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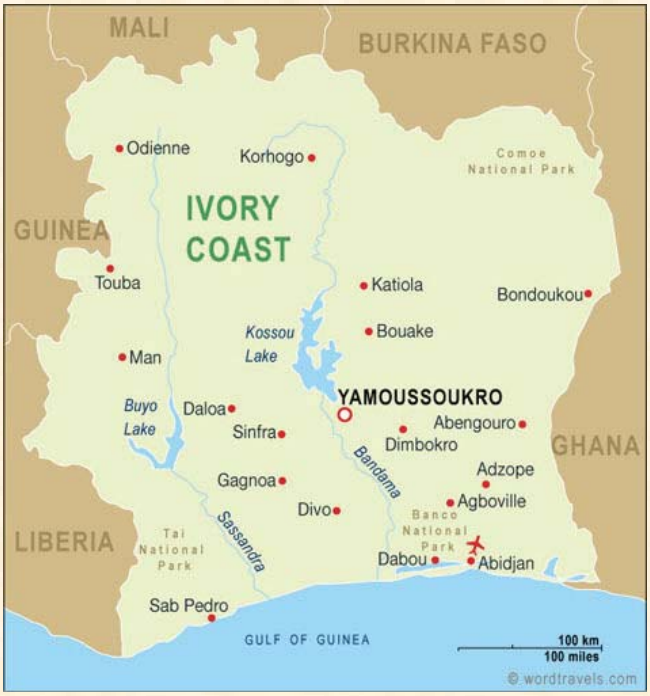

IPM/RU-SU: Formation en Cascade

Un atelier de formation en cascade en IPM et utilisation responsable s'est tenu du 7 au 11 janvier à Abengourou, Côte d'Ivoire, pour renforcer les capacités de 18 participants provenant du projet « Sustainable Tree Crops Programme» en matière de sécurité, manipulation et utilisation des pesticides dans les exploitations de cacaoyers, les BPA et les résidus de pesticides les fèves de cacao.

Les sujets débatus ont porté sur:

- Toxicité des pesticides et les étiquettes
- Intoxications par les pesticides, EPI et Premiers Secours
- Transport et stockage
- Calibration des appareils de traitement
- IPM et BPA

An IPM/RU Cascade Training (CropLife Côte d'Ivoire) took place on 7 -11 December 2009 in Abengourou, Côte d'Ivoire. The training provided tools to trainers from the Sustainable Tree Crops Programme (STCP) on safety for handling and using pesticides in cocoa orchards, GAP's and pesticides residues in cocoa beans. 18 Trainers from STCP attended the training

The following topics were covered:

- Pesticide Toxicity and Labels
- Pesticide Poisoning, PPE and First Aid
- Transport and Storage of Pesticides
- Calibration of Application Equipment
- IPM and GAP's

Above: One of the participants wearing protective cloth-

Below: Trainees with Claude N'zi, Trainer

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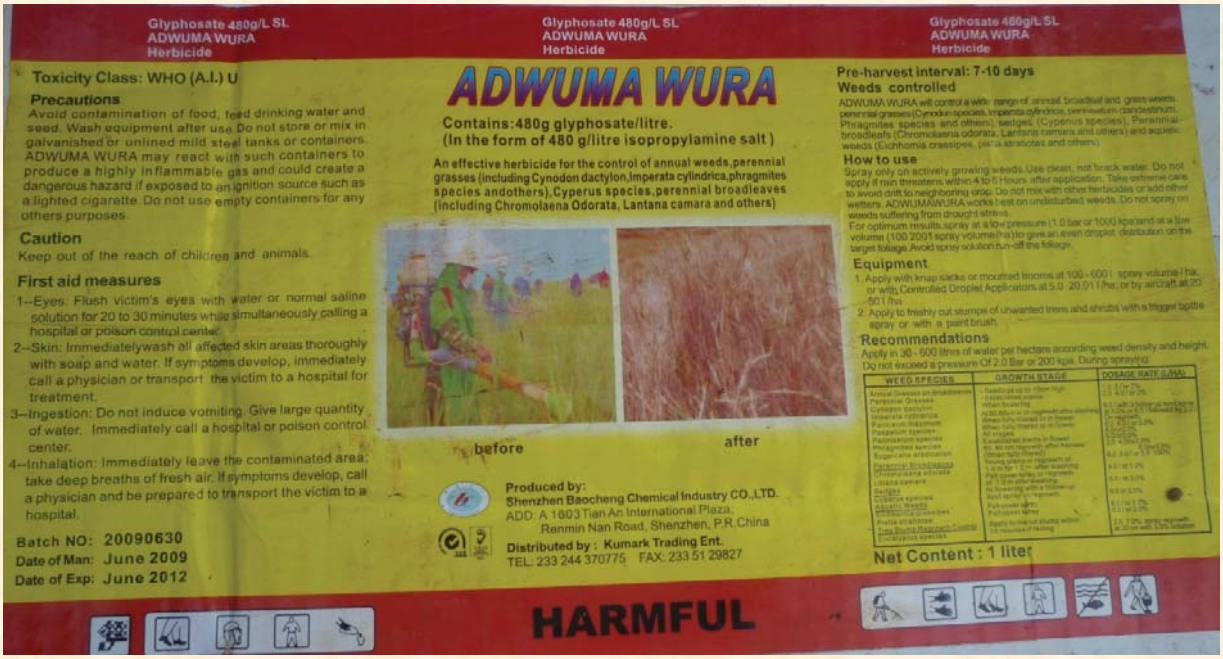
IPR - Anti Counterfeiting



