

Biotechnology Team

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Team Members

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General Team Goals

- Improve cross-industry cooperation towards common goals for resistance management for Biotech crops
- Promote practical approaches to resistance management for insect-protected biotech crop
- Assist country and regional industry associations develop locally appropriate IRM programs
- Provide forum for exchange of information on putative and real resistance incidents
- Deliver practical IRM outreach
- Promote IRM considerations as integral component of Bt crop development by public and private sectors

2013 Highlights

- Finalized positions on:
 - IRM for small holders
 - Used to support IRM program development by CropLife Asia
 - Principles of resistance monitoring for traits
 - Used at EPA Science Advisory Panel meeting on corn rootworm resistance monitoring
- Drafting position on
 - Use of insecticides with traits (with Russell and Ralf)
- Initiated program for improved IRM and pest management practices for maize traits in Brazil
- Regional advice to CropLife groups
- Strong linkage to CropLife International Plant Biotechnology Stewardship Committee



Biotech IRM Resources

- CLI Training Manual: Practical Approaches to Insect Resistance Management for Biotech-Derived Crops (2012, English and Spanish)
- Whitepaper: IRM for Transgenic Crops in Small-Holder Agricultural Systems (2013)
- Whitepaper: Industry Perspectives on Insect Resistance Monitoring for Transgenic Insect-- Protected Crops (2013)
- Position paper: IRAC Position on Seed Blends for IRM (2013)
- Poster: IRM for Biotechnology (2010)
- MacIntosh 2009. Managing the risk of insect resistance to transgenic insect control traits: practical approaches in local environments. Pest Manag Sci (2009)



Biotech IRM in Asia

- Technical advisor to Program for Biosafety
 Systems within IFPRI activities in Vietnam and Indonesia
- Technical advisor to CropLife Asia IRM Technical Team
 - Alignment on Refuge approaches for single- and pyramided traits in maize
 - Alignment on timing of refuge implementation relative to product launch



Biotech IRM in Latin America

Brazil

- Examining fit of refuge seed blends with pyramids
- Need greater company alignment to unify IRM approaches and messaging to growers

Central America

- CLI developing regional workshop to reach technical consensus strategy and education/ extension program
- Target Mexico, Colombia, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala



Biotech IRM in South Africa

- Working with AfricaBIO to understand local IRM issues in South Africa
- Technical resource for IRM workshop currently being planned

CropLife International Biotech IRM Initiative

- Integrated approach to Insect Resistance Management
 - Develop a framework of harmonized IRM intentions and goals
 - Ensure global coordination of IRM programs as an integral component of technology stewardship
 - Guide and empower local industry teams to develop specific IRM practices
 - Avoid prescriptive inflexible IRM programs
- Endorsed by Plant Biotechnology Strategy Council



IRM Framework



Technical Aspects of Stewardship (IRAC)



Stewardship Policies and Guidance (Stewardship Committe) National
Regulatory
Requirements for
Stewardship
(Regulatory
Committee)

Integrated Biotech IRM Strategy Meeting 19 March 2014

- IRM roles and responsibilities
 - IRAC Biotech, Stewardship Committee, Regulatory Committee, Excellence through Stewardship, Communications Committee
- Lessons learned from emerging resistance issues
- Objectives for an integrated IRM strategy
- Proposals for integrated IRM initiatives
 - Industry harmonization
 - Promoting refuge implementation
 - IRM infrastructure
 - Involvement of external stakeholders
 - Appropriate roles for regulators
 - Communications initiatives
 - Others



2014 Goals

- Successfully launch CLI Integrated Biotech IRM Strategy
- Work with local teams in Brazil to finalize IRM and pest management recommendations for Bt maize
- Support adoption of IRM program by tech providers and regulators in Vietnam and Indonesia
- Support IRM workshops in Central America
- Technical lead for IRM workshop in South Africa
- Work with Crop Protection team to finalize IRAC position on use of insecticides with traits

