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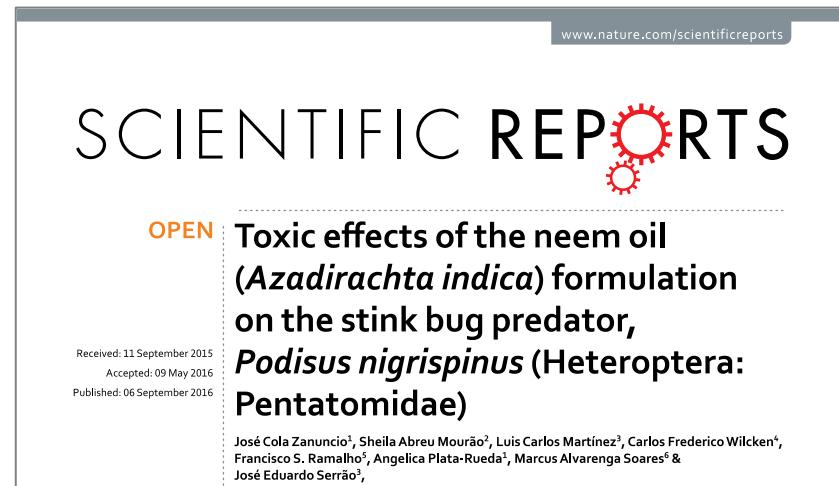
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# Using plants as alternatives to pesticides and antibiotics

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Risk: As pesticides, excessive or incorrect use of plants can be toxic to human

Predominance of some plant based product, e.g. neem  
=> Non-intentional effects on predators using Neem



Challenge: using local plants

# Combining multidisciplinary information from various sources

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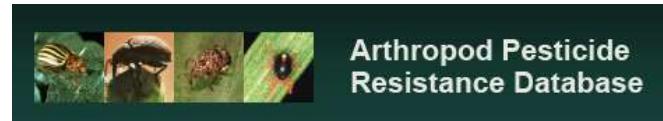
## Expert knowledge



## Documents



## Databases and other data grouping supports



# The knowledge base Knomana

Initiated in June 2015

The Project Knomana (2017-2018, GLOFOODS Meta-program, funding Cirad)

Partners Burkina Faso - Univ. Ouaga 1

Cameroun - IRAD

France - Cirad, IRD, Univ. Montpellier, Univ. Strasbourg

Activities Complete the database on pesticidal plants using publications and develop a tool to navigate and explore it

The PPAf network



85 UA  
34 UE



Initial structure on Plant Health, Enrichment with knowledge on human and animal health, public health, environmental health, chemical compounds, mortality, LDs, ...

Plante	Informations plante (caractéristiques)		Baveurs, maladies ou auxiliaires		Source de l'information		
	Nom latin	Organisme à protéger (espèce de plante)	Nom latin	Auteur	Année	Titre article ou du document	Revue
Citrus sinensis		Monodora myristica	Aspergillus flavus	Djeugz	2017	Morphological and	Internat
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Royal Botanic Gardens Kew | Plants of the World Online

