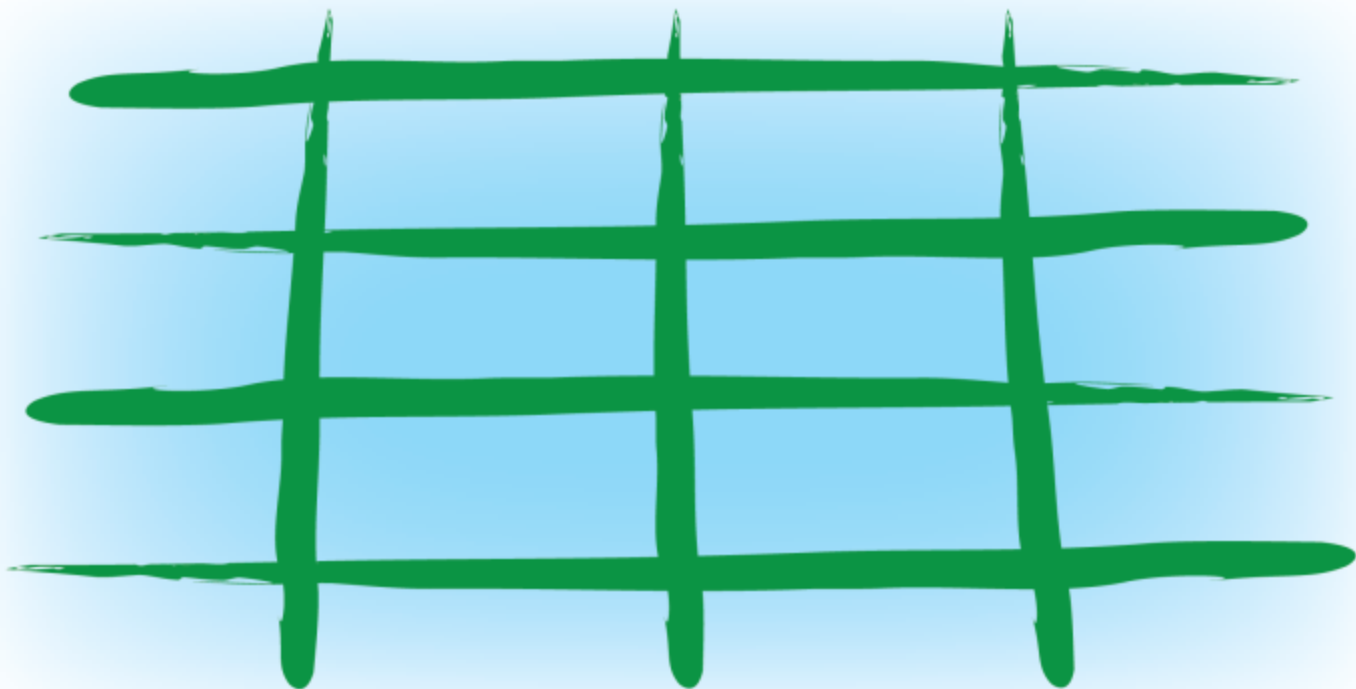


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# **Ecological Engineering – the LEGATO project**

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Land-use intensity and Ecological Engineering –  
Assessment Tools for risks and Opportunities  
in irrigated rice based production systems

Antragszeitraum / application period:

