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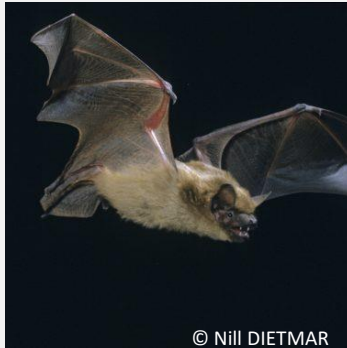
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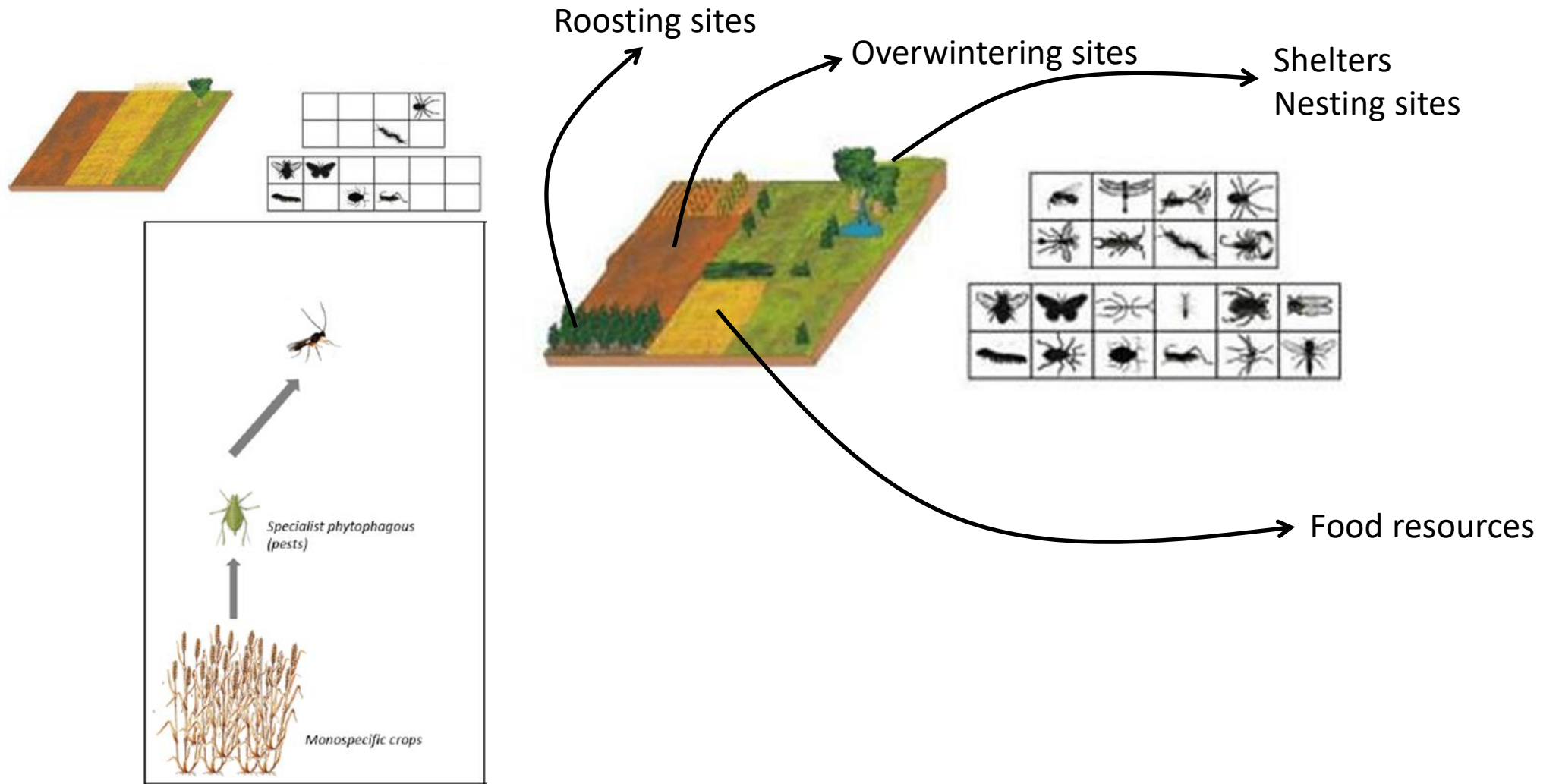
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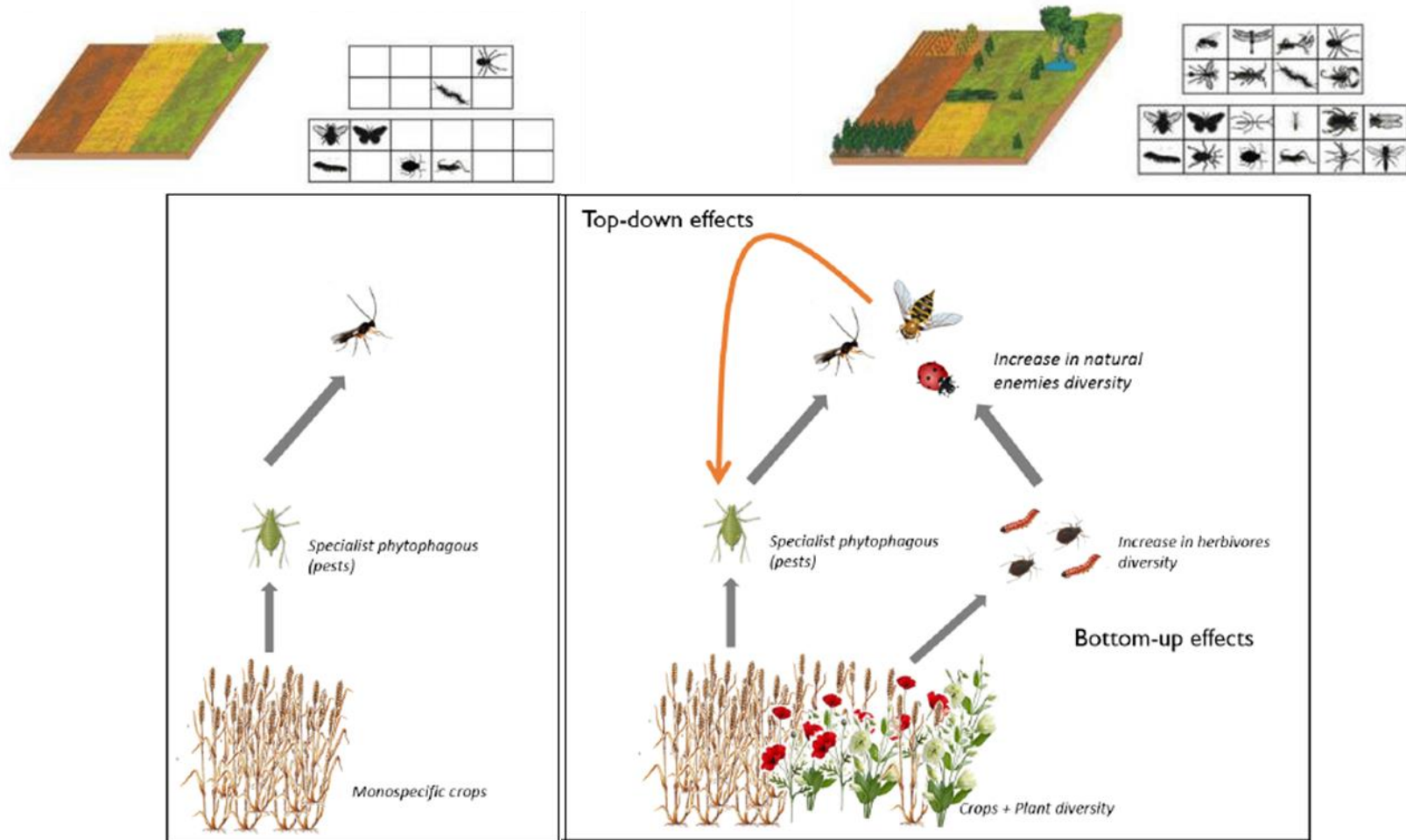


