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Strategie di contenimento di vecchi e nuovi fitofagi  
nell'agrumeto e impatto dei cambiamenti climatici

## Parassiti degli agrumi in Italia dal 1970 in poi

*Pezothrips kellyanus*  
*Aleurothrixus floccosus*  
*Dialeurodes citri*  
*Parabemisia myricae*  
*Paraleiroides minei*  
*Aleurocanthus spiniferus*  
*Pseudococcus longispinus*  
*Coccus pseudomagnoliarum*  
*Protopulvinaria pyriformis*  
*Pseudococcus calceolarie*  
*Unaspis yanonensis*  
*Chrysomphalus aonidium*  
*Aonidiella citrina*  
*Phyllocnistis citrella*  
*Halyomorpha halys*  
*Anoplophora chinensis*  
*Solenopsis invicta*  
*Eutetranychus orientalis*

## In Spagna sono già presenti...

*Eutetranychus banksii*  
*Chaetanaphothrips orchidii*  
*Scirtothrips aurantii*  
*Scirtothrips dorsalis*  
*Trioza erytraeae*  
*Delottococcus aberiae*  
*Pulvinaria polygonata*



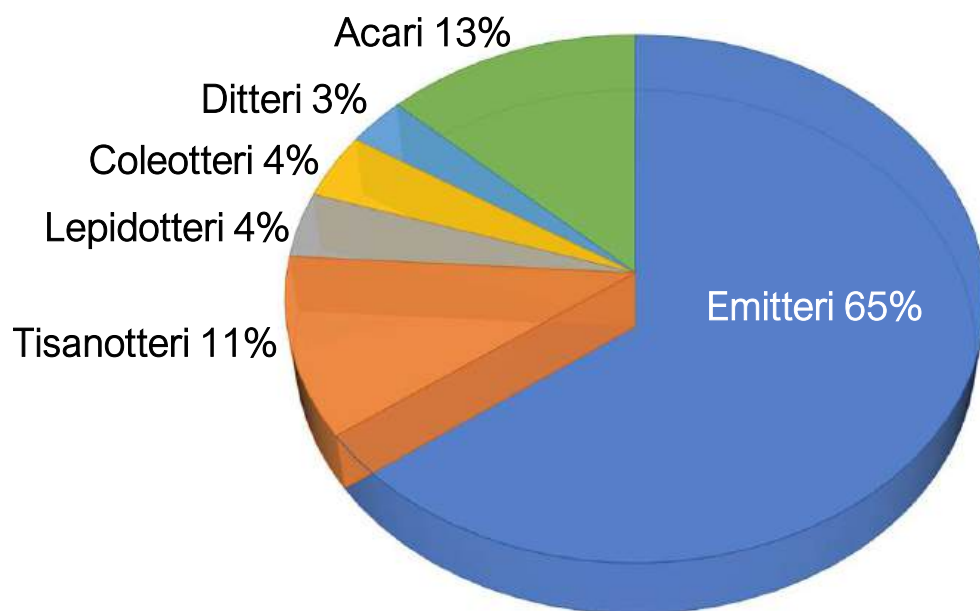
## Mentre nel Mediterraneo...

*Diaphorina citri*

Aleirodidi (28%) e cocciniglie (39%) rappresentano il 67% delle specie infestanti gli agrumi introdotte in Italia

# Gli agrumi e gli artropodi

Sugli agrumi coltivati nel bacino del Mediterraneo possono vivere oltre 70 specie tra insetti e acari



*Perché questa numerosità?*

- Piante sempreverdi
- Clima temperato-caldo favorevole
- Numerosità delle specie di agrumi
- Frequenti introduzioni di specie esotiche

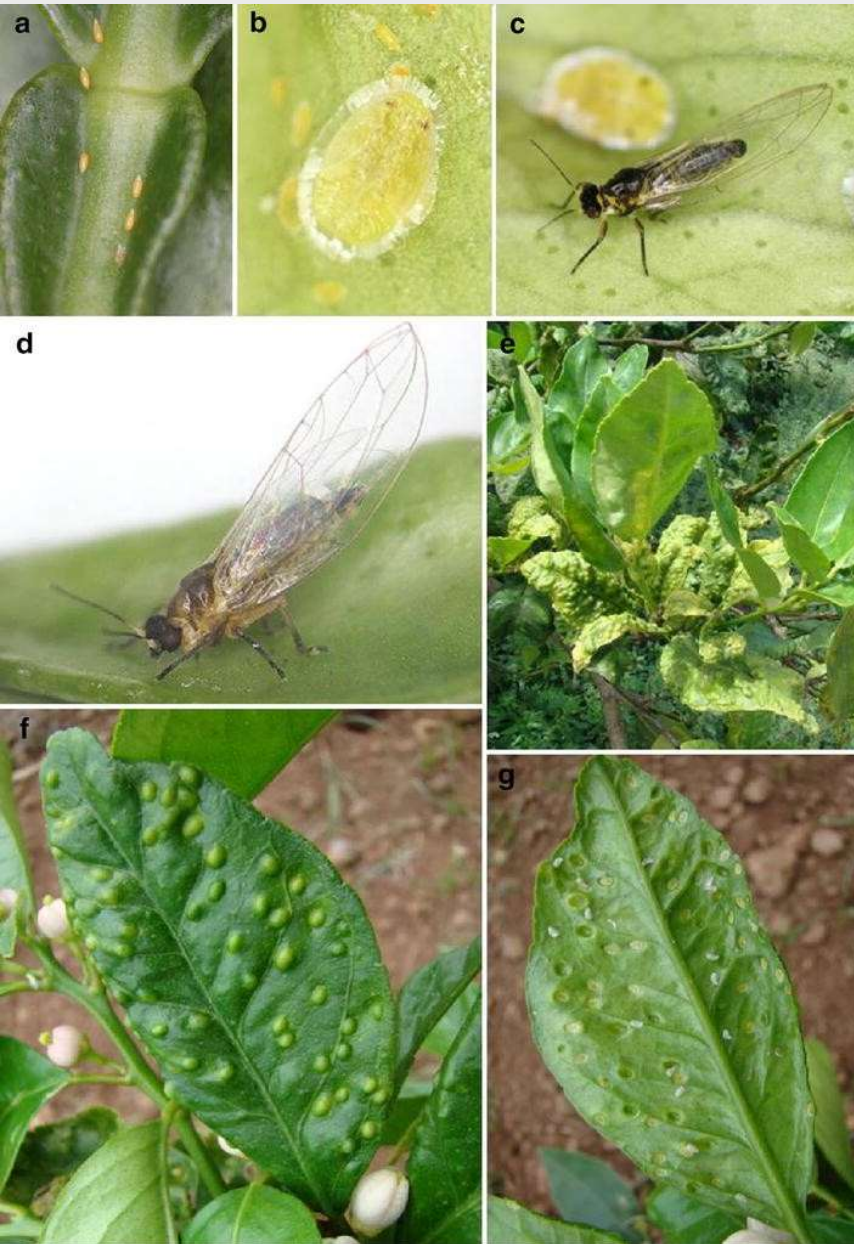
# Il ruolo del controllo biologico



Chi ricorda *Aleurotryx floccosus*? *Dialeurodes citri*? *Parabemisia myricae*? *Paraleiodes minei*?

