

The Main Quarantine Bioaggressors Threatening Strategic Crops in Maghreb Countries



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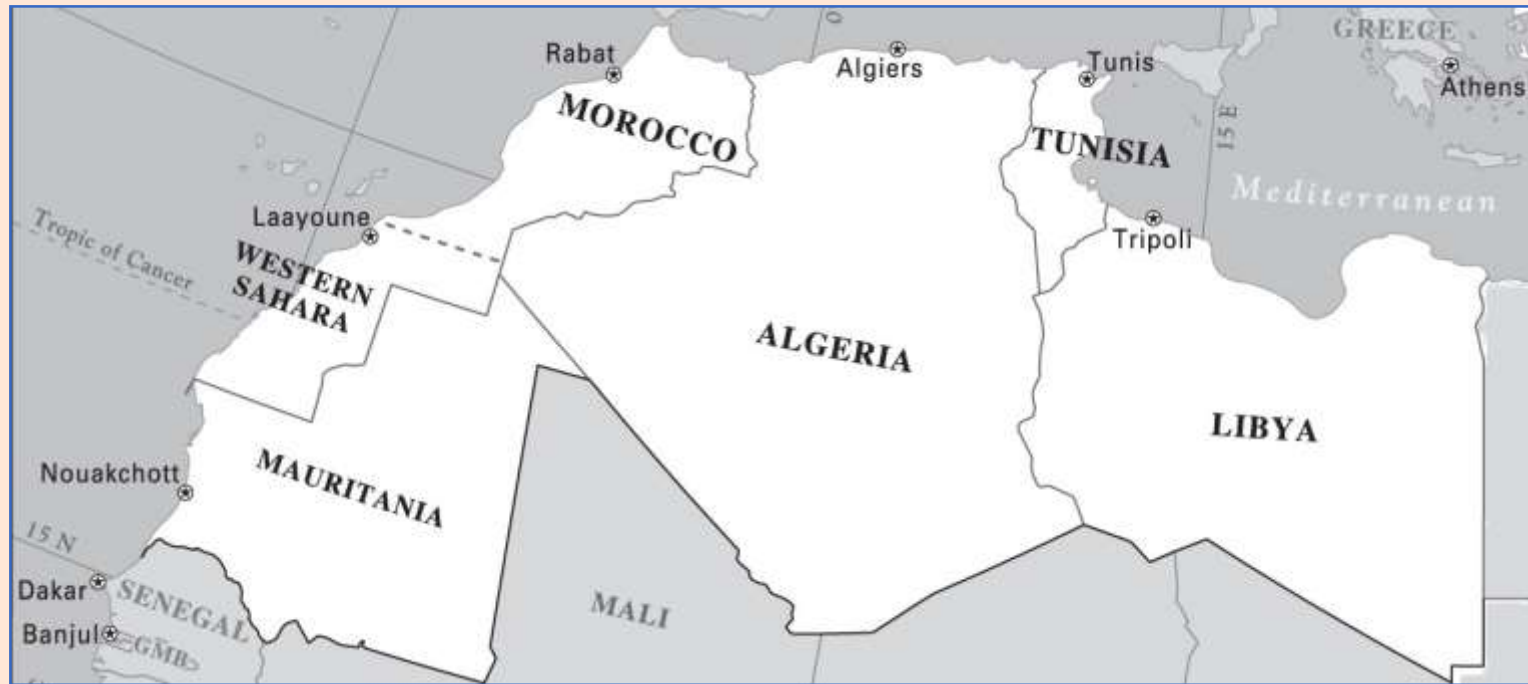


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Maghreb Countries (UAM)



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Maghreb Countries Common Phytosanitary Problems

