

IBMA supports the goal of the SUD of achieving the sustainable use of pesticides by promoting the use of integrated pest management (IPM), but to be effective, there must be mandatory full implementation of IPM. Examples of successful IPM programmes that use biocontrol over thousands of hectares are available at:

www.ibmabiocontrolsucces.org



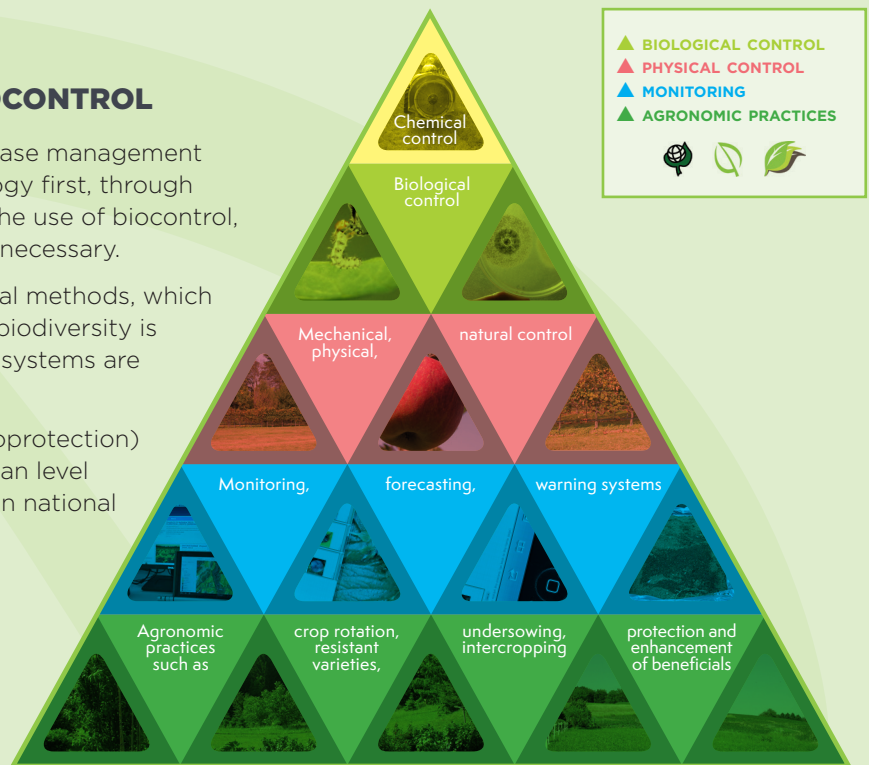
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DEFINE IPM AND BIOCONTROL

IPM means a pest and disease management programme that puts biology first, through agronomic decisions and the use of biocontrol, and uses chemistry only if necessary.

IPM prioritises non-chemical methods, which include biocontrol so that biodiversity is regenerated and cropping systems are made more resilient.

Biocontrol solutions (or bioprotection) must be defined at European level and the definition applied in national legislation.



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SYSTEMATICALLY MONITOR AND MEASURE THE ADOPTION OF IPM

Farmers need tools and need to see progress in availability of non-chemical solutions such as biocontrol. Biocontrol use is a relevant parameter for measurement of IPM adoption.



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SET SPECIFIC AND AMBITIOUS ADOPTION TARGETS

Create positive targets for biocontrol. NAPs need to include a specific relevant target for biocontrol uptake in each MS. IBMA advocates a 75% target for biocontrol at EU level to achieve the agroecological transition.



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PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR PROGRESSING TOWARDS AND REACHING TARGETS

IPM implementation must be incentivised for farmers and progress reported and measured. Advisory services also need incentivising to recommend IPM and biocontrol.



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TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION ABOUT IPM AND BIOCONTROL

Farmers and advisers need training in the implementation of IPM and the use of biocontrol and other non-chemical methods.