

International Plant Protection Convention

Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service - Project on Biodiversity and Agriculture: addressing scale insect threats in Kenya

IC PROJECT REPORTING TEMPLATE AS PART OF THE STRATEGY AND PROCESS ON HOW THE IC REVIEWS AND ANALYSES ICD PROJECTS

Project Title: Project on Biodiversity and Agriculture: addressing scale insect threats in Kenya

Reporter (name, position): Kenya Plant Health

Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)

Project Code (if applicable):

1. Project Profile	
Recipient Region(s)/ Countries	Kenya
Donor/ Resource Partner	UK Darwin Initiative
Collaboration / Participating Organizations	Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), National Museums of Kenya, Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi Counties, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), CABI, Natural History Museum, London
Project Budget (detailed funds and/or in- kind)	USD 8 000
Project Timing	2018 - 2021

2. Summary of Project (Scope, Relevance to the IPPC, Main outputs, Success and challenges)

Scope

The project objectives were to update the Kenya country scale insect checklist, document scale species endangering major crops and local biodiversity, develop scale insect identification aids, and disseminate information on scale insects to support integrated pest management, habitat protection, and community awareness.

Relevance

This project contributes to the implementation of ISPM 14 (*The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management*) on the use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management.

Main outputs: Information sharing on scale insects Success:

Dissemination of information on scale insects to support integrated pest management, habitat, protection, and community awareness.

Published papers addressing scale insect threats in Kenya.

Challenges:

Limited funds hence limited surveillance was done and inadequate capacity building for farmers and extension officers was done.

Lack of diagnostic experts in Kenya and the region hence samples sent to the UK for confirmatory tests.

3. Project Supporting Materials [e.g. hyperlinks]

Biodiversity and agriculture: addressing scale insect threats in Kenya (2019) https://www.researchgate.net/publication/334045214

New records of scale insects and mealybugs (Hemiptera: Coccomorpha) in Kenya (2021) https://doi.org/10.1111/epp.12786

Ants (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) associated with scale insects (Hemiptera: Coccomorpha) on citrus trees in Coastal and Lower Eastern Counties, Kenya (2021) https://doi.org/10.31248/JASP2020.239

A checklist of the scale insects (Hemiptera: Coccomorpha) of Kenya, with some new combinations (2021) https://doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.5060.4.3

Diversity Of Scale Insects (Hemiptera: Coccomorpha) Attacking Citrus Trees In Machakos, Makueni, Kilifi And Kwale Counties, Kenya (2021) https://doi.org/10.31248/JASP2021.275

Towards the identification of the scale insects (Hemiptera: Coccomorpha) of continental Africa: 1. Identification of the families (2021) https://doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.5052.2.1

- 4. List project technical resources (i.e. guides, training materials, tools) that could be useful and used by other stakeholders
- · Scale Insects & mealybugs Field Identification Guide
- Fact Sheets
- · Best practices for scale insect management
- 5. Provide a list of project experts that could be recommended to other stakeholders and describe why
- Dr. Gillian Watson Scale insect taxonomist expert and trainer
- Dr. Andrew Polaszek Natural enemies expert and trainer
- Dr. Wanja Kinuthia Entomologist; Field sampling of scale insects & other invertebrates; collecting and curating invertebrates; trainer
- 6. List targeted beneficiaries [i.e. regions, countries, RPPOs, NPPOs and other institutions]

County government in Kenya: Kilifi, Kwale, Mombasa

Research institutions: Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), National Museums of Kenya

NPPO: Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)

University of Nairobi

International organization: CABI