

# Red Palm Weevil notes

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# The region





# RPW: Life cycle



offshoots



Established trees



# distribution





- Infested trees can be cured
- the main mode of distribution is by offshoot dissemination
- The RPW is a particular pest.





Detection is a key to management

lack of care results in tree loss (Over a million lost since the pest entered the Middle East)





## Trapping



~4000 traps were employed

Pheromone\**ferrugineol*-based + food bait + ethyl Acetate

\*4-methyl-5-nonanol



# on-tree detection

## sniffing



## Listening



## Cooperation and division of labor within Israel:

Initially: → The Peres Center

taken over by growers and ministry of Agriculture

Trap improvement, insecticide efficacy, detection through sound → taken over by ARO personnel.



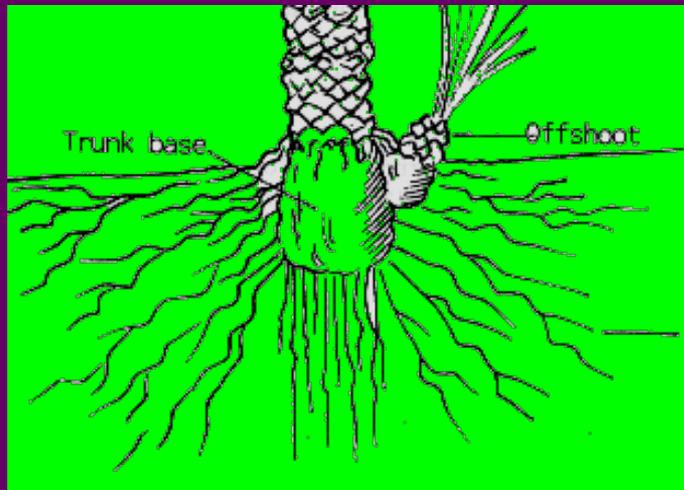
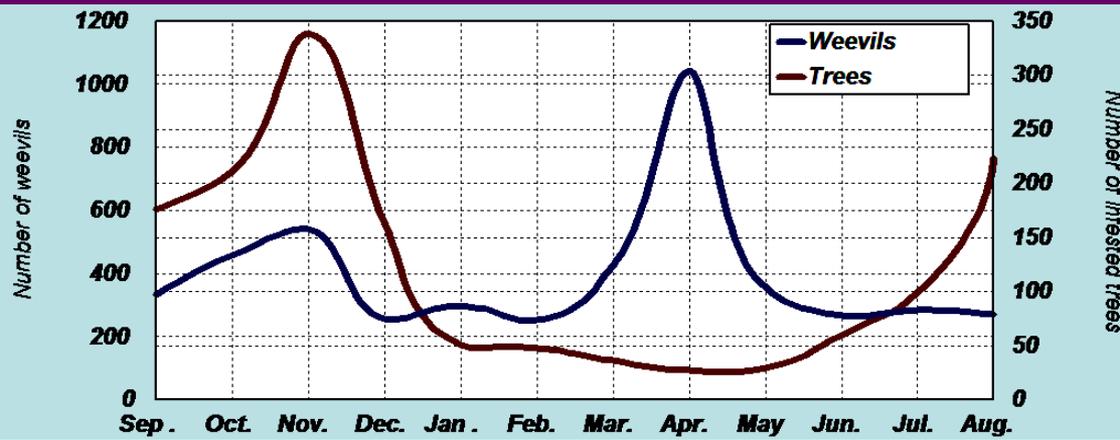
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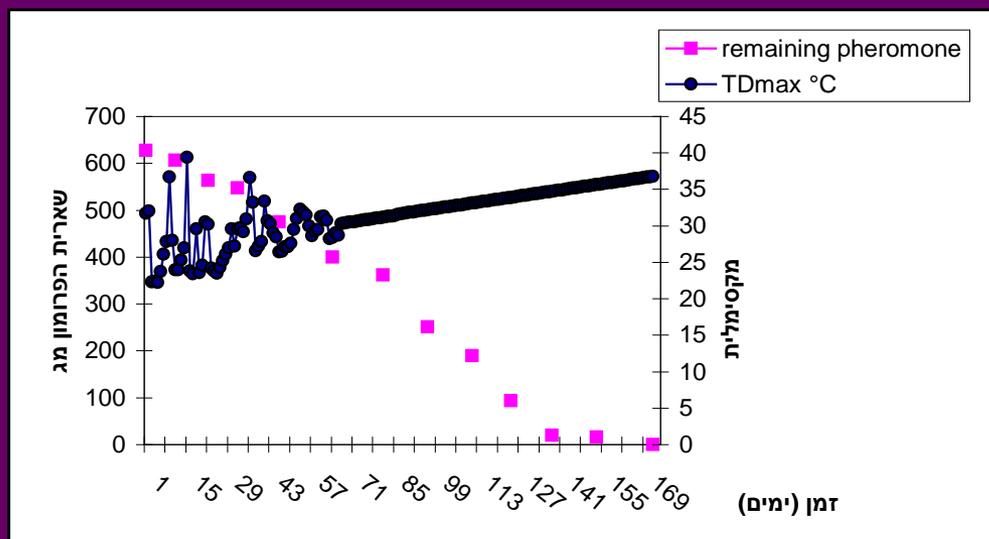