Desert Locust

Tomato miner

Fire blight

Red Palm Weevil

Bayoudh

Xylella

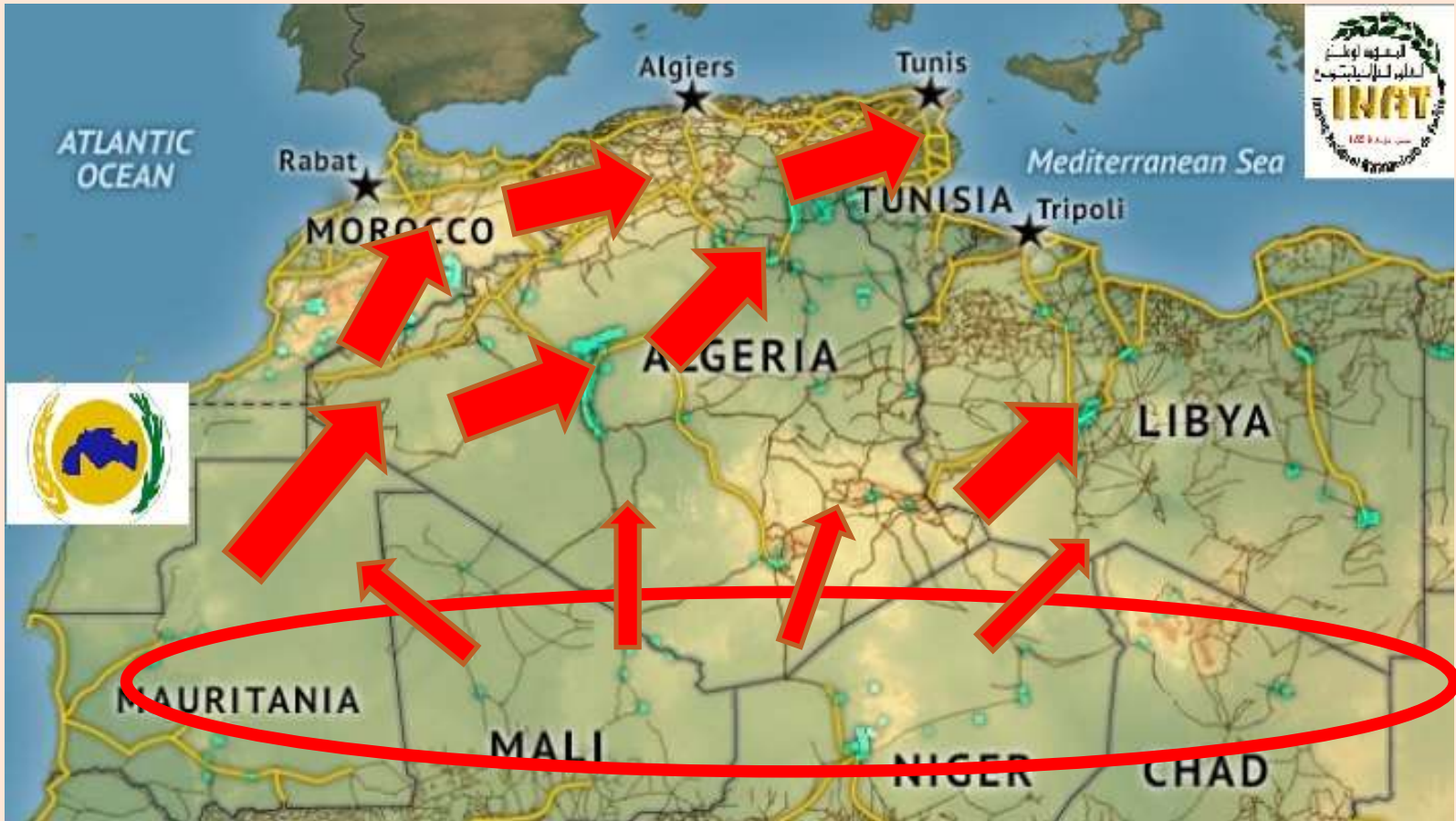
Greening (HLB)





Desert Locust

Invasions of 1988 & 2005





Desert Locust

(With the help of FAO)





Desert Locust



Great work of CLCPRO / FAO

Every year (specially at autumn):

- Preparation and maintenance of materials and facilities
- Detailed surveillance of spots forming swarms
- Quick chemical destruction of all forming swarms
- In case of invasion: huge campaign to combat the invader pest

CLCPRO: Commission de Lutte contre le Criquet Pèlerin de la Région Ouest



Tomato Miner

(*Tuta absoluta*)





