



NEWS

Bluetongue in Corsica: the SPOT satellite has revealed the vector midge's habitat



Bluetongue has been in Corsica since the year 2000. The vector midge primarily develops in the far South of the island, in fragmented landscapes with extensive transitional areas. This was demonstrated by a study by CIRAD and its partners, the results of which have just been published.

Agricultural intensification: what if the answers lay in nature?



The intensive agriculture model, based on massive use of pesticides, chemical fertilizers, water and fossil fuels, is now being questioned. However, if we are to feed nine billion human beings by the year 2050, we need to produce more. In order to anticipate on future changes, CIRAD and INRA are working on a new concept: ecological intensification.

Duupa farmers, major players in maintaining sorghum genetic diversity



Crop diversity is the fruit of interactions between human and biological factors. An interdisciplinary approach has shown that among the Duupa people, an agrarian society in northern Cameroon, farmer practices have been vital in maintaining sorghum diversity locally.

Carbon reserves: a carbon sink that should not be ignored in hevea



As a carbon sink, carbon reserves in hevea compete with other functions that use carbon, such as wood or latex production. The discovery of this competition between carbon sinks could contribute to the development of high-yielding hevea production in Thailand.

Just published: CIRAD VIP, the technology transfer and development newsletter: issue 10

A special issue focusing on new agrifood products.

Just published: Dynamiques sectorielles et développement durable en Méditerranée

The latest issue of the journal *Cahiers Agriculture* on agriculture in the Mediterranean, with numerous contributions from CIRAD researchers.

Just published: CIRAD in Réunion in 2006

The main results of CIRAD's operations in Réunion, in a new type of annual report.

Web: The Banana, Pineapple and Plantain Cropping Systems Research Unit website

Web: The Water, Soil and Plant Analysis Service Unit website

Web: PIGTrop refurbished



PRESS RELEASES

CIRAD celebrates science at its research sites

An international workshop on forestry policy and "avoided deforestation" in southern countries

Huge numbers of camels die in Africa and Saudi Arabia

Tilapia, a model fish for research and genome frequencing

EVENTS

Ville Biennale du festival international du film de l'insecte

CIRAD will be presenting the film on locusts "Le mystère des criquets", made by Thierry Ragobert with the support of its Locust Ecology and Control Research Unit.

<http://festivalfifi.opielr.org/>

4 to 7 October 2007, Prades, France

Fête de la science

With the participation of CIRAD.

<http://www.cirad.fr/en/presse/communiqu.php?id=310>

8 to 14 October 2007, Montpellier, France

Agrifilms Festival

The first festival of films on agriculture and fishing, to be held as part of the 2007 International Show of Agriculture, Machinery and Fishing (SIAMAP). CIRAD will be supporting three films in competition: "Un chameau pour le troisième millénaire", by F. and L. Brey, "Le mystère des criquets", by T. Ragobert, and "Du sucre et des fleurs dans nos moteurs", by J.M. Rodrigo.

<http://www.siamap.com/anglais.html>

25 to 28 October 2007, Tunis, Tunisia

Pro-poor development in low income countries: Food, agriculture, trade and environment

The 106th seminar of the European Association of Agricultural Economists, organized by CIRAD and the University of Montpellier.

<http://eaae-2007.cirad.fr/>

25 to 27 October 2007, Montpellier, France

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