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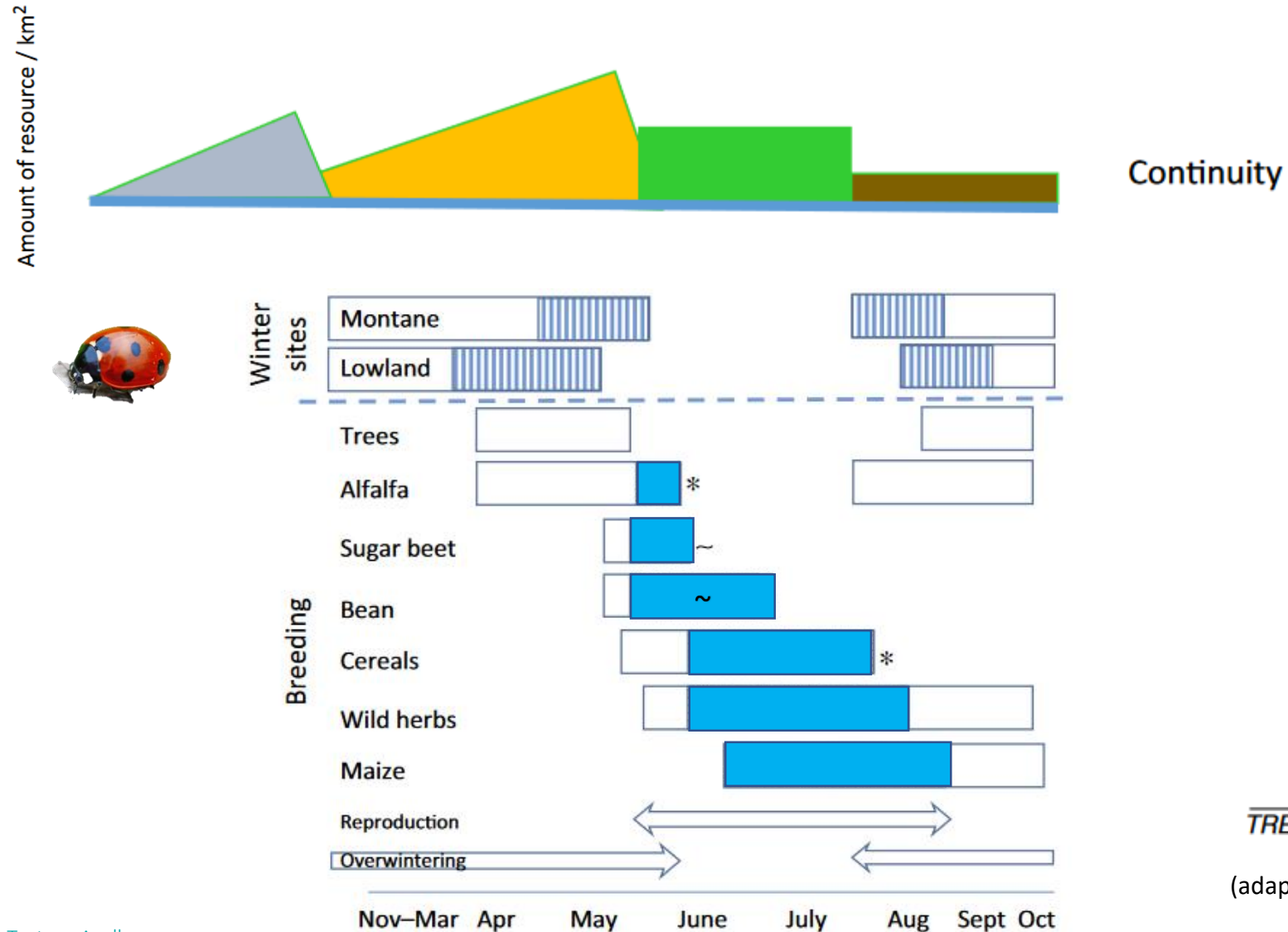


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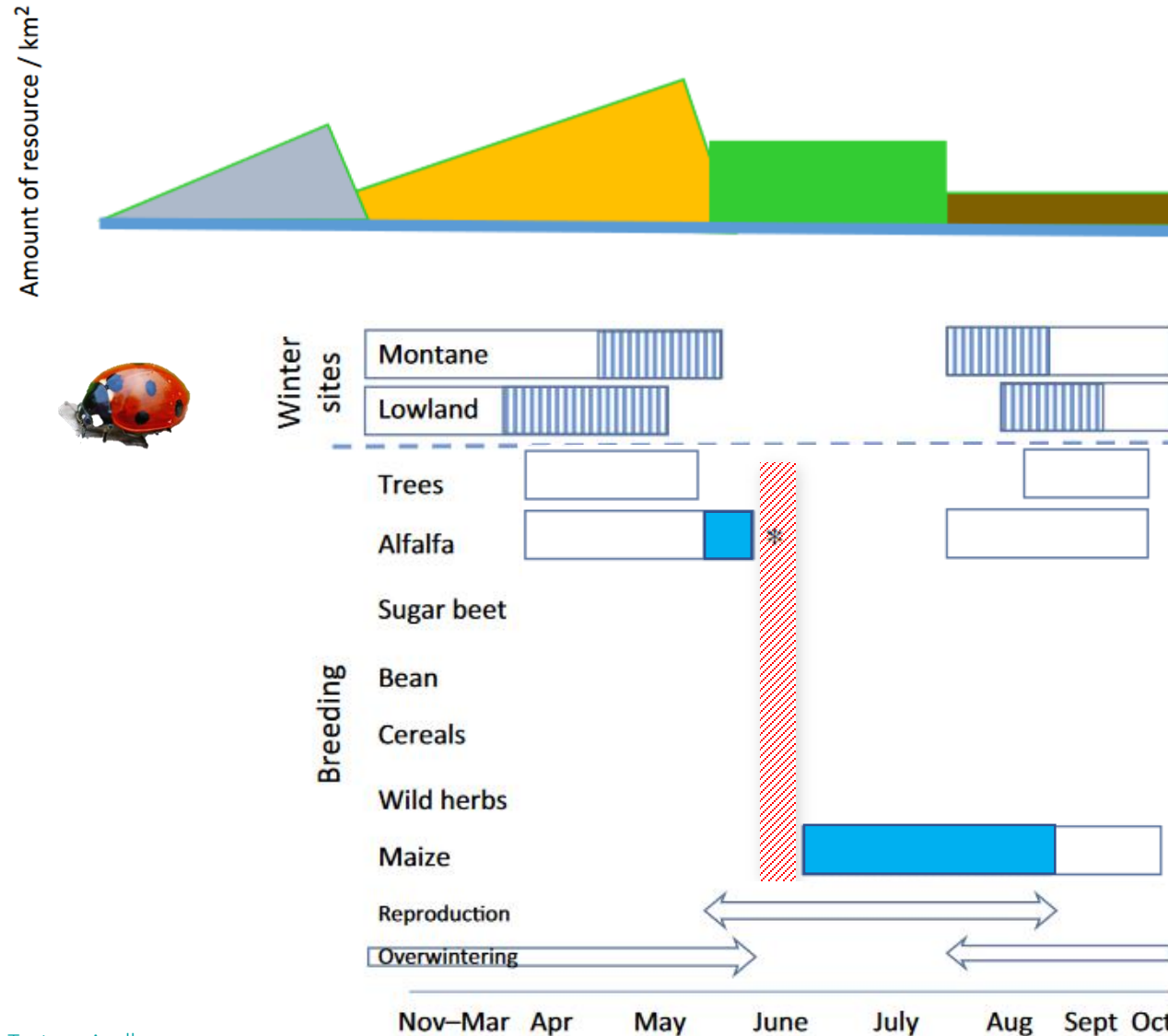
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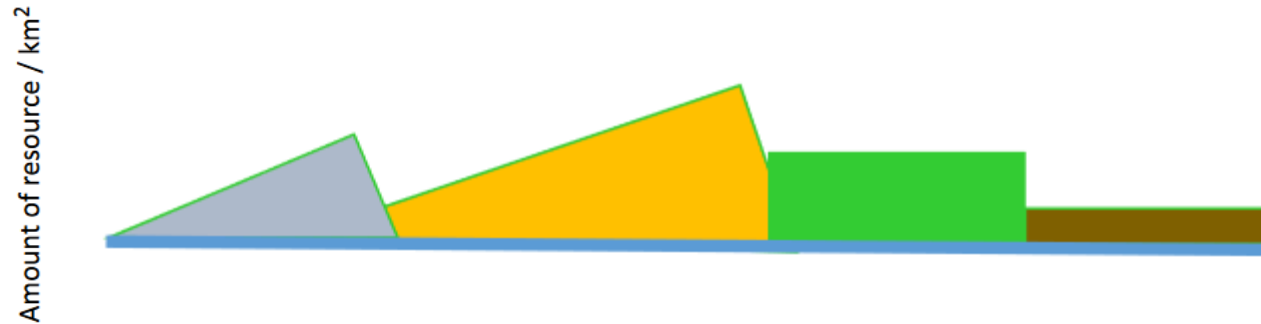
Agricultural landscape dominated by maize and alfalfa