Tomato Miner

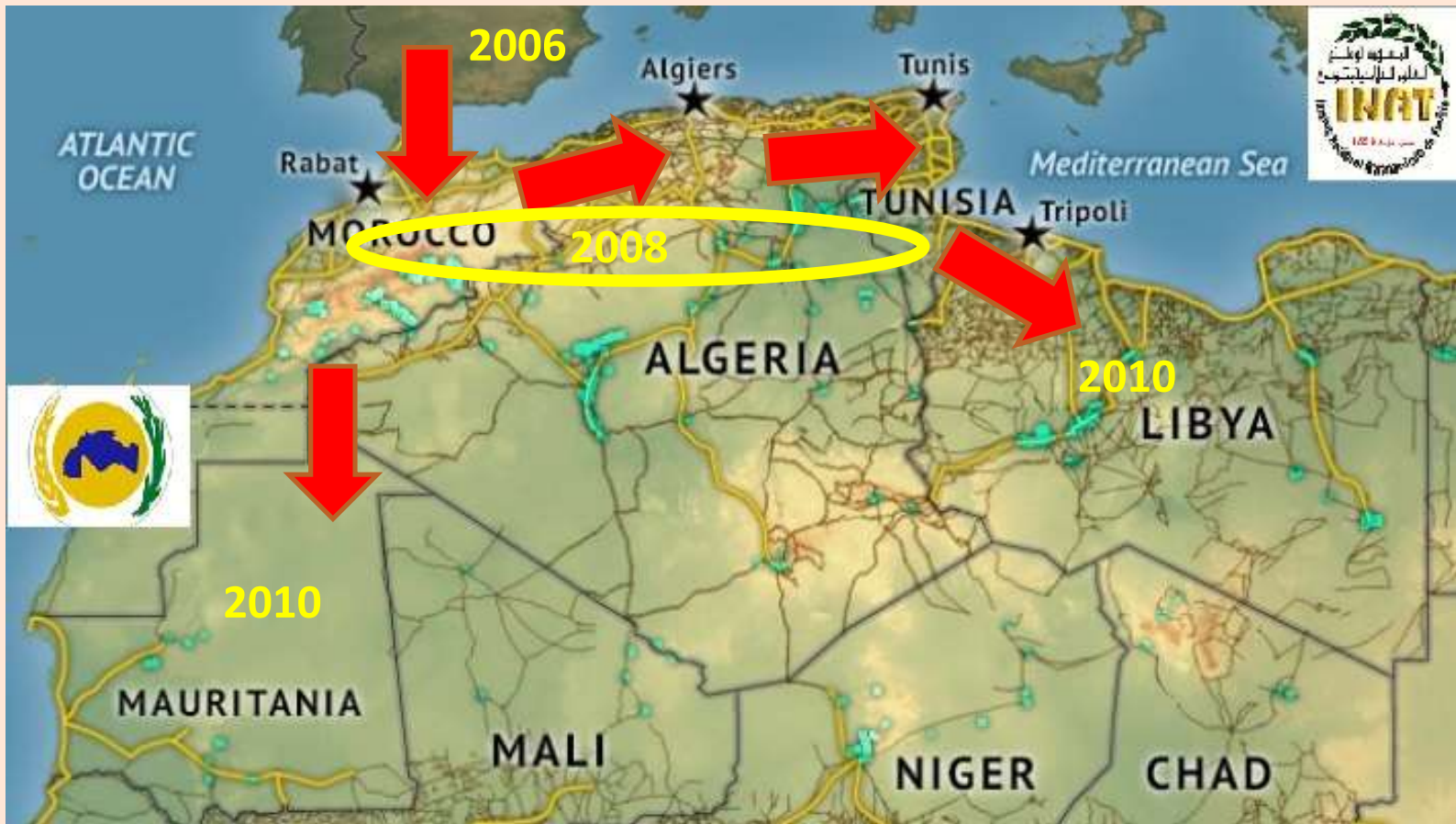


Tuta absoluta

- **Originating from South-America**
- **Europe: Firstly reported in Spain (2006)**
- **Maghreb: Morocco (early 2008), Algeria and Tunisia (2008), Mauritania and Libya (2010)**
- **Quick invasion and establishment**
- ***T. absoluta* is no more a Quarantine Pest**



