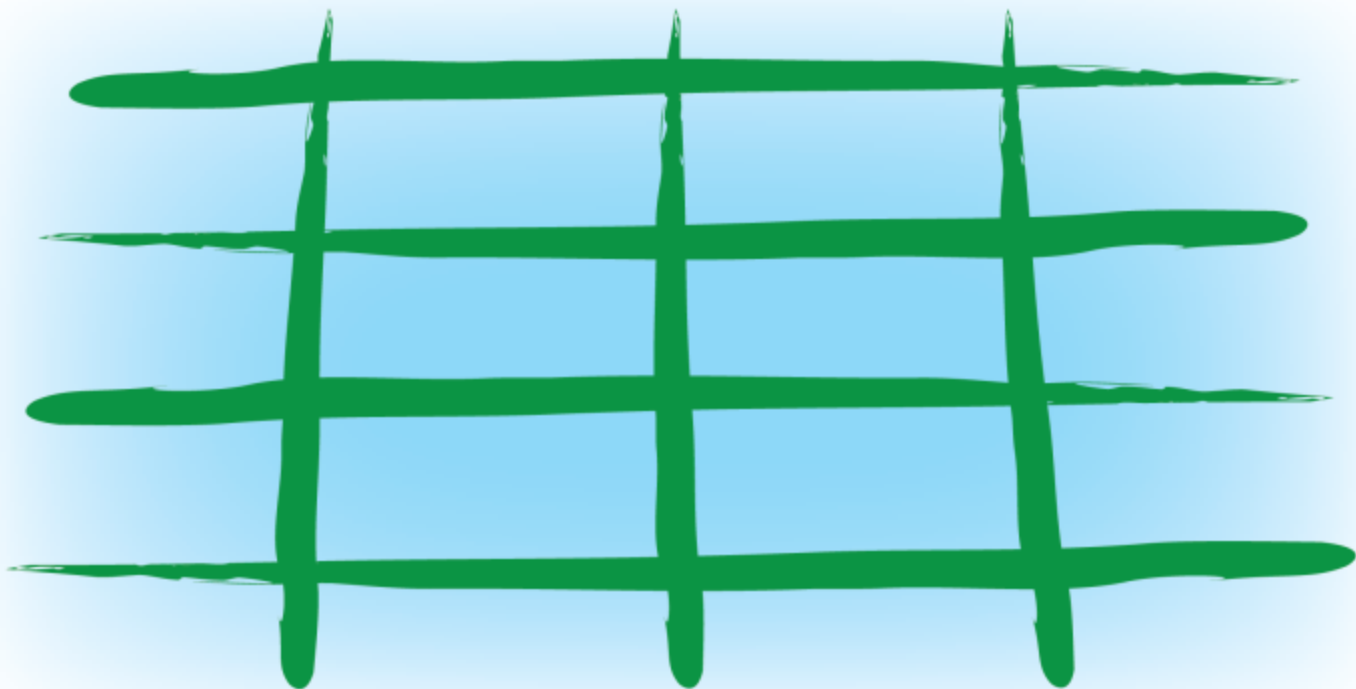


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Ecological Engineering – the LEGATO project

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Land-use intensity and Ecological EnGineering –
Assessment Tools for risks and Opportunities
in irrigated rice based production systems

Antragszeitraum / application period:

1. March 2011 – 29. Feb. 2016

Ecosystem Services – the baseline of the LEGATO approach

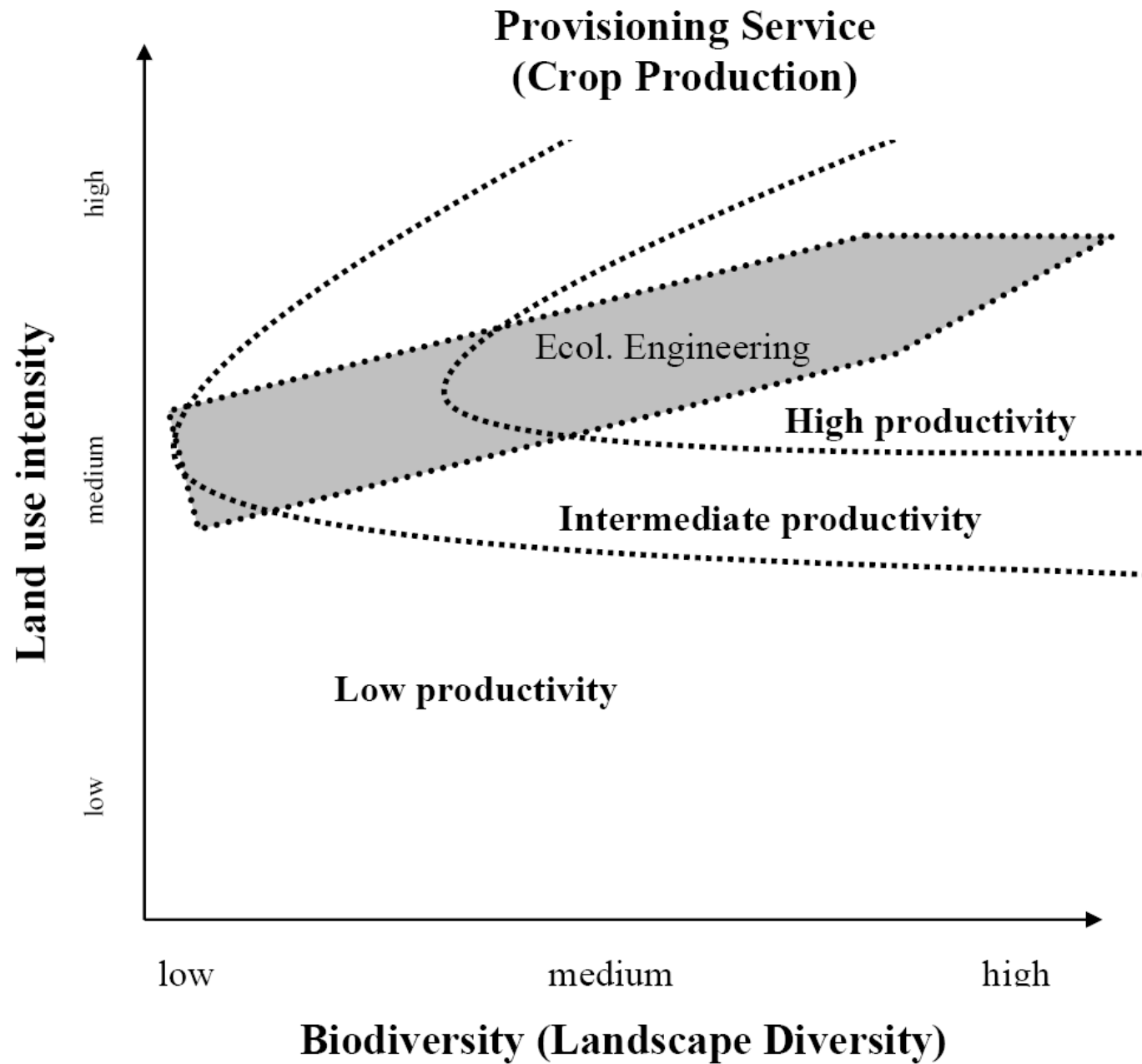
- Ecosystem services dealt with in LEGATO:
 - ✓ Provisioning: biomass & nutrients (rice & other crops),
 - ✓ Regulating: biocontrol & pollinators,
 - ✓ Cultural: cultural identity, aesthetics & recreation

Ecological Engineering

- design, monitoring and construction of ecosystems;
- development of strategies to maximise ecosystem services through
- exploiting natural regulation mechanisms (instead of suppressing them).

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- LEGATO analyses the potential of Ecological Engineering to achieve
 - ***sustainable land management***
 - ***increase in crop productivity*** and
 - ***diversification of income sources***
- LEGATO tests the implementation and transferability of Ecological Engineering across regions