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Lepidopteran pests

Vineyards



Maize



Pine plantations



Nov–Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct

Agricultural landscape with  
vineyards, maize fields  
and pine plantations

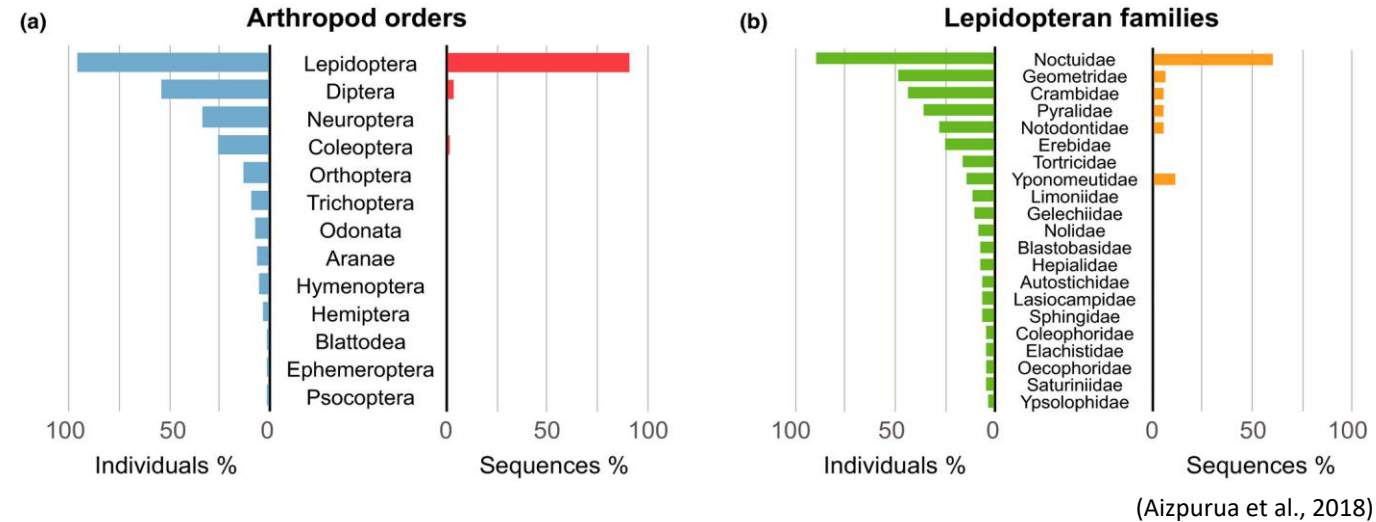


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# ➤ Bats as generalist predators of agricultural and forest pests



➔ Lepidopteran pests are valuable food resources for bats

(Mata et al, 2021; Tournayre et al., 2020)

➔ Bats may be considered as bioindicators through their activity

(Alleva et al., 2006; Jones et al., 2009; Stahlschmidt & Brühl, 2012; Russo et al., 2021)



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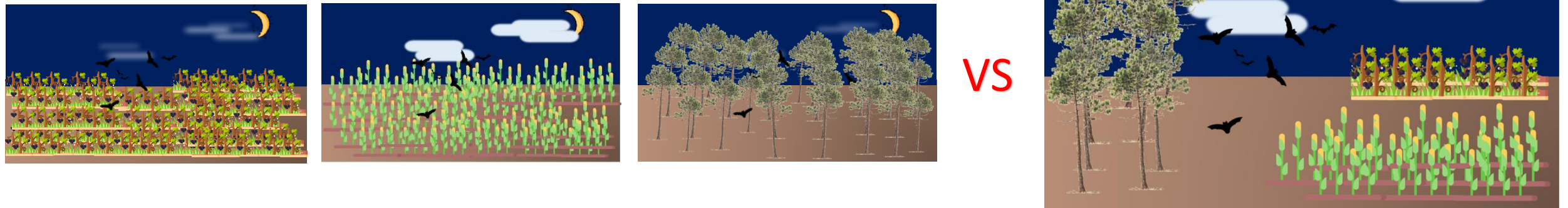
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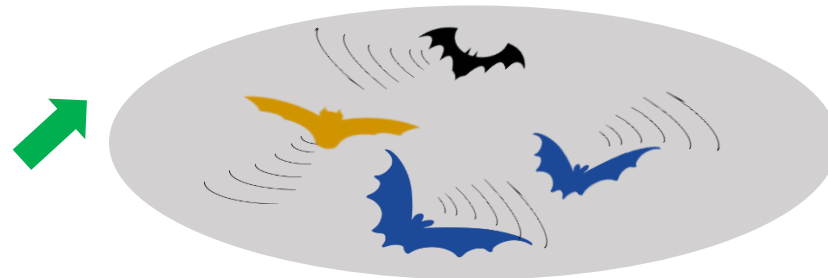


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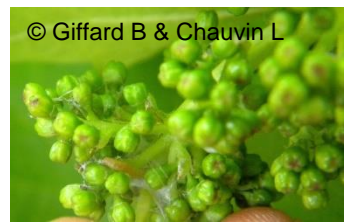
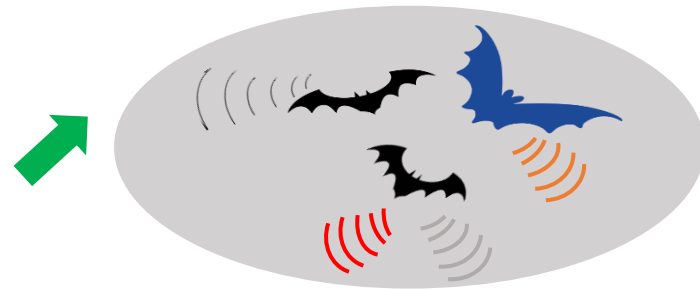
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- Higher foraging activity and less crop damage



