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PRESIDENTIAL BRIEF

ntomological Society of Nigeria (ESN) was established in 1965, 59 years ago. It started in Ibadan with 34 founding members. It's major objectives is to promote the Science and Art of Entomology in all it's ramification to express the Society reviews on National issues as they relate Entomology and allied fields and to produce learned publications and other information materials to advance the cause of Entomologists.

The importance of insects to the well being of the nation has been fully enunciated, particularly in Agriculture, Health and the Environment. Insect pests are one of the major constraints to adequate food production in Nigeria. Yield losses due o insect pest infestation on crops ranged from 30 - 100% (Dike 2005). Insects are also incriminated as vectors of human disease such as Malaria, yellow fever, Filariasis, Myasis, Diarrhoea, Dysentry, Tyhoid, Oncocerciass and sleeping sickness. Tse tse fly, ticks and mites are vectors of livestock diseases. Agricultural and Medical Entomologists are working hard over the years to address the problems of insects pests of crop and to improve and safeguard crop yields and improve productivity and health of livestocks.

Members of Entomological Society of Nigeria are engaged in teaching, research work, extension and other activities to solve National Challenges Connected to Insect Fauna and related Pests for National Development.

The Society has published compendium of pesticides used in Nigeria which was officially launched as the most authoritative document regarding to the Pesticides being sold and used in Nigeria.



The Society has set up a three-man committee on the proposed establishment of the Institute of Entomology the committee has submitted its. Preliminary reports, another 5 men committee was let up by the congress to fine tune the reports and make contact with relevant stakeholders and authorities. It will submit its report during the next conference.

The Society holds it's annual conference annually in October. Through these annual conferences, Entomologists communicate their findings to colleagues, interact, network and update their knowledge in Entomology.

Apart from hosting conferences the Society publishes its journal, Nigerian Journal of Entomology (NJE) which is of international repute. The journal was first published in 1974 to replace ESN farmer publication, Bulletin of Entomological Society of Nigeria. The current volume of the journal is vol. 40 No. 1 (January – June) and No. 2 (July – December) 2024. The Society also publishes the ESN Directory of Nigerian Entomologists which be updated in 2025. The current leadership has revived the publication of ESN Newsletter after it was rested for six years. Henceforth the newsletter will only be available only as electronic copy. Branches members and cooperate organization are expected make submissions. I would like to appeal to all members to update their financial status, to pay up the secretariat levy and the annual dues. The branches are integral part of the Society. Members should identify with their branches, attend meetings and contribute to the mentoring of young upcoming Entomologists. Long live the Entomological Society of Nigeria, Long live Nigeria.

< Registered of ESN Members as at 4th October 2024 >

< Entomological Society of Nigeria Updated ESN List of Members >

< Announcement >

The Society has more than 1500 registered members derived from Academia, research, teaching, ministries, parasitatal, seed companies, pesticides companies and farmers etc.

The Society was allocated one hectare of land at University of Abuja for building of its National Secretariat and Insect Musuem. However only partial fencing of the land has been carried out due to the paucity of fund, members were levied for the development of the project, however the response to the payment was below 25% of the registered members.

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MY OWN STORY OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENTOMOLOGY:

WHO IS PROFESSOR GEORGINA SAMUEL MWANSAT alias GSM?..... Passionate about the things I do, committed to excellence and determined to achieve set objectives....

From a background in Biochemistry and Zoology, I'm currently, a Professor of Entomology, having just completed my tenure as Director, Directorate of Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), University of Jos, Plateau state, Nigeria.

My skill set is a combination of academic (research/teaching/community service), administrative and communications expertise, honed over a 33-year period of professionalism and mentorship, working as:

I. Senior Research Officer, National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT) Ibadan Nigeria.

ii. Assistant General Manager at an export oriented commercial farm (Sebore Farms Adamawa state Nigeria).

iii. Lecturer in entomology, Modibo Adama University, Adamawa State.

iv. Lecturer (currently Professor for 13 years), University of Jos, Plateau State.

Topmost among my numerous scientific and professional achievements, I fondly remember:

1. My PhD studies on prolonged laboratory rearing of *Neoseiulus ideaus* (Denmark and Muma) (Acari: Phytoseiidae), one of the five predacious mites (Acarina) used for the biological control of the introduced cassava green mite, *Mononychellus tanajoa* (Bondar) (Acari: Tetracychidae). My candidate species Neoseiulus ideaus from Colombia South America was one of the species selected, imported into Nigeria, mass reared and released in cassava growing areas of Africa. This study was part of an Africa-Wide biological control program of the cassava green mite situated at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Nigeria.

2. I was the Pioneer Director of the A. P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute (APLORI), University of Jos, the only Ornithological Research Institute in Nigeria and the West African region. In the six years as Director (2002 – 2008), I laid a strong academic foundation that helped take the institute to the illustrious height it has attained today. Insects as prey for many bird species are the first nonornithological ecological research to be carried out at the APLORI. These researches produced several scholarly publications eg, Akwashiki et al (2007); Olaniyan and Mwansat (2007) and Mwansat, Dibal and Chaskda (2007), to mention a few.



species had declined in the Park since 2008 and that there was higher abundance and diversity of the species in the reserve than the surrounding unprotected farmlands that suffer intense annual fire episodes. Furthermore, early burning was shown to support diversity of insect and bird species and was suggested and is currently being used as a fire treatment management tool within the Park (Onoja et al, 2014; Da'an et al, 2015).

4. My work with USAID and the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health on control of Malaria vectors using different methods has helped to reduce the burden of malaria in both rural and urban centers in Nassarawa and Plateau states of Nigeria since 2011. Through this platform, most of my later years' mentees (who are currently practicing entomologists) were successfully trained. This is still on going.

5. Our detailed work on the incidence of malaria vectors in Benue state and the Mambilla Plateau, Taraba State produced eight (8) peer reviewed journal articles that are widely cited across continents. (Aju-Ameh et al, 2016; Aju-Ameh et al, 2017a; Aju-Ameh et al, 2017b; Aju-Ameh et al, 2017c; Garba et al, 2017; Garba et al, 2018a; Garba et al, 2018b; Garba, 2020).