1. March 2011 – 29. Feb. 2016

# Ecosystem Services – the baseline of the LEGATO approach

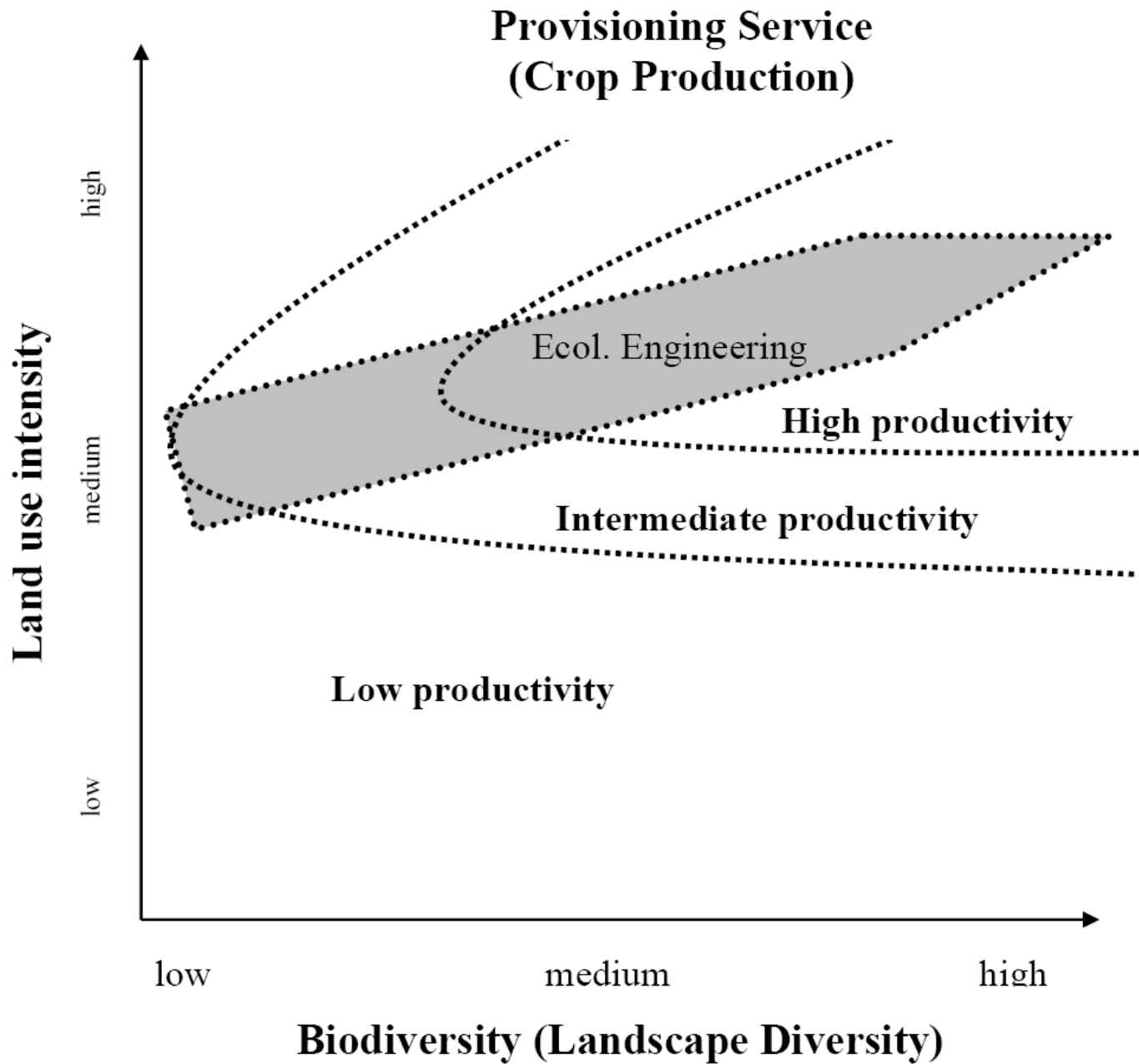
- Ecosystem services dealt with in LEGATO:
  - ✓ Provisioning: biomass & nutrients (rice & other crops),
  - ✓ Regulating: biocontrol & pollinators,
  - ✓ Cultural: cultural identity, aesthetics & recreation