# Residual activity of Cyhalothrin on date trunk fibers

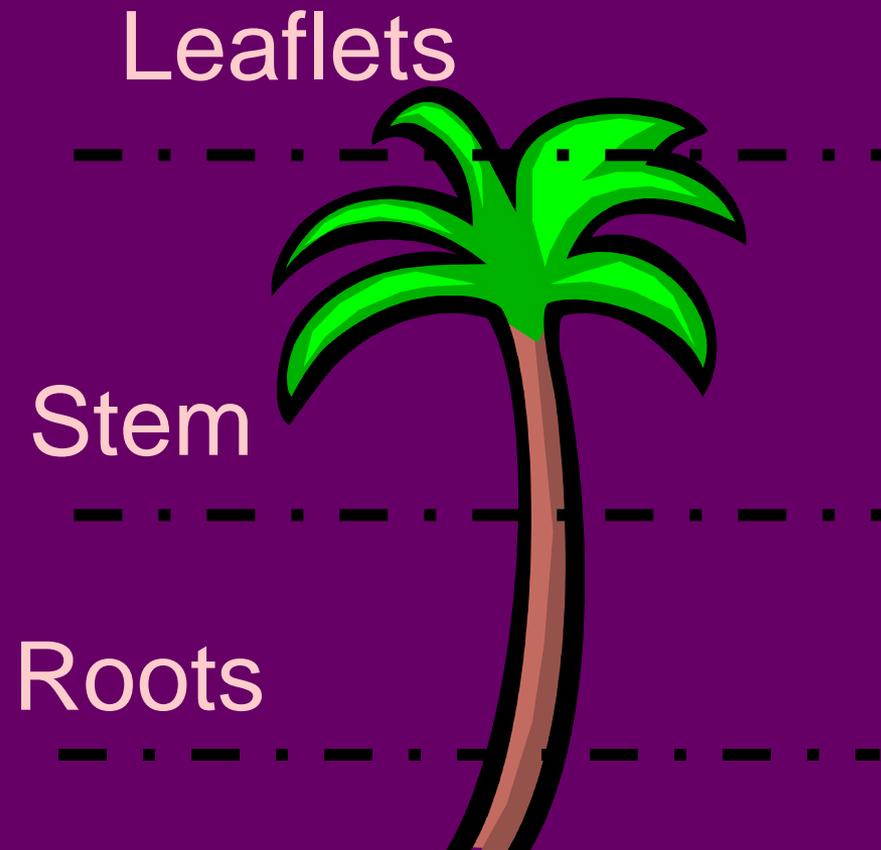
Days from application	Residual quantity in-ppm	Survival of adults in-%
0	2.3±0.1	0
35	1.4±0.98	NT
60	NT	0
175	2.0±1.44	0