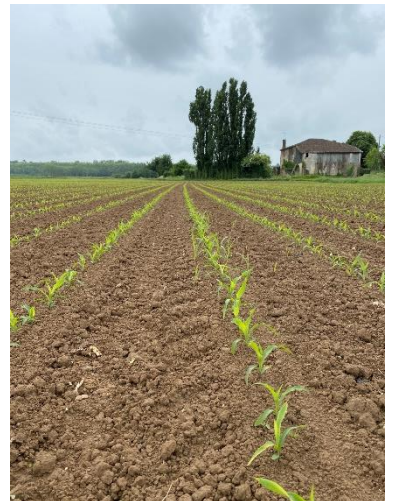
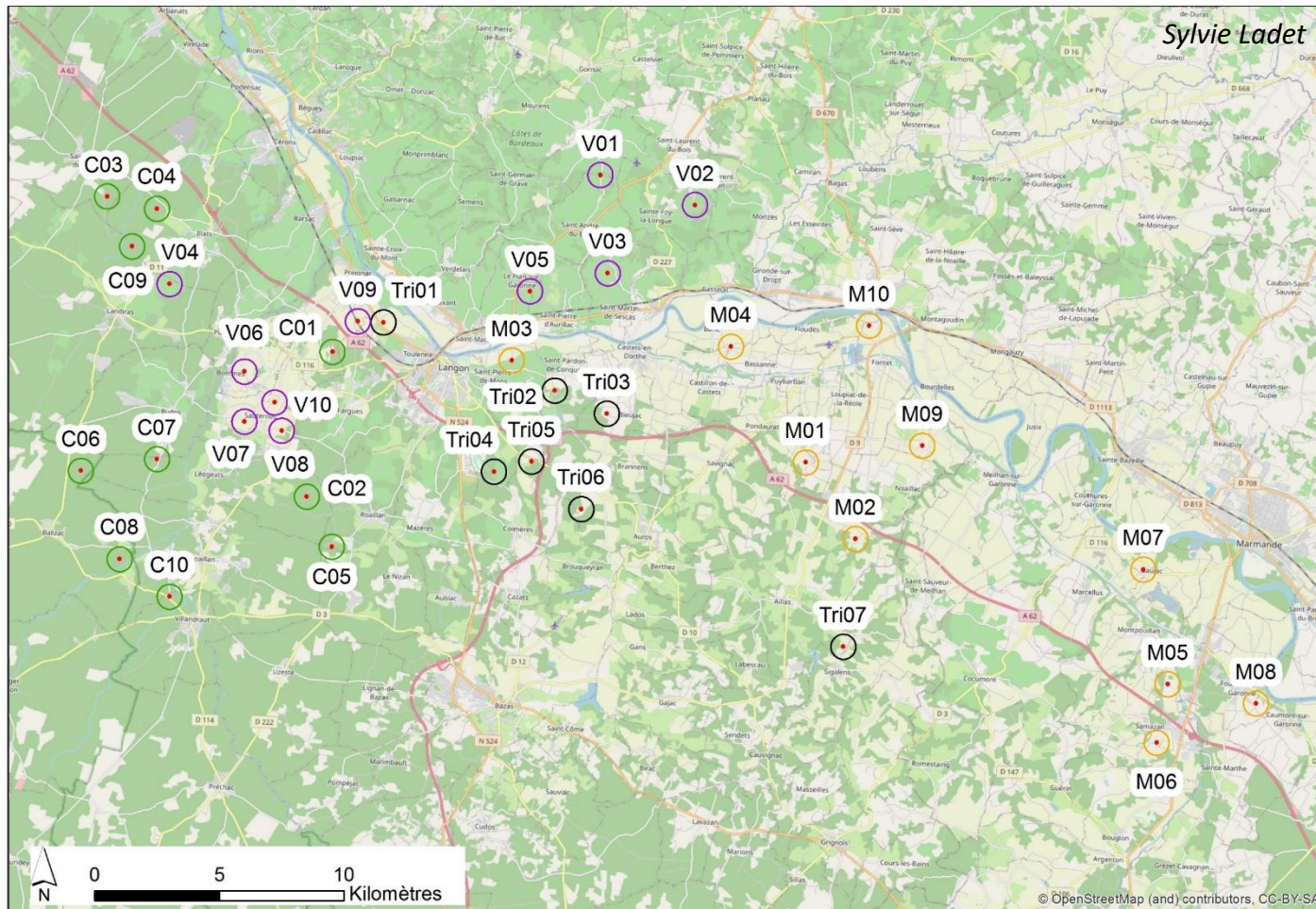
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# ➤ Material and methods

Données à valeur ajoutée traitées par le CNES pour le pôle de données Theia [www.theia.land.fr](http://www.theia.land.fr) à partir de données Copernicus. Les traitements utilisent les algorithmes développés par les Centres d'Expertise Scientifique de Theia.



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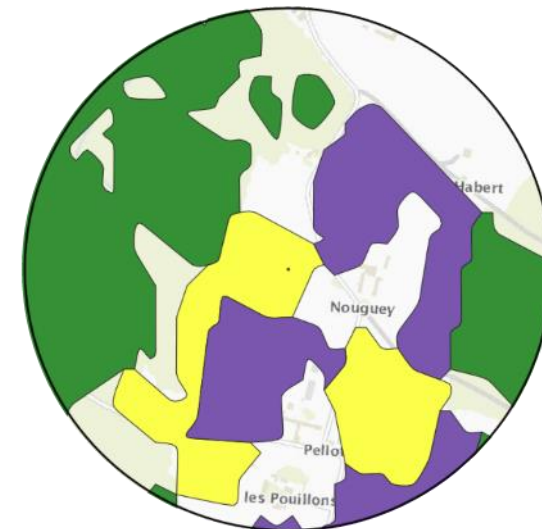
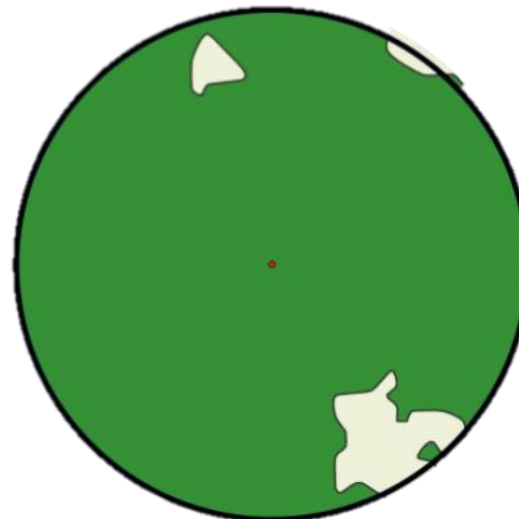
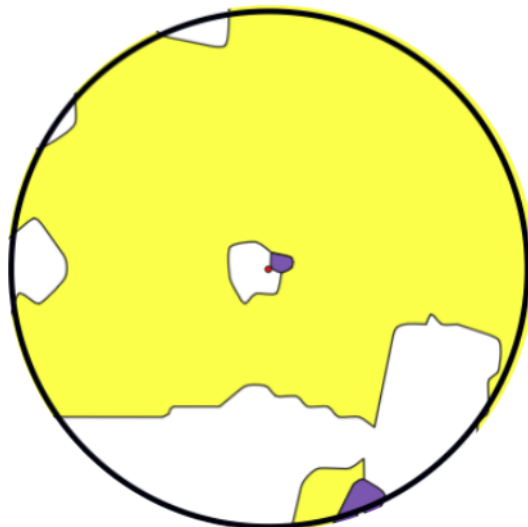
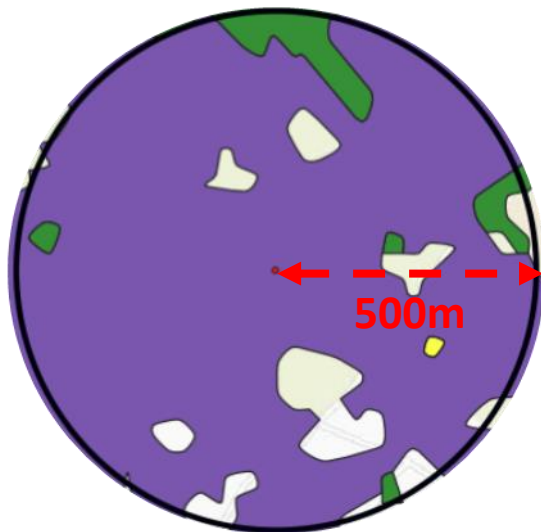
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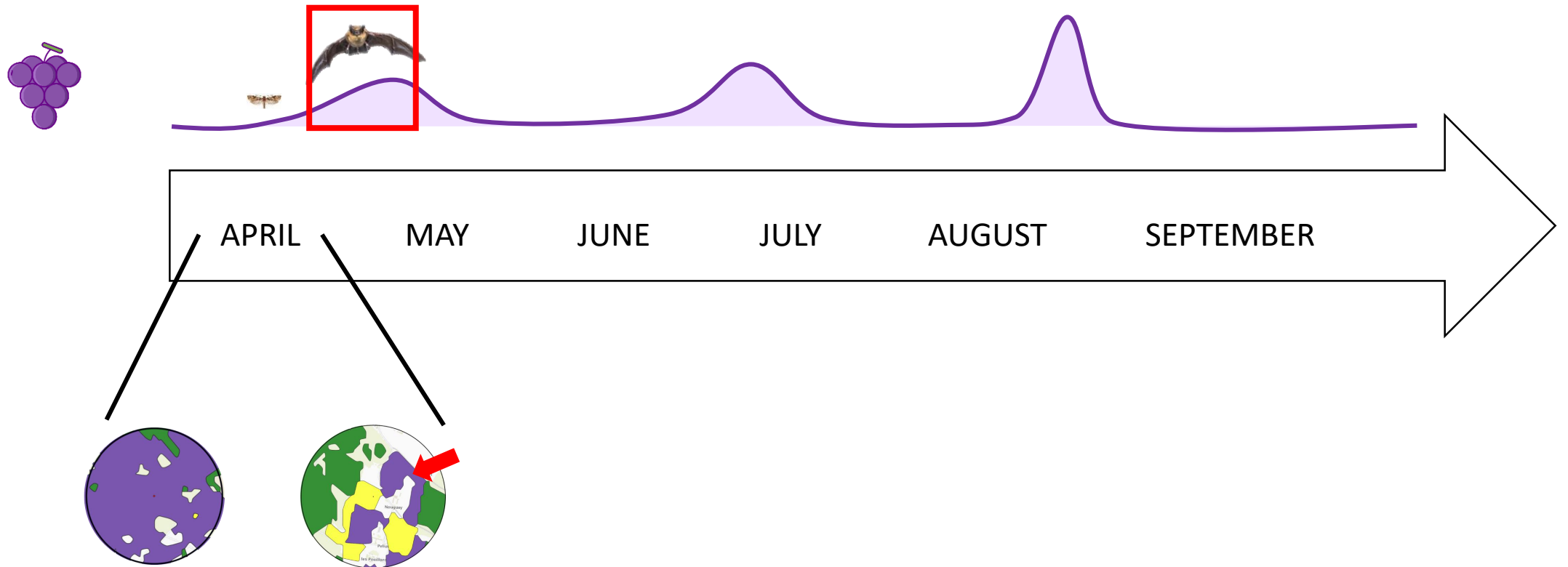
**Crop-dominated landscapes**