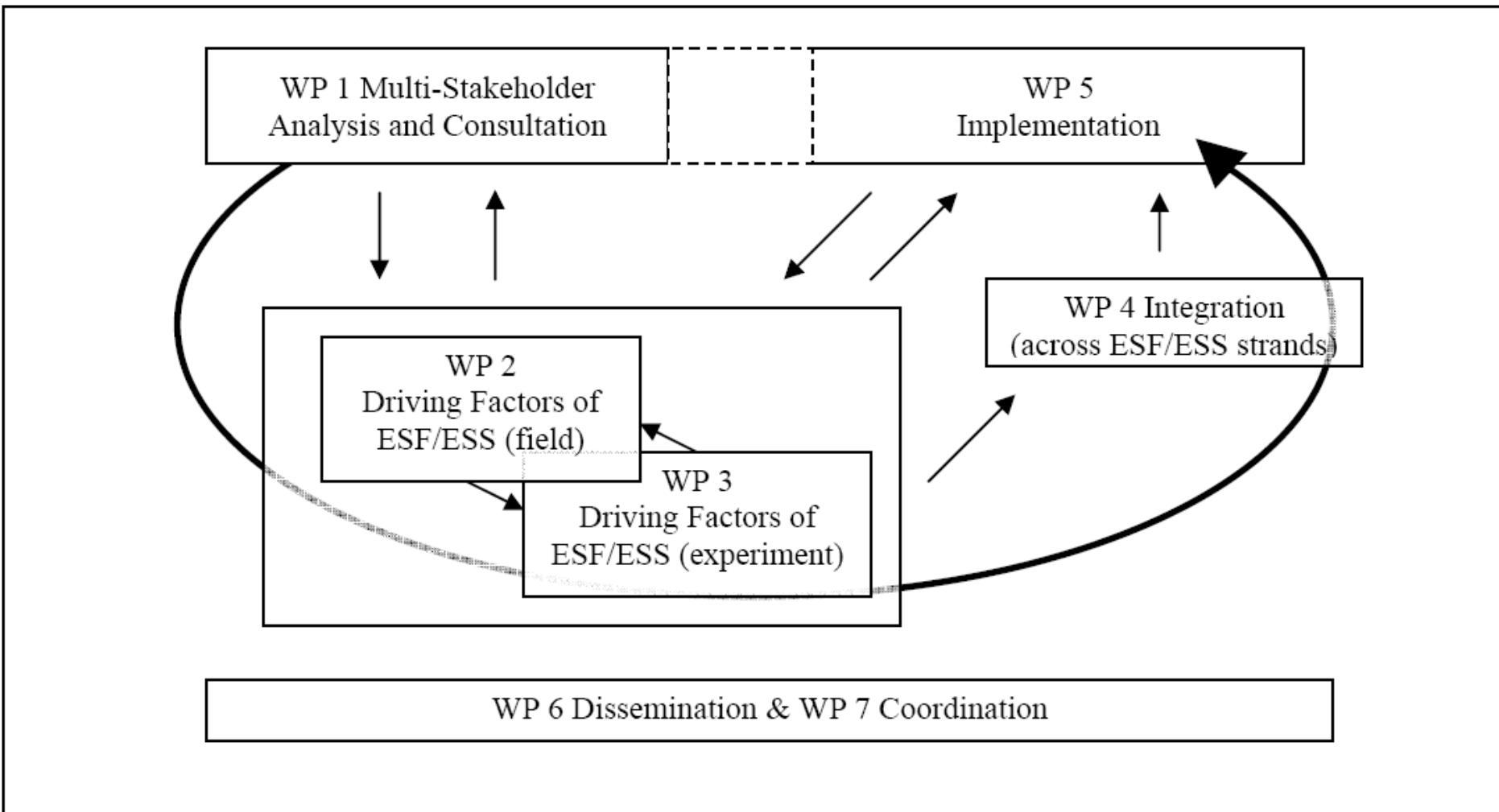
# Ecological Engineering

- design, monitoring and construction of ecosystems;
- development of strategies to maximise ecosystem services through
- exploiting natural regulation mechanisms (instead of suppressing them).

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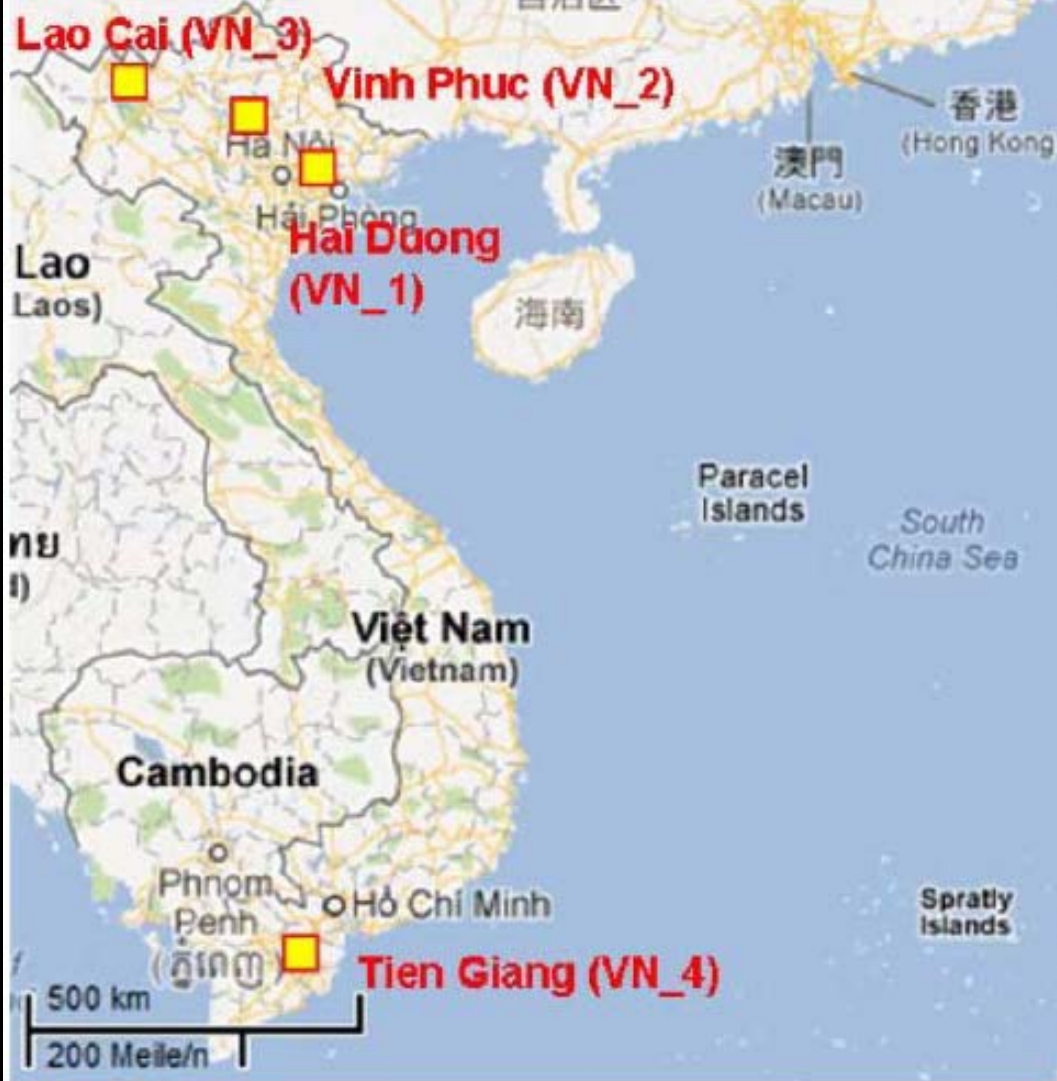
- LEGATO analyses the potential of Ecological Engineering to achieve
  - ***sustainable land management***
  - ***increase in crop productivity*** and
  - ***diversification of income sources***
- LEGATO tests the implementation and transferability of Ecological Engineering across regions