Grazie a parassitoidi e antagonisti indigeni e introdotti, la dannosità di questi aleirodidi è oggi trascurabile

# Il ruolo del controllo biologico



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REVIEW

## A review on *Trioza erytreae* (African citrus psyllid), now in mainland Europe, and its potential risk as vector of huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus

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## Implementation and assessment of the classical biological control program against the huanglongbing vector, *Trioza erytreae*, in the Canary islands

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SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

## OPEN Classical biological control of the African citrus psyllid *Trioza erytreae*, a major threat to the European citrus industry

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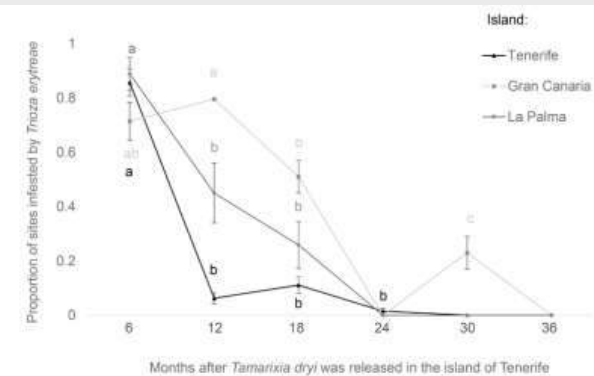


Citrus greening or huanglongbing (HLB) is the main threat to the European citrus industry since one of its vectors, the African citrus psyllid, *Trioza erytreae*, has recently become established in mainland Europe. In this context, classical biological control programmes should be implemented to reduce the spread of the psyllid. The aims of this study were to: i) disentangle the parasitoid complex of *T. erytreae* combining morphological and molecular characterization; and ii) to study the biology of its main parasitoids in its area of origin in South Africa for their future importation into Europe. The main citrus producing areas of South Africa were surveyed during 2017. In contrast to previous studies, the parasitoid complex of *T. erytreae* included three species of primary parasitoids: *Tamarixia dryi*, *Psyllaphagus pulvinatus* and another parasitoid of the genus *Tamarixia*. Molecular analysis showed that it is a new species closely related to *T. dryi*. *Tamarixia dryi* was the most abundant parasitoid but its relative abundance varied among sampling sites. The sex ratio (males/females) of *T. dryi* and *Tamarixia* sp. decreased with *T. erytreae* size and became female biased when psyllid nymphs were larger than 0.6 and 1.2 mm<sup>2</sup>, respectively. These parasitoids were attacked by three species of hyperparasitoids, *Aphidencirtus cassatus*, *Marietta juvenis* and a species of the genus *Aphanogmus*. *Aphidencirtus cassatus*, the most abundant hyperparasitoid, tended to emerge from large nymphs, and adult females lived as long as those of *T. dryi*. The implications of these results are discussed within the framework of the introduction of *T. dryi* into Europe.

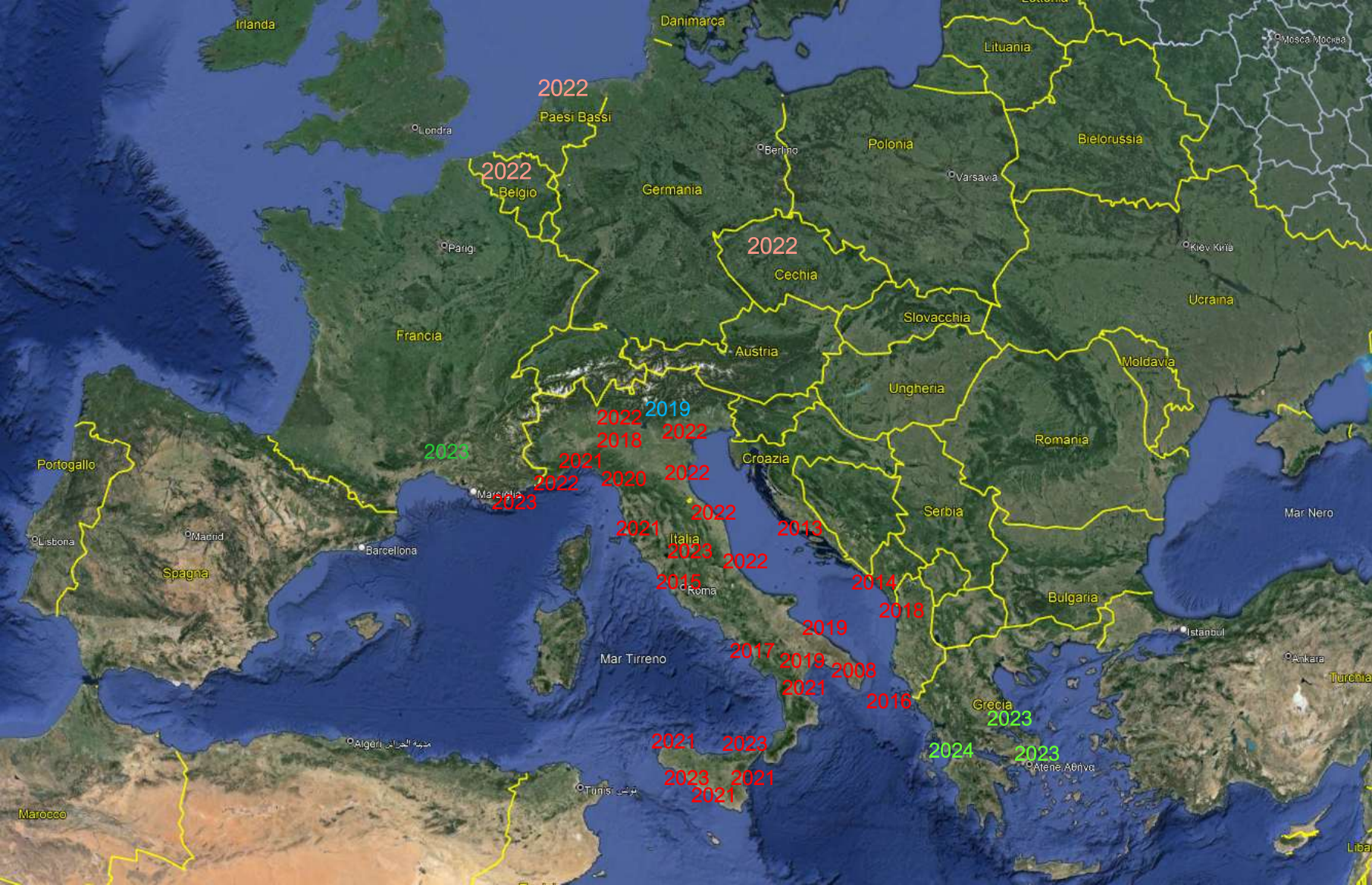
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The primary parasitoid *Tamarixia dryi* parasitizes the HLB vector, *Trioza erytreae*



