



Insect Responsible
Sourcing Regions

Examples and experiences for the reduction of pollution from agriculture

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“Agriculture, which accounts for 70 percent of water withdrawals worldwide, plays a major role in water pollution. Farms discharge large quantities of agrochemicals, organic matter, drug residues, sediments and saline drainage into water bodies.”
(FAO.org, 2017)

Major water pollutants in agriculture:

- Nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus)
- Pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and bactericides)
- Salts (E.g. ions of sodium, chloride, potassium, magnesium, sulphate, calcium and bicarbonate)
- Sediments, Organic Matter, Pathogens, Metals, Emerging pollutants

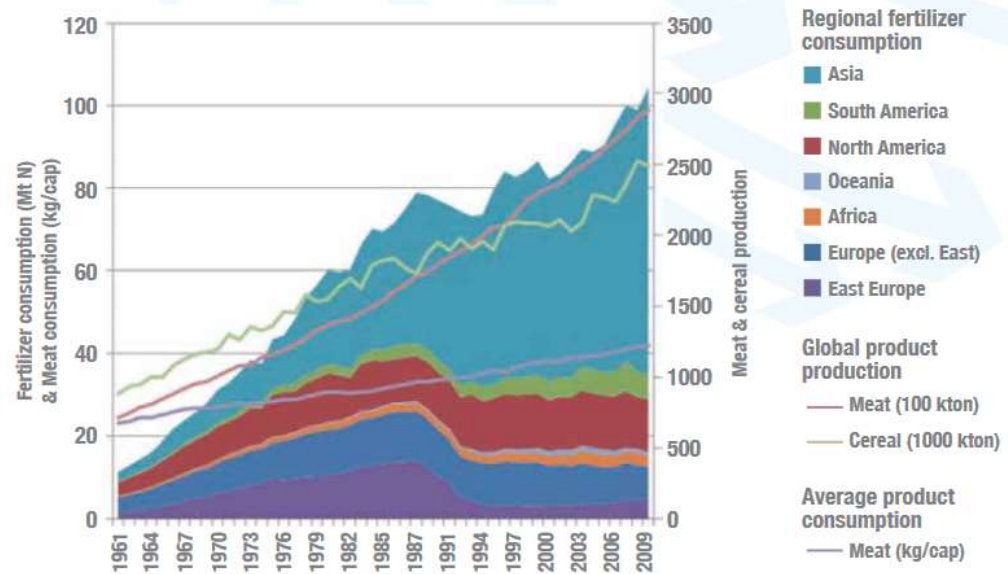


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Nutrients

FIGURE 3 Total mineral fertilizer consumption in major world regions, global cereal and meat production, and per capita meat consumption, 1961–2009



Source: Sutton *et al.*, 2013.

Pesticides

FIGURE 4 Value of global pesticide trade, 1970–2014



Source: FAO, 2016

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Example: Beneficial insect strips in potato fields

Goal: Test, demonstrate and disseminate innovative farming practices - beneficial strips increase the number and diversity of insects while reducing pesticide use and pest pressure.

Action: 4 Demonstrations Farms of EU-LIFE project “Insect Responsible Sourcing Regions” plant strips for beneficial insects in their potato fields



- Financing of the planting and compensation of the cultivated area with 15.000,- € (5000,- per ha)
- Realisation of a total of 3 ha of beneficial insect strips
- The measure was accompanied by beneficial insect inventories (monitoring) between 2022 and 2024.
- The effect will also be monitored by the potato cultivation advisory service in Heilbronn and the cultivation advisor of the intermediary involved.



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Example: Reduce fertilizer & pesticide use in durum cultivation

Goal: create lasting added value through regionality and more biodiversity - Long-term strategy through integration in the supply contracts/quality requirements

Action:

- Principle #1: **Two biodiversity measures!** Extensive crop land & high-quality perennial flowering strips
- Principle #2: **Defining the scope!** The two biodiversity measures must be implemented on an area equivalent to 10% of the contractually fixed durum wheat area with ALB-GOLD.
- Principle #3: **Clear rules with flexible implementation!** The farmer decides himself about the distribution
- Principle #4: **ALB-GOLD pays for quality!** Alb-Gold pays farmers quality bonus of 60 Euros per hectare of durum wheat.

Unfortunately: project on hold (extreme increase in durum wheat prices due to crop failures - impossible to conclude contracts with binding biodiversity measures.



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Example: Integration into education and training

Goal: Strengthening sustainability competence - in agriculture and the food industry - Concept and implementation of training materials, practical workshops and training events

Action:

- Project GENIAL
- Project LIFE Insect Responsible Sourcing Regions
- German Sector Initiative “Food for Biodiversity”





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