**Figure 7.1:** LEGATO overview structure and work flow

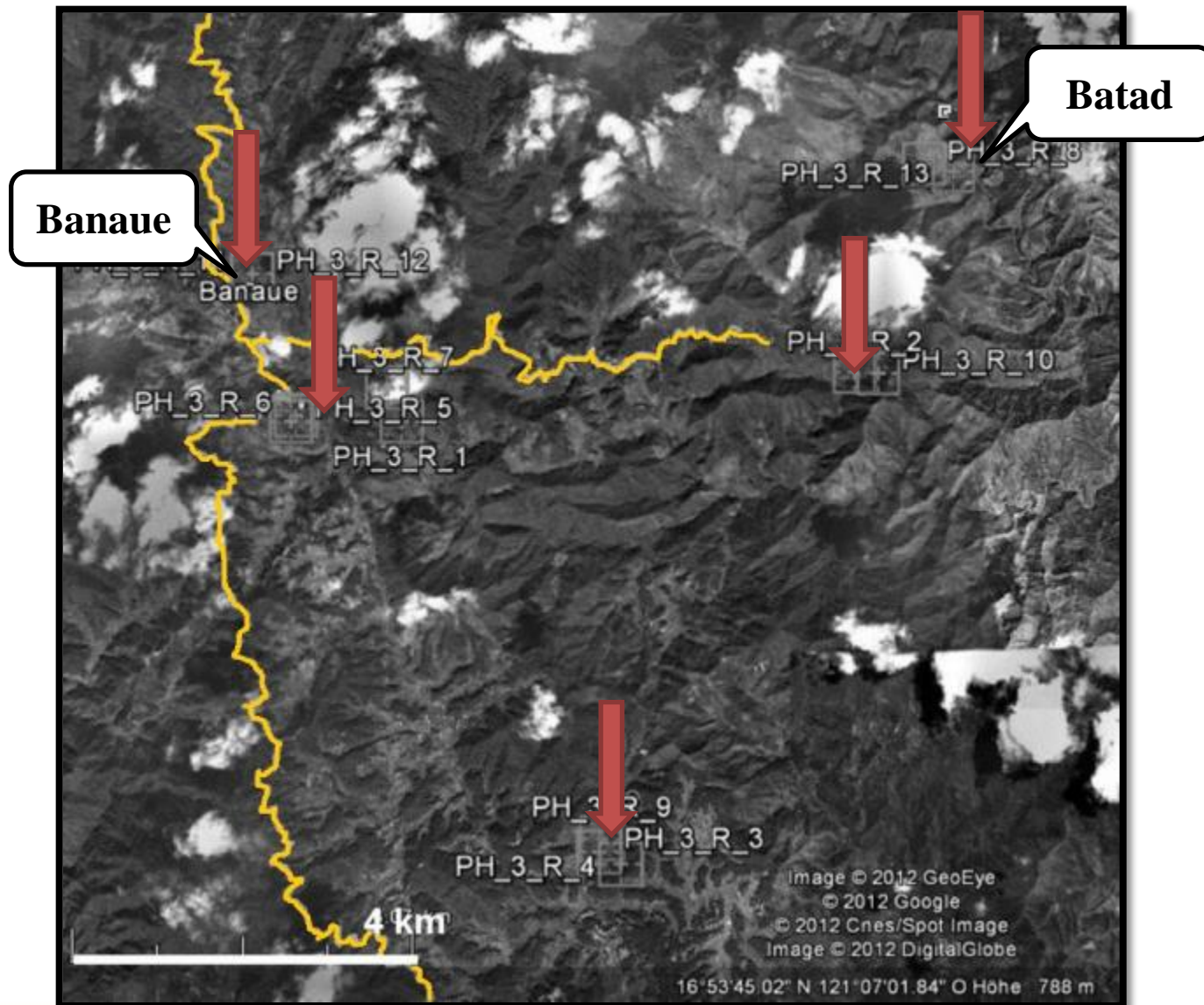





Yellow squares represent 15x15 km<sup>2</sup> study regions, each with 5 landscapes (with 2 core sites per landscape), including