



# Pine wood nematode

PWN

*Bursaphelunchus xylophilus*

## Insect vector

Pine sawyer beetle (PSB)

*Monochamus galloprovincialis*



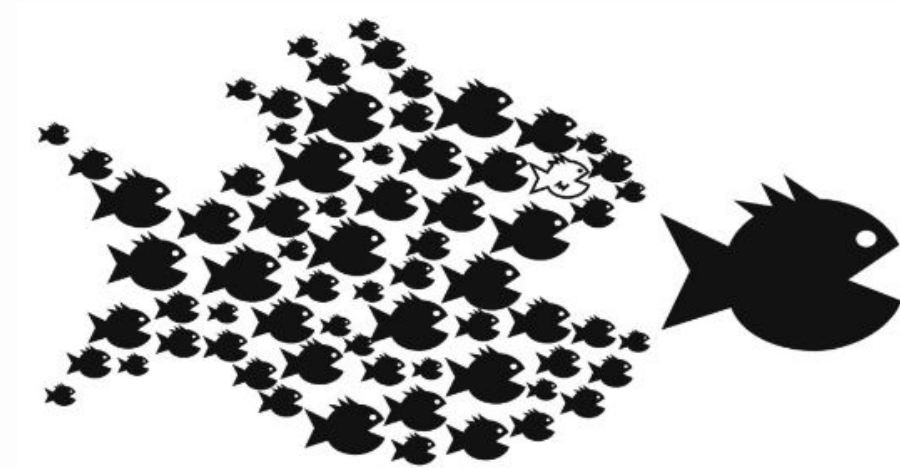
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# Process of collective action

- **Objective:** Defining research priorities to improve PWN risk management
- **Method:** Dialogue between scientists and tree health managers
  - Stakeholders' needs and expectations
  - Scientist's knowledge and vision
  - Transboundary cooperation

through interviews and workshops



# Research priority for PWN risk management

- Early warning detection in areas at risk
- 2 methods to be improved:
  1. Field detection of symptomatic trees
    - Official method (EU regulation)
    - Often few and isolated
    - Non-specific symptoms
  2. Pheromone trapping of insect vectors
    - Recommended by EU regulation
    - Where ? Defining priority areas of deployment
    - How many (cost)? Optimizing the density of traps

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ALL THE  
IMPORTANT STUFF  
GETS DONE.

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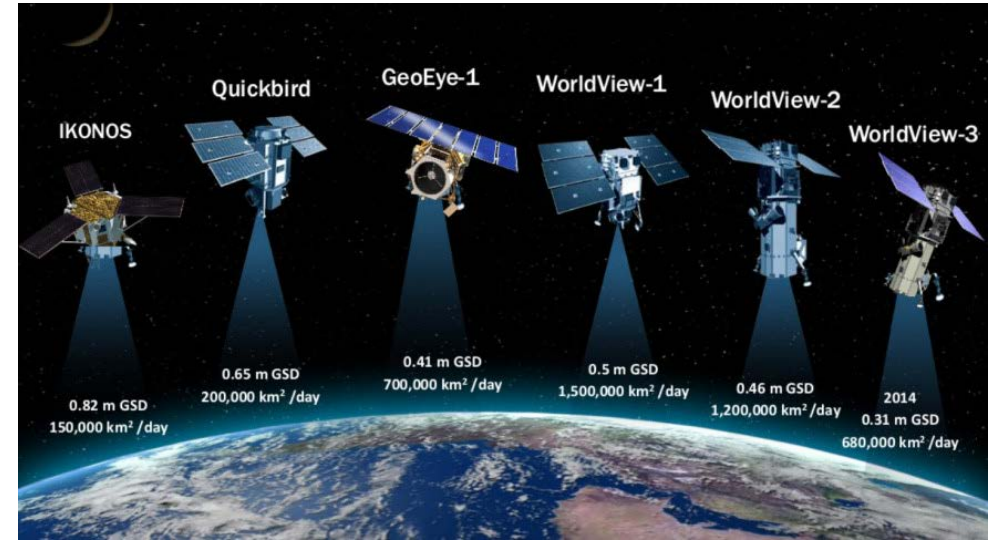
## 1.1. Use of satellite images

### Pros

- Cover large areas
- Easy to program and obtain
- Large array of satellites  
w. various image resolution and colors

### Cons

- Size of the pixel > individual tree crown area
- Weather conditions
- Image cost