Tomato Miner





Red Palm Weevil

(*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*)



Canary palms





Red Palm Weevil

(*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*)



Date palms





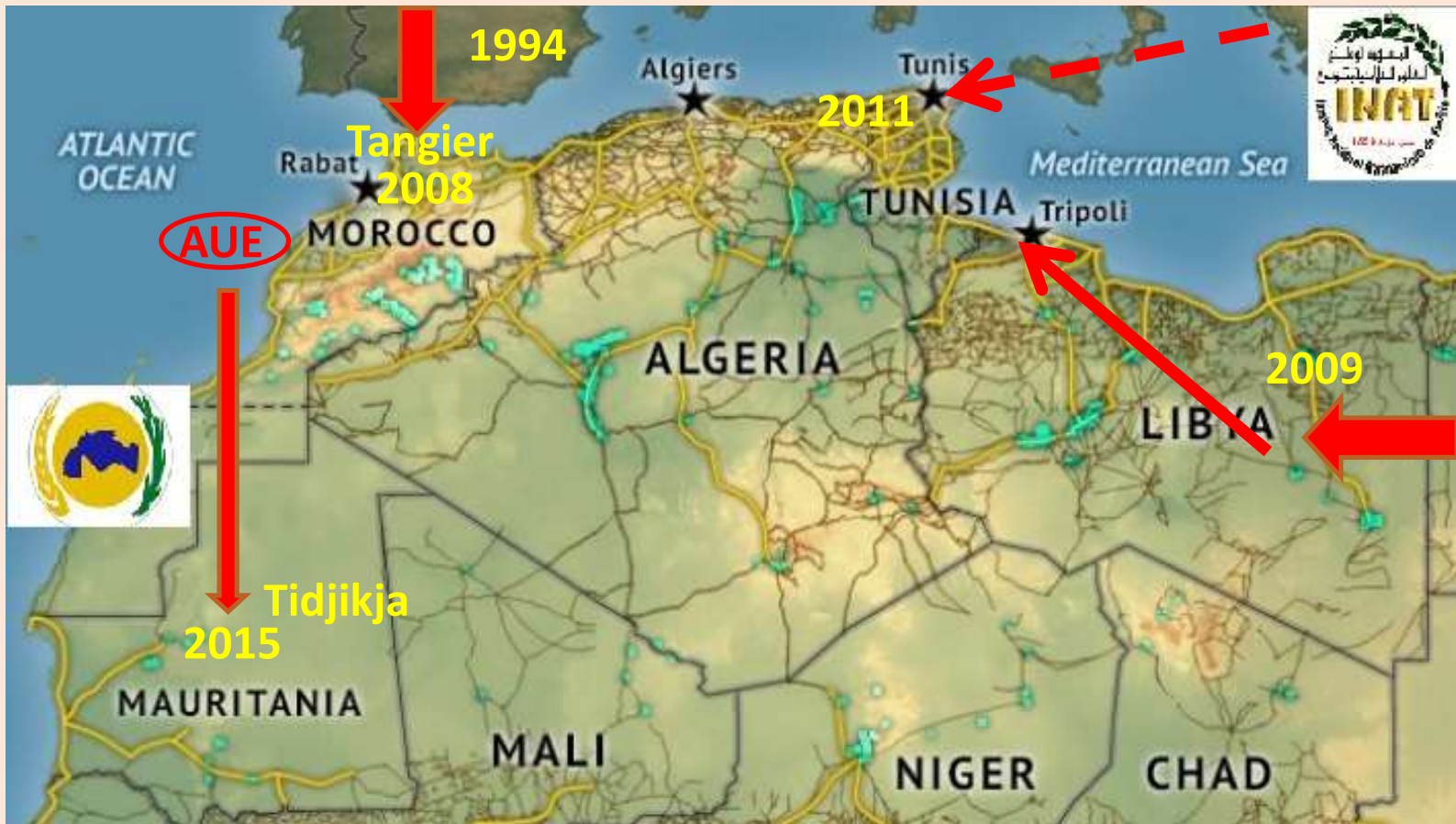
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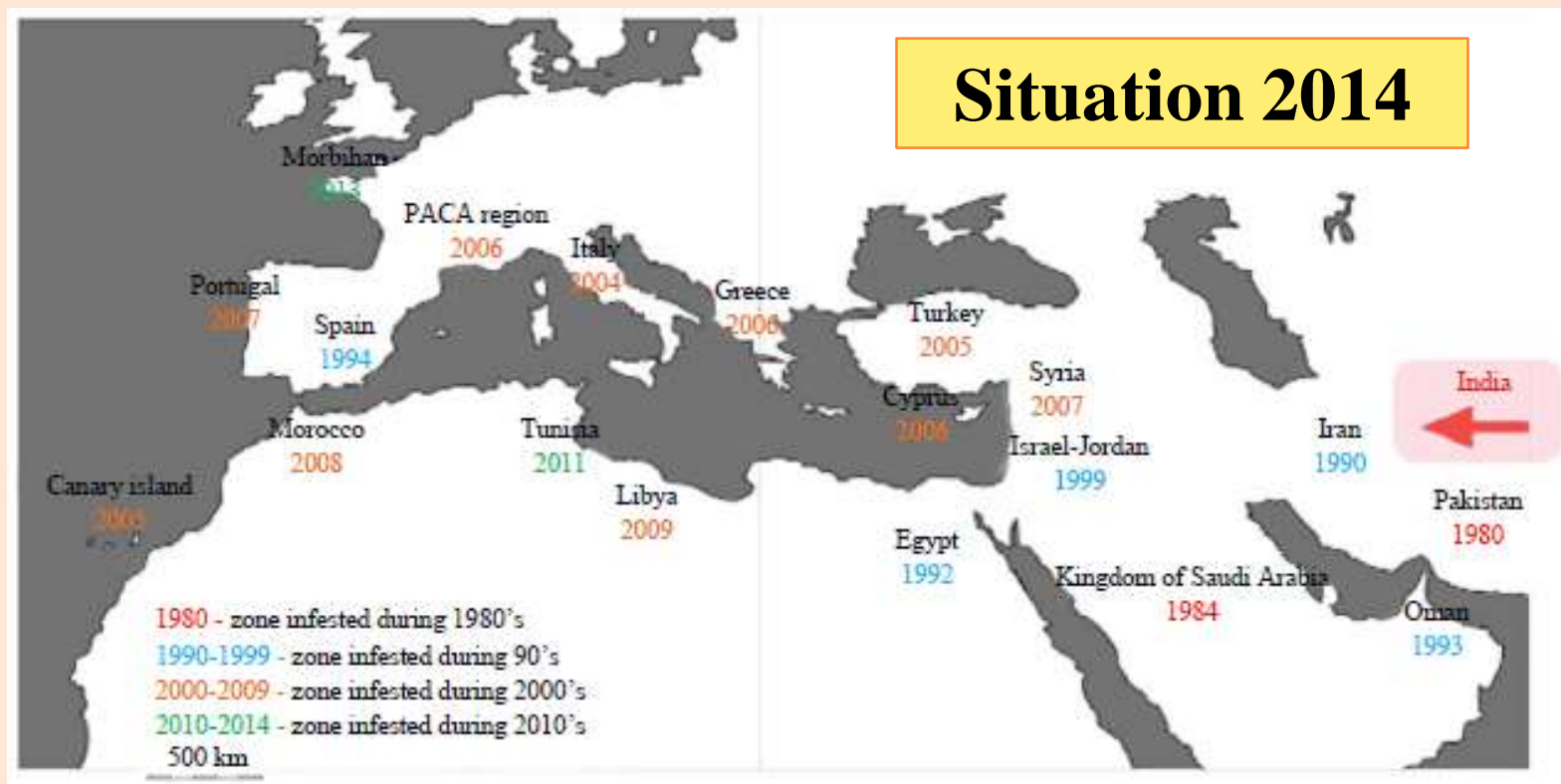
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Red Palm Weevil