the name of the region and the code used within LEGATO



# LEGATO Ifugao (PH\_3) research sites





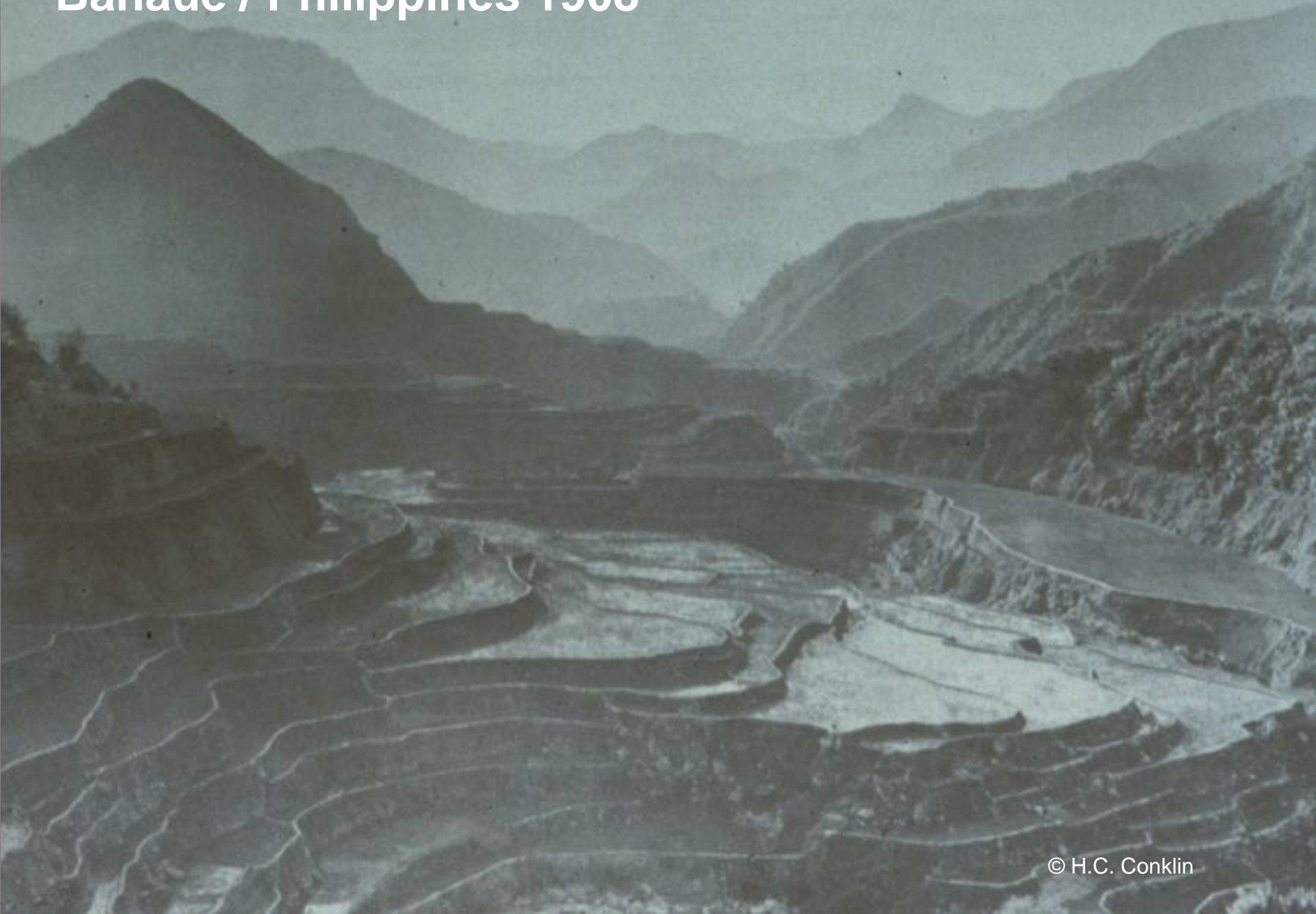
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# Banaue / Philippines 1908