**N = 3 x10**

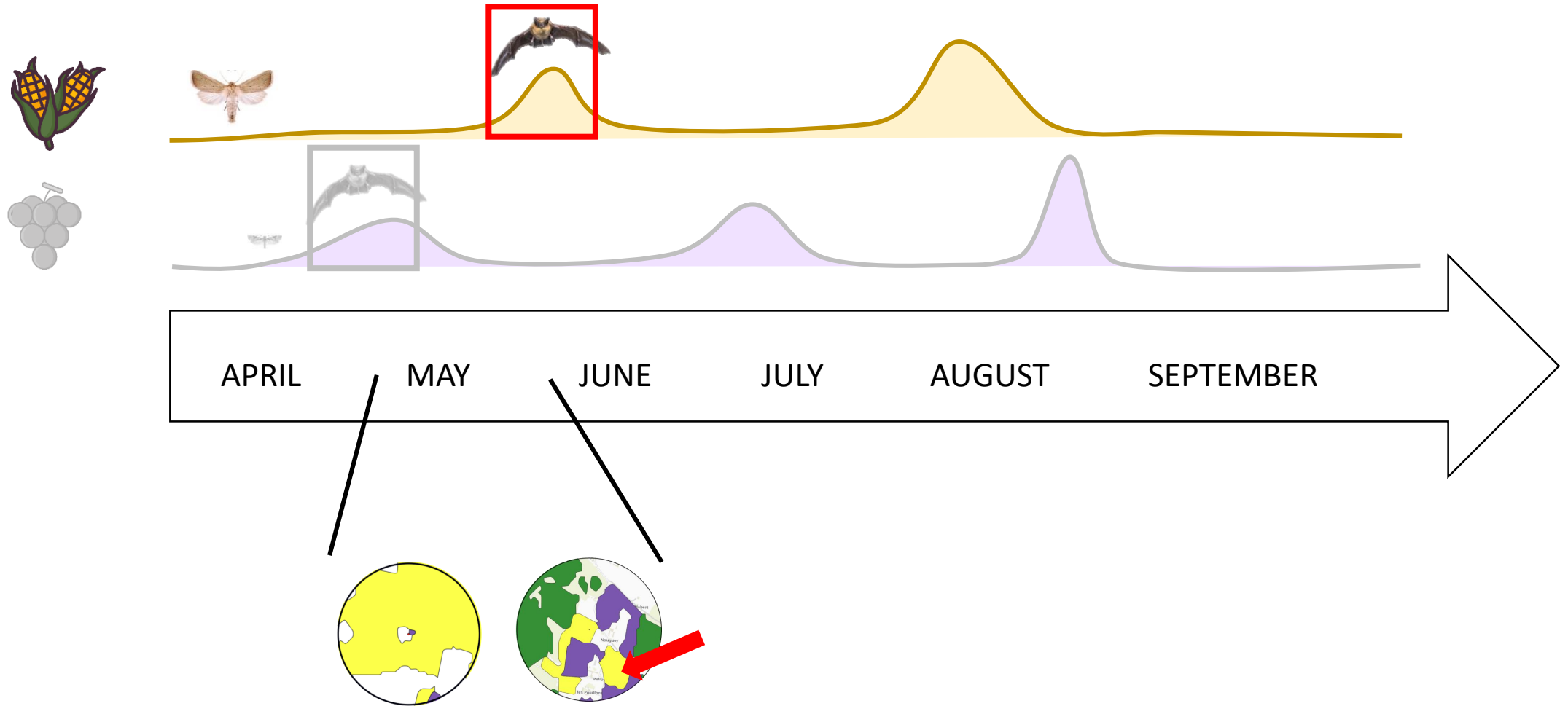
**Diverse landscapes**

**N = 7**

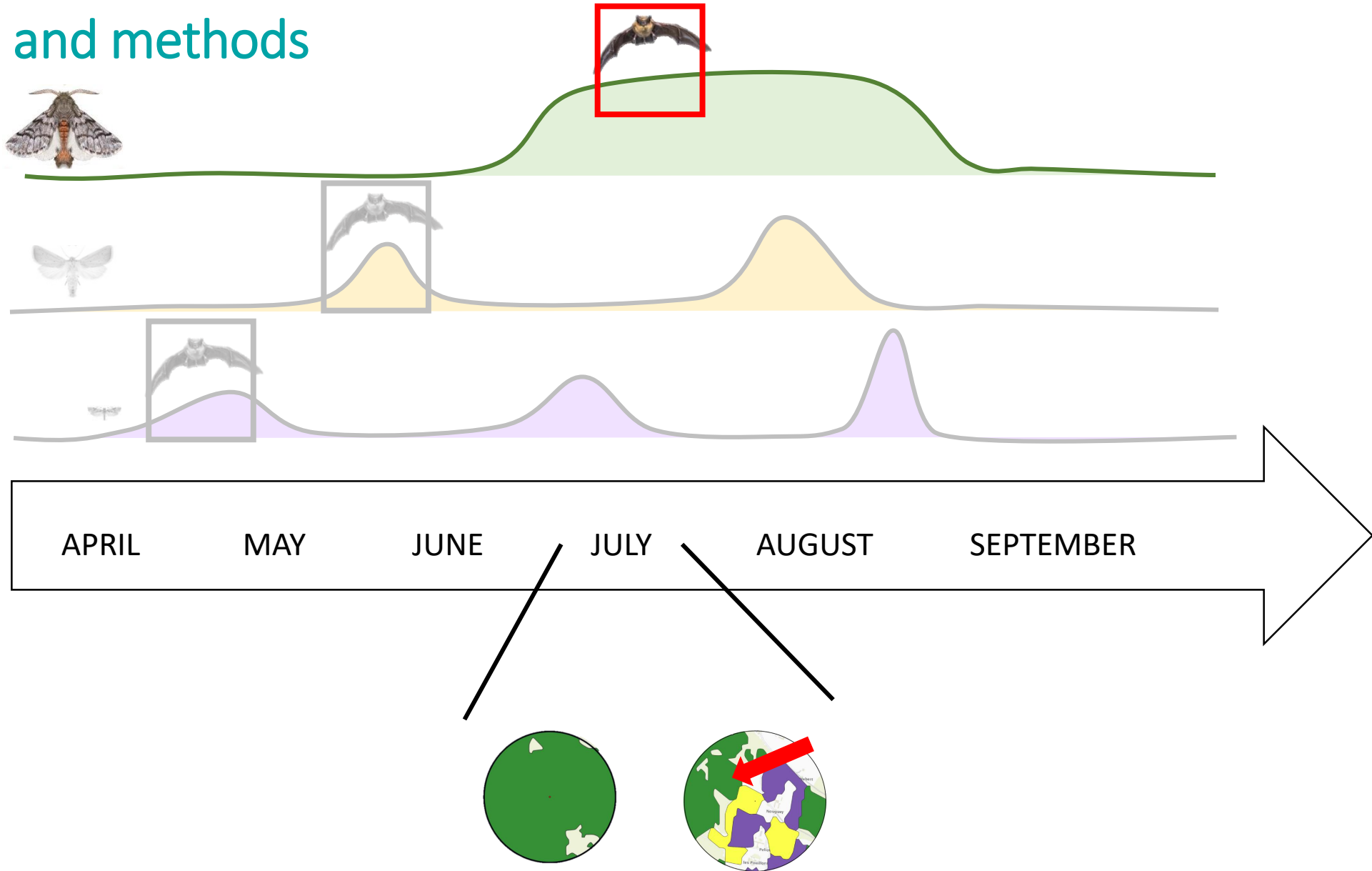
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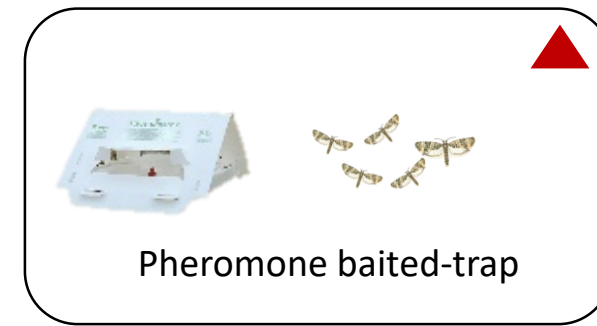
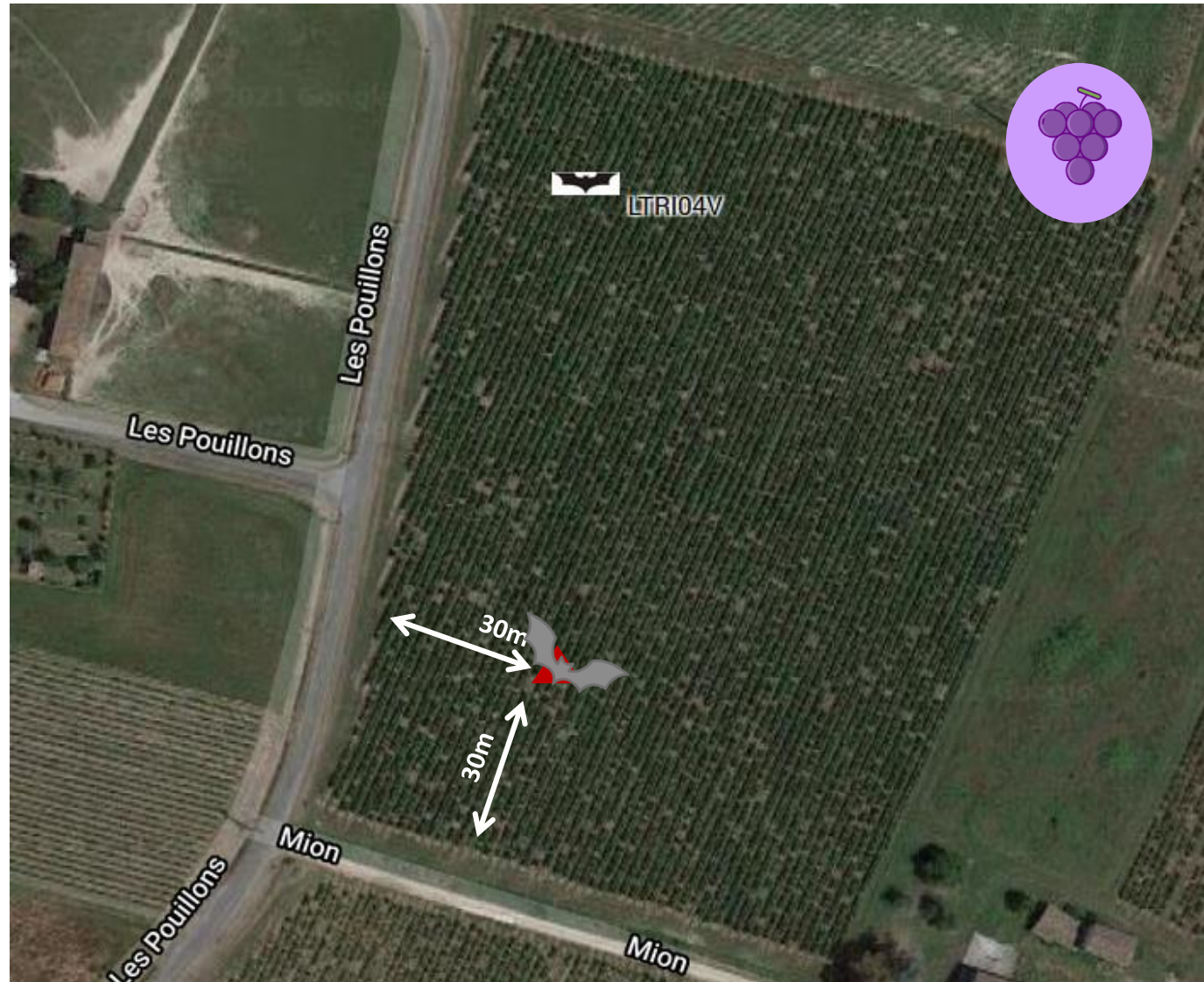
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## ➤ Material and methods



Pheromone baited-trap

+ 7 nights



Batloggers A/A+

+ 2 nights

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(<https://github.com/YvesBas/Tadarida-C/>; Bas et al., 2017)

