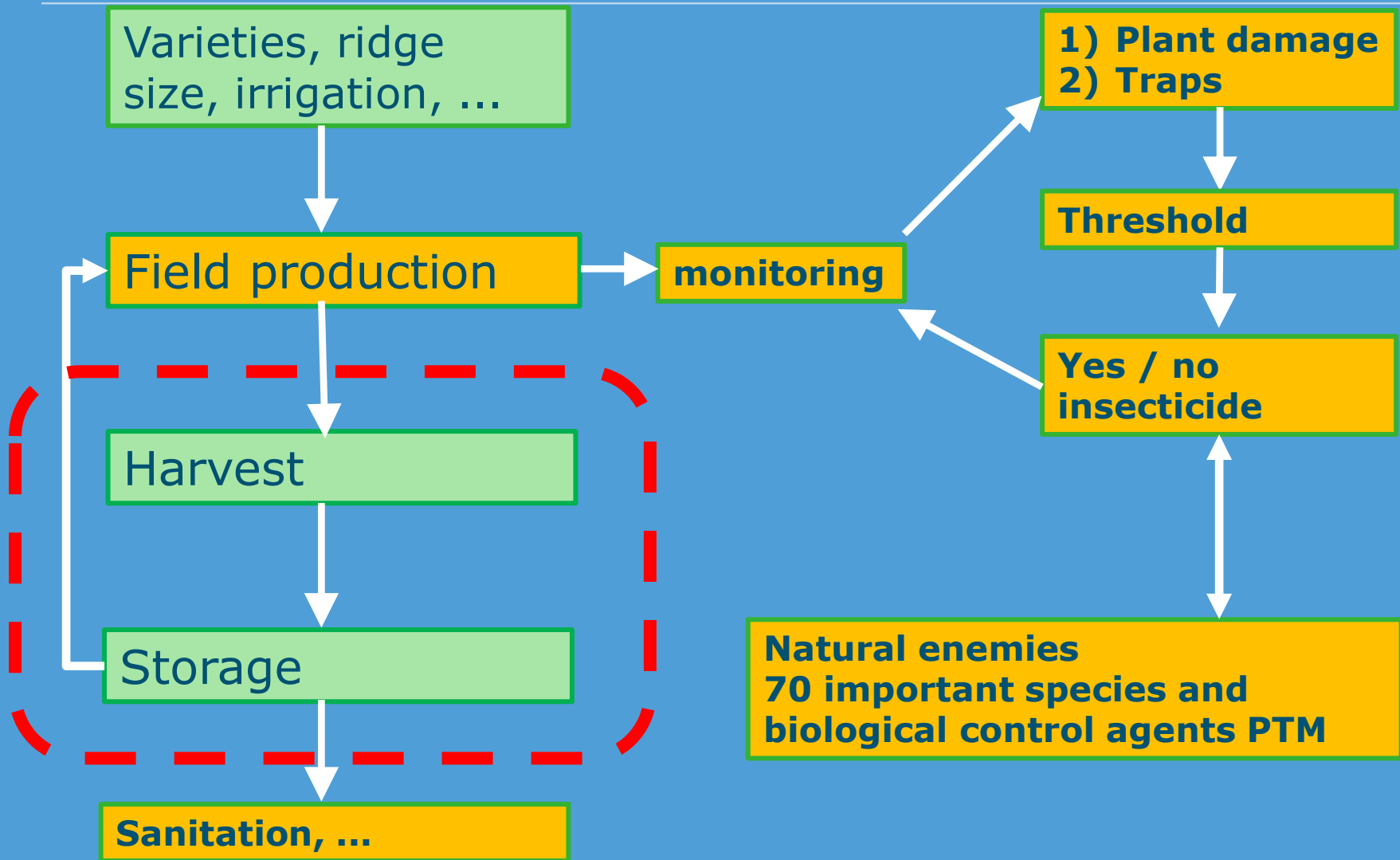
Influence solanaceae weeds and tomatoes?



- Rotation – spatial and temporal dynamics
- Adults do not oviposit in the soil close to tubers if potato foliage is available
 - Spatial and temporal harvesting per field
 - Potato plants should be larval free at harvest!