The aforementioned work experiences have given me opportunities to provide successful academic mentorship and managerial and administrative leadership to the various Offices and University Senate Committees that I am privileged to be appointed member. And in mentorship, i try my best to be genuinely interested in my mentees. I also strongly believe that regardless of how they may present at the point of starting the relationship, they can be transformed given the requisite support. With this understanding I have not relented in committing my resources to mentoring. These to me are key lessons that in my professional journey so far. OLANIYAN, O. and MWANSAT, G.S. (2007). The abundance and diversity of insect species on the foliage of Ochna afzelli Oliv. (Ochnaceae) and Syzygium guineense Gaertn. (Myrtaceae) in Amurum Forest Jos-East Local Government Area Plateau State, Nigeria. Journal of Tropical Biosciene.7:14-19

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3. My diverse works at APLORI prominently on insects' succession and distribution of Raptors due to fire treatment management tool in Yankari National Park Northeast Nigeria is a significant achievement in species conservation. The study showed that

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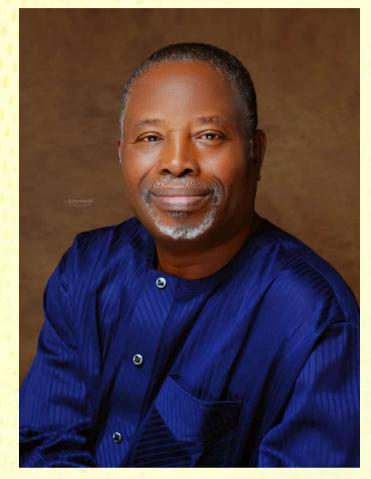
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EXPERIENCES AND SUCCESSES IN APPLYING ENTOMOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES TO REAL WORLD PROBLEMS

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Introduction

Human society has benefited much from the scientific study of insects, or entomology. When used properly and intelligently, entomological principles can help resolve some of the most difficult issues facing the actual world. Early starting, patience, discipline, keenness, a thorough awareness of nature, procedural rigours, not being bias, doing what is right, resilience and adaptability are often the foundations of entomologists' experience and success. These ideas are briefly describe below:

Early Start: Establishing the Foundation

For the record, many entomologists who have achieved successes have been interested in insects since they were little. This is sustained by early exposure to science and environment. Long-term dedication is necessary for entomology, and early starters typically gain a thorough understanding of the physiology and behavior of insects.

Patience: A Crucial Virtue

Insect research frequently necessitates hours of rigorous data gathering and observation. By their very

research period. The discipline imbibe over the years, has bred a thoroughness which ensures a trustworthy results, enabling me to focus more on a future research.

Keenness: The Enthusiasm That Drives Discovery

The passion for being an entomologists have frequently transcends me from the laboratory or classroom. This passion fuels lifelong learning and the pursuit of creative answers to pressing issues. This keenness has gingered in me to foster a good relationship with communities, farmers, and policymakers and work passionately as a member of a multidisciplinary team to carry the gown to town in order to address global issues like food security and sustainable agriculture, by sharing knowledge in several seminars and workshops.

Understanding Nature and Matter: The Basis of Practical Solutions

Understanding of entomology knowledge has also increased my understanding of nature and related matter, thus providing practical solutions to solving storage pest problems. By comprehending the intricacies of insect physiology, I have been able to manage stored product pests using a wide range of biopesticides particularly oil extracts from some edible essential plant products.

Procedural Rigours: The Importance of Methodical Approach

Like any other science, entomology relies on following the right processes to produce accurate results. Whether conducting controlled laboratory tests or correctly identifying species, a procedural approach guarantees that research findings that may be replicated and utilized. Inaccurate conclusions, poorly thought out regulations, or inefficient pest management techniques might result from improper practices.

Not Being Bias: Objectivity in Research

In entomology, success is based on scientific objectivity. As an entomologists, being impartial is a key to ensure an accurate studies be it studying the effects of climate change, controlling pests, or preserving endangered species. Thus, information to be obtained must be truthful, especially when it deviates from accepted wisdom or social norms. This is because biases can hinder scientific advancement and ultimately diminish the efficacy of entomological applications, whether they be in favour of or against particular techniques or technology.

Doing what is right: Ethical Responsibility

In carrying out entomological researches, I have made efforts over the years to ensure that I followed ethical conundrums. For instance in the application of biopesticides that are often used on stored products, ethical responsibility should be taken in to consideration to ensure that human being that will use or eat the products are considered. Hence, in doing this, products that can cause health hazards are avoided. The objectives have always be to "do the right thing" by making sure that research has a sustainable and responsible impact on people and the environment.

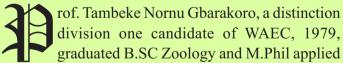
Life of Resilience:

Entomologist often face barrage of problems. These could be unforeseen difficulties in the field, budget reductions, or the unpredictable changes in nature. However, the ability to adjust and keep going in spite of these challenges is essential to forge ahead. To find a workable answer, entomologists must be persistent, learn from mistakes and improve upon methods being developed.

Adaptability to the Environment:

I have learnt to adapt to changes occurring in the field of entomology in the face of climate change. For instance, the rise of exotic species such as Tomato leafminer (*Tuta absoluta*), Fall Armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*), habitat degradation and climate change provide ever-changing issues. Because of these developments, as an entomologists there is need to be ready to adjust research techniques and technology. Adaptability aids in both understanding evolving trends and creating effective intervention plans.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTION TO ENTOMOLOGY – PROFESSOR TAMBEKE NORNU GBARAKORO (JP) (Environmental Entomology)



Professor T.N. Gbarakoro research interest span from the use of soil microarthropods (insects and mites) in detecting, monitoring and researching changes in the ecosystem caused by disturbances such as pollution, e.t.c. to the response of it's biodiversity, species richness and relative abundance to the ecosystem changes. The scope of his research has extended to the impact of the disturbances on the functional diversity of soil fauna, particularly soil microarthropods and it's impact on the ecosystem services, and overall performance of the ecosystem. He has further proffer solutions through research on the remedies to be adopted in ecosystem that have reduced soil fauna biodiversity, and ecosystem services. In this development, he has been recently working on the conservation of beneficial soil microarthropods using formulated organics and it's application in hydrocarbon - stressed soil ecosystem. He has also conducted studies on the impact of artisanal refinery activities on some fresh water bodies in the Niger Delta region, Nigeria.

nature, insects have different timetables than human beings. As an illustration, pollinator studies can require waiting days or weeks to witness particular activities, such as mating or feeding. From experience, this perseverance is frequently well worth it and a virtue to cultivate as entomologist. This virtue has helped me when counting the number of eggs laid by the cowpea seed bruchids on infested cowpea seed.