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### Damage

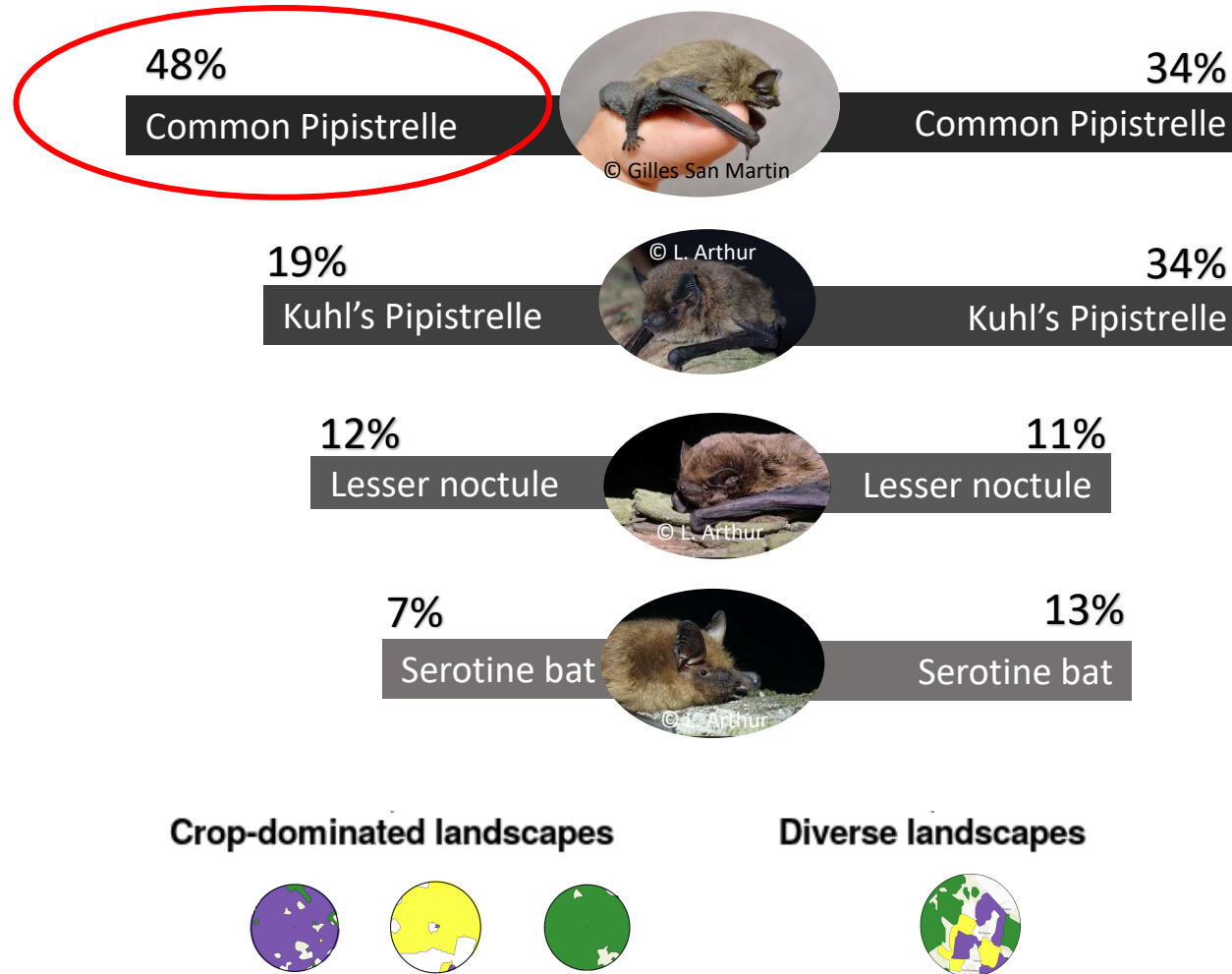




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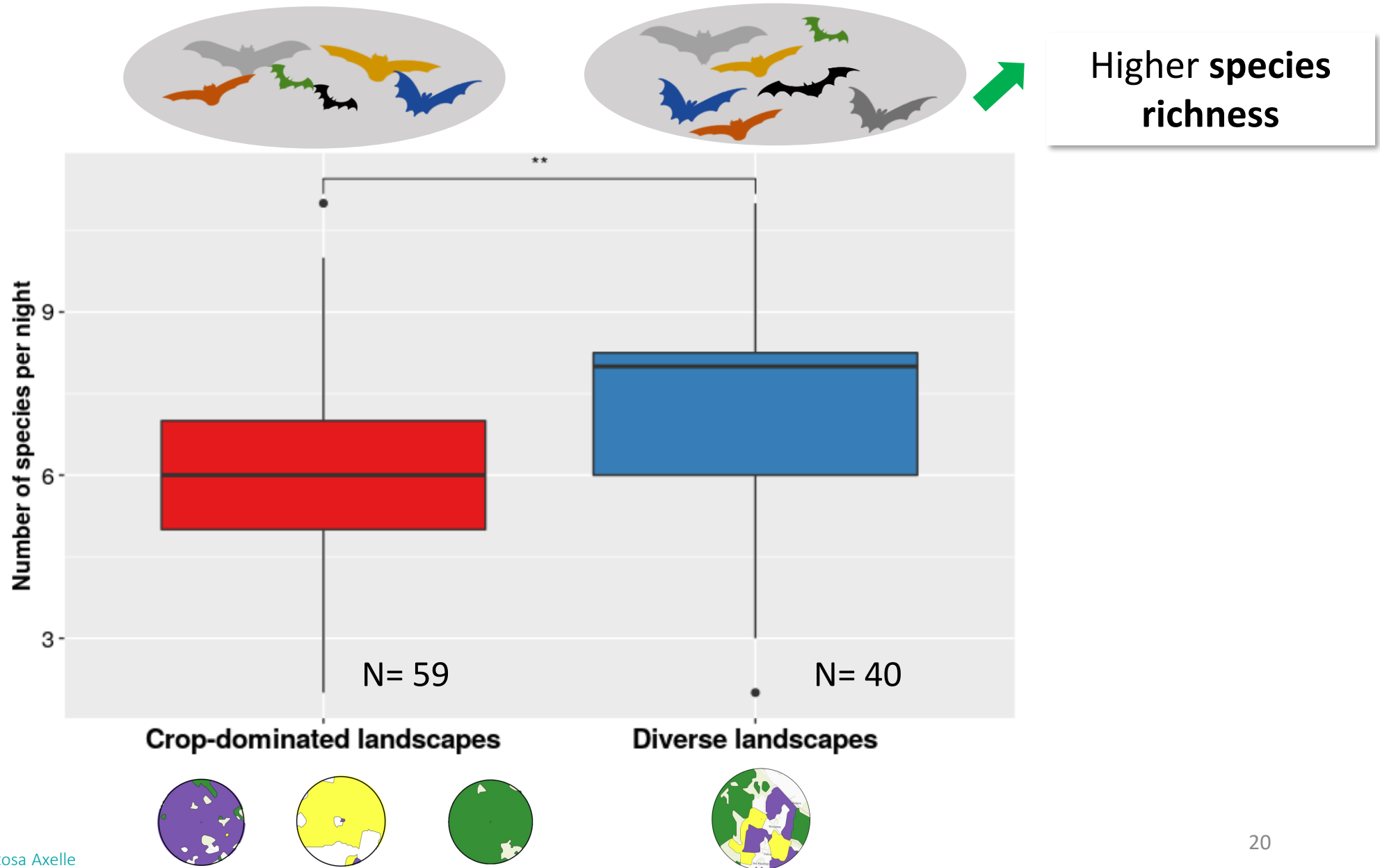
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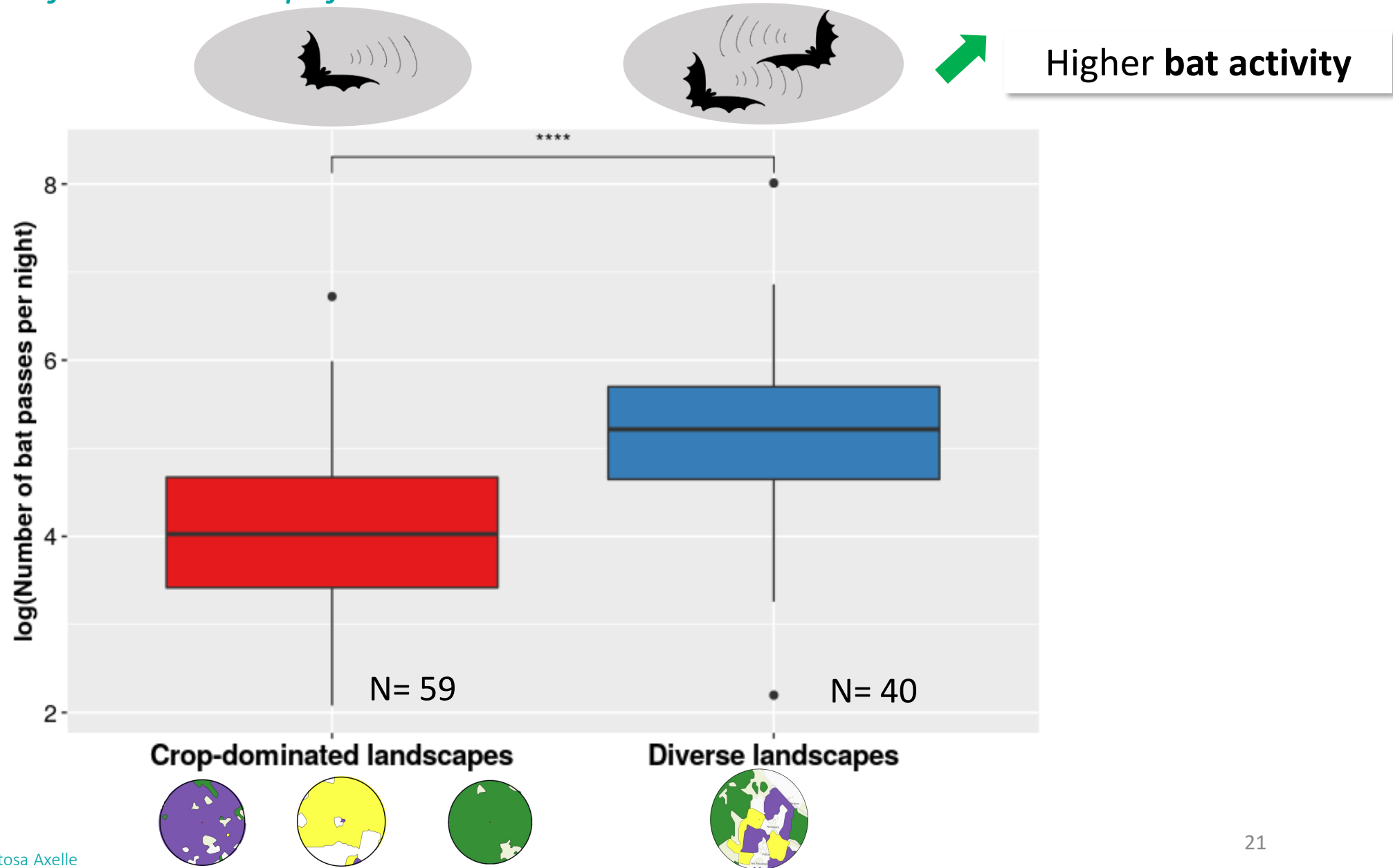