# Dopo l'Italia...l'Europa



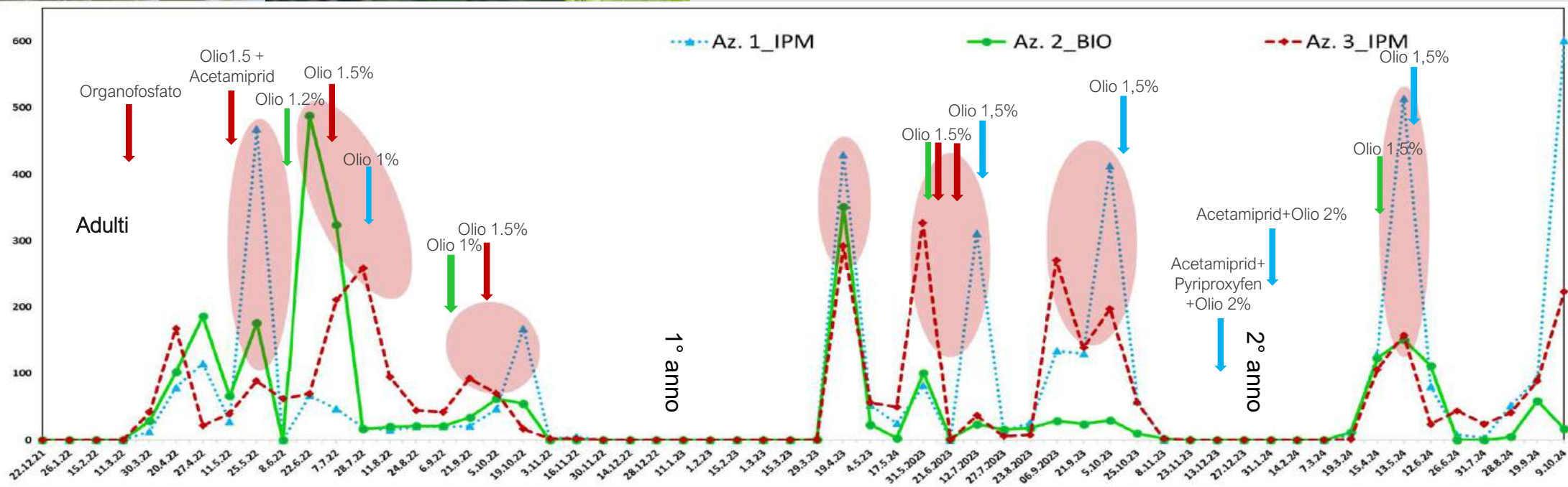
*Aleurocanthus spiniferus* negli agrumeti siciliani



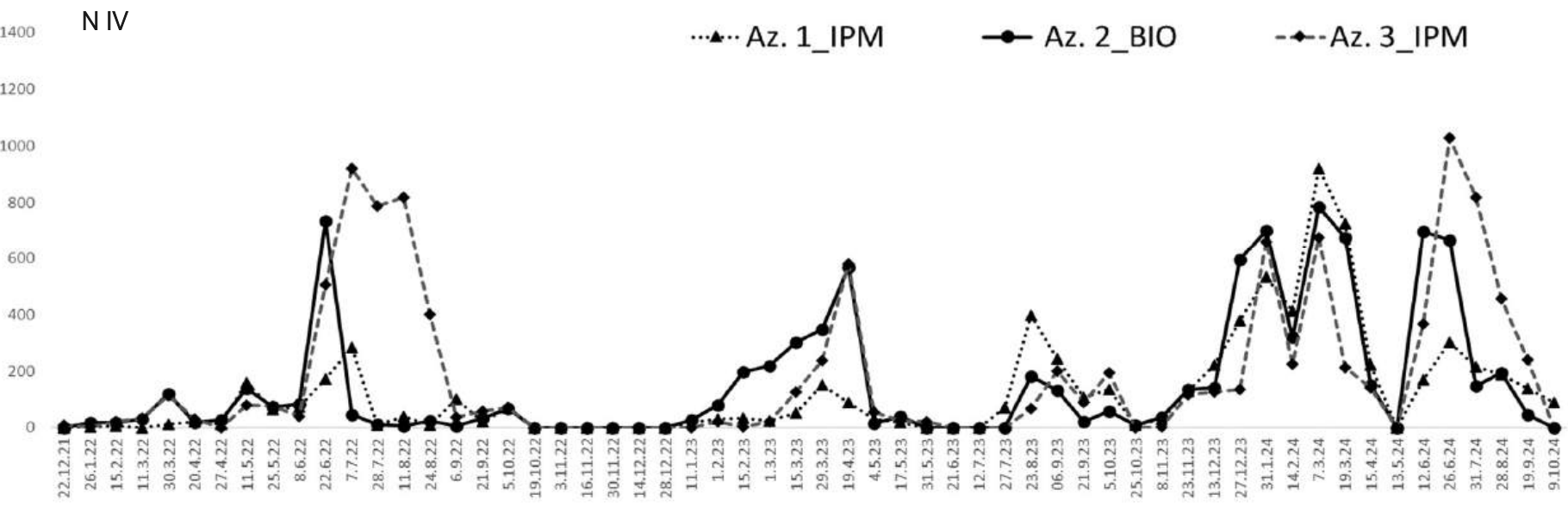
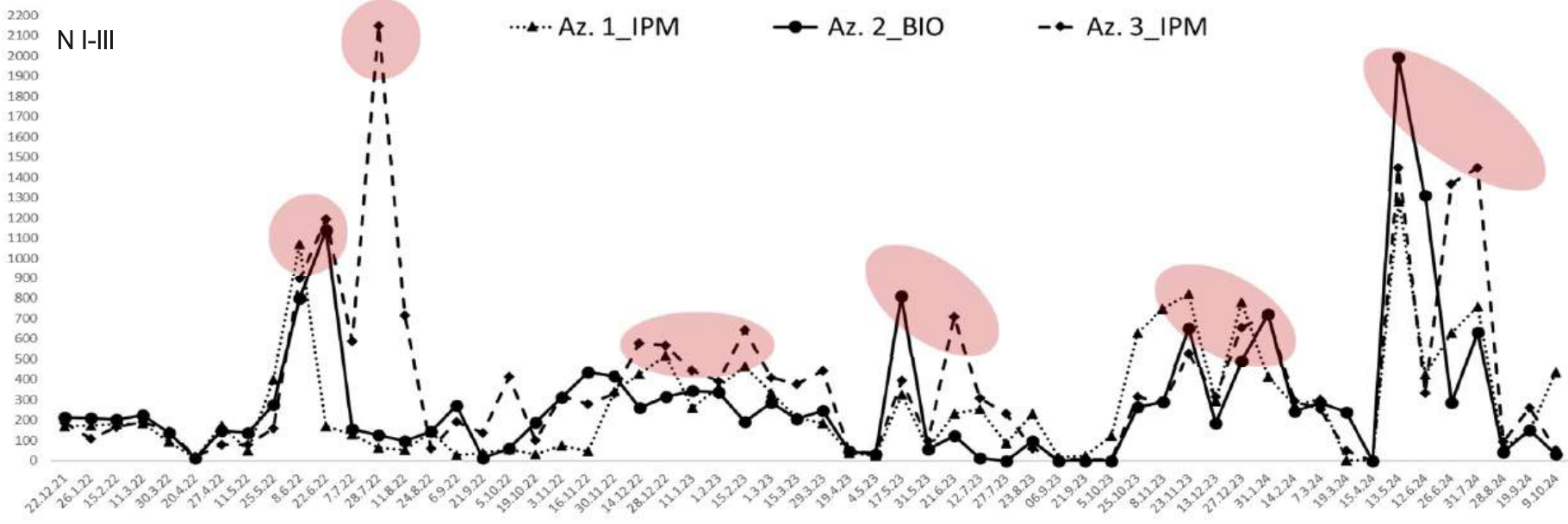