Illegal Pesticides Seized by the Customs - January 11, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

The recent sensitization workshop on counterfeiting and the illegal trade of pesticides has led to the Customs in Abidjan checking all pesticides being cleared. In so doing 7 truckloads of product from neighbouring Ghana were found illegal for sale due to no registration in Côte d'Ivoire and banned for use in Ghana. The products were lindane based insecticides for capsids control in cocoa orchards and other organochlorine based insecticides, paraquat herbicides etc.

The Crop Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Commerce and Environment as well as members of the Pesticides Committee are working in close cooperation with Customs to determine the nature and exact quantity of pesticides and the identity of the importer. Once this has been established further legal action will follow.

A media campaign on TV and radio has been intensified to warn farmers on the risks associated with illegal products.

Left & Above: Confiscated counterfeit products

Propriete Intellectuelle — Anti — Contrefaçons

Right: Confiscated counterfeit products

Saisie de Produits frauduleux par les Douanes: 11 Janvier à Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Suite au récent atelier de sensibilisation organisé par CropLife Côte d'Ivoire et le Service Anti-Fraudes de la Direction Générale des Douanes la surveillance s'est intensifiée sur les pesticides aux différents ports d'entrée. Une telle surveillance a abouti à la récente saisie de sept camions transportant d'importantes quantités de pesticides illégaux en provenance du Ghana. Ces produits non homologués et/ou interdits aussi au Ghana qu'en Côte d'Ivoire sont des insecticides organochlorés (lindane….) et du paraquat.

La direction de la Protection des Végétaux du Ministère de l'Agriculture, Les ministères du Commerce et de l'Environnement et le Comité Pesticides se sont joints aux douanes pour déterminer la nature et les quantités exactes, et l'identité des importateurs impliqués dans ce commerce illicite afin d'engager les actions répressives appropriées.

Une campagne médiatique est engagée pour sensibiliser les paysans sur les risques que posent la présence sur le marché et l'utilisation de tels produits illicites.

Right & Below: Vehicles used to transport counterfeit goods

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East & Southern Africa

GLOBALGAP SA

The GlobalGAP SA National Working Group for fruit and vegetables met in Cape Town on Friday 15 January. The agenda included:

* Progress with the South African National Interpretation Guidelines
* Off-label recommendations: South Africa and GlobalGAP progress
* Sector committee feedback
* Progress with "GRASP"

It was learned that draft standards for the small-scale farming sector had been developed and can be viewed on the GlobalGAP website. The "Smallholder Guide" contains three modules namely:

* Plant protection module
* Social module
* Hygiene, soil + water module

The inputs provided by CLAME sometime back have been included in the guide.

GLOBALG.A.P.

Participants at the Cape Town Meeting

Bonnes Pratiques Agricoles Globales de la RSA

Une réunion du groupe de travail sur les bonnes pratiques agricoles globales (GlobalGAP) en production fruitière et maraîchère de la RSA s'est tenu à Cape Town le 15 janvier pour discuter:

* Evolution avec le Guide National d'Interprétation de l'Afrique du Sud
* Recommandations Hors-Etiquettes: RSA et évolution du GlobalGAP
* Rapport du comité du secteur
* Evolution avec "GRASP"

Le projet de standards pour le petit paysannat a été developpé et accessible sur le site du GlobalGAP. Le "Guide du petit Paysannat" contient trois modules:

* Protection des plantes
* Social
* Hygiène, Sol et Eau

La contribution de CropLife AME a été prise en compte.