# Banaue / Philippines 2010



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Co-Design, Feedback,  
Implementation  
Citizen Science





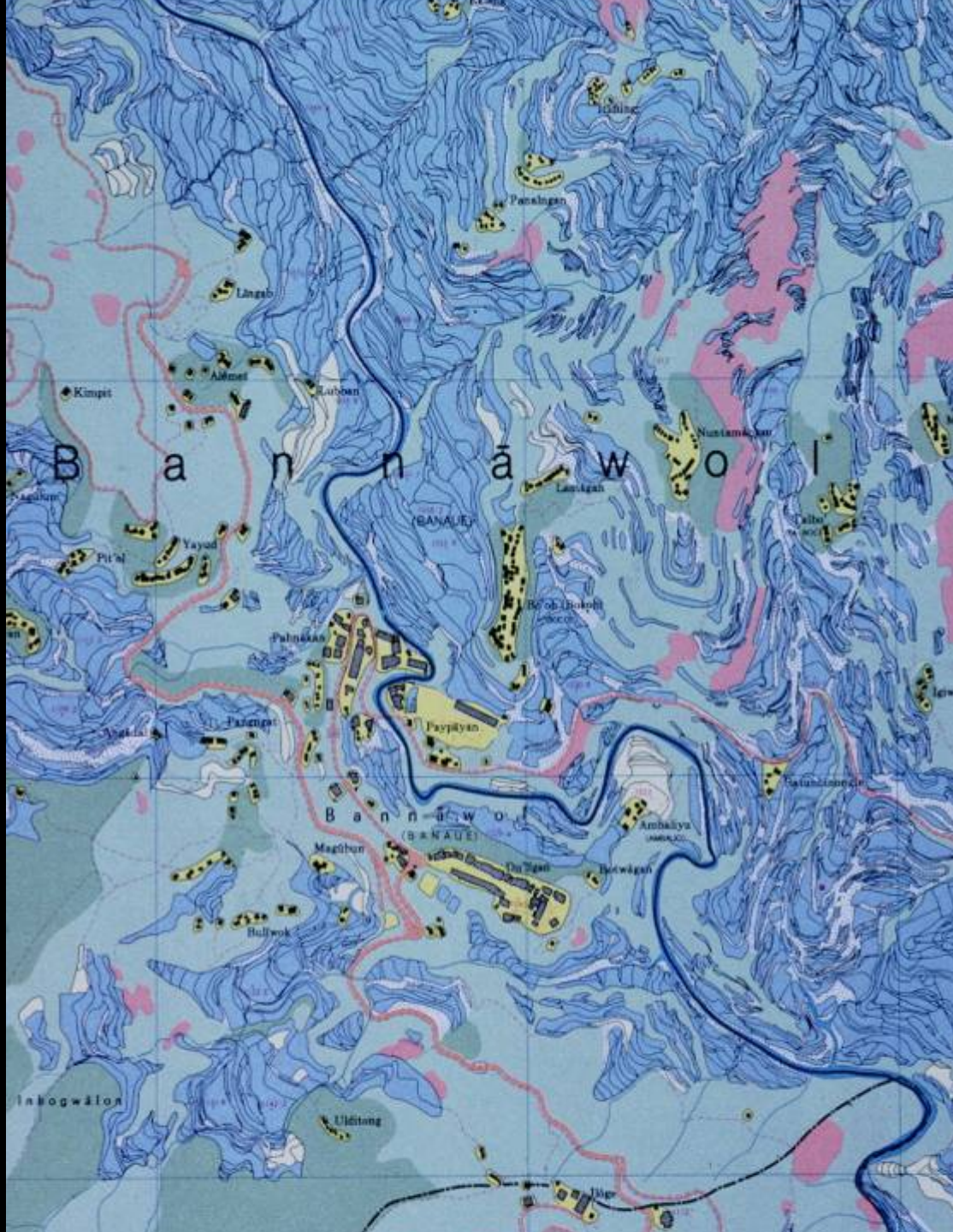
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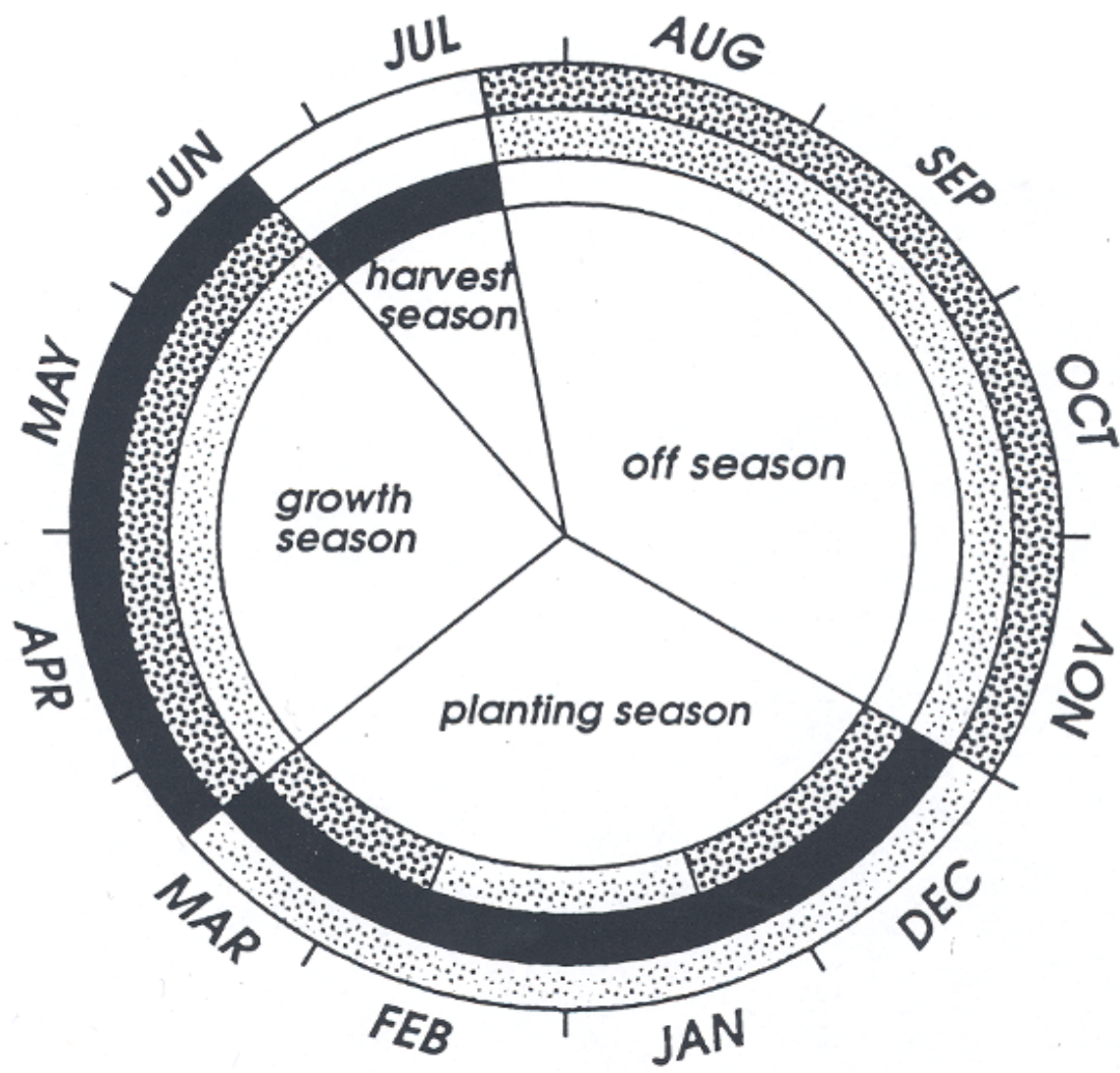
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|  | <i>medium activity</i> |  | <i>no activity</i>  |