*Aleurocanthus spiniferus* sverna da neanide di II e III stadio. I primi adulti si osservano nell'ultima decade di marzo.

La generazione più dannosa è quella tardo primaverile-estiva. La specie svolge 3 generazioni annue.







# *Serangium montazerii* Fürsch

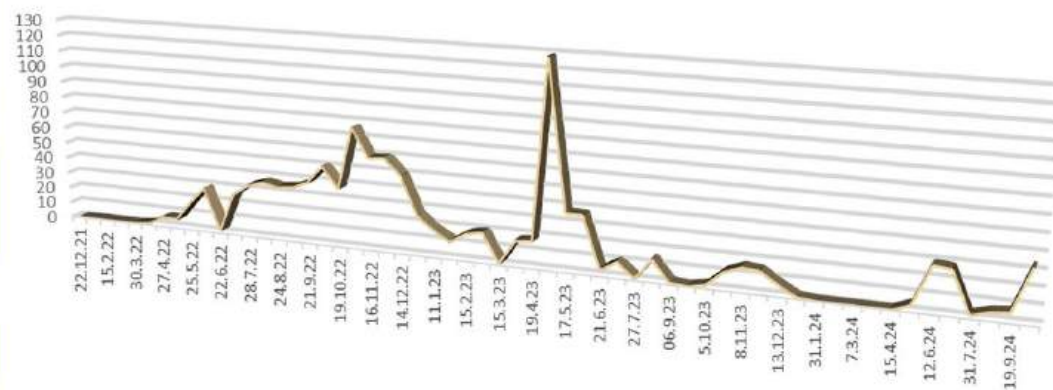
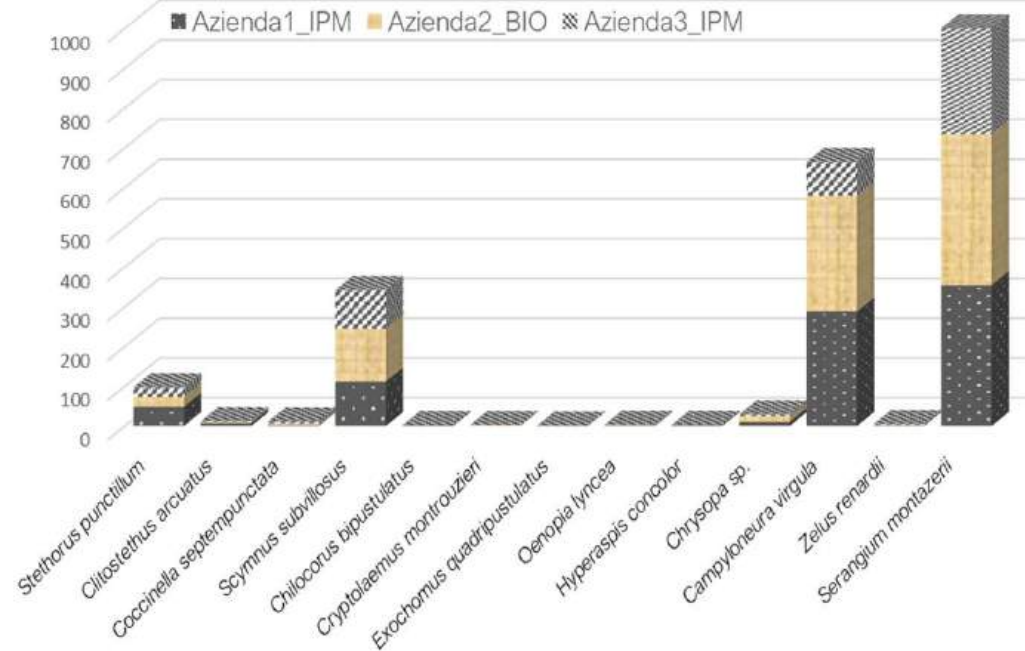
Coleoptera, Coccinellidae, Microweiseinae, Serangini



Presenza costante. La sua numerosità è strettamente connessa alla densità di popolazione di *Aleurocanthus*

Non è risolutivo, ma contribuisce al contenimento dell'aleirode

E' possibile l'allevamento di *Serangium* in biofabbrica



# La storia di *Serangium montazerii*

Popolazione 'siciliana'

*Serangium montazerii*\_S1  
*Serangium montazerii*\_S2  
*Serangium montazerii*\_S3  
*Serangium montazerii*\_S4  
*Serangium montazerii*\_S5  
*Serangium montazerii*\_S6  
*Serangium montazerii*\_S1  
*Serangium montazerii*\_S2

KY836642.1\_Coccinellidae sp.\_BIOUG02549-B03

*Serangium montazerii*\_S8

KY836374.1\_Coccinellidae sp.\_BIOUG02549-C12

Popolazione 'pakistana'