Obsolete Stocks

L – R Peter Allen, Veolia, Nick Morgan, Veolia, Wayne Humphries, Enviroserv, Duane Pretorius, Enviroserv

Nick Morgan, Head of Field Services, Veolia with who CLI has a contract for the disposal of the approx 100 tons obsolete pesticides spent the week of 18 Jan undertaking site visits and holding meetings in advance of the start-up of the project. The project is likely to start during mid March with shipment anticipated the second half of July.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and AVCASA have met in order to develop the way forward for the continuance of the ASP in the South Africa and the 'take on" of a sustainable programme to follow this as a seamless operation.

One of the sites inspected, Gauteng Provincial Administration

Biotechnologie

Rencontre Régionale de Stratégie de Communication pour l'Afrique de l'Est et Australe

Cet atelier est le troisième du genre pour développer une plateforme de Communication Biotech qui sera financé par la "Fondation Bill & Melinda Gates". Les facilitateurs de l'atelier étaient Prof C.S. Prakash and Prof Johan v an Rooyen.

- Pourquoi communiquer sur Agbiotech?
- Le sort de la biotechnologie agricole dépend de la perception des décideurs politiques et du public
- Nous pouvons aider à fournir les informations aux acteurs pour aider ceux-ci à faire les choix avisés et ainsi tracer la voie pour des politiques réussies
- Nous avons besoin de bien comprendre les préoccupations pour communiquer efficacement
- Comprendre le contexte et l'histoire agricoles
- Expliquer les avantages de la technologie
- Comprendre le processus réglementaires
- Etre conscient des préoccupations et critiques
- Evoquer les préoccupations naissantes

Les conclusions seront présentées au prochain atelier prévu qui aura lieu en Afrique de l'Ouest.

Biotechnology

Eastern & Southern Africa Biotech Regional Communication Strategic Meeting

This was one of three workshops to develop a Biotech Communications Platform which will be funded by the "Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation". The facilitators of the workshop were Prof C.S. Prakash and Prof Johan van Rooyen.

Why communicate on Agbiotech?

- The fate of agricultural biotechnology hinges on how it is perceived by the policy makers and the public
- We can help provide information so that the stakeholders can make informed choices and pave the way for enabling policies.
- We need a good understanding of issues to communicate effectively
  - Understand the agricultural context and history
  - Explain the benefits of the technology
  - Understand the regulatory review process
  - Be aware of concerns and criticisms
  - Address arising issues rapidly

The outcome of the meeting will be taken forward to the next workshop which will be held in West Africa.

Professor C.S. Prakash

Participants at the Workshop

North Africa Middle East

Stewardship Steering Committee Meets in Singapore

The Global Stewardship Steering Committee (SSC) of CropLife International held its 1st scheduled meeting for 2010 in Singapore 13-14 January at the Syngenta offices.

Chaired by Reiner Emerich and attended by committee members and delegates of CLI regional associations, the SSC addressed a broad agenda with the focus on the following activities

- Stewardship Business plan 2010 reviewed and approved
- 2009 achievements were reviewed. Focus areas for 2010 were identified for Africa Middle East, Asia, Latin America, USA, Canada, Europe and Japan. Regional coordinator, Ali Mohd. Ali, reported on behalf of Africa Middle East.
- Stewardship communication and advocacy strategy for 2010 was agreed
- Progress on responsible use and secure storage project in India reviewed
- Planning for 2011 stewardship conference concluded and invitees for a prospective stewardship advisory panel agreed
- Deliberated focus on effectiveness and new activity areas for stewardship - Vision 2015.

The next SSC meeting scheduled to take place in Brussels in June 2010.

Recontre du Comite de Pilotage Stewardship a Singapore

Le comité mondial de Pilotage du Stewardship (Stewardship Steering Committee, SSC) de CropLife International a tenu sa première réunion 2010 de 2010 du 13 au 14 janvier dans les locaux de Syngenta. Placée sous la présidence de Reiner Emerich, la réunion a vu la participation des représentants des associations régionales CropLife International et abordé des sujets aussi variés avec un accent particulier sur les activités suivants:

- Présentation et adoption du Stewardship Business Plan 2010
- Discussions/Adoption des rapports d'activités 2009. Les régions d'intérêt identifiées sont l'Afrique Moyen Orient, l'Asie, Amérique Latine, USA, Canada, Europe et Japon. Le coordinateur régional, Ali Mohamed Ali, représentait l'Afrique Middle East
- Stratégie de Communication et Plaidoyer Stewardship pour 2010 adoptée
- Discussion sur l'évolution du projet Utilisation Responsable et Stockage de Sécurité en Inde
- Planning de la conférence stewardship 2010 avec accord sur les invitations pour le probable panel de conseil

Débats sur les centres d'efficience et nouveaux de stewardship - Vision 2015.