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Red Palm Weevil (2016)

(Rhynchophorus ferrugineus)



Tunis / Number of infested and mostly cut palm trees : 30 (2011) → 2,700 (2016)



Bayoudh

(*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *albedinis*)



- * **Bayoudh**: means "**Whitening**" (of the leaves of the infected palms)
- * **First observation in Morocco: Zagora 1887**
- * **During more than 1 century, destruction of:**
 - **12 Million palm trees in Morocco (2/3)**
[Morocco became date importer]
 - **03 Million palm trees in Algeria (1/3)**

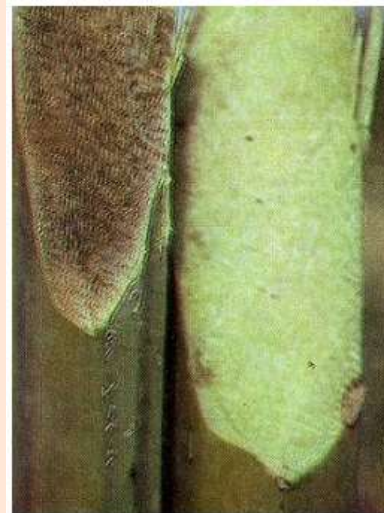


Bayoudh

(*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *albedinis*)



Bayoudh disease external symptoms



Infected palm Control palm
Bayoudh disease on date palm



Bayoudh disease. Internal symptoms on date palm trunk



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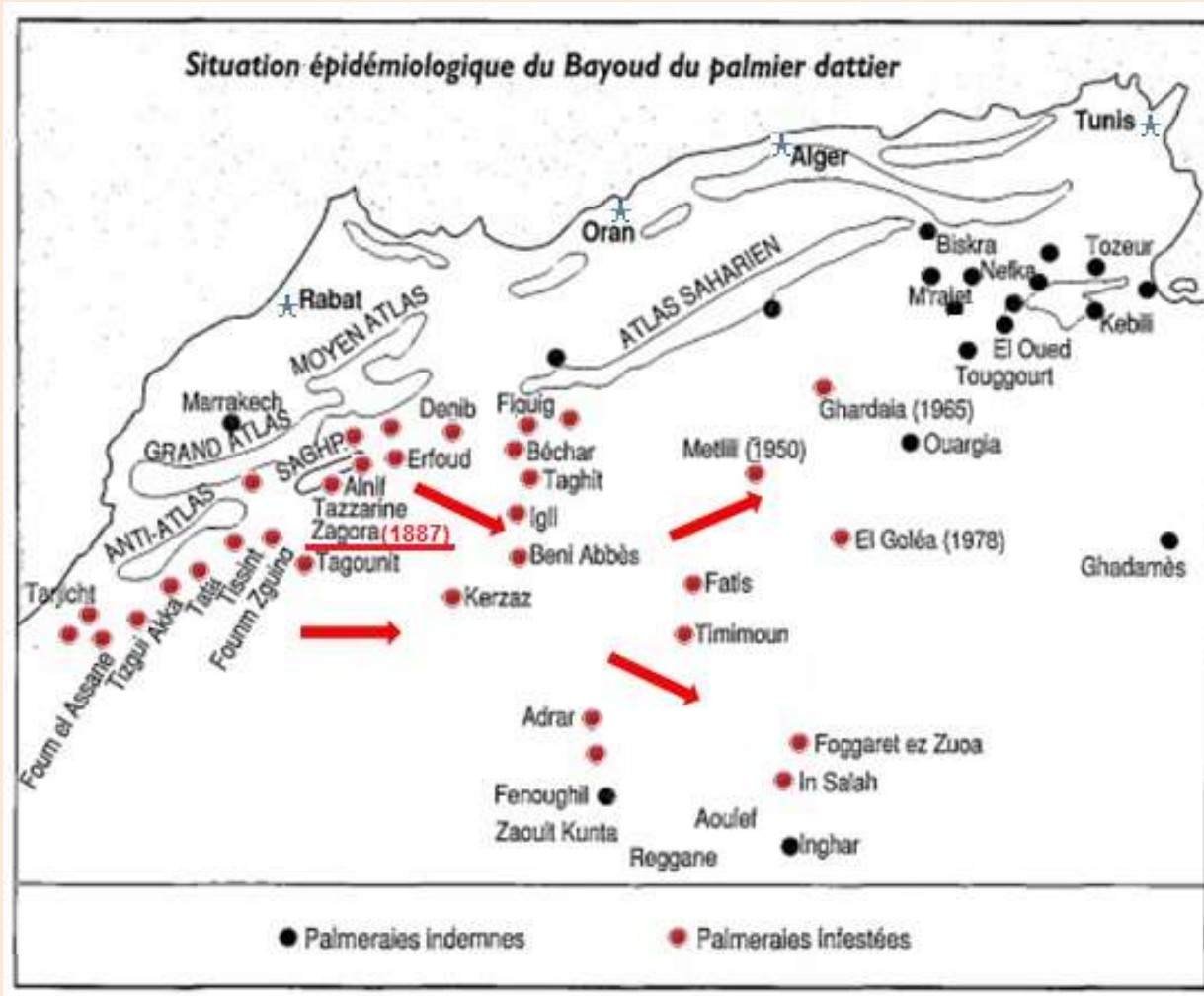
Bayoud disease. External symptoms on date palms