Discipline: The Backbone of Success

The careful application of scientific methodologies and the capacity for long-term research projects are characteristics of being an entomologist. Discipline is a virtue that cannot be over emphasized in being an entomologist. Over the years, I have trained myself to be disciplined to be able to achieve some rigorous methodologies in achieving the end of long waiting Entomology from Rivers State University of Science and Technology (new Rivers State University), Port Harcourt in 1985 and 1995, respectively. He had a PhD in Environmental Entomology and pest management (2010) and appointed professor (2023) by the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. He is a co author of a book titled Insecta and other Higher Invertebrates and has published over 42 scientific articles and 6 book chapter in reputable local and international journals. He has been in the employment of University of Port Harcourt since 2007 as assistant lecturer, rose through the ranks to professorial cadre, and has supervised numerous undergraduate and postgraduate student's projects. He is happily married with a wife and blessed with three loving children. He is presently the vice president of ESN.



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Contributions to Entomology

His work is a pioneer one that revealed some 1. mites as indicators of ecosystem health in hydrocarbon polluted environment. He showed that some mite species that belong to Cryptostigmata and Mesostigmata did not recolonize the polluted habitat, approximately 8yrs post – pollution.

He suggested that some mites can be used as bioindicators in the monitoring and assessment of changes in terrestrial ecosystems in the oil pollution - prone Niger Delta.

- His pioneer work showed that oil pollution 2. adversely affected species diversity and significantly reduced abundance and density. Some mite species were tolerant to oil pollution, while a substantial number were very sensitive and were absent in the polluted habitats.
- He has identified soil microarthropod 3. indicators of Hydrocarbon pollution in the Niger Delta region, Nigeria.
- He has conducted biodiversity Audit of soil 4. fauna, and its application in the assessment of changes in the ecosystem.
- Reported on soil fauna functional diversity of 5. soil ecosystem and functional status of soil impacted by hydrocarbon pollution.
- He has assessed and reported the ecosystem 6. services of soil ecosystem impacted by hydrocarbon pollution, using biodiversity of soil microarthropods.
- 7. He has made contribution in the area of using formulated organics to boost soil species richness and abundance of such soil microarthropods to facilitate ecosystem services. The formulated organics have been utilized in the remediation of hydrocarbon contaminated ecosystem, conservation/boosting of fauna biodiversity and improvement of their ecosystem dependent services. He has shown through research that soil microarthropods are ecosystem stabilizers.

Finally, Prof. Gbarakoro has used data obtained from species richness, abundance and functional diversity of fauna organisms, particularly, soil microarthropods with statistical analysis to determine soil quality of ecosystems, and its dependable ecosystem services.

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pecies occurrence records on databases have become important tools in assessing biodiversity. However, the exciting research opportunities presented by GBIF (www.gbif.org) may have resulted in biased occurrence records, which can impact our ecological research, biodiversity assessment, and global conservation efforts. Because the deterministic and idiosyncratic response of species to anthropogenic global climate change affects their distribution patterns, we can expect species to colonize and recolonize new and different environments. Given that the rates at which species are colonizing, being extirpated, and recolonizing may vary across different ecoregions, biodiversity assessments quantifying the level of biases in species occurrence records on global databases, such as GBIF, are needed to facilitate evidence-based application of these research outputs to maximize species conservation.

GBIF (www.gbif.org), one of the biggest international network and infrastructure databases funded by different governments in the world, is an open-access database about all types of life on Earth, freely available to anyone and anywhere to support scientific and environmental research to inform evidence-based decision-making on biodiversity conversation. This is because insect species are suggested to be declining globally. Since occurrence records of organisms (e.g., fungi, plants, insects, fishes, birds, and mammals) on databases, such as GBIF and other digital platforms have emerged as important tools in future conservation planning, entomologists have begun to increasingly use the occurrence data on these databases to understand processes governing biotic and abiotic interactions. However, the uniqueness of these databases as biological collection hubs for important biodiversity research has not overcome the challenges of possible bias of species occurrence records.



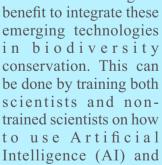
continental insect biodiversity records are skewed (Fig. 1). For instance, GBIF has significant occurrence records of vector insect species globally, but Africa's occurrence records of vector insect species are poor, even with recent studies suggesting rising speciation and populations of vector-borne insect species influenced by multifarious environments. Thus, our knowledge of the insect species occurrence of continents with few biodiversity records might be limited. Given that our understanding of insect species occurrence records is not uniform within and among continents, the question of whether environmental perturbation is uniformly exacerbating insect species loss might be far from conclusive. This is because the influence of these environmental changes on insect biodiversity on the global, regional, and local scales varies differently. Globally, insect species populations are mostly impacted by increasing urbanization and global climate change or local habitat degradation. Additionally, within regional and/or local scales, insect species might be experiencing rises in abundance while others decline with increasing environmental changes. Thus, if we must support GBIF for global evidence-based conservation, there is a need for all to support a long-term, extensive, and systematic insect monitoring program to aggressively contribute to species occurrence records on GBIF. We caution that to achieve maximum output, this will likely involve taking different approaches based on the all-inclusiveness of diverse people, and habitat types, and balancing the needs of different species (Diamond et al., 2023). This can be achieved through interdisciplinary collaboration and data sharing by diverse groups across continents while improving and encouraging the use of social media in continents with few biodiversity records on GBIF.