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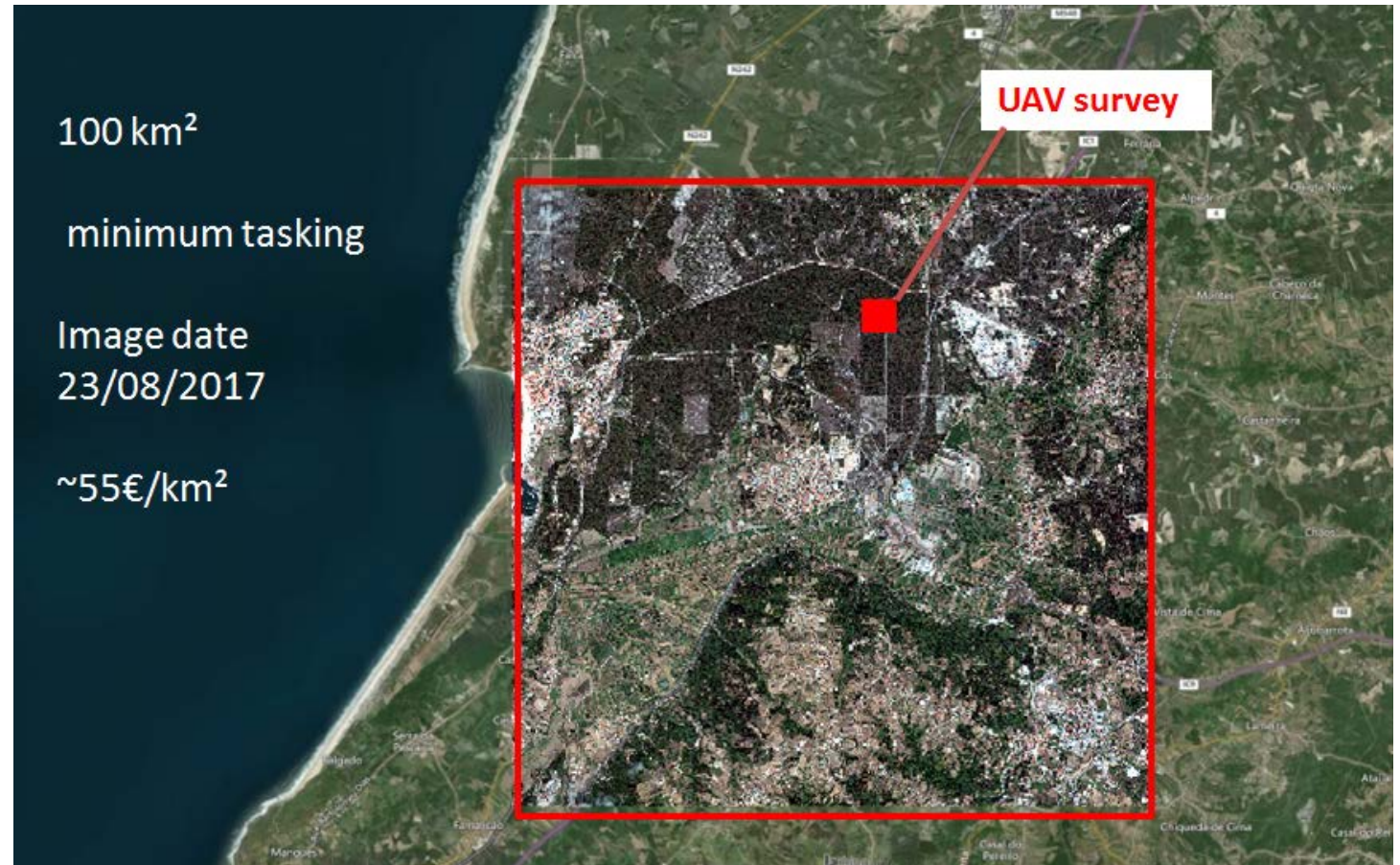
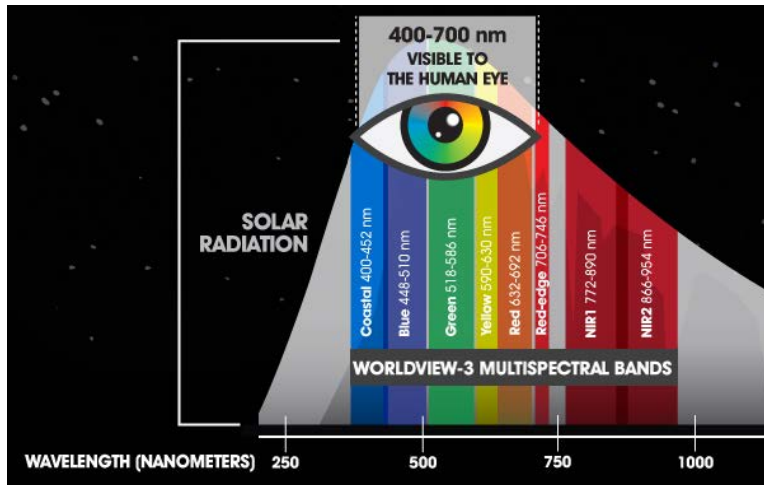
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### Experiment

Nazaré Pine Forest

WorldView satellite

Very high resolution image (31cm)

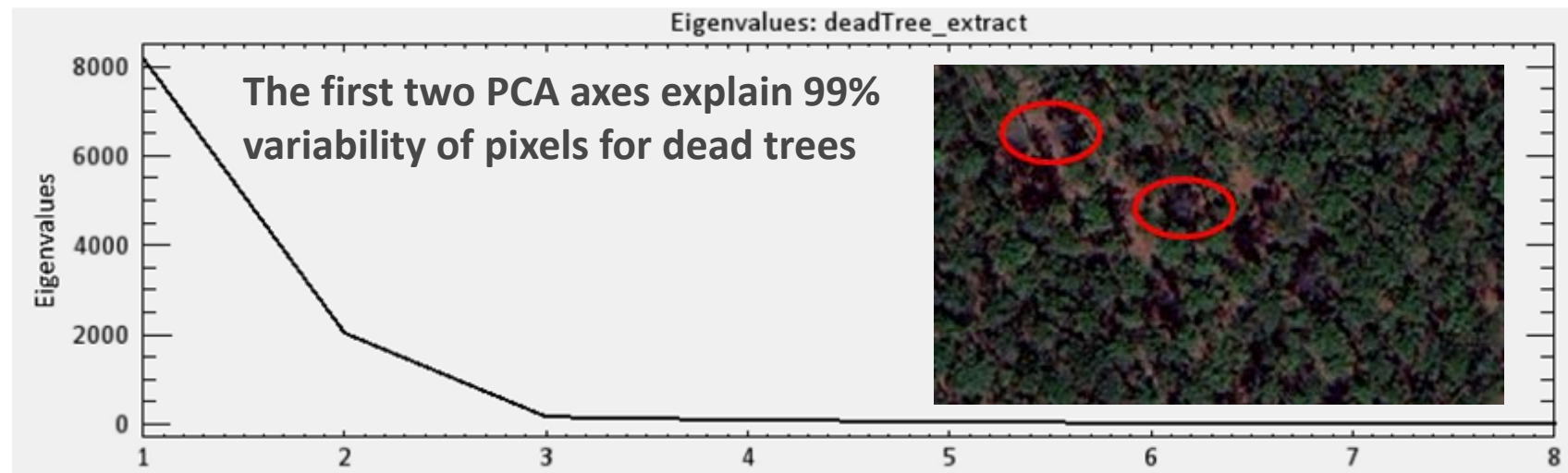
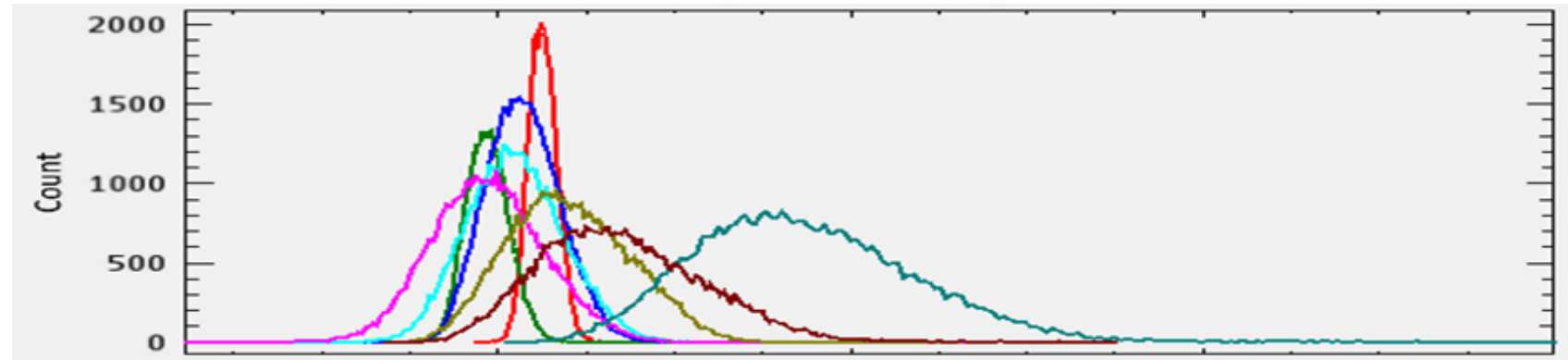


