

Improved traps for
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Improved traps for the coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros*

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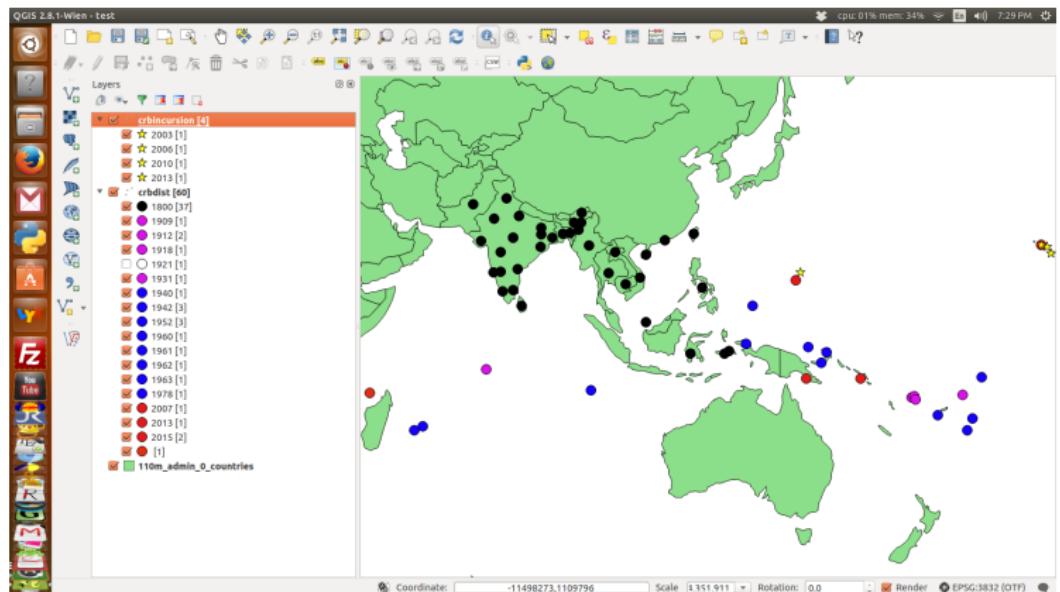
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Feedback loop



Figure: Coconut palms killed by *Oryctes rhinoceros* in Fiji (photo by Bedford)