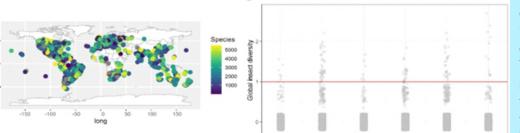
Although GBIF records are gaining wide recognition,

with more people across the world using and

contributing data to this repository, it is clear that the

Given that social media has emerged as a vital contribution in adding species occurrence records on global biodiversity repositories to inform conservation planning. Further, emerging technologies might be increasingly being employed in biodiversity conservation citizen science projects across different parts of the world. It would be of great





He has also shown that some species perform compensatory services in the absence of organisms that render such services due to disturbances. Soil microarthropods that play such services has been identified in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

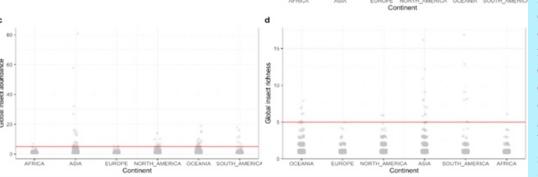


Fig 1. Global insect biodiversity using GBIF species occurrence records.

a) Insect species diversity across continents, b) Total number of insect species occurrence, as available on the GBIF database on 1st October 2023, c) change in insect species abundance across continents, and d) change in insect species richness

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other emerging ecological modelling methods to develop digital methods that will drive conservation efforts. Because adequate knowledge to both scientists and nonscientists on the approaches to improve citizen science in

biodiversity conservation can support large-scale, long-term monitoring of species occurrences, behaviour and interactions. Considering that technologies can foster participant engagement, regardless of pre-existing taxonomic expertise or experience, and permit new types of data to be collected.







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8[™] November, 2024

The National Secretary Entomological Society of Nigeria (ESN) National Headquarters, Abuja (FCT) University of Abuja

Dear Sir,

KANO BRANCH REPORT 2024 PRESENTED TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR- NOVEMBER, 2024

- 1. Number of meetings: The ESN Kano branch had not met but frequently in touch via the branch's WhatsApp platform. The branch is always searching of new members from the newly established Universities and institutions within the branch.
- 2. Major presentation: The branch in collaboration with Women Farmers Advancement of Nigeria (WOFAN) is participating in a radio program to sensitize farmers on Integrated Pests Management (IPM).
- 3. Trips/Excursion: No trip/excursion made during the period of report.
- 4. Branch Finances/Revenue drive: At the moment, members are being encouraged to pay monthly dues and register with the national body of the ESN.
- 5. New members/Membership drive: At the moment, there is one member that registers with the National body from the branch. Moreover, the branch is always searching for new membership drive from other newly established Universities and institutions.

6. Staff Promotions/Appointment:

- Professor A. U. Yusuf has been conferred with Fellow of the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection (NSPP) and was elected the National
 President of the society, BUK 2023
- ii) Dr. B. S. Wudil (Branch chairperson) was also elected as zonal coordinator of the Northwest zone of the society. These were all at the annual conference of the society hosted by the Bayero University, Kano **BUK 2023**
- iii) Dr. Baba Sani Wudil of Bayero University was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Agricultural Entomology, effective October, 2022.
- iv) Dr. N. B. Sanda of the Department of Crop Protection, BUK and Dr. Audi Auwal Hassan were promoted to the ranks of Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor of Agricultural Entomology respectively, effective October, 2024.
- v) Dr. Shehu Abduljalal Dattijo has been appointment as Director, Alumni & Advancement Directorate and member, Academic Board of Audu Bako College of Agriculture (ABCOAD), Dambatta Kano State
- vi) Musa Garba has been appointed the Director Renewable Energy & Climate Change of the Audu Bako College of Agriculture,

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Dambatta Kano State. He was also elected Secretary General of the Academic Union of Polytechnics (ASUP) Audu Bako College of Agriculture (ABCOAD), Dambatta Chapter, Kano State

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EFFECTS OF CASTOR LEAF POWDER IN MANAGING TRIBOLIUM CASTANEUM POPULATION

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Abstract

This study evaluated the efficacy of castor leaf powder (*Ricinus communis*) as a natural insecticide for controlling the population of Tribolium castaneum, a significant pest affecting stored maize grains. The experiment, conducted under controlled laboratory conditions, assessed insect mortality, repellence, grain damage, and weight loss over a 14day period. Results showed a significant increase in insect mortality and repellence with higher concentrations of castor leaf powder. Grain damage was reduced from 90% in the control to just 5% at the highest concentration (15g), while weight loss decreased from 30% to 2%. The findings suggest that castor leaf powder is a viable eco-friendly alternative to synthetic insecticides for pest management in stored maize.

Keywords

Castor leaf, *Tribolium castaneum*, insect mortality, repellence, post-harvest losses.

1. Introduction

Maize (*Zea mays*) is essential for food security, but post-harvest losses due to pests like *T. castaneum* pose a significant challenge. Traditional pest management relies heavily on synthetic insecticides, which are associated with environmental pollution and health risks. This study investigates the potential of *Ricinus communis* leaf powder as an eco-friendly, natural alternative to synthetic insecticides for managing *T. castaneum* in stored maize.

2. Materials and Methods

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Table 1: Insect Mortality (%) at Different Concentrations of Castor Leaf Powder

Day	Control (%)	5g (%)	10g (%)	15g (%)	
1	0%	10%	20%	30%	
2	0%	25%	40%	50%	
4	0%	40%	60%	75%	
6	5%	60%	80%	90%	
10	10%	75%	90%	95%	

 Table 2: Repellence Rate (%) of Red-rust Flour Beetle (T. castaneum) to the Applied Castor

Leaf Powder

Concentration	Repellence (%)
Control	5%
5g	45%
10g	65%
15g	85%

Table 3: Grain Damage and Weight Loss

	Control (%)	5g (%)	10g (%)	15g (%)
Parameter				
Grain Damage	90%	40%	20%	5%
Weight Loss	30%	15%	8%	2%

3. Results and Discussion

The results demonstrate the significant effect of castor leaf powder in reducing *T. castaneum* populations and mitigating post-harvest losses. Mortality rates increased with higher concentrations of the powder, reaching 95% at the highest dose. Similarly, repellence increased, with 85% repellence observed at the highest concentration. Grain damage and weight loss were significantly

5. Conclusion

Castor leaf powder is a highly effective natural insecticide for controlling *T. castaneum* in stored maize. The significant reductions in insect infestation, grain damage, and weight loss suggest that castor leaf powder is a viable eco-friendly alternative to synthetic insecticides. The findings support the use of higher concentrations (e.g., 15g per 100g of grains) for optimal results, making castor leaf powder a promising tool for sustainable pest management.

6. Recommendations

- Castor leaf powder should be integrated into existing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies.
- Further research should investigate the combined use of castor leaf powder with other natural insecticides for improved efficacy.
- Awareness campaigns should be organized to promote the benefits of using castor leaf powder as an eco-friendly pest control alternative.