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Identification of specific spectral combination (PCA) for symptomatic trees observed in the field in August

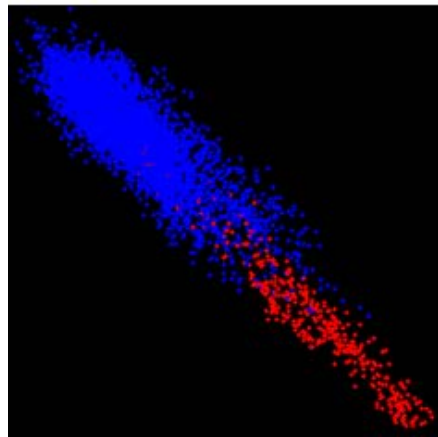




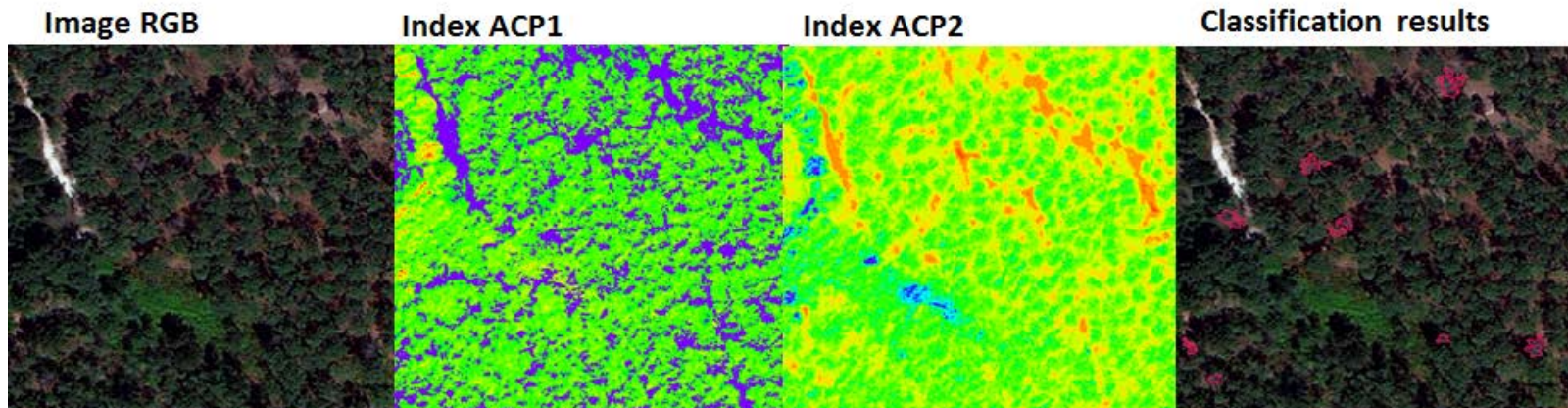
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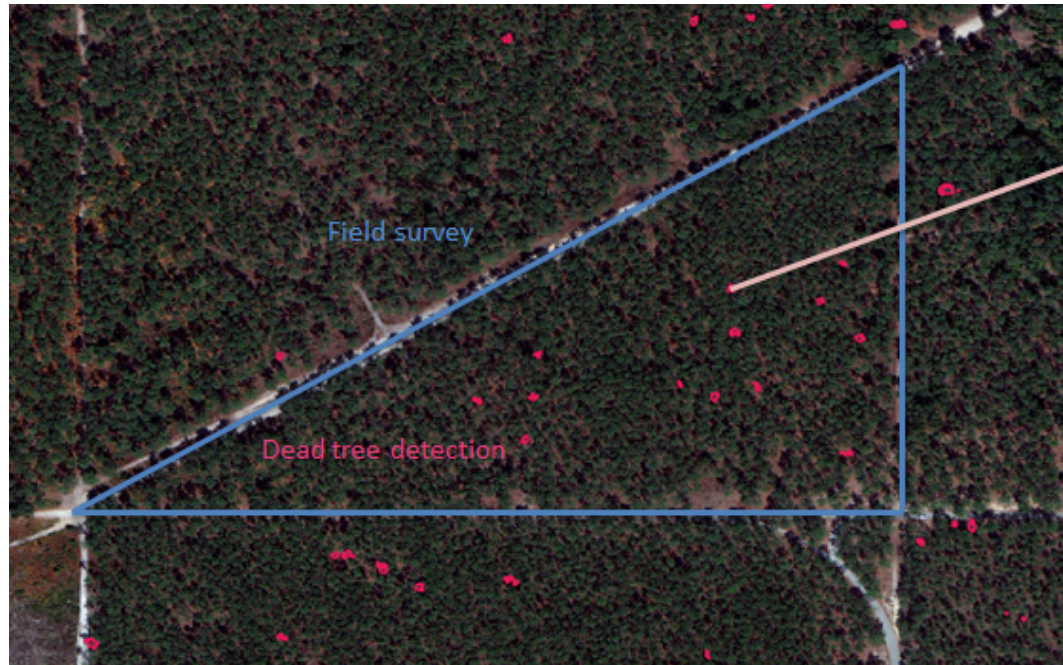