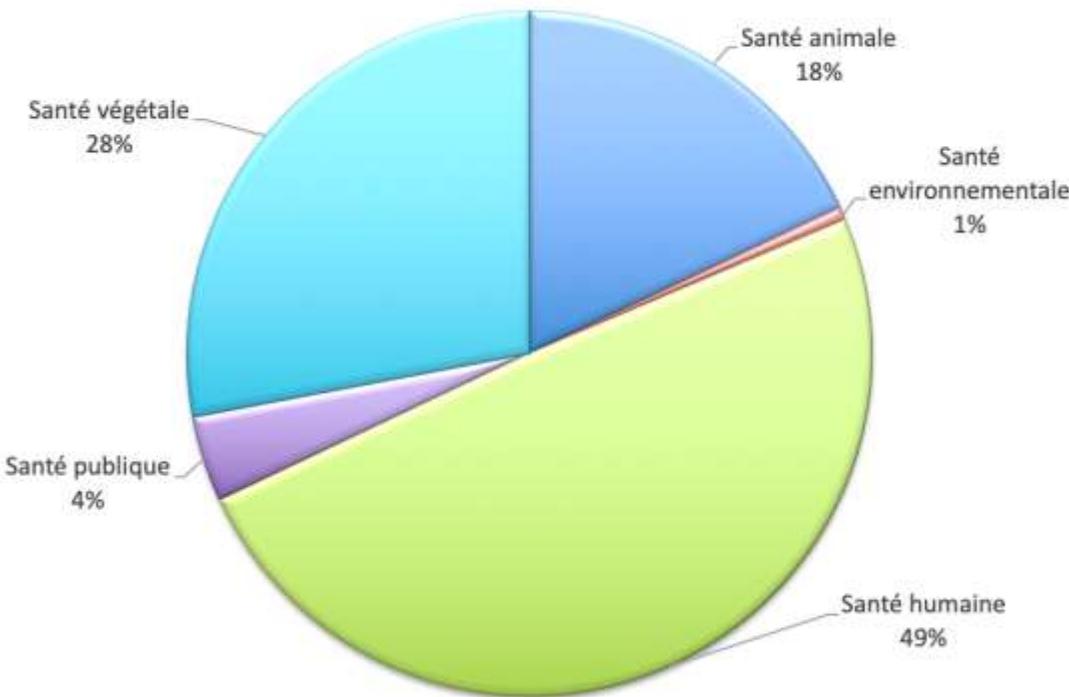
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Knomana and its content in Nov. 2021

# Uses /health and species protected by using a plant

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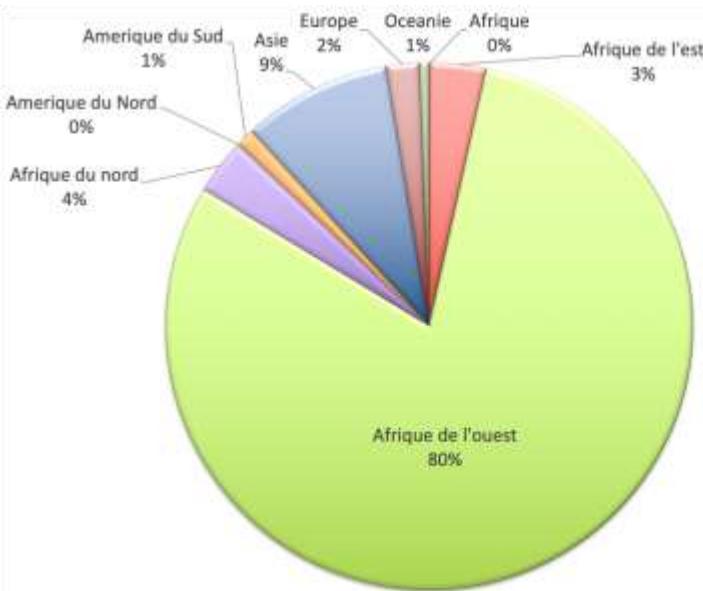
Distribution of the 46300 uses per health