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The experiment was conducted at the Entomology Laboratory of Pest Management Technology, Samaru College of Agriculture, ABU Zaria. Castor leaves were collected, air-dried, and ground into powder, which was applied at concentrations of 5g, 10g, and 15g per 100g of maize grains. The insect population was sourced from established cultures. The study used a Completely Randomized Design (CRD) with three treatments and a control, each replicated three times. Key parameters such as insect mortality, repellence, grain damage, and weight loss were measured.

reduced, confirming the powder's effectiveness as a natural insecticide.

4. Discussion

The findings highlight the promising insecticidal properties of *Ricinus communis* leaf powder. Higher concentrations of the powder effectively increased mortality and repellence while reducing grain damage and weight loss. These results align with previous studies on botanical insecticides (Isman, 2020), which show that plant-derived compounds can serve as sustainable alternatives to chemical pesticides. Castor leaf powder is particularly beneficial for smallholder farmers due to its accessibility and low cost. Moreover, its natural composition reduces the environmental and health risks associated with synthetic insecticides (Santos et al., 2020).

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SLUM GUM: AN APICULTURAL BY-PRODUCT WITH HIDDEN POTENTIAL

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Background

Slum gum, a by-product after rendering of bee comb to bee wax, has been considered as an apicultural waste and is thrown away after wax production. It becomes a breeding site for several apicultural pests and such pests consequently attack healthy bee colony, resulting in either colony absconding or reduced honey yield. With an array of pests that attack bee colonies (Oyerinde & Ande, 2009; Babarinde et al., 2015; Peña-Chora et al., 2023; Parejo et al. 2024), any approach to reduce an upsurge of pest threshold is highly pertinent. Through our research at Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, two main uses of slum gum have been identified viz: usage as a bait to attract bee colony into hives (Babarinde et al., 2015) and its incorporation into animal feed (Babarinde et al., 2011; Ojebiyi et al., 2013); which presents slum gum as a partial bailout from the everincreasing costs of animal feed. Therefore, we have been able to apply entomological practice to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 2: End hunger, increase food security.

Production of Slum gum

Wax rendering was done as described by Segeren (1997) with slight modifications. After extraction of honey from the comb, the desired quantity of comb should be washed in clean water and loaded in a clean cheese cloth. The content should then be placed in sizeable pot on stone pebbles in the pot to prevent the comb from touching the bottom of the pot. Adequate volume of water should be added and the content should be heated till the comb melts around 80-100°C. The water and wax should then be decanted and sieved to separate the two contents. The left over is the slumgum (Babarinde *et al.*, 2011). The average yield of slum gum after wax rendering was approximately 35% of the comb and the proximate composition is presented in Table 1.

Table I: Proximate composition of honey bee Slum

Parameter	%
% Dry matter	90.4
Crude protein	9.37
Crude fibre	0.45
Ether extract	54.9
Ash	1.75
Nitrogen fe extract	23.8

Source: Babarinedeal.(2011)

Potential of Slum gum

that broiler chicks can tolerate up to 100% MHBSM (11.2% HBSM) in the first two weeks and up to 50% MHBSM (5.2% HBSM) up to the finishing phase (Babarinde *et al.*, 2011)

(b) Slumgum used as rabbit feed ingredient

Another feeding trial was conducted to investigate the nutritional potential of HBSM on the performance characteristics of growing rabbit. Diet 1 had 0% inclusion of HBSM while 25 and 50% maize in diets 2 and 3 were replaced by HBSM, respectively. Rabbits received feed and water ad libitum during the 12-week experiment. The values obtained for final weight, carcass weight, abdominal fat, kidney, liver and lungs were significantly (p<0.05) affected by dietary treatment. HBSM can be used as an alternative for substituting maize in growing rabbits diets up of 25% beyond which depression in performance was observed (Ojebiyi *et al.*, 2013).

(c) Slumgum used as honey bee colony attractant In another experiment, we evaluated four apicultural products (honey, bee wax, slum gum and propolis) for their potential to attract the African honey bee (Apis mellifera adansonii) colony into artificial hives and their effect on infestation by apicultural insect pests. Slum gum-baited hives were the first to be colonized (10 days post hive installation) (DPI), followed by bee wax (26.5 DPI). Bee wax however had the highest percentage hive colonization (66.67%) which was not significantly (p>0.05) different from 33.33% observed in other apicultural products. In terms of total harvest, the performance of the different baiting materials was as follows: slum gum>bee wax>honey>propolis. Two ant species (Oecophylla longinuda and Camponotus consobrinus) were encountered at the pre-colonization stage in the hives baited with slum gum (Babarinde et al., 2015).

Observed challenges in slum gum research

On the use of slum gum as feed compliments, mixing the by-product with other feed ingredients is a major challenge. The by-product does not dry after days of sundrying and milling it with other ingredients during feed formulation is a major bottleneck. Also, we noticed that mould developed in few lots of slum gum piled up for use at latter time.

Conclusion

Our future research will focus on the exploration of new potential of slum gum as feed supplements. We also intend to explore effective means of conservation of slum gum to exclude mould development and achieve sustainability. The potential of slum gum seems to receive reduced attention in the apicultural value chain due to lack of information and the bottlenecks of its usage. There is the need for concerted efforts to eliminate the challenges and promote its potential in the agri-food industry.

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(a) Slumgum used as broiler feed ingredient Honey bee slum gum meal (HBSM) was evaluated for maize replacement in broiler diets. HBSM was mixed with Maize in a ratio 1:4 and milled to obtain maize honey bee slum gum meal (MHBSM). Five diets were formulated where 0, 25, 50, 75 and 100% of maize was replaced by MHBSM in broiler starter and finisher diets. Data were collected on feed intake, weight gain, feed conversion efficiency, carcass characteristics and organ weight. Results showed that diet has no effect on the feed intake, weight gain and feed efficiency in the first two weeks. Between week 3 and 8, birds fed 0%, 25% and 50% MHBSM were comparable in terms of feed intake, weight gain and feed efficiency, while those fed 75% and 100% MHBSM showed significant (p<0.05) depression with respect to the same parameters. It was concluded

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INSECTS: UNLIKELY ADVERSARIES WITH HIDDEN RESERVOIRS OF POWER

Why is it that most people today view insects as pests? Could it be due to a lack of awareness about their nutritional value, pollination power, cultural significance, and other beneficial factor?