● Dead tree  
● Healthy tree



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Observation	Defoliation	Date of wood sample	PWN presence
canopy partially redish	2	17-nov	Negative
all canopy brown	3	17-nov	Negative
dead with few needles attached	4	17-nov	Positive
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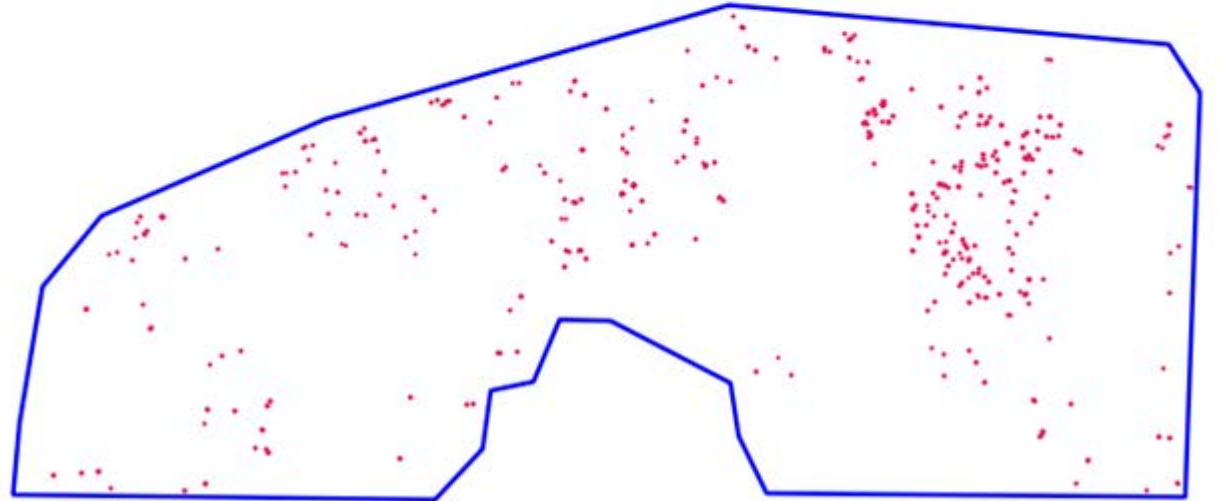
- The 13 dead trees detected on August satellite images were also inventoried in the field in November
- Obviously, no difference were found between dead trees damaged or not by PWN
- No particular spectral signature could be identified for the early detection of PWN symptoms
- No omission and no over detection of isolated dead trees -> promising results



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437 isolated dead trees  
could be further mapped  
at larger scale (ca. 1500ha)



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## 1.2. Use of drone (UAV) images

### Pros

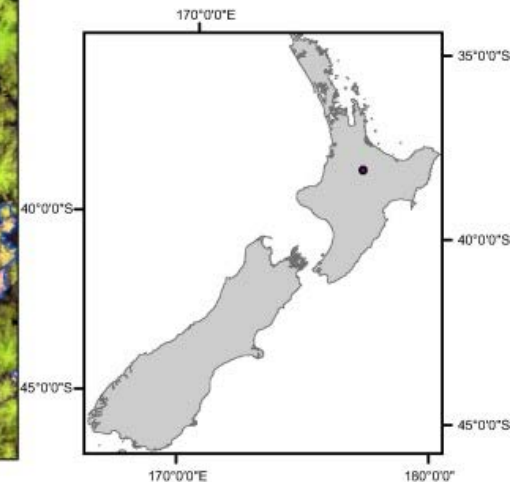
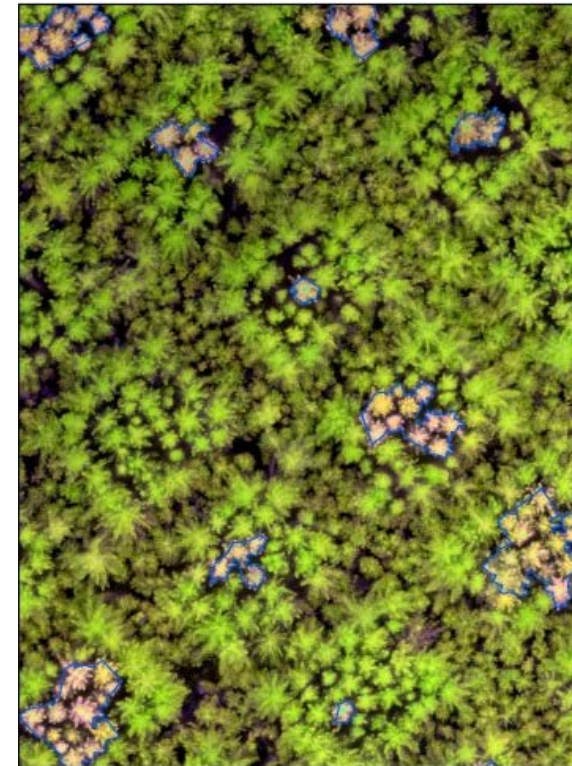
- Accuracy (small pixels)
- Hovering flights
- Embarked multi/hyperspectral cameras

### Cons

- Cover small areas
- Weather conditions
- Experienced pilots

Assessing very high resolution UAV imagery for monitoring forest health during a simulated disease outbreak