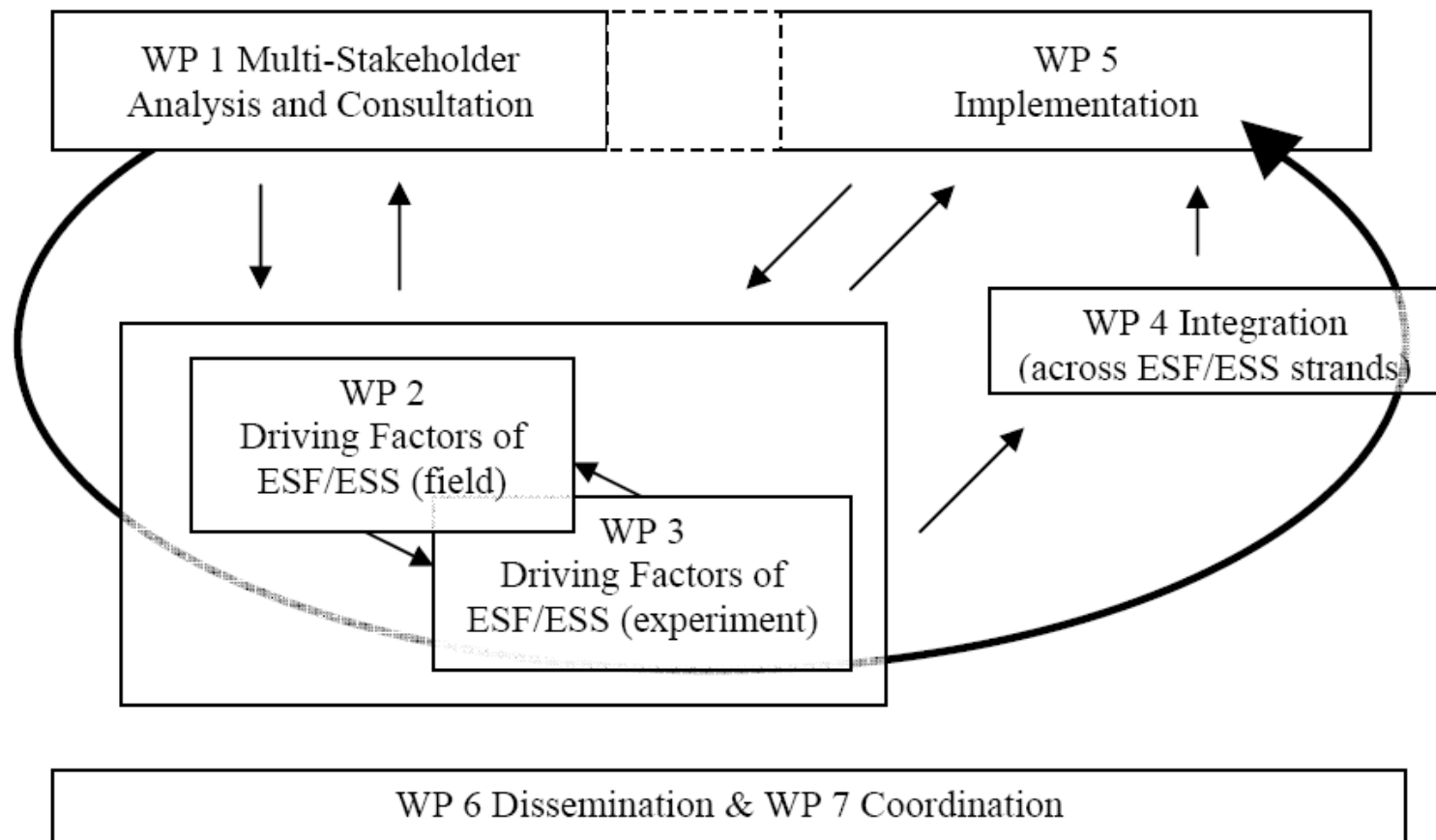


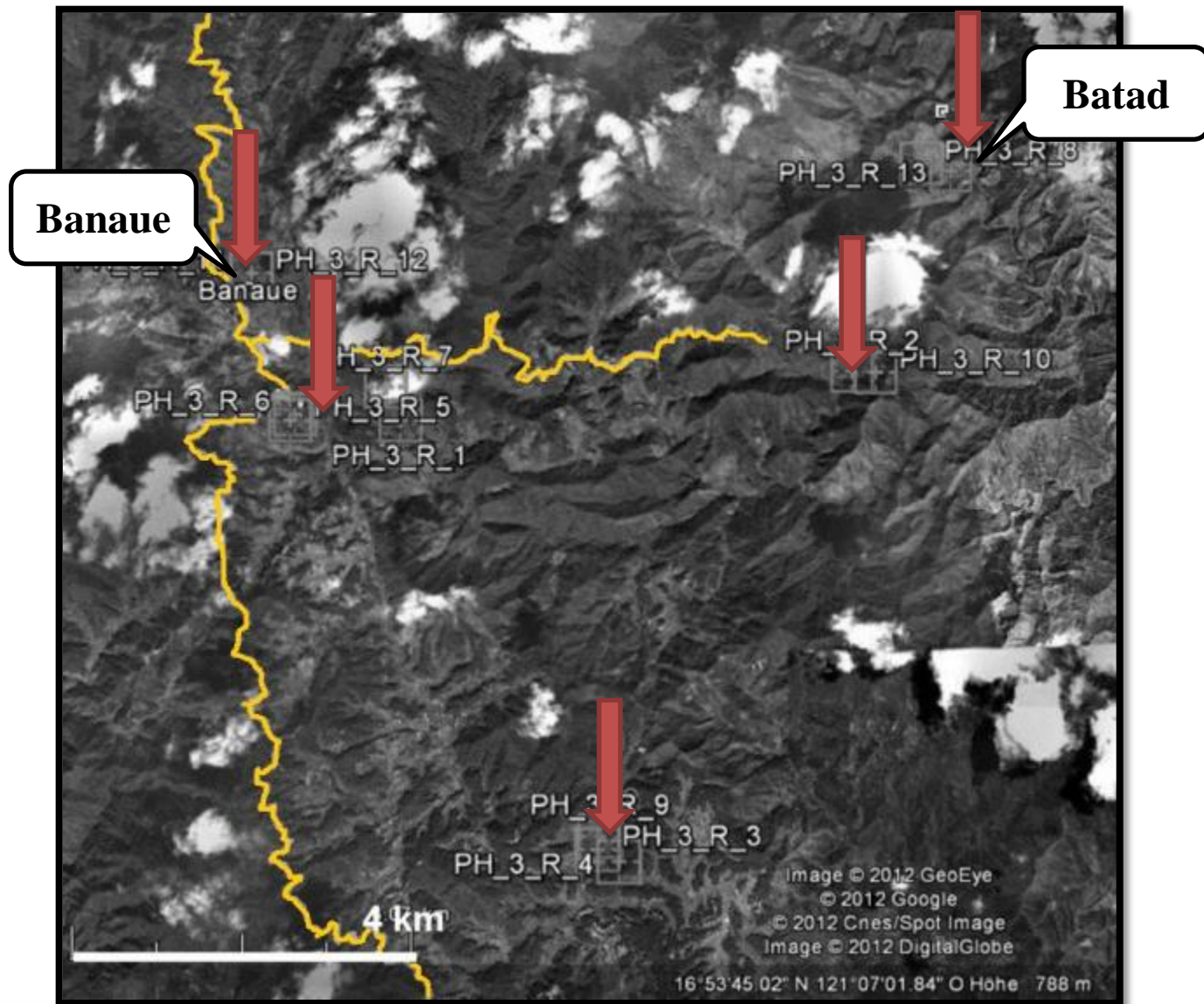
Figure 7.1: LEGATO overview structure and work flow




Yellow squares represent 15x15 km² study regions, each with 5 landscapes (with 2 core sites per landscape), including the name of the region and the code used within LEGATO



LEGATO Ifugao (PH_3) research sites



An aerial photograph showing a series of terraced rice fields on a hillside. The terraces are arranged in a regular, wavy pattern across the slope. The fields are mostly brown, indicating they are dry, with some green patches of vegetation. A road or path runs diagonally across the middle of the image. In the bottom right corner, there is a small cluster of buildings with red roofs. Two white labels with black borders are overlaid on the image: 'Structurally rich' on the left and 'Structurally poor' on the right. A yellow circle is located in the bottom left corner, next to the text 'PH_3_R_8'.