KY836791.1\_Coccinellidae sp.\_BIOUG02549-E07

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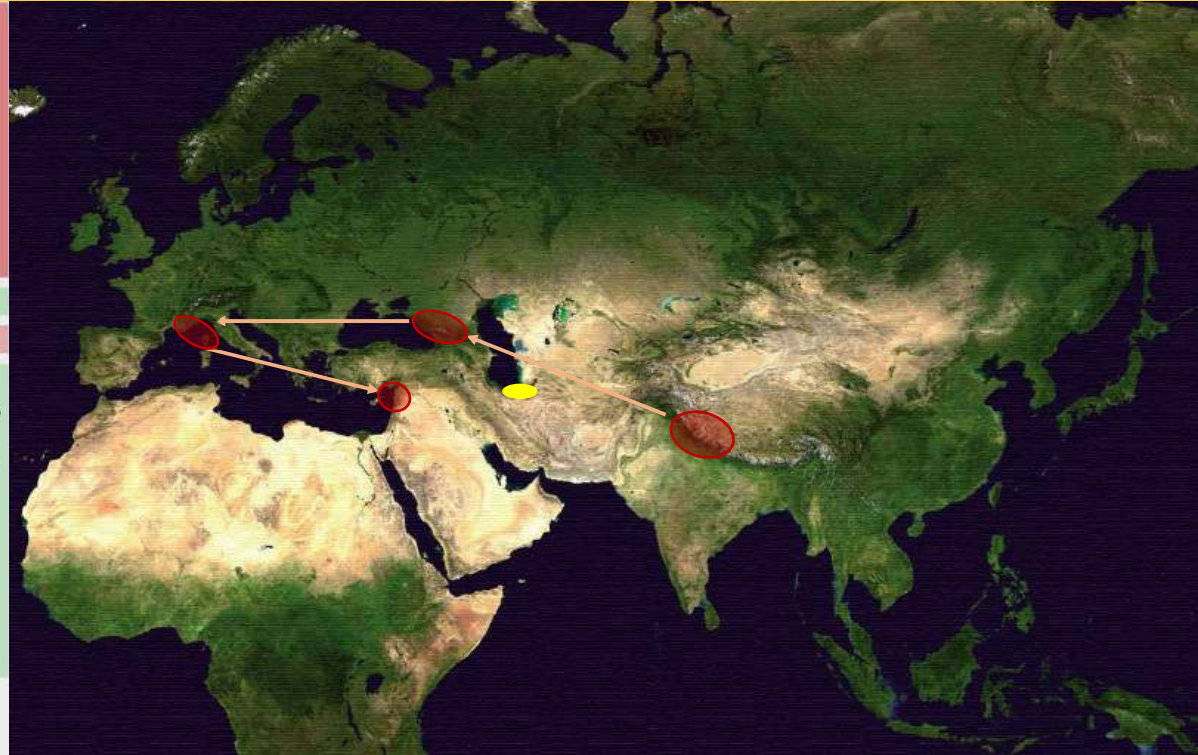
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Introdotta, come *Serangium parcesetosum*, rispettivamente in Georgia nel 1978, Francia (Costa Azzurra e Corsica) nel 1985 e Israele (1989) per il controllo di *Dialeurodes citri*. Si è diffuso spontaneamente in Turchia e Siria. Introdotta nel 1993 anche in Texas (USA) dall'India per il controllo di *Bemisia tabaci*.



# E i parassitoidi?



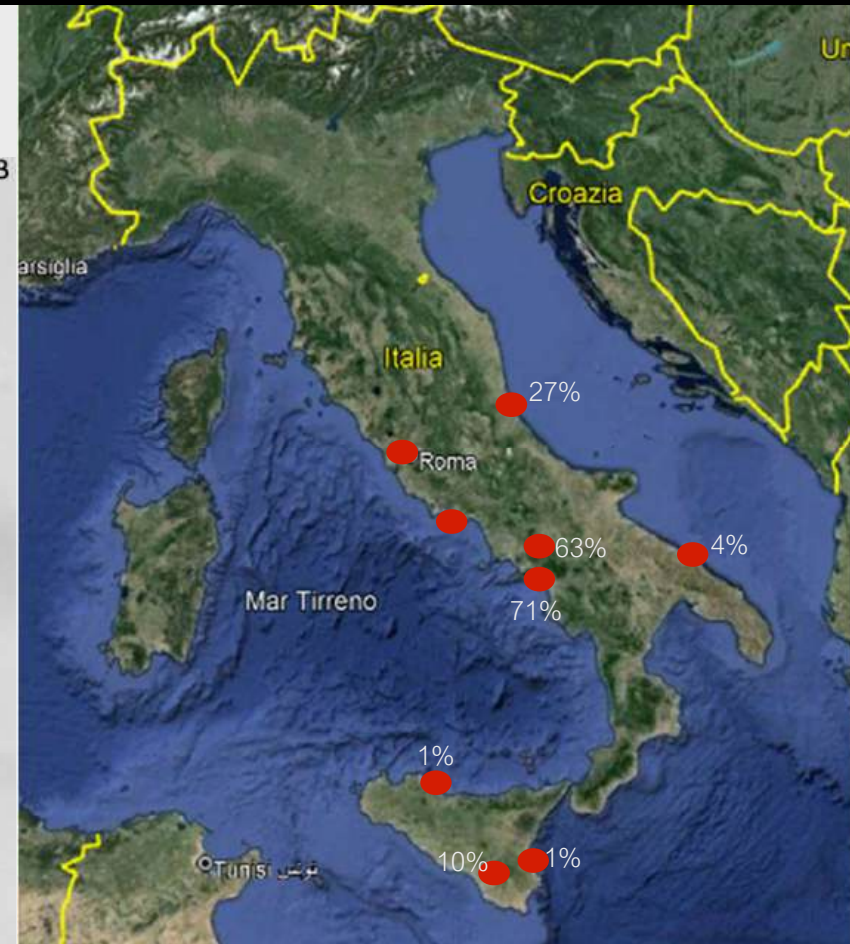
The drastic reduction of host populations is probably attributable to the activity impact of aphelinids, testified by numerous nymphs with the typical exit hole known for the species of the genus *Eretmocerus*, as well as to the predation activities by *S. montazerii*, *C. arcuatus*, and *D. catalinae*. Population trends of *Eretmocerus* sp. gr. *serius* indicate that even slight

Article

## An *Eretmocerus* Species, Parasitoid of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus*, Was Found in Europe: The Secret Savior of Threatened Plants

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Attualmente, nelle principali aree di rinvenimento, si registra una percentuale di parassitizzazione del 35-40%.