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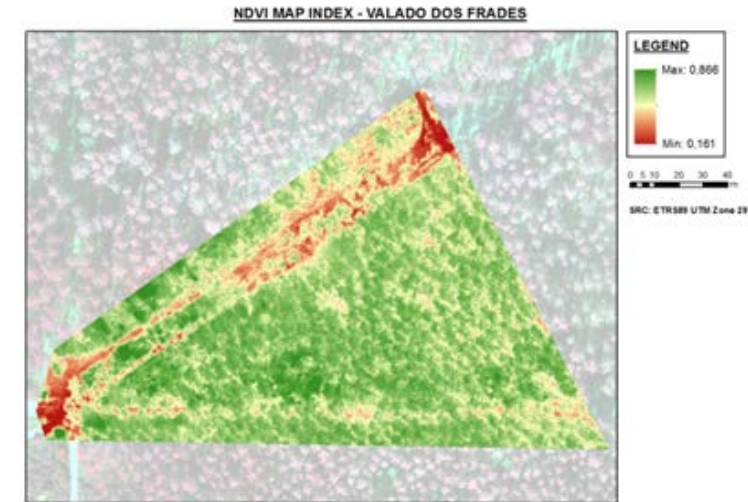
Mata Nacional Vimeiro. Valado dos Frades  
Area: 6 ha *Pinus pinaster*  
Age: 49-67 years, height 25 m

#### Remote sensing (December 2017): TRAGSATEC

Platform: eBee drone  
Multispectral camera red-edge (IR)  
Vegetation index, Individual crown segregation

#### Field survey (December 2017): INIAV

Symptomatic trees  
Presence of PWN (at the lab)





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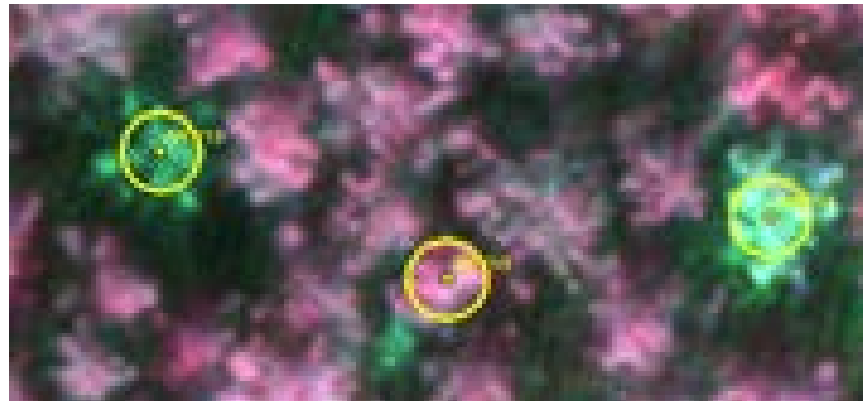
20 trees: 9 asymptomatic  
+ 11 symptomatic (9 PWN infected)  
10 trees to build the model  
10 trees to test the prediction

### Model

cct in chlorophyll\_a as predictor of tree physiological status  
< 1mg/g chloro\_a as threshold for decay  
cct chloro\_a estimated with red edge absorption RE  
Logistic regression: infected vs. not infected =  $f(RE)$

### Model testing:

100% true positive symptomatic  
100% true negative asymptomatic



# 2. Field survey of insect vectors with pheromone traps for early warning detection of PWN establishment

## 2.1. Current strategy

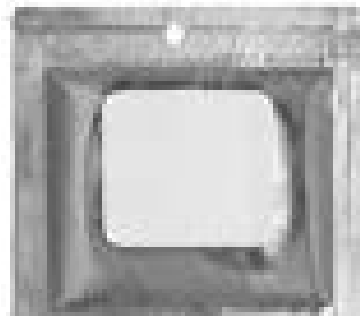
### Standardized pheromone trapping system



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**Galloprotect Pack**  
Use in mass trapping of the pine sawyer  
*Monochamus galloprovincialis*



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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

**Combining pheromone and kairomones for effective trapping of the pine sawyer beetle *Monochamus galloprovincialis***

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**A novel, easy method for estimating pheromone trap attraction range – Application to the pine sawyer beetle, *Monochamus galloprovincialis***

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**Effective attraction radius = 100m**

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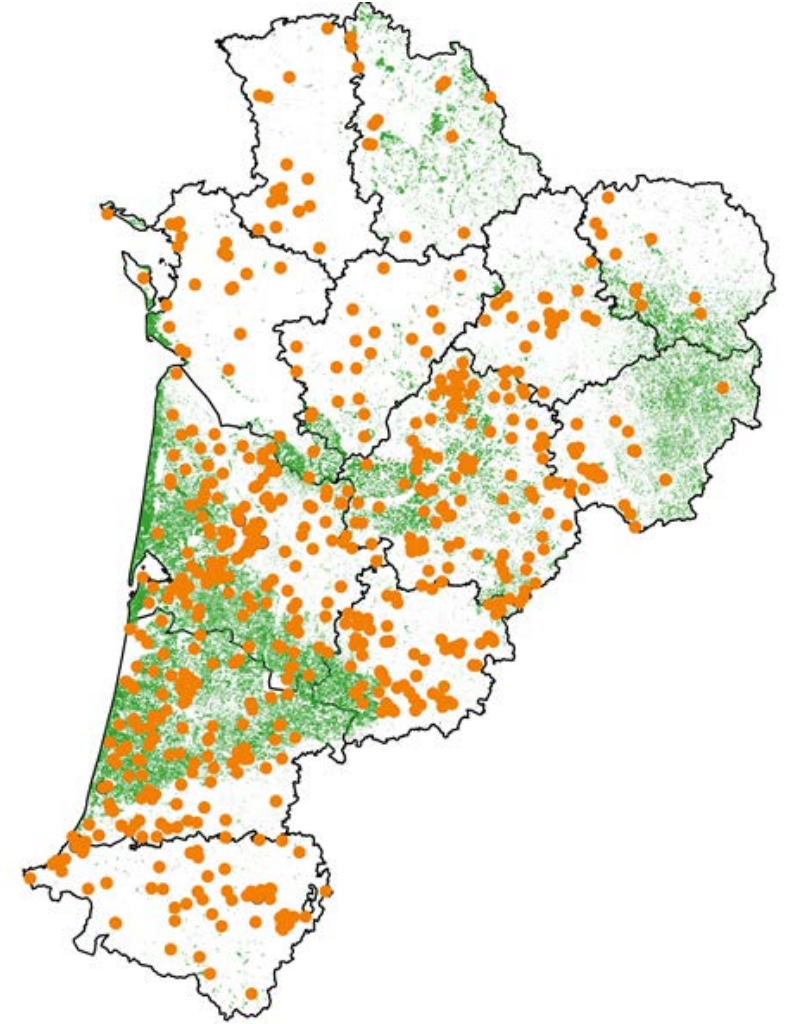
### 2.1. Current strategy

Focus on areas at risk:

Burnt or wind damaged forests

Along main roads, wood truck parks, ports  
wood factories, sawmills, warehouses...