Insects: Unlikely adversaries with hidden reservoirs of power

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Insects play a crucial role as both primary and secondary decomposers. Without them to help break down and dispose of waste, dead animals and plants would accumulate in our environment, and someday, it would lead to a source of pollution. Insects are crucial components of many ecosystems, where they perform many significant functions. They aerate the soil, pollinate flowering plants to blossom and control insect and plant pests. Many insects, especially beetles, are scavengers, who feed on dead animals and fallen trees, thereby recycling nutrients into the soil. Insects are underappreciated for their role in the food web. They are the sole food source for many amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. No doubt, life would become dull without the presence of butterflies or lighting beetles to add interest to our landscape. Humans benefit in so many ways by sharing their world with insects. There is an instruction from the Holy Bible in the book of Proverbs 6: 6-8(NIV). "6Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise. 7It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, 8yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest." In spite of this instruction, most people still perceive insects as agents of destruction which must be controlled or eradicated. We must always remember that the good done by the many beneficial insects far outweighs any bad caused by the few pest species. Insects are major players in the food chain of a wide variety of animal species, such as spiders, lizards, and birds (Forister et al., 2019). They are invaluable as pollinators and they are also very important in the recycling of nutrients. To humans, they are economically helpful in producing silk, honey, shellac, and pollinating crops. However, insects, due to the diversity of their mouthparts, have survived and fed on varieties of crops and human resources or a seemingly endless array of foods (Labandeira, 1997). Many insects are omnivorous (they can eat a variety of foods, including plants, fungi, dead animals, decaying organic matter, and nearly anything they encounter in their environment). For this reason, insects are regarded as pests (which destroy many household properties), affect both cultivated and uncultivated plants and are perceived to constitute an environmental nuisance. There is a Yoruba Proverb that says, 'Kòkòrò tó ń je èfó ìdí èfó níí gbé' (the ant/bug that eats and destroys the vegetable is beneath the vegetable). Typical examples of such insect pests are grasshoppers, crickets, cockroaches, termites, lice, stink bugs, aphids, beetles, caterpillars and flies. While others are selective in their diets, which means they may rely only on particular plants or even specific parts of a particular plant to survive. A Yoruba Proverb says, 'Kokoro t'on jefo Jare efo, iwonba ni eweko n dara mo' (one should not blame the insect for making itself a pest to plants/vegetables because even it also has eyes for beauty). Many insects are predatory or parasitic, either on plants or on other insects or animals, including humans. Such insects are important to help keep the pest population at a tolerable level. Predatory and parasitic insects are very valuable when they attack other animals or plants that we consider to be pests. As a result of the perceived nuisance and destruction caused by insect pests, people have, over the years, shown negative attitudes toward insects and have attempted to eliminate them from society (Schoelitsz, et al., 2019). They do this by spending enormous amounts of money on insect pest management programs. For instance, approximately 34 million kg of broad-spectrum insecticides are manufactured and sold annually for household use. In addition, annual revenues from insecticide sales to house owners in 2004 were noted to exceed 450 million US Dollars, and this value is expected to double by 2030. Little do they know that, out of approximately 15 million described insect species, at most only 1,000 can be considered true pests, and fewer than 10,000 are occasional pests. (Stork, 2018). Crop damage and insect-borne diseases such as malaria have led to much effort in the control of insects. However, control measures must be

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carefully evaluated, as many can backfire, destroying helpful insects as well, and negatively impacting animals that consume insects. Although more attention has been focused on the control or eradication of insect pests, little has been said about the opportunities or benefits that insects can offer. I wonder who remembers one of those primary school songs, we loved to sing-'Yi ese re si apa kan—Mase pa kokoro ni. Kokoro ti *iwo ko le da, Olorun lo da'*. People need to understand that insects have several uses, including cultural, medicinal, and symbolic. The practical uses of insects in science and technology, textiles, warfare, and food cannot be overemphasized. However, the use of insects as food has not been fully explored, considering the problem of high food shortage and the expensive status of quality food in most developing countries, including Nigeria. It is pertinent to point out that combined world feed productions were estimated at 870 million tonnes as of 2011, with revenue from global commercial feed manufacturing generating approximately US\$ 350 billion globally. A report from the FAO estimates that production will need to increase by 70% to be able to feed the world in 2050 with a concomitant doubling effect on meat (pork, beef), egg and fish output (IFIF, 2012). Nutrition is the provision of cells and organisms, of the materials necessary (in the form of food) to support life. The diet of an organism is what it eats, which is largely determined by the perceived palatability of food. Acute shortage of animal protein has been reported by Shlio et al. (2005) to be the major challenge of most developing countries and this consequently leads to unbalanced diet and malnutrition (Owagboriaye, et al., 2015). According to the UN's Standing Committee on Nutrition, the largest single contributor to disease is malnutrition. The World Health Organisation (WHO, 1999) affirmed that the health situation in Africa, including Nigeria is characterized by a high rate of malnutrition, especially protein deficiency. Grover & Ee (2009) earlier affirmed that protein-energy malnutrition is affecting over 100 million people in Africa, with an additional 200 million people at risk. In emergencies, disease can often contribute to or be a direct result of malnutrition. From a clinical point of view, malnutrition is characterized by inadequate or



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excess protein, energy and micronutrients such as vitamins. This definition also includes the frequent infections and disorders that are the result of an inadequate balanced diet (Awuchi, 2020). Getting a balanced diet is quite expensive in developing countries such as Nigeria, and the abundance of low-cost sources of carbohydrates in the country has made such food types accessible and affordable for the masses, especially people experiencing poverty who cannot afford expensive foods containing protein. It is common knowledge that protein is a vital and important nutrient used in maintaining and repairing tissues for organisms to enable proper growth and development. However, the high cost of animal protein prompted the urgent need among the scientific community to research the development of alternative supplements or replacements for animal protein. We have, therefore, proposed insects as a good alternative.