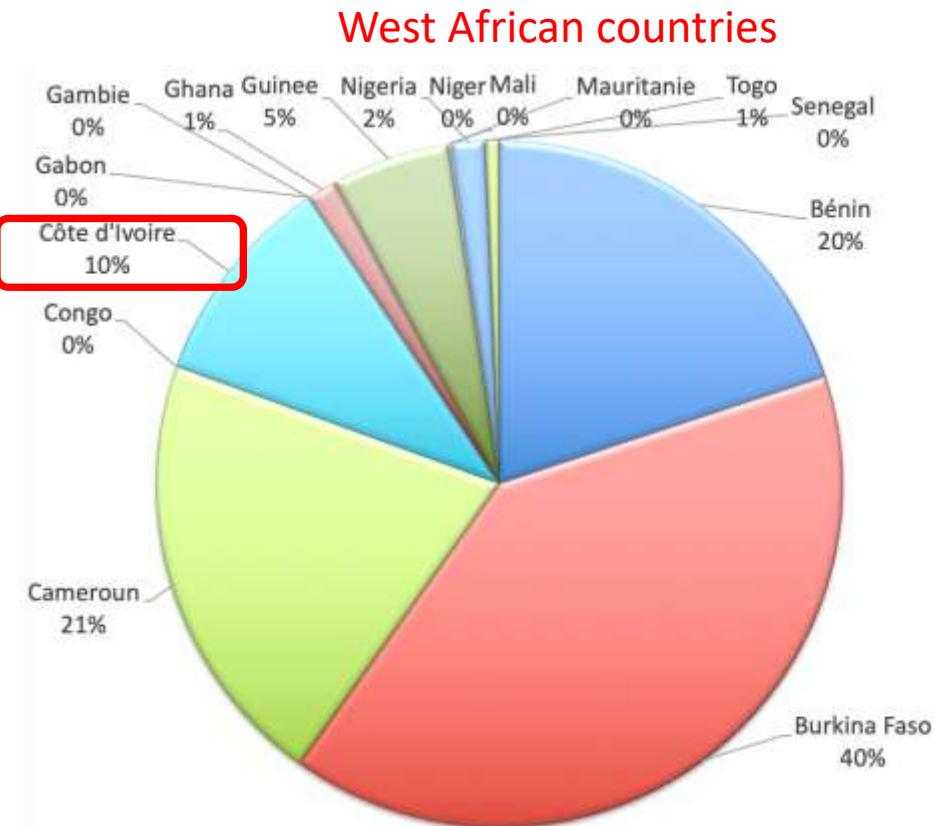
- 34 animal species: on land (cow, poultry, etc.) and aquatic (carp, shrimp, etc.)
- Human being
- 65 crop species

# Knowledge location (Knomania, Nov. 2021)

## In the World



## West African countries



# 2540 species of plants with pesticidal and antibiotic effect

Plant name	Animal health	Environnemental health	Human health	Public health	Plant health	Total
<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	248	39	42	20	710	1059
<i>Annona senegalensis</i>	117		913	4	17	1051
<i>Securidaca longipedunculata</i>	1		874		20	895
<i>Ximenia americana</i>	61		810			871
<i>Detarium microcarpum</i>	57		770			827
<i>Uvariodendron calophyllum</i>			736			736
<i>Parkia biglobosa</i>	57		586		3	646
<i>Bauhinia reticulata</i>	1		620			621
<i>Adansonia digitata</i>	115		500			615
<i>Vitellaria paradoxa</i>	59		482			541
<i>Ocimum gratissimum</i>	80	5	130	23	278	516
<i>Sclerocarya birrea</i>	1		472			473
<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	64		370		6	440
<i>Gardenia erubescens</i>			432			432
<i>Carica papaya</i>	112		184		130	426
<i>Guiera senegalensis</i>	6		370		4	380
<i>Entada africana</i>			374			374
<i>Ricinodendron heudelotii</i>			350			350
<i>Khaya senegalensis</i>	64		270	4	8	346
<i>Allium sativum</i>	133	2	2	5	194	336
<i>Senna alata</i>	206		132			338
<i>Vernonia amygdalina</i>	281				54	335
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<i>Zanthoxylum beecheyanum</i>				1		1
<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>				1		1
<i>Zanthoxylum oxyphyllum</i>				1		1
<i>Ziziphus abyssinica</i>	1					1