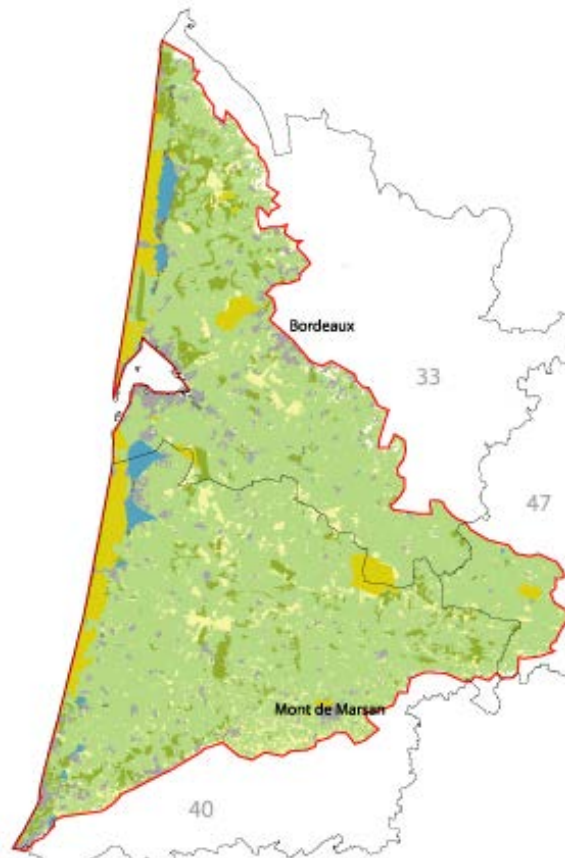
But only 20 traps for Aquitaine, to cover  
1 million ha (1 trap / 50 000 ha,  $r=12\text{km}$ )  
with permutations



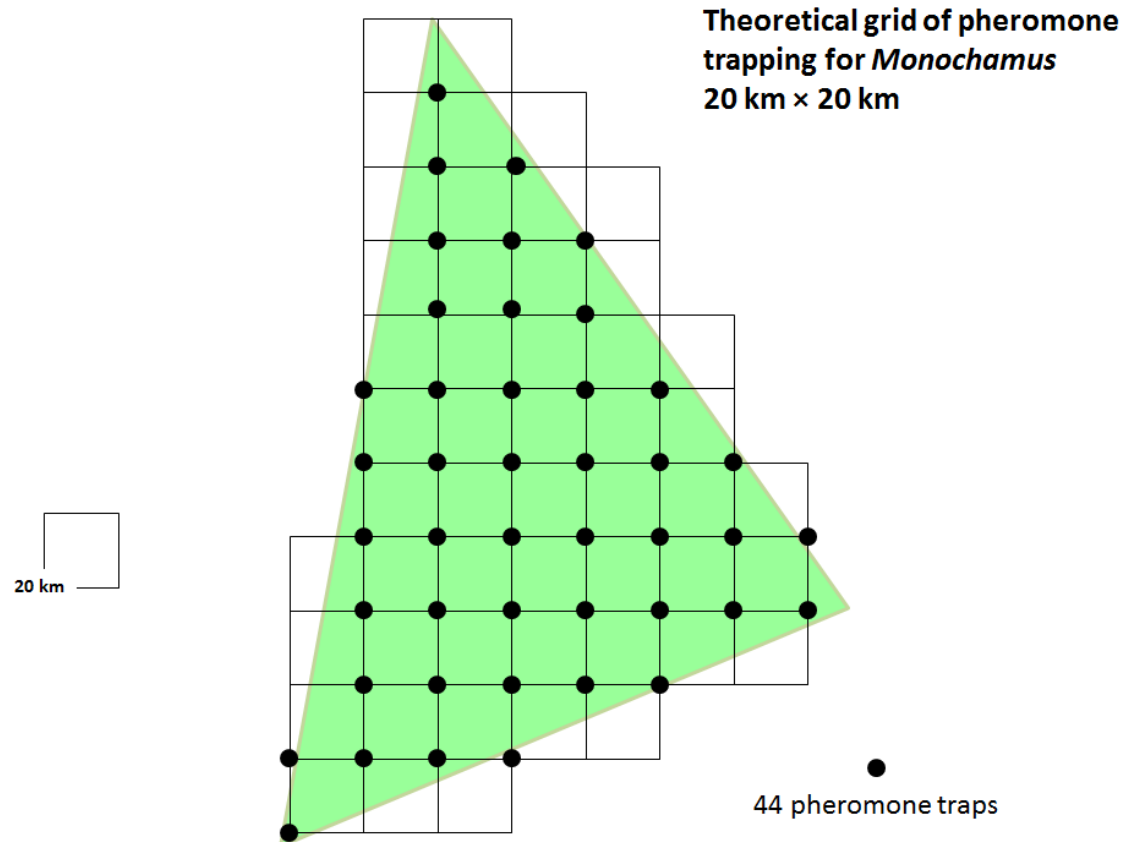


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Aquitaine forest  
200 km NS – 120 km EO

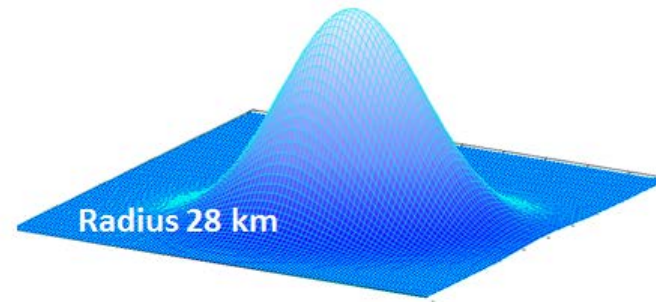
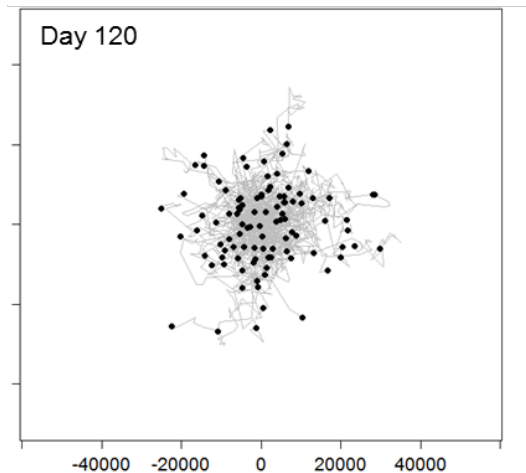