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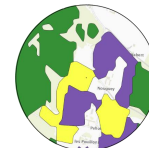
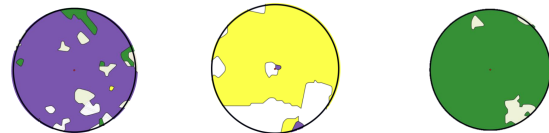
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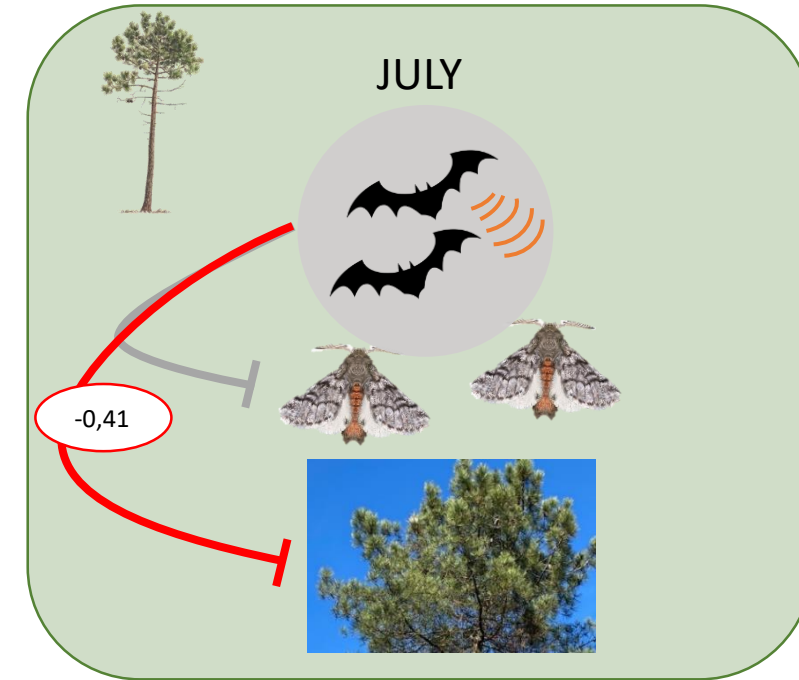
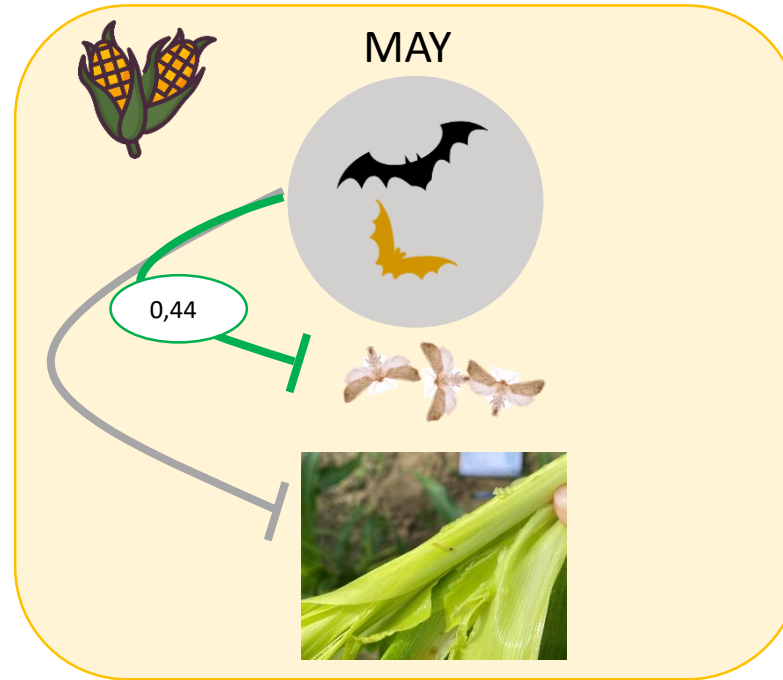
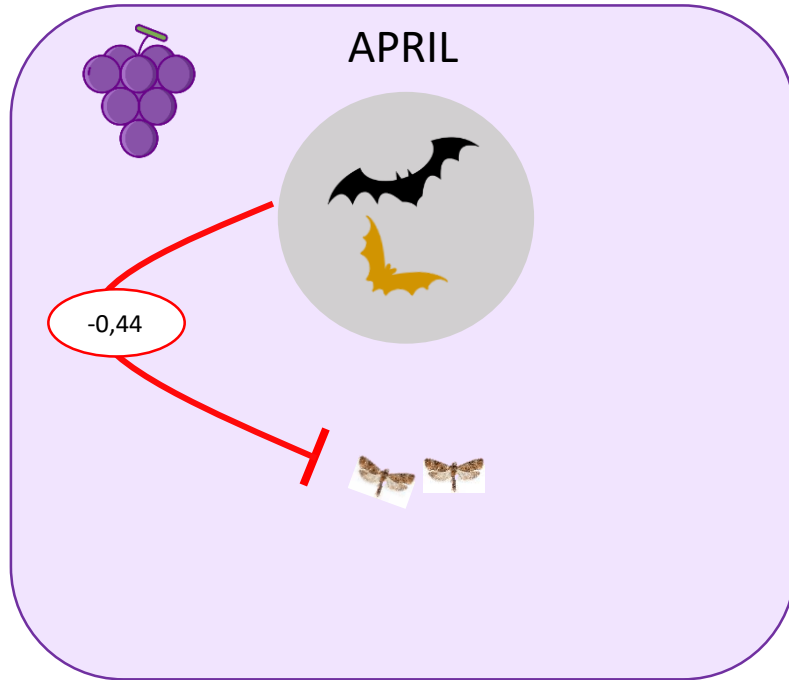