# Citizen Science



<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/142448049>



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🌿 53,153 observations



Observed:

Oct 6, 2022 · 5:31 PM CEST

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Nov 20, 2022 · 2:04 PM CET



📍 Ascoli Piceno, Italien

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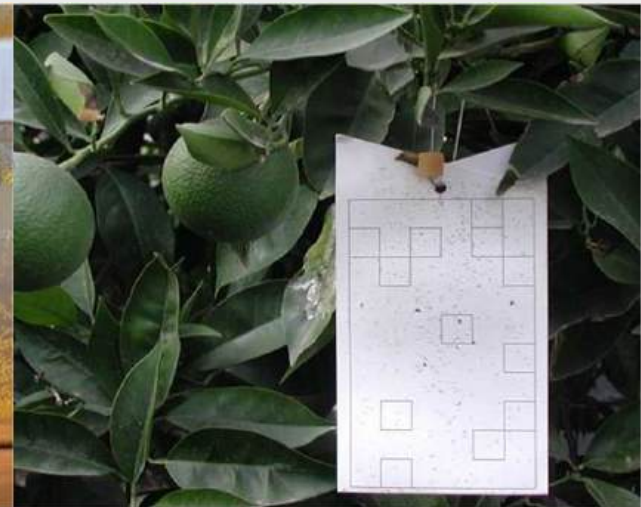
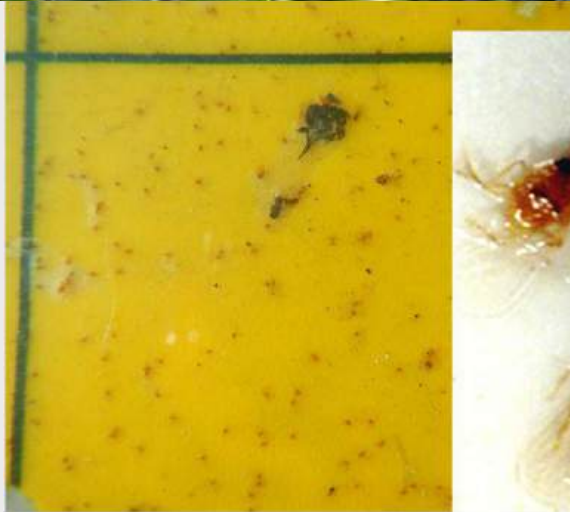
# Intraguild predation

Più antagonisti naturali condividono una stessa preda o ospite e contribuiscono insieme al controllo delle sue popolazioni



# Vecchi fitofagi

Nell'azienda storica nel territorio di Mineo, i rilasci annuali sono iniziati nel 1992 e sospesi nel 2021...per carenza di cocciniglie (catture di maschi bassissime)!

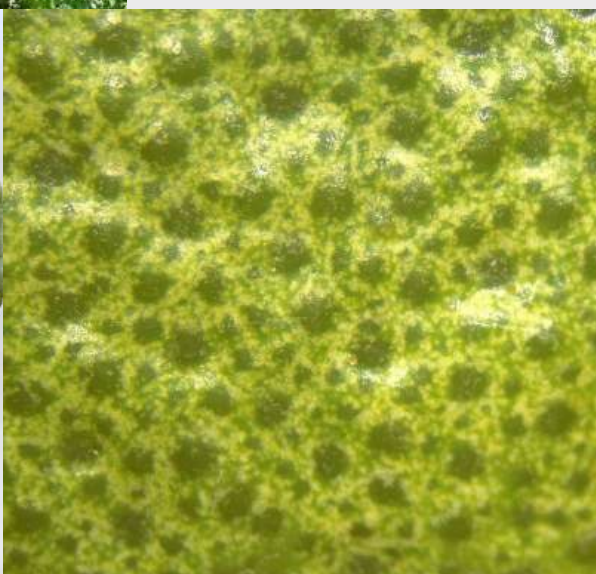


# Il nuovo acaro *Eutetranychus orientalis*

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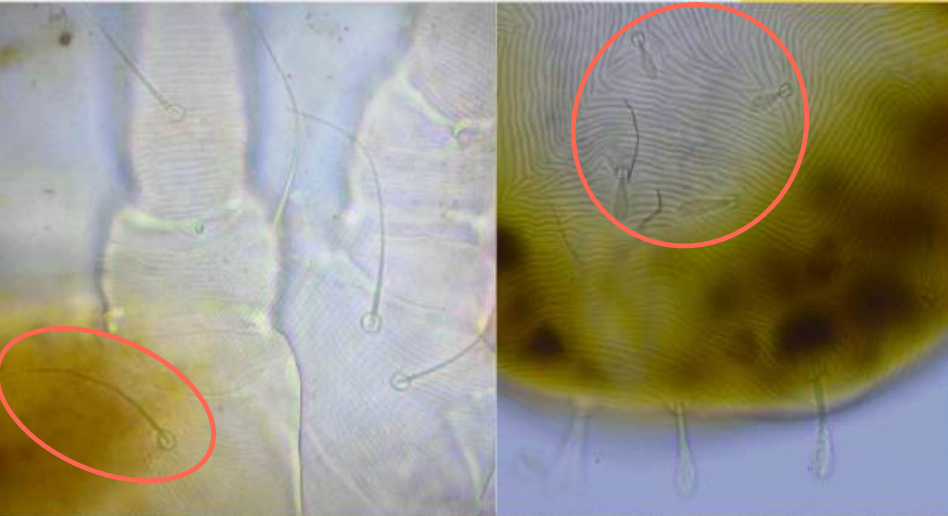


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# Il nuovo acaro *Eutetranychus orientalis*



Morfologia simile a *Eutetranychus banksi* e *E. africanus*

Quanto è diffuso?

Come è arrivata in Sicilia?

Dannosità

Strategie (?) di controllo



# Il ruolo degli insetticidi

Nel 1990 le sostanze attive registrate sugli agrumi: 46 (solo 1 BIO)

Meccanismi d'azione: 6

Nel 2024 le sostanze attive registrate sugli agrumi : 22 (13 no BIO / 9 BIO)

Meccanismi d'azione: 9

Acaricidi: 6

BIO: 4 (Beauveria bassiana, maltodestrine, olio paraffinico, sali potassici)

No BIO: 2 (cyflumetofen, spirotetramat fino al 10.2025)

Al 2024 risultano disponibili sul mercato 65 'prodotti ad azione specifica – biostimolanti' utilizzabili sugli agrumi



La formica di fuoco

*Solenopsis invicta*

*Solenopsis invicta* è un insetto onnivoro. Negli agrumeti ad alte densità di popolazione, potrebbe causare danni diretti e indiretti alle soprattutto alle giovani piante.



La formica di fuoco  
*Solenopsis invicta*



I nidi sono uno tipici, riconoscibili e rinvenibili ovunque

La formica di fuoco

*Solenopsis invicta*

*Solenopsis invicta* è considerata tra le 10 specie di insetti più dannosi del mondo



# Mosca orientale della frutta

## *Bactrocera dorsalis*



Attualmente presente in Campania (area di Palma Campania e San Giuseppe Vesuviano). Individuata in Emilia Romagna (Bologna), Lombardia (mercato ortofrutticolo di Milano), Alto Adige (Merano) e Veneto (mercato ortofrutticolo di Mestre). Tutti i rinvenimenti sono avvenuti con le trappole. Più volte intercettata in vari aeroporti.