The earliest mention of insect consumption was found in the Holy Bible. God, while giving rules on what may be eaten by the Israelites, said, 'Yet among the winged insects that go on all fours you may eat those that have jointed legs above their feet, with which to hop on the ground. Of them you may eat: the locust of any kind, the bald locust of any kind, the cricket of any kind, and the grasshopper of any kind' (Leviticus 11:21 & 22; English Standard Version - ESV). Similarly, the Bible affirmed that man could survive by feeding on insects and their products alone. This was evident in the life of John the Baptist, who was a great prophet as described in Matthew 3:4 (ESV), which says, 'Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.' Similarly, McGrew (2014) showed that archaeological evidence and analysis of fossilized faeces proved that humanity has evolved into an insect-eating species. Chakravorty et. al. (2016) reported that insects are high in proteins ranging between 60%-70%, energygiving nutrients, and various vitamins and minerals. Also, Selaledi et. al. (2021) opined that insects can form 5-10% of annual animal protein consumed by certain indigenous

people. Meena, & Meena (2021) reported that most species of Orthoptera, like grasshoppers, form part of the diet of some ethnic groups on all continents. The consumption of grasshoppers by the people of Ikare, Owo and Oka in Ondo state, Nigeria, was reported by Ademolu et. al. (2015) as a means of controlling its damaging effects. Most edible insects are cheap and available and can provide a good source of protein and minerals needed to complement cereal-based foods consumed in developing countries. Gorbunova & Zakharov, (2021) revealed that the level of proteins in insect species is generally higher than those of traditional sources of protein such as meat, dairy products and some seeds.

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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND INSECTICIDE RESISTANCE: AN ENTOMOLOGICAL IMPERATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN NIGERIA

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Executive Summary

Nigeria faces intensifying challenges in agricultural pest management due to the compounded effects of climate change and rising insecticide resistance. This position paper advocates for a reimagined Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy grounded in entomological science, ecological sustainability, and adaptive innovation. Drawing on the latest research, it recommends strengthened policy frameworks, increased investment in IPM research, institutional capacity building, and interdisciplinary collaboration to ensure food security and environmental resilience.

INTRODUCTION

Agricultural productivity in Nigeria is under increasing pressure from a complex interplay of ecological stressors, particularly climate change and the rapid emergence of insecticide-resistant pest populations. These challenges are compounding the already fragile state of food security in the country, where agricultural systems support the livelihoods of over 70% of the population (FAO, 2023). The intensifying impact of climate variability, marked by erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged droughts, and rising temperatures-has significantly altered pest dynamics, expanding the geographic range and population densities of several key insect pests (Odeyemi et al., 2021; Ochieng et al., 2023). Concurrently, the over-reliance on synthetic insecticides has led to widespread resistance development, diminishing the efficacy of control measures and endangering both crop yields and environmental health (Abubakar et al., 2022; IRAC, 2024).

In Nigeria, however, the implementation of IPM remains sporadic, with limited institutional support, inadequate farmer education, and insufficient alignment with the country's diverse agro-ecological zones (Eneh and Okoro, 2023). Given the evolving pest landscape and the urgency of ensuring national food security, this position paper advocates for a reimagined IPM strategy tailored to Nigeria's ecological realities. Such a strategy must be dynamic, evidence-based, and inclusive of innovations from entomological research, digital agriculture, and climate-smart technologies.

An entomologically sound IPM approach seeks to exploit pest vulnerabilities—such as specific developmental stages or reproductive behaviours—while enhancing the conservation and utilisation of natural enemies like parasitoids, predators, and entomopathogens. For instance, augmentative biological control using native parasitoids has shown promise in managing *Maruca vitrata* and *Helicoverpa armigera* infestations in West African legumes, reducing pesticide reliance and preserving beneficial arthropod communities (Ahmed *et al.*, 2022; Onwubuya and Sani, 2020).

Climate Change and Its Impact on Pest Dynamics

Climate change has become a significant driver of emerging challenges in pest management, primarily by reshaping the ecology and behaviour of insect pests in agricultural systems. It alters the distribution, phenology, and reproductive cycles of insect pests. Changes in temperature, precipitation patterns, relative humidity, and extreme weather events are influencing the spatial distribution, phenology, reproductive rates, and survival of key pest species. Rising temperatures, irregular rainfall, and prolonged dry or wet seasons have shifted the dynamics of pests such as Helicoverpa armigera, Spodoptera frugiperda, and various aphid species in different agroecological zones. For instance, Helicoverpa armigera and Spodoptera frugiperda have shown increased voltinism and broader geographical ranges under warming scenarios (Aidoo et al., 2022; Maina et al., 2021). Warmer climates also enhance overwintering survival, enabling pests to persist in regions where they were previously absent (Deutsch et al., 2022).

The most striking manifestation of climate-induced pest pressure is the rapid invasion and establishment of *Spodoptera frugiperda* (fall armyworm) in sub-Saharan Africa. Since its first detection in Nigeria in 2016, the pest has expanded aggressively across the continent, largely facilitated by favourable climatic conditions and limited natural enemies (Goergen *et al.*, 2020; FAO, 2023). Its invasion represents a major ecological shift, overwhelming conventional pest control systems and triggering food security concerns for staple crops such as maize and sorghum.

Given these dynamics, climate-smart pest management, anchored in predictive entomology, ecological monitoring, and resilient cropping systems is crucial to sustaining agricultural productivity. Understanding and anticipating pest responses to climate variables is no longer optional but imperative for designing adaptive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) frameworks in Nigeria and beyond. This trend not only threatens crop yields but also imposes higher economic burdens on smallholder farmers.

Over reliance on chemical pesticides, often driven by the quest for immediate pest knockdown, has led to resistance in several economically significant pests, thereby diminishing the efficacy of once-reliable chemical interventions. The frequent, indiscriminate, and suboptimal use of insecticides, particularly synthetic pyrethroids, neonicotinoids, and organophosphates, has been implicated in accelerating the evolution of resistance mechanisms among pest populations (Isah *et al.*, 2022; Sparks and Nauen, 2021).

Field-evolved resistance has been reported in *Maruca* vitrata (the legume pod borer), *Bemisia tabaci* (whitefly), and *Sitophilus zeamais* (maize weevil), among others, across major Nigerian agroecological zones (Odeyemi and Fasoranti, 2020; Ojo et al., 2021). These pests exhibit a range of resistance mechanisms, including behavioural avoidance, enhanced detoxification via cytochrome P450 monooxygenases and glutathione S-transferases, reduced target site sensitivity (such as knockdown resistance mutations), and cuticular thickening that limits insecticide penetration (Bass et al., 2023).