Bayoudh

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- Threatened:**
- Mauritania
 - East-Algeria
 - Tunisia
 - Libya



Fire Blight

(*Erwinia amylovora*)





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Propagation in tree →

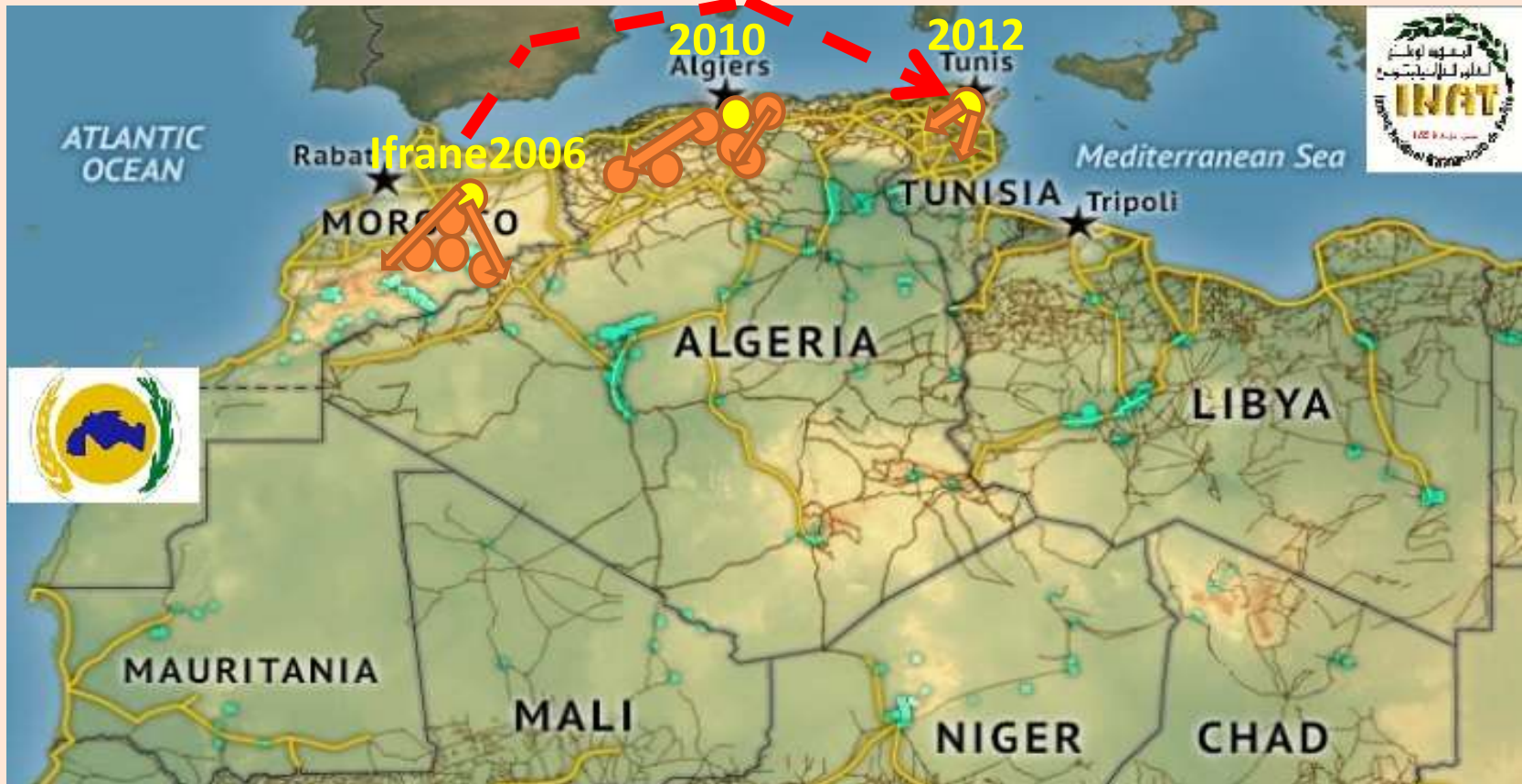


← Propagation between trees (Windy rains, Bees, Man pruning,...)