Mosca orientale della frutta

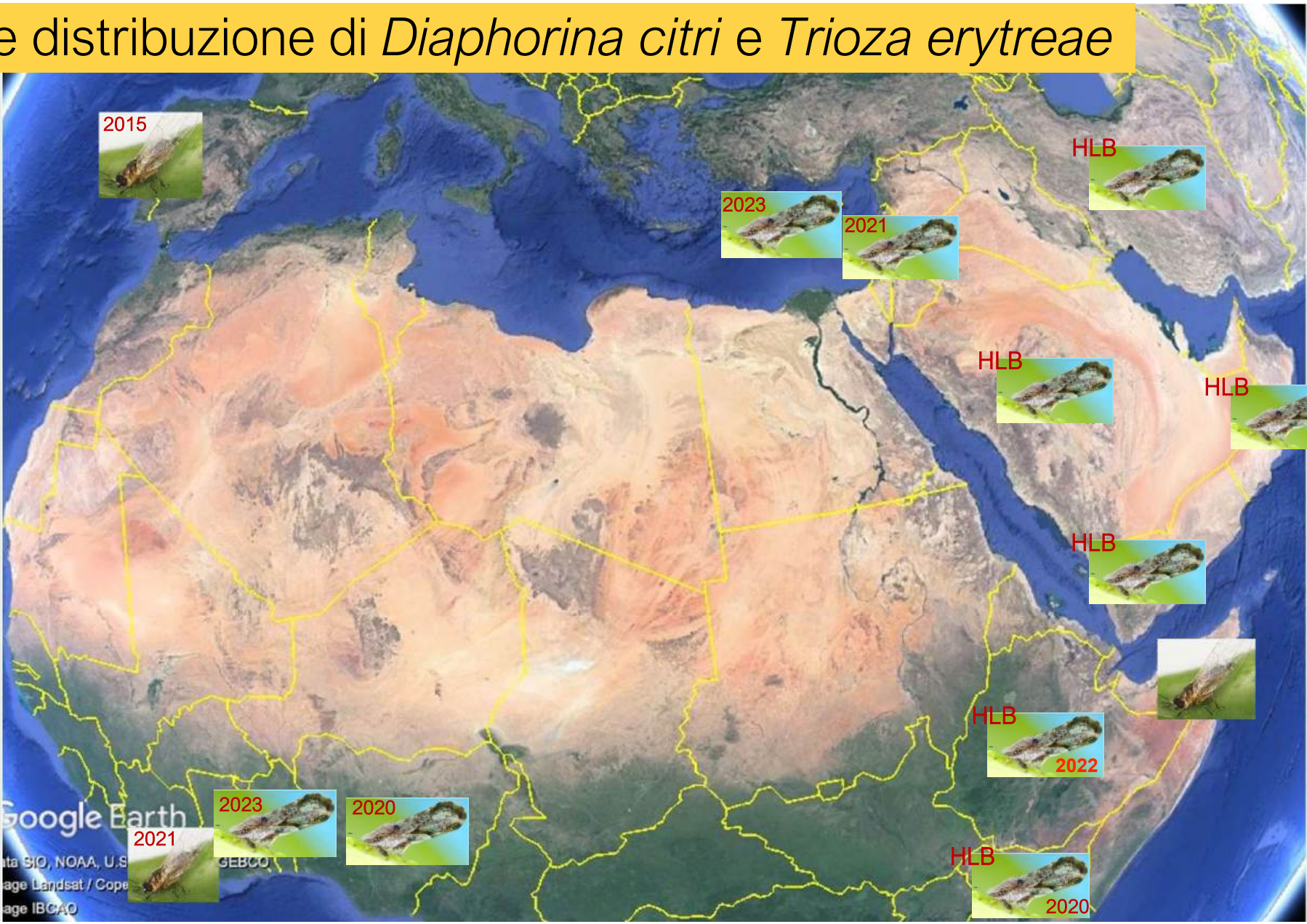
*Bactrocera dorsalis*

Attacca oltre 300 specie vegetali: frutta tropicale (avocado, mango), frutticole (drupacee, pomacee) e agrumi

Come distinguerla da *Ceratitis capitata* e *Bactrocera oleae*?



# Attuale distribuzione di *Diaphorina citri* e *Trioza erytreae*





## Come riconoscere i due insetti?

Psilla africana degli agrumi

Psilla asiatica degli agrumi

ADULTI



*Trioza erytreae* (Trioziidae)

*Diaphorina citri* (Liviidae)