The implications of this growing resistance are manifold. For smallholder farmers, who constitute the backbone of Nigeria's agricultural economy, increased resistance translates to more frequent pesticide applications, higher input costs, and escalating environmental and health risks. Moreover, resistance undermines efforts to integrate chemical control with biological and cultural methods, thereby weakening the foundational principles of IPM (IRAC, 2023). In extreme cases, resistance has led to outright control failures, such as the ineffectiveness of lambda-cyhalothrin against *Maruca vitrata* in some parts of northern Nigeria (Kushwaha *et al.*, 2022).

The Need for an Adaptive IPM Framework

To remain viable in the face of accelerating ecological and socio-economic challenges, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) must transcend its conventional boundaries and transform into an adaptive, knowledge-driven system. This system should synthesise indigenous agronomic wisdom with cutting-edge entomological science to create flexible, context-specific pest management solutions. As climate variability, insecticide resistance, and pest invasions intensify, the next generation of IPM must become dynamic—grounded in real-time surveillance, local stakeholder engagement, and predictive modelling (Kogan and Jepson, 2023; Tonnang *et al.*, 2021).

The Entomological Basis of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a knowledgeintensive, ecosystem-based strategy that combines a suite of biological, cultural, physical, and chemical control methods in a manner that reduces risks to human health, non-target organisms, and the environment. The science of entomology underpins IPM by providing critical insights into insect morphology, physiology, behaviour, and ecological interactions—insights that are essential for the rational design and implementation of pest control measures (Pedigo and Rice, 2021; Obi *et al.*, 2022). At its core, IPM relies on the accurate identification of pest species and a comprehensive understanding of their life cycles and population dynamics.

The Growing Threat of Insecticide Resistance

Insecticide resistance poses a mounting threat to the sustainability of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Nigeria and other developing countries. Continuous and indiscriminate application of insecticides, particularly synthetic pyrethroids and organophosphates, has led to resistance in major pests such as *Maruca vitrata, Bemisia tabaci*, and *Sitophilus zeamais*. Resistance mechanisms, ranging from behavioral avoidance to metabolic detoxification, are evolving rapidly, undermining the reliability of conventional insecticides.

Policy and Institutional Support

The successful implementation and sustainability of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Nigeria depend not only on scientific innovation but also on strong policy frameworks and institutional alignment. Currently, there is an urgent need for policy reforms that prioritise and fund entomological research, facilitate the local production and subsidisation of IPM-compatible tools, and strengthen regulatory mechanisms to monitor and restrict the misuse of synthetic pesticides (Van den Berg *et al.*, 2022; FAO, 2022). Without such systemic support, even the most advanced IPM innovations risk underutilisation or outright failure.



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Institutions such as the National Agricultural Extension and Research Liaison Services (NAERLS), the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), and universities with agricultural faculties must assume leadership roles in operationalising IPM. These institutions are uniquely positioned to conduct region-specific pest risk assessments, pilot field-level interventions, and disseminate locally adapted IPM solutions through tailored extension services (Odeyemi and Momoh, 2021; Adediran *et al.*, 2023). Equipping extension personnel with up-to-date entomological knowledge and digital tools will ensure that IPM messages are not only consistent but also responsive to emerging pest scenarios.

In addition, the Entomological Society of Nigeria (ESN) must rise as a national thought leader by fostering inter-institutional collaboration, organising stakeholder platforms, and lobbying for increased investment in insect science and bioecological research. The Society's potential to shape national discourse on sustainable pest management can be further leveraged through policy briefs, technical bulletins, and its academic journal. ESN can also strengthen partnerships with regional and global networks to ensure that Nigerian IPM strategies are informed by the best available science (Noyes *et al.*, 2022).

Conclusion and Recommendations

The escalating challenges posed by climate variability and the growing incidence of insecticide resistance present a critical juncture for Nigeria's agricultural sector. Traditional, chemically dependent approaches to pest management are proving increasingly inadequate in the face of shifting pest dynamics, prolonged infestation cycles, and the emergence of resistant pest populations. Consequently, a paradigm shifts toward an anticipatory, ecologically grounded, and research-driven framework, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), has become imperative.

Entomologists, as central actors in this transformation, must rise to the challenge by deepening scientific inquiry into pest biology, ecology, and climate interactions; promoting sustainable pest management tools; and providing technical leadership in stakeholder engagement and policy formulation. Simultaneously, institutional and governmental actors must forge enabling environments through forward-thinking policies, targeted investments, and collaborative extension platforms.

To actualise these goals, the following strategic recommendations are proposed:

1. Establishment of Regional Pest Surveillance and Early Warning Systems:

- National Agricultural Technology and Innovation Policy (NATIP) and the Agricultural Transformation Agenda, ensuring that pest management aligns with climate resilience goals.
- 4. Institutionalisation of Resistance Monitoring and Pesticide Stewardship: Establish protocols for routine resistance surveillance and enforce strict pesticide quality control and usage regulations. Strengthen regulatory bodies to curb the circulation of substandard products and promote responsible pesticide use through training and sensitisation campaigns.
- 5. Capacity Building for Farmers, Extension Workers, and Researchers: Enhance the technical capacities of stakeholders through continuous training on pest identification, threshold-based interventions, and environmentally sound pest control techniques. Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and participatory learning methods should be expanded and localised.
- 6. Policy Advocacy and Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Foster collaborative platforms a mong entomologists, a gronomists, environmentalists, economists, and policymakers. The Entomological Society of Nigeria should play a leading role in promoting science-policy dialogue and shaping national pest management frameworks.

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Develop and maintain decentralised, datadriven pest monitoring networks across Nigeria's agroecological zones. These should be equipped with digital tools and real-time diagnostic capabilities to predict pest outbreaks and inform timely interventions.

- 2. Increased Investment in IPM-Focused Research and Field Validation: Prioritise and fund multidisciplinary research on pest ecology, alternative biocontrol agents, and locally adapted IPM solutions. Establish demonstration plots and participatory trials to facilitate knowledge transfer from research to farm practice.
- 3. Mainstreaming Climate-Smart Pest Management into National Agricultural P r o g r a m m e s : Integrate adaptive IPM strategies into existing

agricultural development policies such as the

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