Pheromone retention studies



# Dynamics of systemic pesticides

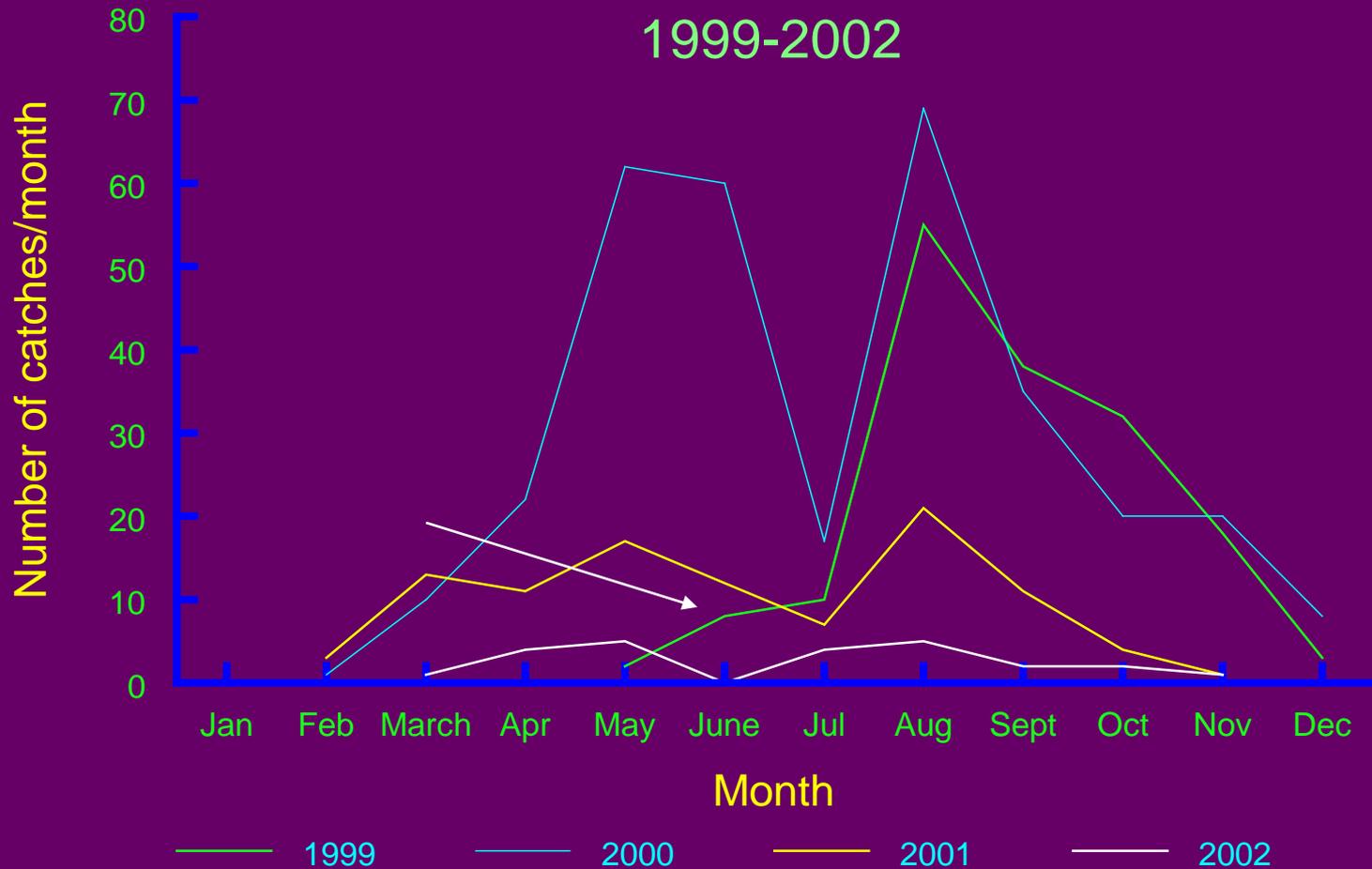


# Time dependent distribution of Imidacloprid in young potted dates

Amount of Imidocloprid in mg per kg sample				# Trees	Time after treatment (days)	Confidur per application
Total	Roots	Stem	Leaflets			
18.7	6.7	5.5	6.5	1	91	2 ml
*4.0	1.9	0.07	0.97	1	129	
7.2	3.6	2.5	1.05	1	190	
3.0	1.8	0.3	1.0	2	252	
70	54.6	12.4	57.6	1	91	4 ml
*13.5	15.5	11.5	2.0	1	129	
24.9	12	1.8	11.1	1	190	
15.6	4.2	0.2	11.2	2	252	
1.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	4		0 ml