Se si osservano questi sintomi **SEGNALARLO SUBITO**



*Trioza erytreae*

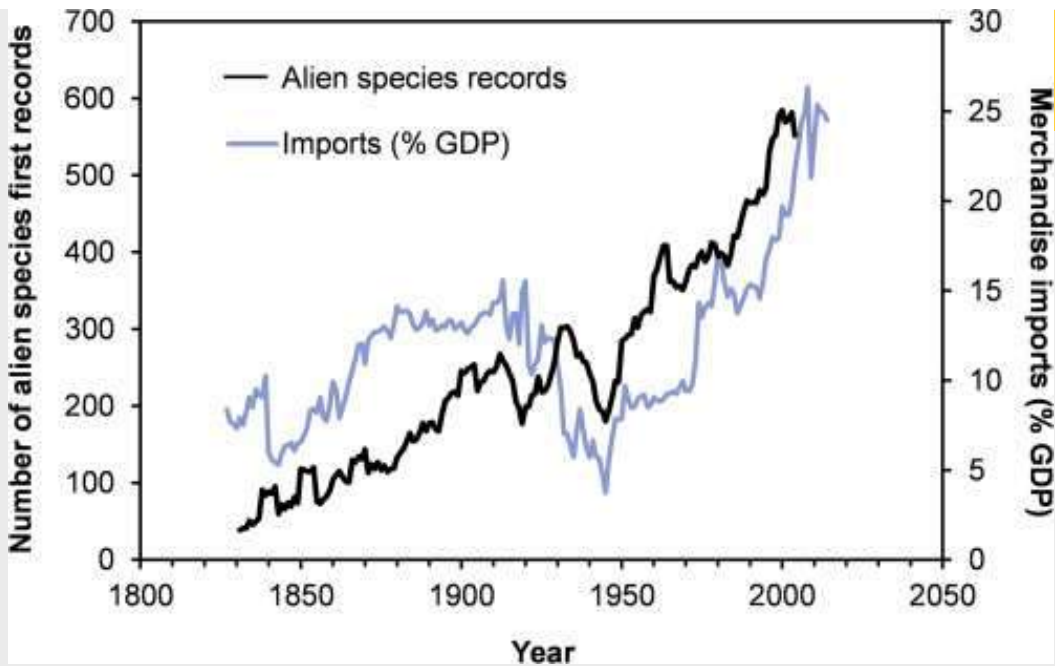


*Diaphorina citri*

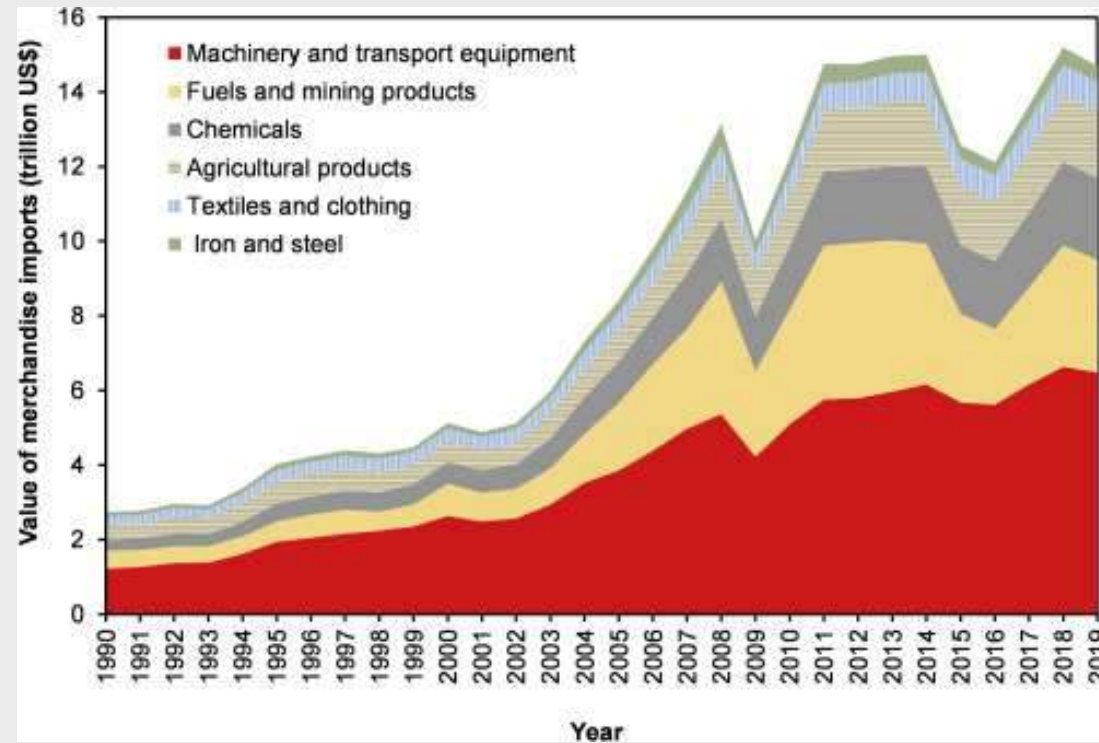
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Variazione temporale della percentuale del PIL costituita dalle importazioni e del numero di prime registrazioni di specie esotiche in tutto il mondo.



Lo studio evidenziano il forte legame tra piante esotiche e insetti. Limitare la diffusione di piante non autoctone è fondamentale per prevenire future invasioni sia di piante che di insetti.

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## Historical plant introductions predict current insect invasions

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Overall, our results highlight the strong link between plant and insect invasions and show that limiting the spread of nonnative plants might be key to preventing future invasions of both plants and insects.

# Cambiamenti climatici

## Complex responses of global insect pests to climate warming

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Although it is well known that insects are sensitive to temperature, how they will be affected by ongoing global warming remains uncertain because these responses are multifaceted and ecologically complex. We reviewed the effects of climate warming on 31 globally important phytophagous (plant-eating) insect pests to determine whether general trends in their responses to warming were detectable. We included four response categories (range expansion, life history, population dynamics, and trophic interactions) in this assessment. For the majority of these species, we identified at least one response to warming that affects the severity of the threat they pose as pests. Among these insect species, 41% showed responses expected to lead to increased pest damage, whereas only 4% exhibited responses consistent with reduced effects; notably, most of these species (55%) demonstrated mixed responses. This means that the severity of a given insect pest may both increase and decrease with ongoing climate warming. Overall, our analysis indicated that anticipating the effects of climate warming on phytophagous insect pests is far from straightforward. Rather, efforts to mitigate the undesirable effects of warming on insect pests must include a better understanding of how individual species will respond, and the complex ecological mechanisms underlying their responses.

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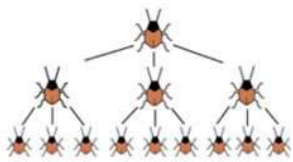
Review

## The Impact of Climate Change on Agricultural Insect Pests

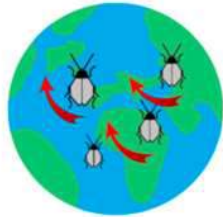
Sandra Skendžić<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Monika Zovko<sup>2</sup>, Ivana Pajač Živković<sup>1</sup>, Vinko Lešić<sup>3</sup> and Darija Lemić<sup>1</sup>  
*Insects* 2021, 12, 440. <https://doi.org/10.3390/insects12050440>

**Abstract:** Climate change and global warming are of great concern to agriculture worldwide and are among the most discussed issues in today's society. Climate parameters such as increased temperatures, rising atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels, and changing precipitation patterns have significant impacts on agricultural production and on agricultural insect pests. Changes in climate can affect insect pests in several ways. They can result in an expansion of their geographic distribution, increased survival during overwintering, increased number of generations, altered synchrony between plants and pests, altered interspecific interaction, increased risk of invasion by migratory pests, increased incidence of insect-transmitted plant diseases, and reduced effectiveness of biological control, especially natural enemies. As a result, there is a serious risk of crop economic losses, as well as a challenge to human food security. As a major driver of pest population dynamics, climate change will require adaptive management strategies to deal with the changing status of pests. Several priorities can be identified for future research on the effects of climatic changes on agricultural insect pests. These include modified integrated pest management tactics, monitoring climate and pest populations, and the use of modelling prediction tools.

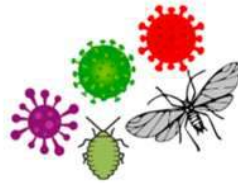
## In che modo l'aumento della temperatura può influire sugli insetti?



Incremento del numero di generazioni



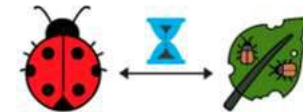
Espansione delle aree di diffusione



Maggiore diffusione delle malattie trasmesse dagli insetti



Incremento della sopravvivenza invernale



Desincronizzazione del ciclo pest/beneficial



Desincronizzazione del ciclo pest/pianta ospite

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