La prochaine réunion de SSC aura en juin 2010 à Bruxelles.

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Global IPM/RU Project Team Meeting

The CLI Global IPM/RU Project Team held its 1st meeting of the year in Singapore at the Furama Riverfront Hotel on 14 January.

Chaired by Eva Erisgen, the team focused on the following aspects:

- Outlining the current and future strategic partnerships of CropLife International with special emphasis on partnerships with USAID, CGIAR and GTZ
- Reviewing current training materials and translations together with new materials required
- Special focus was maintained on the rollout of the standard IPM course in the different global regions and the progress of training activities using the course manual and guidelines
- It was agreed that the IPM training based on the manual would continue through 2010 and 2011 in partnership with relevant stakeholder organizations in all global regions

IPM Project Team—Singapore

Reunion de la Commission Global IPM/RU

La première réunion annuelle de la commission mondiale IPM/RU tenue à Singapore à Furama River Front Hotel le 14 Janvier, sous la présidence de Eva Erisgen, s'est focalisée sur:

- Partenariat stratégique actuel et futur de CropLife International avec un accent particulier sur le partenariat avec USAID, CGIAR et GTZ
- Révision des matériels actuels de formation et traduction en même temps que les nouveaux
- Attention particulière à porter sur la diffusion du cours IPM dans les différentes régions et progrès sur les activités de formation avec comme support le manuel du cours et les guides
- La formation IPM utilisant le manuel à poursuivre en 2010 et 2011 dans toutes les régions en partenariat avec les organisations des parties prenantes indiquées

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IPM Field Trip in Malaysia

The Global IPM Project Team in cooperation with CropLife Asia and CropLife Malaysia, organized a field trip to the Sime Darby Oil Palm Plantation in Seremban, Malaysia on 15 January 2010.

The trip aimed at familiarizing the IPM PT members with a well managed IPM operation in the plantation with consideration to sustainability and respect for the environment.

The field trip was highly appreciated by the team members and provided a tangible example of appropriate management at the field level.

L-R Eva Erisgen, Ali Mohd. Ali, Keith Jones at the Sime Darby plantation, Malaysia

Location of Seremban in Peninsular Malaysia

Seremban—Malaysia

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IPM Course Launch - Tunisia

IPM Course Participants

CropLife AME and the Tunisian National Association (ATPP) sponsored the 1st launch of the IPM training course in Tunisia 24-29 January 2010.

The 5-day course was facilitated by Dr. Said Abdella and was based on the CLI standard IPM course.

Seventeen trainees from the public and private sector attended the course which was consisted of presentation workshops, work exercises, lesson plans, participative exercises together with written tests and lesson assessments.

All seventeen participants were awarded certificates of competence and supplied with the Arabic version CD with course manual and curricular content together with the presentations given.

Mr. Nacer Chouikh, Chairman of ATPP commended the course, its outstanding content and competent facilitation, calling for more IPM training though 2010 and 2011.

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Other Regional News

New Monsanto Representative Appointed to CropLife Africa Middle East

Kobus Steenekamp is the new Monsanto representative appointed to CropLife Africa Middle East.

Kobus is based in South Africa and is responsible for Monsanto's chemicals business in sub-Saharan Africa.

CropLife Bids Farewell to Cosmas Matanda

Our friend and colleague, Cosmas Matanda Chairman of CropLife Tanzania went on retirement at the end of January 2010.

We will all miss Cosmas, his willingness to help and his dedication to industry. It was a pleasure for us all to have worked alongside Cosmas. We wish him a long and fruitful retirement

GULU AGRICULTURAL TRADE SHOW - PECE STADIUM 9—11 FEBRAURY 2010

The Agricultural Trade show was organized by the Uganda Seed Trade Association (USTA) in partnership with CropLife Uganda funded by the USAID-LEAD Project under the theme "Agricultural transformation for food security and income generation in Northern Uganda: Improved access to agro-inputs"

The show was officially opened by the local councilor, Mr. Makmot Kitara on behalf of Mr. Mao Norbert. The Chairman of USTA, Mr. Rodeyns Nicolai, Northern Director USAID LEAD, also spoke at the opening. Farmers from different parts of the Gulu district including Oyam, Pader, Lira and Amuru Districts attended the show.