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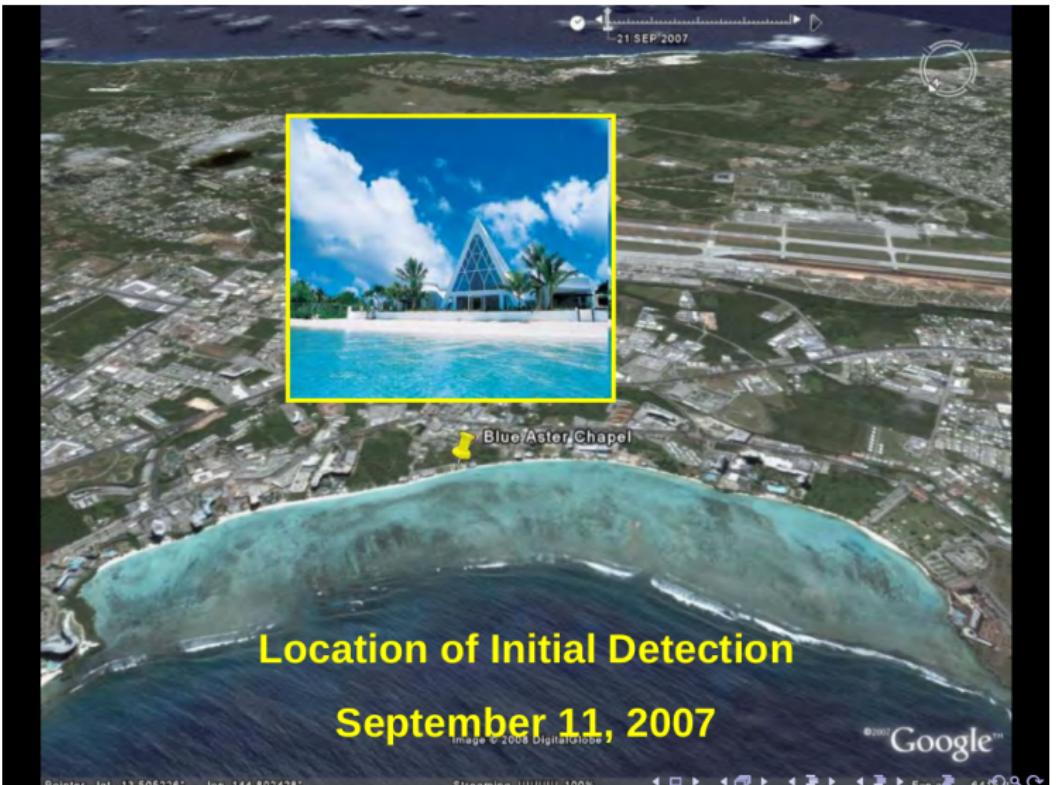
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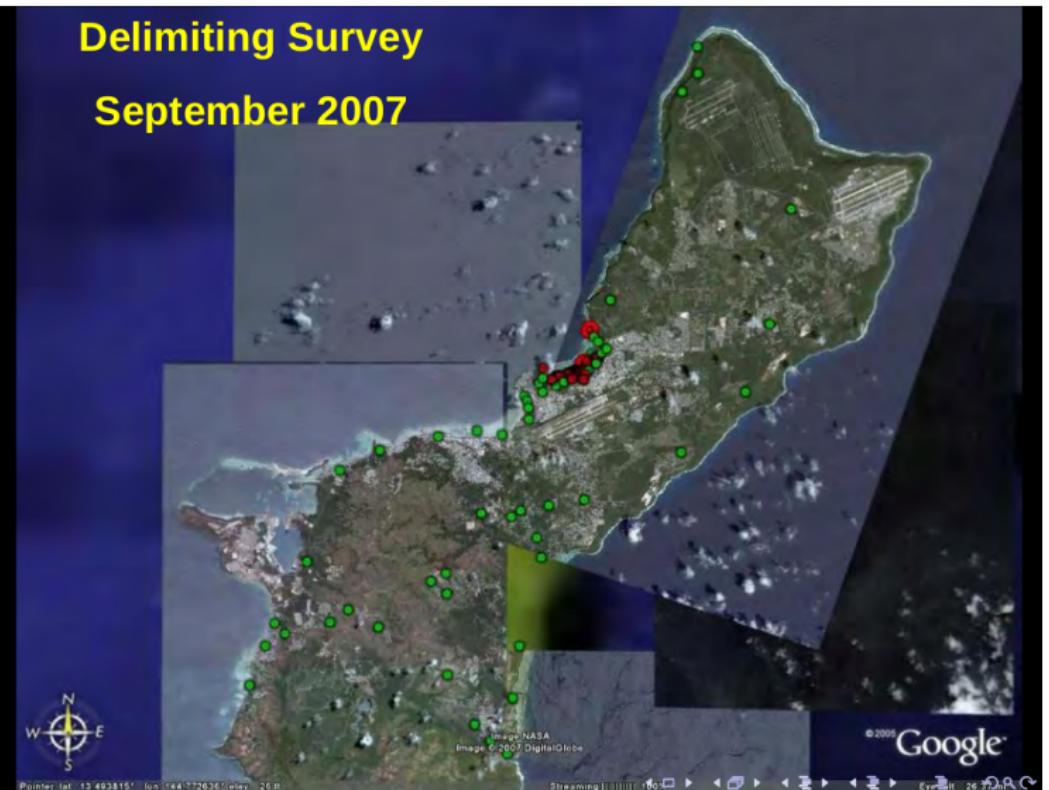
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Delimiting Survey

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TACTICS

Quarantine

Limit accidental transportation to uninfested parts of Guam.

Pheromone Traps

Capture adults and detect spread of the beetle population

Sanitation

Kill immatures and remove breeding sites

Detector Dogs

Efficient discovery of breeding sites.

Chemical Control

Injectable systemics for adults; spot treatments for breeding sites.