Structurally
rich

Structurally
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Banaue / Philippines 1908



Banaue / Philippines 2010



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Co-Design, Feedback,
Implementation
Citizen Science





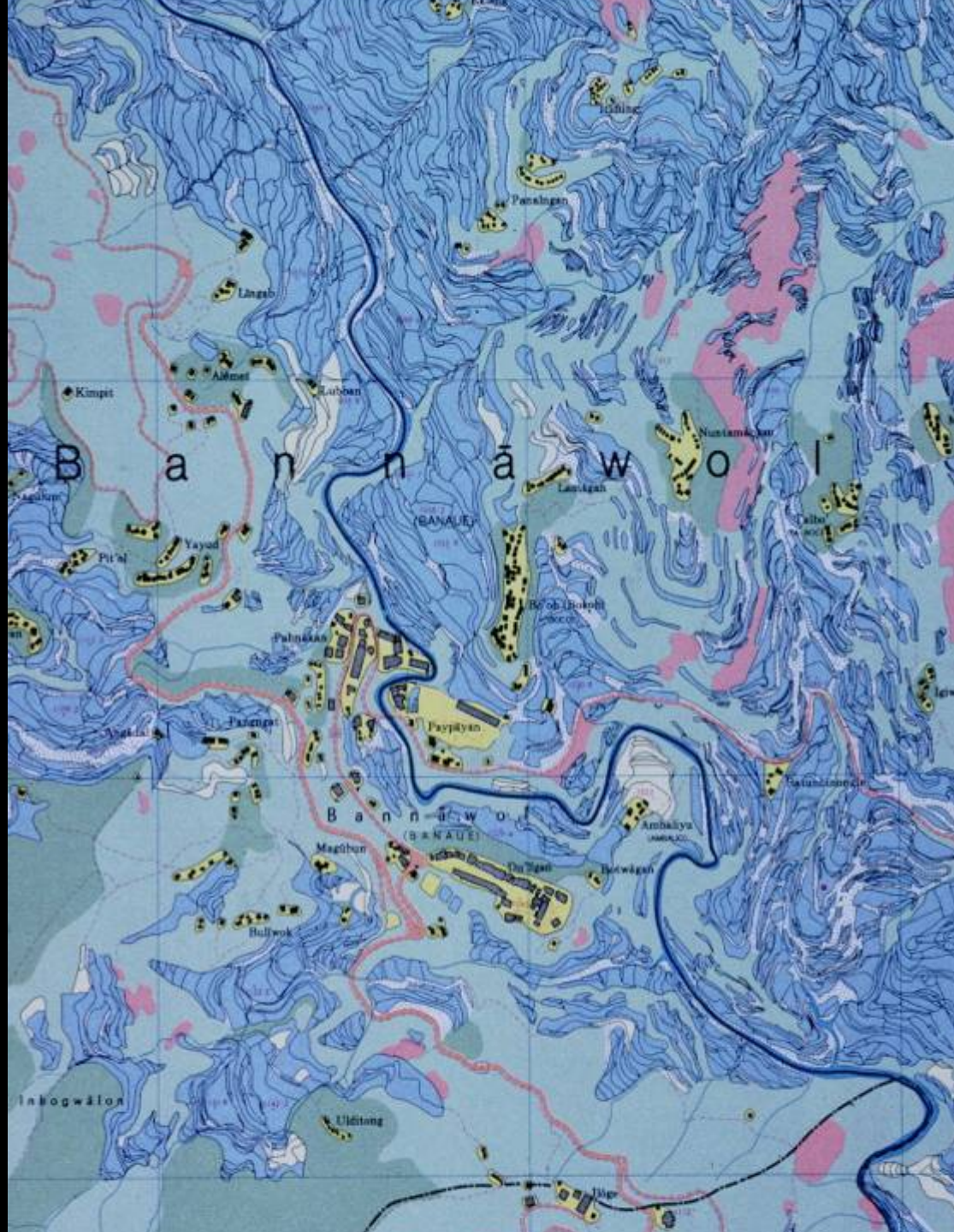
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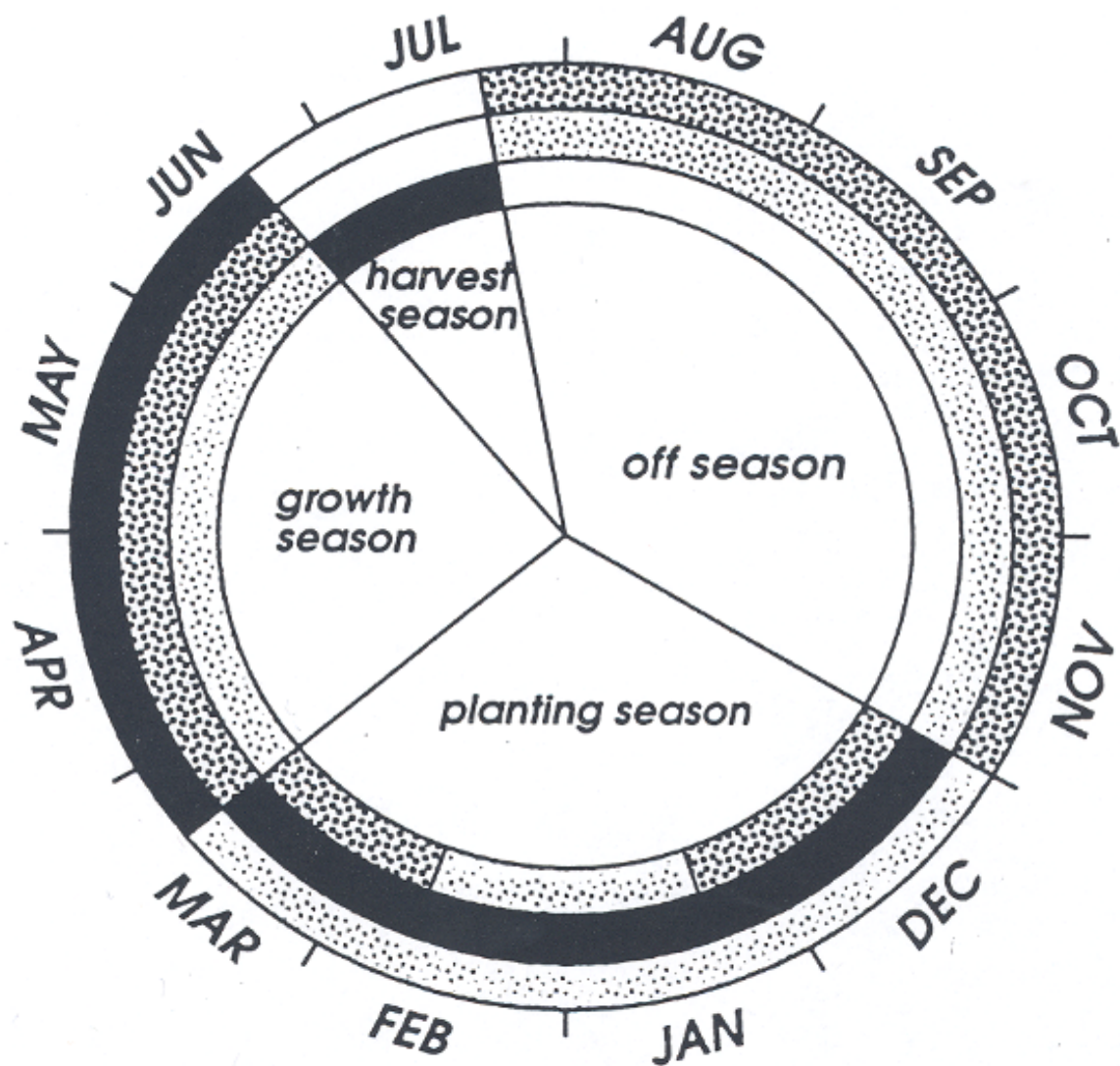
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Nutrient Research in LEGATO