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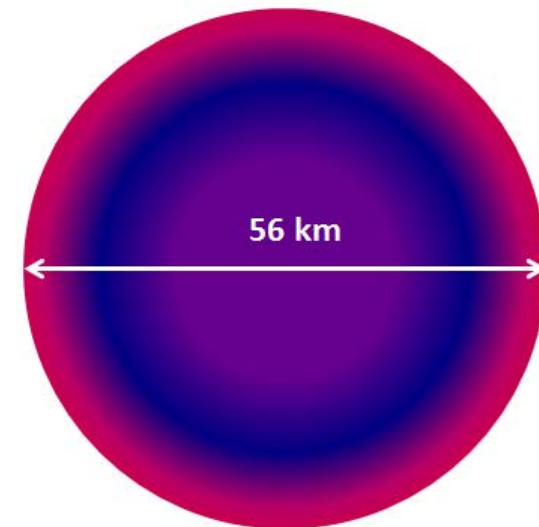
Modelling the distances travelled by insects  
based on flight mill and mark-release-recapture experiments.  
(submitted)

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3D representation of  
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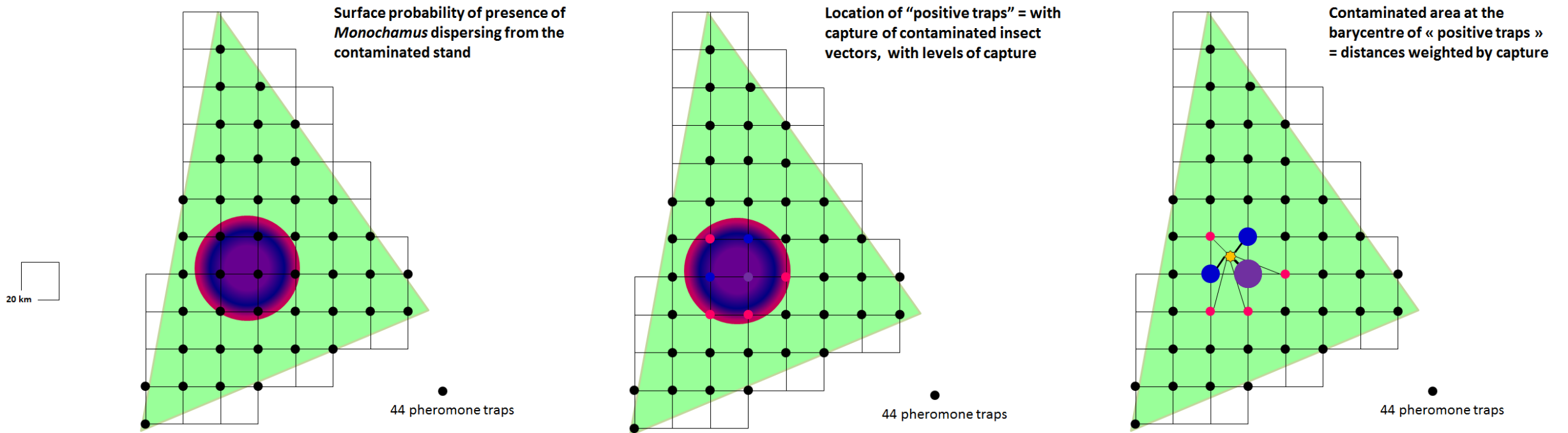
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Mean dispersal distance = 13 km