Biocontrol

Autodissemination of *Oryctes* virus



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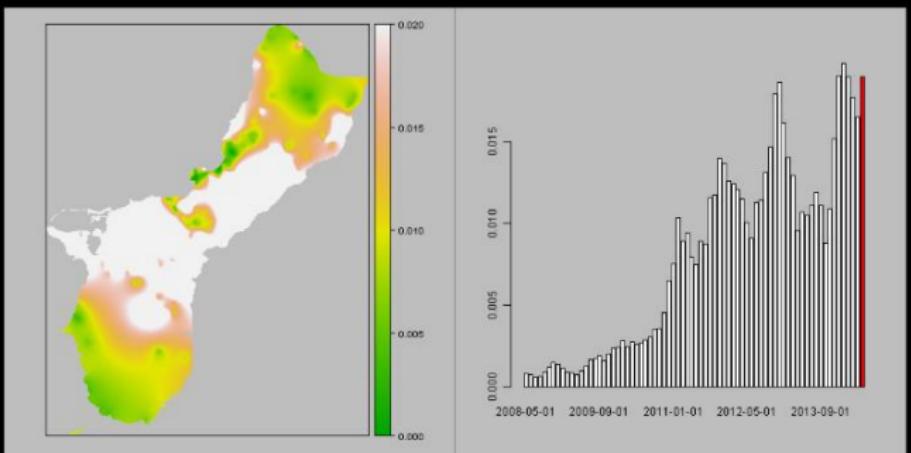
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90 day trapping period ending on 01 Jun 2014



Mean number of beetles caught per trap-day

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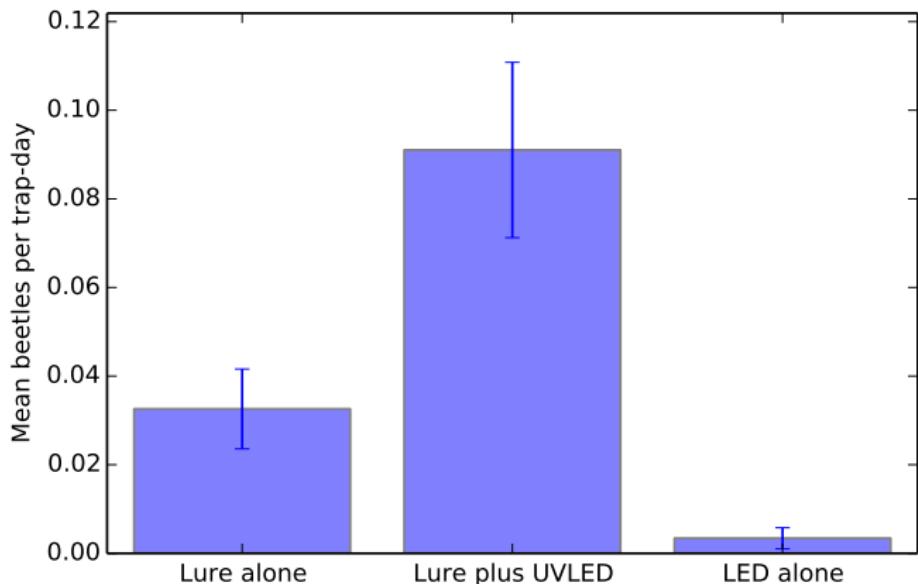
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Pan traps catch 16X as many rhino beetles as surrounding vaned bucket pheromone traps

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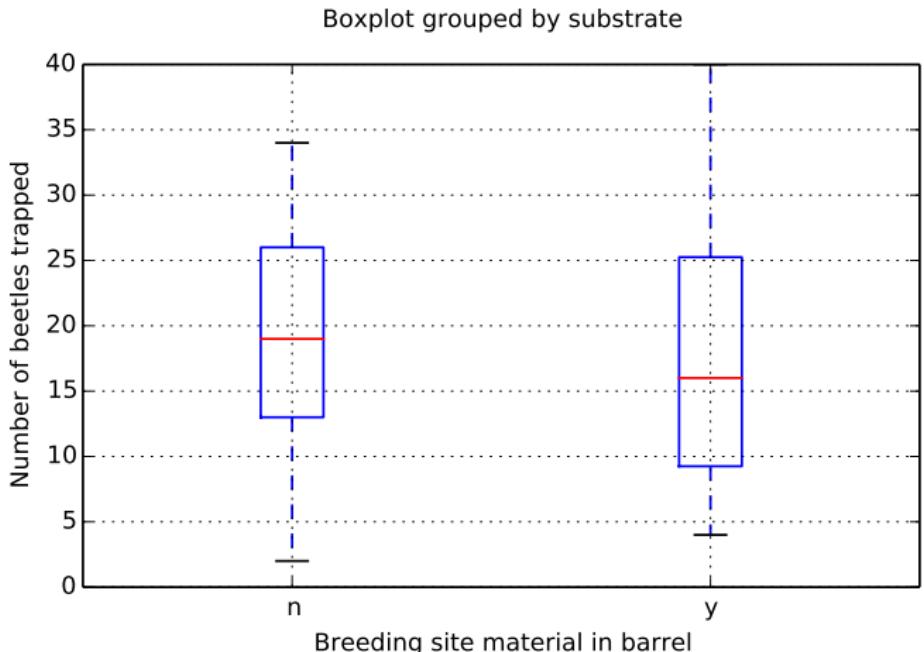
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Pan traps - with/without substrate in barrel



Number of beetles caught per trap between 2014-07-22 and 2014-10-10.