see also
Klotzbuecher et al.
Session 6

Conclusions and outlook

- Differences in Si availability between the Philippines and Vietnam are much greater than within the countries
 - Geo-/pedological conditions are the major determinant for Si availability in soils
- Concentration of plant available Si in soils determines Si status of rice plants
 - role of phytoliths?
 - adequate management?

Interdisciplinary questions

- Influence of rice Si concentration on pests?
- Which socio-economic factors determine the crop residue management?
- Economic feasibility of Si fertilization?

Decomposition Research in LEGATO

Schmidt A. et al. (in prep.)

Small scale decomposition survey

Invertebrate decomposers are crucial for the long-term **sustainability** development of rice ecosystems.

Surrounding structures influence decomposition rates of invertebrates, measurable by a **gradient** within the field.

Pollinator Research in LEGATO

Westphal et al. (in prep.)

Species richness and plant-pollinator interactions



- 13 bee genera (Apidae, Halictidae, Megachilidae)



- 26 morphospecies

- 77 flowering plant species (many non-native)



- 491 plant-pollinator interactions

Polycultures

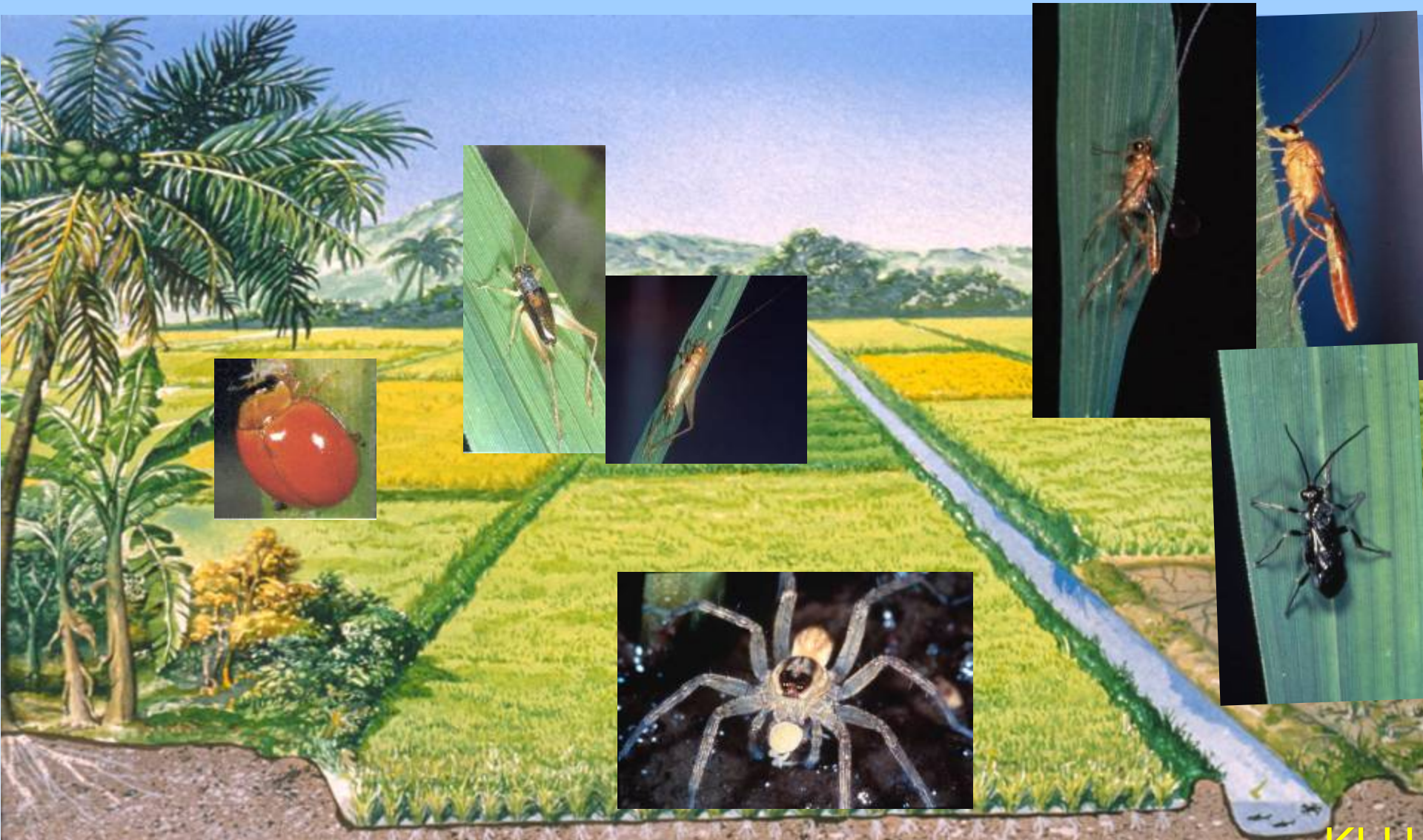
- Provide important nesting and foraging habitats for bees in rice-dominated landscapes
- Positive effects on diversity and stability of plant pollinator interactions in neighboring fields
- Structurally complex polycultures could represent effective ecological engineering measures





Next step: role of bees
as indicators of
parasitoids

Natural Biological Control Service





Session 12

The effects of surrounding landscapes on the biocontrol-production function in rice dominated agroecosystems

Christophe Dominik

The Ecosystem Service Cascade: The influence of purpose and application characteristics like scale and beneficiaries

Spangen

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