Production & IPM – critical phase East-Java



Harvest

■ New Zealand

- Primarily a field pest
- Cooled conditions PTM no risk
- Natural storage in the soil, year round fresh potatoes – PTM sensitive
- Damage in field after defoliation >2 weeks

■ United States

- No store problems (T regulated)
- From out of 50 stores 1 with severe PTM densities: from a heavily infested field



Ridges



- Robust ridges at Kenhose potatoes
- August 2019: 150 exposed, green potato tubers no eggs observed



20 July harvest farmer, 8 August ->
Kenhose 1.8% PTM



14 August tuber check end L2/L3

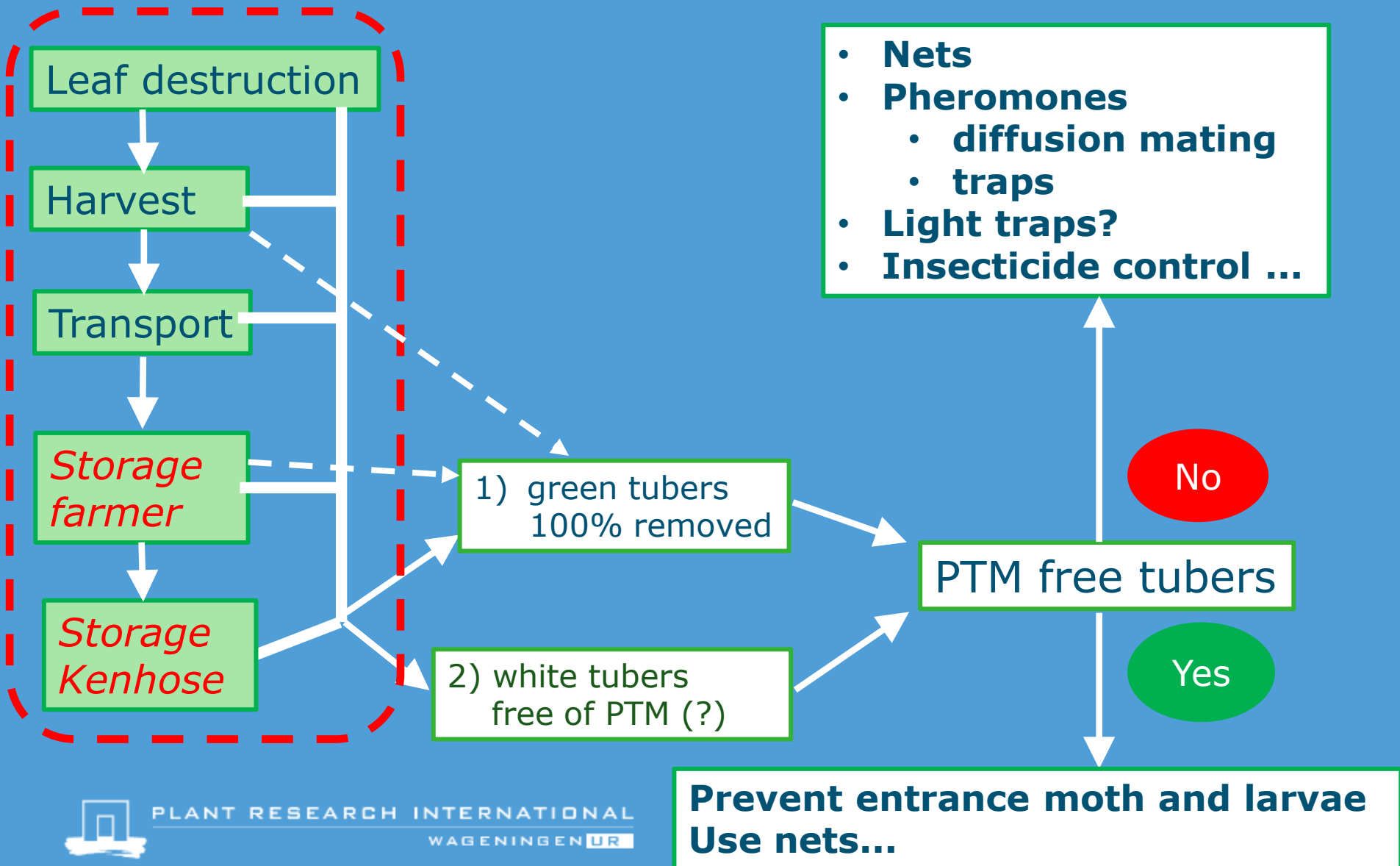


Infestation: eggs after harvest

Re-sorting ~14 days after harvest



Critical phase: optimizing IPM



Experience in Tanzania



- Nets (0,75 x 1,00 mm)
- Natural ventilated stores (nets in the door)
- Diffused Light Store (DLS), pre-germination, nets
- Extra traps with light, electric and pheromones
- Both stores no PTM (with outside PTM pressure)



Recommendation Kenhose IPM step by step

- *Current situation: stable*
 - *Control in the field and store*
 - *IPM is (partly) carried out!*
- Field
 - Stimulating natural enemies - identification
 - Selective insecticides – Btk, azadirachtin
- Harvest & storage
 - Quick and clean harvest - sanitation
 - Netting (0,75 x 1,00 mm) & cooling (<10°C)
 - Selective insecticides – Btk, granulovirus
- Population dynamics