Evolution of CRB Pheromone Traps

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Tekken Fish Net Traps

No lure required



Chipped breeding site material: 0.52 CRB trapped per day
26X more attractive than standard pheromone traps



Fresh, unchipped green waste (pandanus, bamboo, breadfruit): 0.57 CRB trapped per day
29X more attractive than standard pheromone traps

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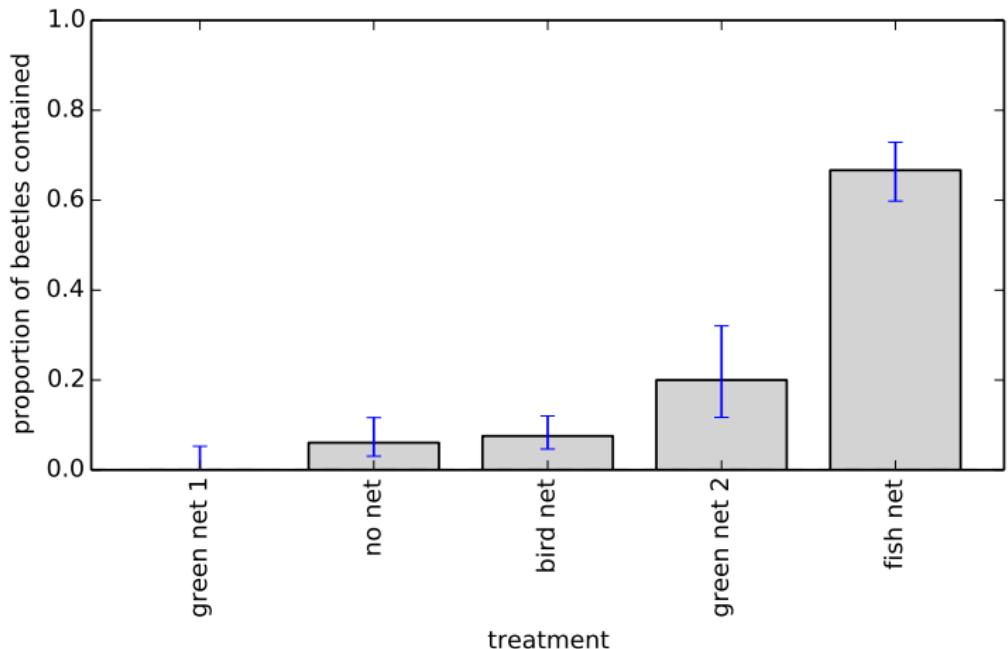
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DeFence Trap



0.47 CRB per trap day; range = 0.22 to 0.85; n = 4 traps
Captures 24X more CRB than standard pheromone traps

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No lure required



- ▶ We tied pieces of netting around bases of petioles on 22 coconut palms
- ▶ Number of CRB trapped between Jan 28 and Mar 12, 2015: 3.2 (0 to 19)
- ▶ CRB trapped per day: 0.07 (0 to 0.44)

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1. Trapped beetles are fed and allowed to rest for one week
2. Beetles which pass a laboratory flight test are marked with a number
3. Marked beetles are released at the center of 31 pan traps spaced 100m apart
4. About 20% of beetles have been recaptured
5. If wild beetles behave the same as marked beetles, we can infer that pan traps catch about 20% of the wild population

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Trap	Relative attractiveness	Proportion of population trapped
Standard pheromone trap	1X	1%
Standard pheromone trap + UVLED	3X	4%
Pan trap	16X	20%
DeFence trap	26X	30%

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1. Mass trapping using standard vaned-bucket pheromone traps did not result in population suppression. These traps catch only about 1% of the adult population.
2. Addition of breeding site material to the barrels under pan did not increase trap catch.
3. Our best pheromone trap is the a pan trap equipped with cone and UVLED. It catches about 16X more rhino beetles per day than our standard vaned bucket traps.
4. Covering breeding sites with fish netting may be effective for population suppression: traps adults attracted to the pile and prevents emergence of adults from within the pile. Netted piles catch about 25X more rhino beetles per day than standard pheromone traps.

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