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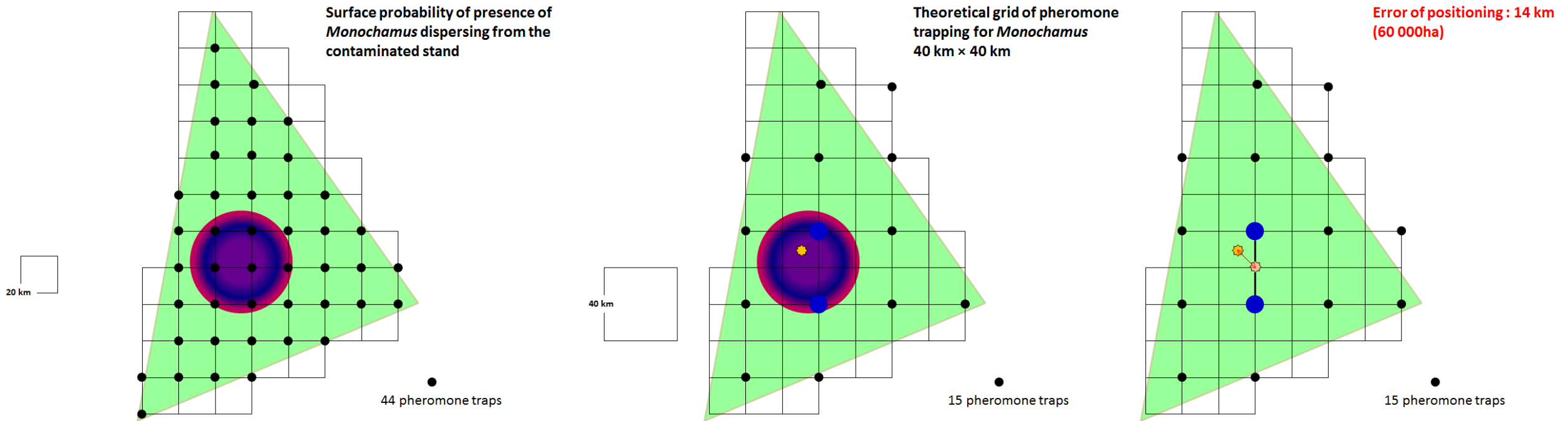
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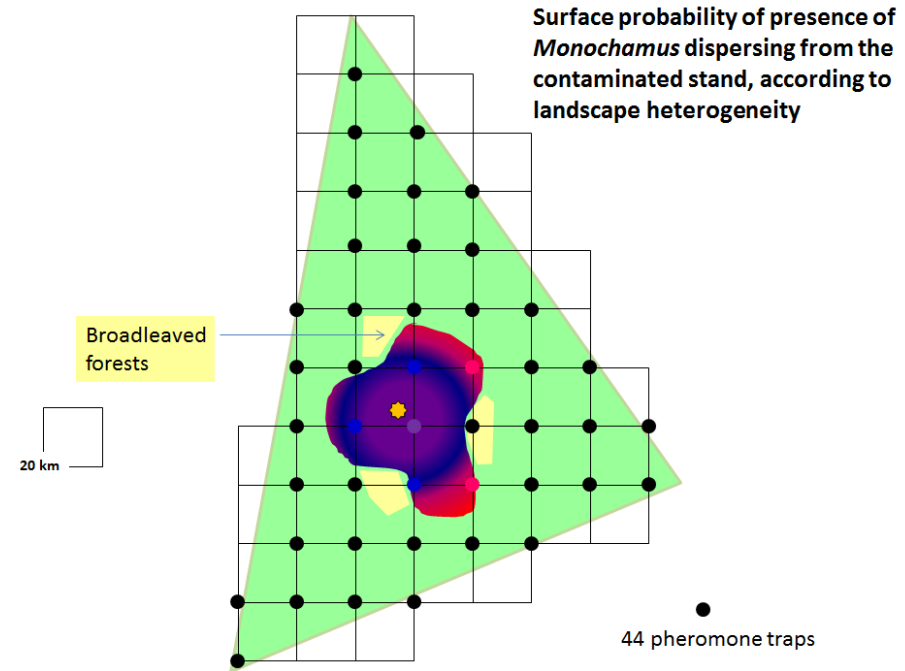
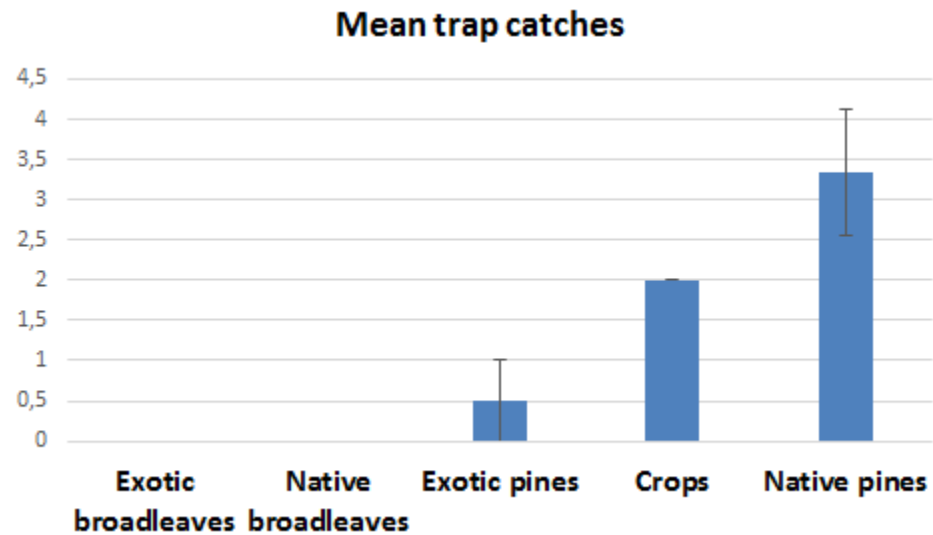
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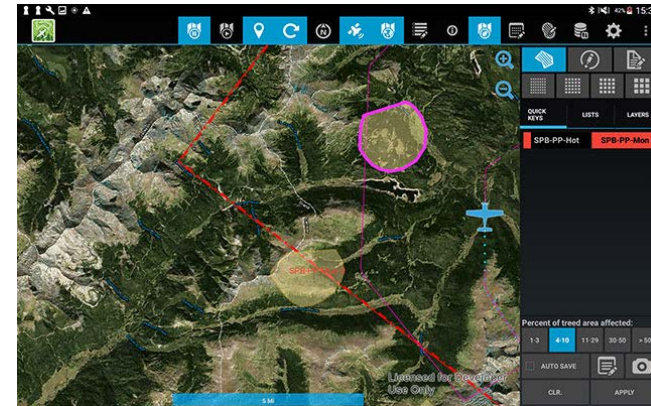


# Next steps in PWN risk management

- Remote sensing of PWN infected trees
  - Confirm the prediction model with drone hyperspectral images
  - Test more accurate satellite images
- Investigate aircraft or helicopter sketch mapping of PWN symptomatic trees



Digital Mobile Sketch Mapping (DMSM)



- Develop automatic image analyses to identify spatiotemporal patterns of PWN induced tree decline

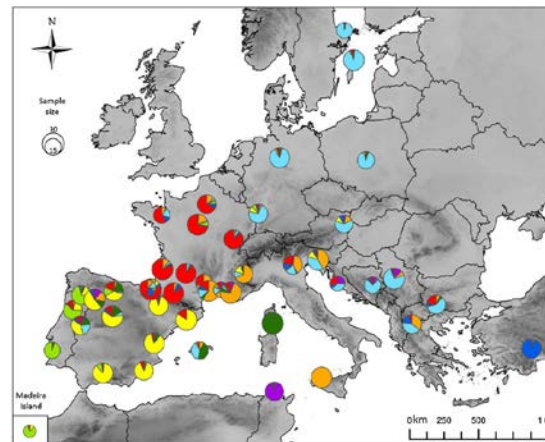


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- **Pheromone trapping of the insect vector**
  - Refine the individual-based dispersal model of *Monochamus*, in realistic landscapes
  - Apply the model to optimize a systematic grid of traps
  - Discuss with tree health managers about implementation of systematic grid of traps (pre vs. post detection in risk areas)
- **Develop DNA bar coding for identifying the geographical origin of trapped beetles**

Phylogeography of *Monochamus galloprovincialis*, the European vector of the pinewood nematode

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