# Nutrient Research in LEGATO

Marxen/Klotzbuecher et al. (in prep.)

# Contrasting geology and soils



## Vietnam

- quaternary sediments in the river deltas, but differences in the mineral assemblage
  - intrusive, metamorphic rocks in the highlands
- highly weathered soils



## Philippines

- basic, effusive rocks (vulcanos)
  - recent carbonate sediments
- younger, more weatherable minerals



# Conclusions and outlook

- Differences in Si availability between the Philippines and Vietnam are much greater than within the countries
  - Geo-/pedological conditions are the major determinant for Si availability in soils
- Concentration of plant available Si in soils determines Si status of rice plants
  - role of phytoliths?
  - adequate management?



# Interdisciplinary questions

- Influence of rice Si concentration on pests?
- Which socio-economic factors determine the crop residue management?
- Economic feasibility of Si fertilization?

# Decomposition Research in LEGATO

Schmidt A. et al. (in prep.)

# Small scale decomposition survey

**Invertebrate decomposers** are crucial for the long-term **sustainability** development of rice ecosystems.

**Surrounding structures** influence decomposition rates of invertebrates, measurable by a **gradient** within the field.

# Pollinator Research in LEGATO

Westphal et al. (in prep.)

## Species richness and plant-pollinator interactions



- 13 bee genera (Apidae, Halictidae, Megachilidae)



- 26 morphospecies

- 77 flowering plant species (many non-native)



- 491 plant-pollinator interactions

## Polycultures

- Provide important nesting and foraging habitats for bees in rice-dominated landscapes
- Positive effects on diversity and stability of plant pollinator interactions in neighboring fields
- Structurally complex polycultures could represent effective ecological engineering measures



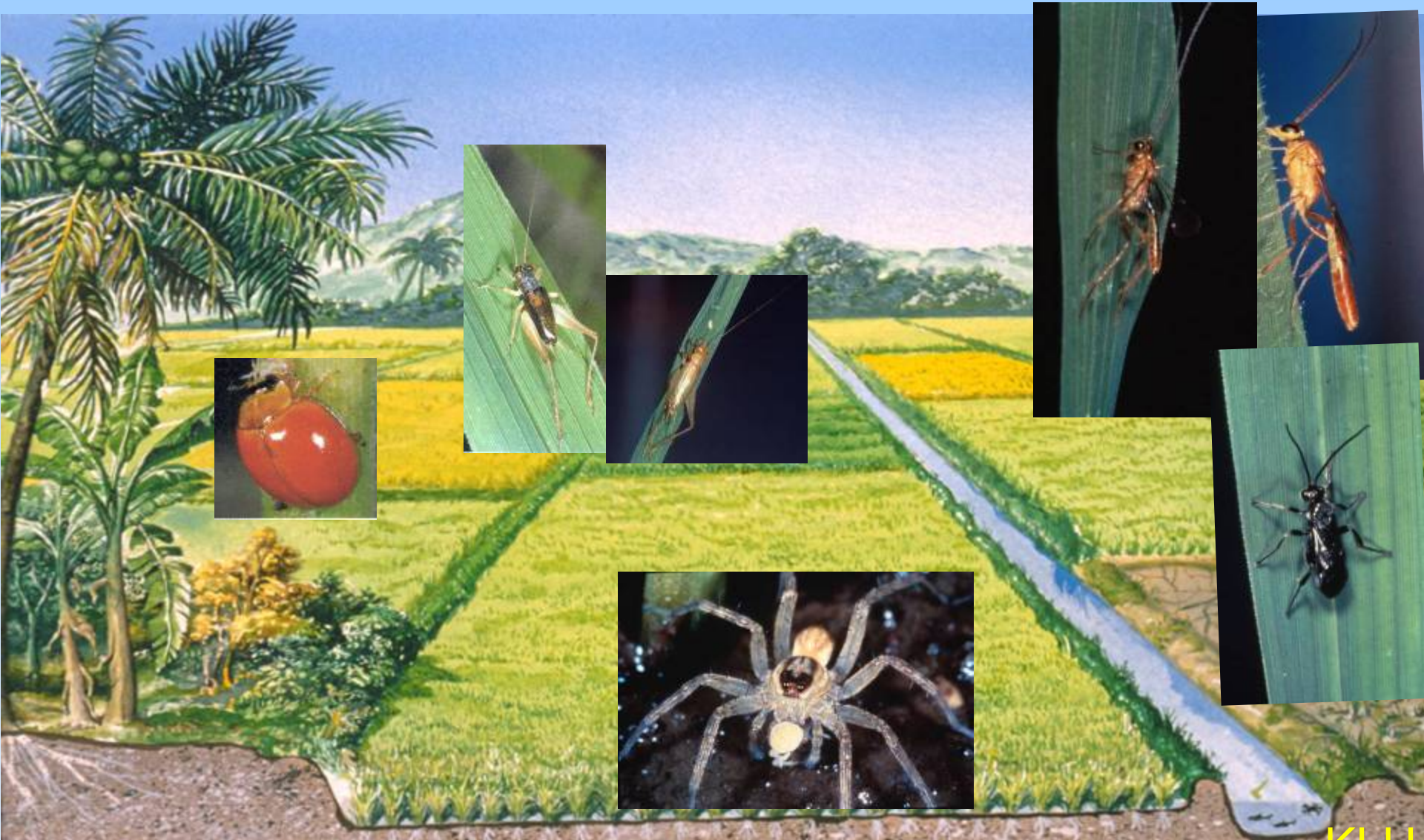




Next step: role of bees  
as indicators of  
parasitoids



# Natural Biological Control Service





## The effects of surrounding landscapes on the biocontrol-production function in rice dominated agroecosystems

Christophe Dominik

# **The Ecosystem Service Cascade: The influence of purpose and application characteristics like scale and beneficiaries**

**Spangenberg et al. (subm.)**



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