# 60 plant species used in at least 2 regions of Africa

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Plant name	East African countries	West African countries	North African countries	Plant name	East African countries	West African countries	North African countries
<i>Allium sativum</i>	X	X	X	<i>Harrisonia abyssinica</i>	X	X	
<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	X	X	X	<i>Harungana madagascariensis</i>	X	X	
<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	X	X	X	<i>Hymenocardia acida</i>	X	X	
<i>Lantana camara</i>	X	X	X	<i>Lawsonia inermis</i>		X	X
<i>Syzygium aromaticum</i>	X	X	X	<i>Lophira alata</i>	X	X	
<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	X	X		<i>Mentha spicata</i>		X	X
<i>Acalypha paniculata</i>	X	X		<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	X	X	
<i>Acanthospermum hispidum</i>	X	X		<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>		X	X
<i>Annona senegalensis</i>	X	X		<i>Ocimum gratissimum</i>	X	X	
<i>Bauhinia thonningii</i>	X	X		<i>Ozoroa insignis</i>	X	X	
<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	X	X		<i>Paullinia pinnata</i>	X	X	
<i>Bobgunnia madagascariensis</i>	X	X		<i>Phyllanthus muellerianus</i>	X	X	
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	X	X		<i>Rauvolfia caffra</i>	X	X	
<i>Cassytha filiformis</i>	X	X		<i>Ricinus communis</i>	X		X
<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i>	X	X		<i>Securidaca longipedunculata</i>	X	X	
<i>Citrus × aurantium</i>		X	X	<i>Senna siamea</i>	X	X	
<i>Combretum collinum</i>	X	X		<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	X	X	
<i>Combretum molle</i>	X	X		<i>Strychnos innocua</i>	X	X	
<i>Corymbia citriodora</i>	X	X		<i>Strychnos spinosa</i>	X	X	
<i>Croton gratissimus</i>	X	X		<i>Syzygium guineense</i>	X	X	
<i>Croton macrostachyus</i>	X	X		<i>Tagetes minuta</i>	X		X
<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i>	X	X		<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	X	X	
<i>Dysphania ambrosioides</i>		X	X	<i>Tephrosia vogelii</i>	X	X	
<i>Entada abyssinica</i>	X	X		<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>		X	X
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	X	X	X	<i>Tithonia diversifolia</i>	X	X	
<i>Ficus sur</i>	X	X		<i>Urtica dioica</i>	X		X
<i>Ficus sycomorus</i>	X	X		<i>Vernonia amygdalina</i>	X	X	
<i>Ficus thonningii</i>	X	X		<i>Vigna unguiculata</i>	X	X	
<i>Gymnanthemum coloratum</i>	X	X		<i>Vitex doniana</i>	X	X	
<i>Gymnosporia senegalensis</i>	X	X		<i>Ximenia americana</i>	X	X	

# 215 targeted species, among which 28 within at least 2 regions of Africa

Bacteria, Chromista, Eukaryota, Fungi, Insecta, Virus

Targeted species	East African countries	West African countries	North African countries
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	X	X	X
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	X	X	X
<i>Spodoptera littoralis</i>	X	X	X
<i>Tribolium castaneum</i>	X	X	X
<i>Tuta absoluta</i>	X	X	X
<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	X	X	
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>	X	X	
<i>Aspergillus parasiticus</i>	X	X	
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	X	X	
<i>Biomphalaria glabrata</i>	X	X	
<i>Brevicoryne brassicae</i>	X	X	
<i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i>	X		X
<i>Callosobruchus maculatus</i>	X	X	
<i>Candida albicans</i>	X	X	
<i>Curvularia sp.</i>	X	X	
<i>Epicoccum sp.</i>	X	X	
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	X	X	
<i>Fusarium sp.</i>	X	X	
<i>Maruca vitrata</i>	X	X	
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	X	X	
<i>Prostephanus truncatus</i>	X	X	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	X	X	
<i>Salmonella enterica</i>	X	X	
<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	X	X	
<i>Sitophilus granarius</i>		X	X
<i>Sitophilus zeae-mais</i>	X	X	
<i>Sitotroga cerealella</i>	X	X	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	X	X	