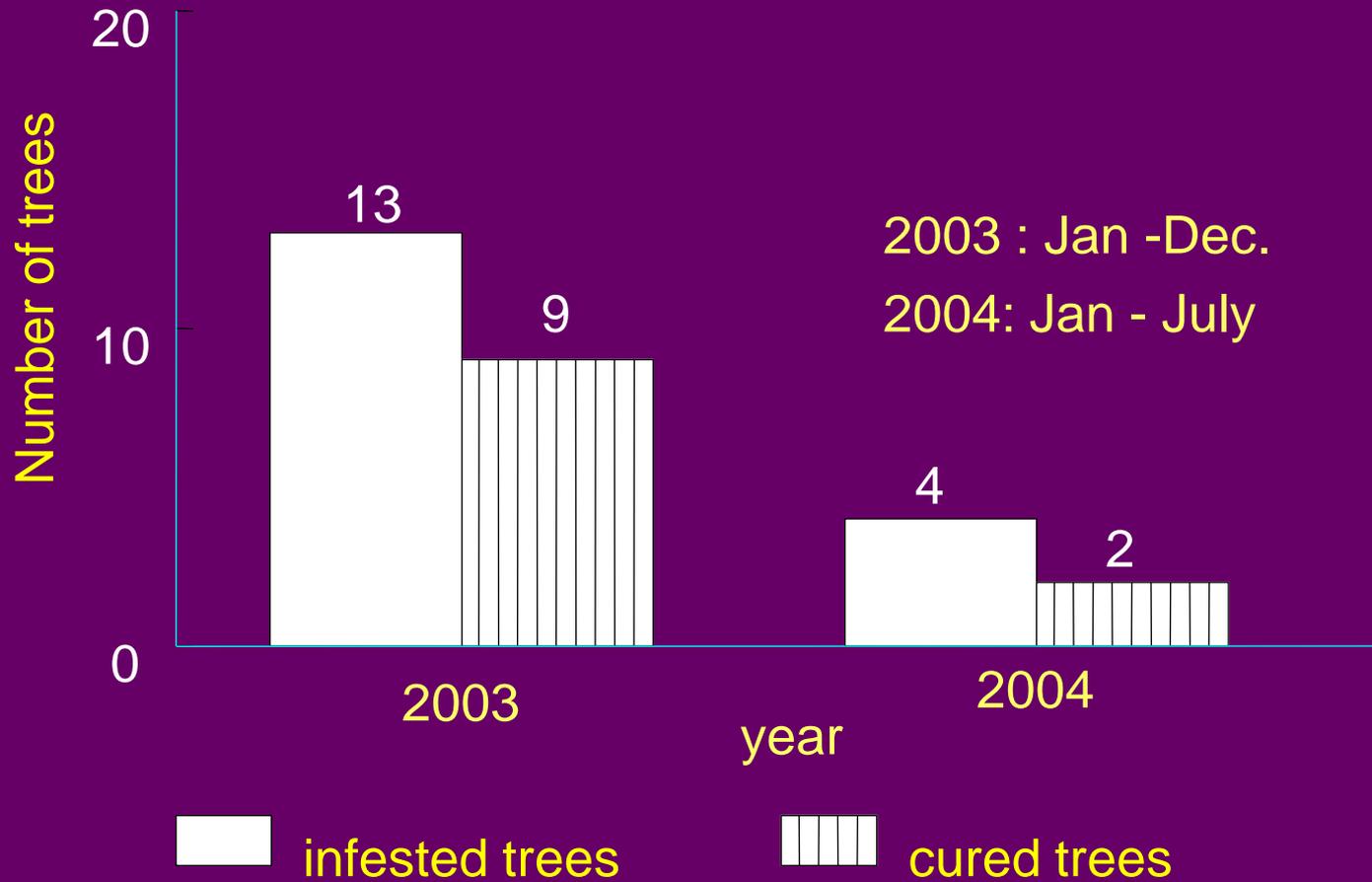
# Total RPW trap catches for Israel



# Total RPW catches for Jordan 1999-2001



# RPW in Jordan infested and cured trees



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The Delegation from Jordan visiting Israel to observe RPW-associated problems on both sides of the border





Staff members of Suez Canal University Faculty of agriculture, June 2002 in a RPW training course



# Palm trees as ornamentals





Thank you



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