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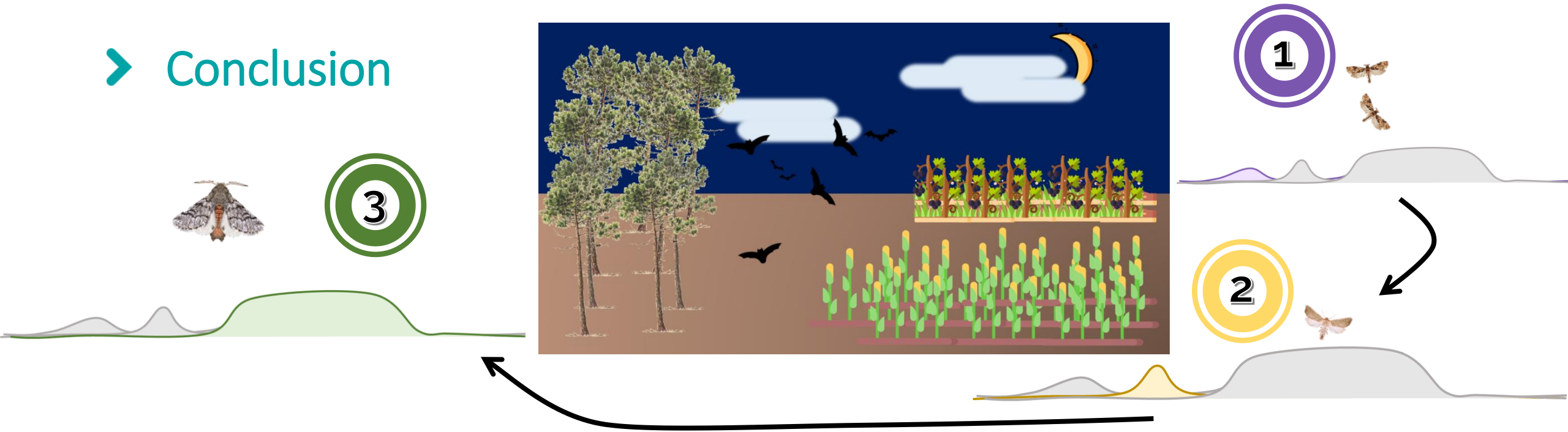
➔ Indicator of potential biological control

➔ The abundance of moths seems to attract bats, the associated predator-prey dynamics do not allow for biological control

➔ Bats were efficient biological pest control agent for the pine processionary moth



# ➤ Conclusion



**Biodiversity**

**Biological pest control**



**WIN**

Neutral



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