# 59 Culicidae species

Culicidae species	Country*	Culicidae species	Country*
<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	Argentina, India, Nigeria, Sweden, Thailand, Zimbabwe	<i>Anopheles minimus</i>	
<i>Aedes albopictus</i>	Cameroun	<i>Anopheles pharoensis</i>	
<i>Aedes atropalpus</i>		<i>Anopheles quadrimaculatus</i>	
<i>Aedes camptorhynchus</i>		<i>Anopheles sinensis</i>	
<i>Aedes caspius</i>		<i>Anopheles sp.</i>	
<i>Aedes fluviatilis</i>		<i>Anopheles spp.</i>	
<i>Aedes gardnerii</i>		<i>Anopheles stephensi</i>	India
<i>Aedes increpitus</i>		<i>Anopheles subpictus</i>	
<i>Aedes intrudens</i>		<i>Anopheles sundiacus</i>	
<i>Aedes melanimon</i>		<i>Anopheles tessellatus</i>	
<i>Aedes spp.</i>		<i>Anopheles vagus</i>	
<i>Aedes sticticus</i>		<i>Armigeres spp.</i>	
<i>Aedes togoi</i>		<i>Armigeres subalbatus</i>	
<i>Aedes triseriatus</i>	Burkina Faso	<i>Culex annulirostris</i>	
<i>Aedes vexans</i>		<i>Culex gelidus</i>	
<i>Aedes vigilax</i>		<i>Culex pipiens</i>	Turkey
<i>Anopheles albimanus</i>		<i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>	France, India, Italy, Tanzania, Thailand
<i>Anopheles annularis</i>	India	<i>Culex sp.</i>	
<i>Anopheles arabiensis</i>		<i>Culex spp.</i>	
<i>Anopheles barbirostris</i>		<i>Culex tritaeniorhynchus</i>	
<i>Anopheles brasiliensis</i>	Brazil	<i>Culex vishnui</i>	
<i>Anopheles culicifacies</i>	India	<i>Culicidae spp.</i>	
<i>Anopheles darlingi</i>		<i>Mansonia sp.</i>	
<i>Anopheles dirus</i>	Thailand	<i>Mansonia spp.</i>	Ethiopia
<i>Anopheles funestus</i>		<i>Mansonia uniformis</i>	
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>	Cameroun, France, Italy, Kenya, Tanzania	<i>To be clarified</i>	Lebanon
<i>Anopheles harrisoni</i>		<i>Toxorhynchites sp.</i>	
<i>Anopheles labranchiae</i>		<i>Toxorhynchites splendens</i>	
<i>Anopheles lesteri</i>		<i>Verrallina carmenti</i>	
<i>Anopheles marajoara</i>			

\*No country => laboratory experiment

# 724 pesticidal plant species (117 families) to control Culicidae

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Family name	Family name	Family name	Family name
Acanthaceae	Colchicaceae	Menispermaceae	Pteridaceae
Amaranthaceae	Combretaceae	Moraceae	Ranunculaceae
Amaryllidaceae	Connaraceae	Moringaceae	Resedaceae
Anacardiaceae	Convolvulaceae	Musaceae	Rhamnaceae
Anadyomenaceae	Cucurbitaceae	Myricaceae	Rhizophoraceae
Annonaceae	Cupressaceae	Myristicaceae	Rhodomelaceae
Apiaceae	Cymodoceaceae	Myrtaceae	Rosaceae
Apocynaceae	Cyperaceae	Nelumbonaceae	Rubiaceae
Araceae	Dennstaedtiaceae	Not indicated	Rutaceae
Araliaceae	Dictyotaceae	Nyctaginaceae	Salvadoraceae
Aristolochiaceae	Ehretiaceae	Oleaceae	Santalaceae
Asparagaceae	Ericaceae	Orchidaceae	Sapindaceae
Asphodelaceae	Euphorbiaceae	Oxalidaceae	Sapotaceae
Asteraceae	Fabaceae	Paeoniaceae	Sargassaceae
Basellaceae	Fagaceae	Papaveraceae	Saururaceae
Berberidaceae	Geraniaceae	Passifloraceae	Schisandraceae
Bignoniaceae	Gleicheniaceae	Pedaliaceae	Scrophulariaceae
Bixaceae	Gracilariaceae	Pedaliaceae	Simaroubaceae
Boraginaceae	Hydrocharitaceae	Phyllanthaceae	Solanaceae
Bryopsidaceae	Hypericaceae	Pinaceae	Tropaeolaceae
Burseraceae	Lamiaceae	Piperaceae	Ulvaceae
Cactaceae	Lauraceae	Pittosporaceae	Umbilicariaceae
Campanulaceae	Lecythidaceae	Plantaginaceae	Verbenaceae
Cannabaceae	Linaceae	Plumbaginaceae	Violaceae
Cannaceae	Lythraceae	Poaceae	Vitaceae
Caprifoliaceae	Magnoliaceae	Polemoniaceae	Zingiberaceae
Caricaceae	Malpighiaceae	Polygonaceae	Zygophyllaceae
Caryophyllaceae	Malvaceae	Pontederiaceae	
Cleomaceae	Meliaceae	Primulaceae	
Clusiaceae	Meliaceae + Fabaceae		