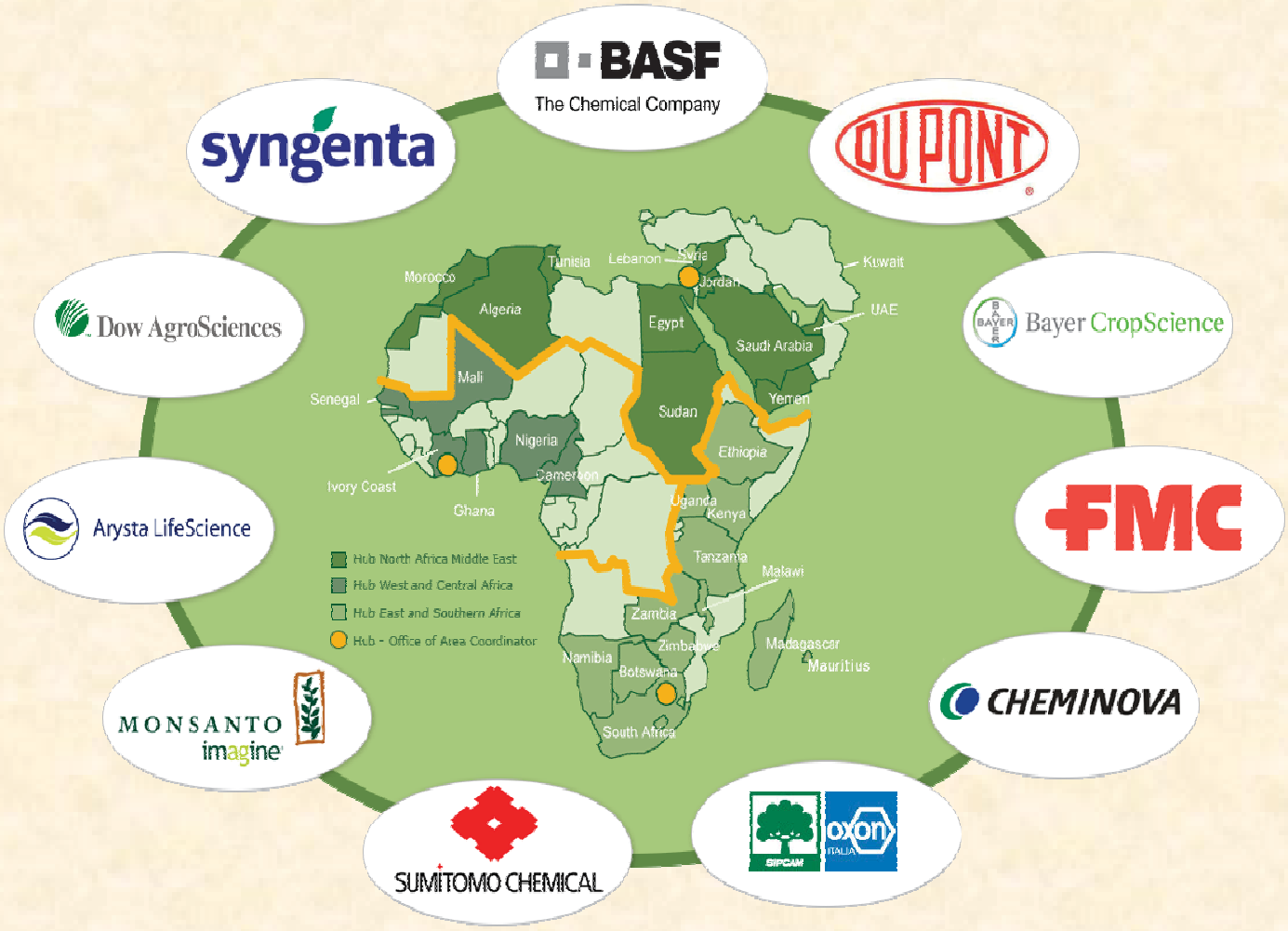
During the trade show a 60 minute radio talk was aired out on Mega fm. The panelists consisted of Mrs. Ruth Ssebuliba (USTA), Ms. Shiffa Kizito (USTA), Ms. Atto Betty (CropLife Uganda) and Mr. Magumba Ahmed (USAID- LEAD project). During the show farmers exchanged views and called in asking questions about agricultural production and other relevant issues.

Achievements of the show were:

- Exhibitors were able to sell their products e.g. seeds, agrochemicals and other agro-inputs
- Exhibitors and farmers were able to interact.,
- Over 54 exhibitors were present at the show

The organizing partners learnt a great deal and will rise to the challenges in order for the second agricultural show in Northern Uganda to be an even greater success

Activities at the show



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