# Using Knomana to propose plant based solutions

## 2 approaches

- **Navigating** = look for an existing solution in Knomana
- **Exploring** = create new knowledge combining existing ones from Knomana
  - e.g. create new sanitary solution (to be evaluated) according to plant active compounds  
=> to valorise local plant species, locally unknown for a use
  - e.g. fill knowledge gaps respecting the One Health approach  
plant with various health uses => toxic for human and the environment?

⇒ development of Artificial Intelligence methods

- Supported by



- and the project SmartFCA (ANR-21-CE23-0023/, 900 K€)
- Supervision of a PhD(2018-2021) and many research masters
- 2022: 2 masters student (editor to navigate within knowledge expressed as implications, automatic detection and correction of anomalies)
- Publications and software



RCAviz



Features of FCA4J software library

# Short term Perspective



The project Santés-Territoires (2021-2026, EU-AFD, 6 €M)



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- Among other activities
    - Conduct a floristic survey and evaluate local plant uses
    - Build a multidisciplinary working group (human, animal and plant health)
- => Establish transdisciplinary plant selection criteria considering, among others, active ingredients, toxicity on human being, and impact on the environment.

A first mobile application release for Senegal under development



=> Propose local plants as alternatives to pesticides, antibiotics, and the most predominantly used plants

# Thank you for your attention

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Gnith (Sénégal) - Mars 2022

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St Louis, marché de plantes médicinales (Mars 2022)

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# For more information

 plants



*Review*

## Prototyping a Knowledge-Based System to Identify Botanical Extracts for Plant Health in Sub-Saharan Africa

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**Abstract:** Replacing synthetic pesticides and antimicrobials with plant-based extracts is a current alternative adopted by traditional and family farmers and many organic farming pioneers. A range of natural extracts are already being marketed for agricultural use, but many other plants are prepared and used empirically. A further range of plant species that could be effective in protecting different crops against pests and diseases in Africa could be culled from the large volume of knowledge available in the scientific literature. To meet this challenge, data on plant uses have been compiled in a knowledge base and a software prototype was developed to navigate this trove of information. The present paper introduces this so-called *Knomina* Knowledge-Based System, while providing outputs related to *Spodoptera frugiperda* and *Tuta absoluta*, two invasive insect species in Africa. In early October 2020, the knowledge base hosted data obtained from 342 documents. From these articles, 11,816 uses—experimental or applied by farmers—were identified in the plant health field. In total, 384 crop pest species are currently reported in the knowledge base, in addition to 1547 botanical species used for crop protection. Future prospects for applying this interdisciplinary output to applications under the One Health approach are presented.

**Keywords:** biopesticides; plant-based products; pesticidal plants; essential oils; crop protection; IPM; natural substances; knowledge management

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**1. Introduction**

Crop production is hampered by the action of various organisms: competing plants, vertebrate pests (birds and mammals, including rodents), invertebrates (insects, mites, mollusks, nematodes) and diseases (fungi, viruses, bacteria, phytoplasma), some of which can be vectored by insects. These antagonistic organisms can develop on plants in the field, in greenhouses or postharvest, as well as on seeds or other stored food commodities.

Crop damage in the sub-Saharan region of Africa is caused by indigenous organisms or invasive exotic species [1]. *Helicoverpa armigera* (Hübner) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) is an indigenous species known to be a major cotton pest. Otherwise, the exotic species *Tuta absoluta* (Meyrick) (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae) and *Spodoptera frugiperda* (J.E. Smith) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) are major pests of tomatoes and maize crops, respectively [2–4].

The use of synthetic pesticides (insecticides, acaricides, fungicides, nematicides, rodenticides, molluscicides) has also led to direct pest reductions, in turn reducing quantitative and qualitative crop yield losses. The compounds used in Africa are often formulated

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Une initiative combinant savoirs traditionnels et publications scientifiques pour l'approche One Health



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