Fire Blight (2016)

(*Erwinia amylovora*)

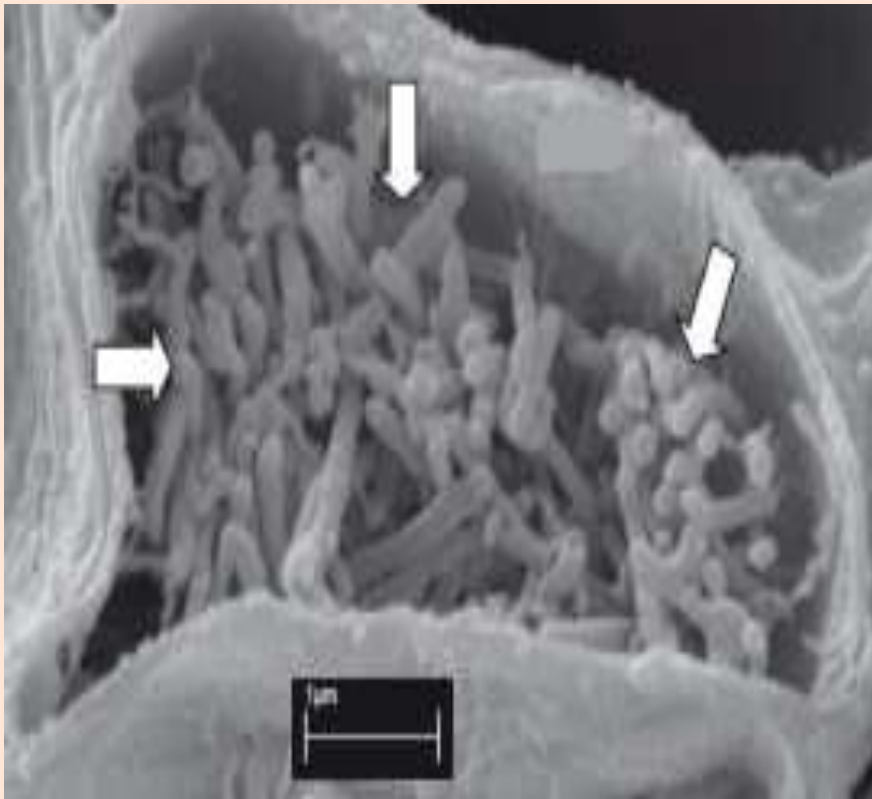


Tunisia / Surface of Rooted out Trees : 3,300 ha (2016)



Citrus Greening

(*Candidatus Liberibacter*)



- * Three species of bacteria:
 - *Cand. Liberibacter asiaticus*
 - *Cand. Liberibacter africanus*
 - *Cand. Liberibacter americanus*
- * They are injected in citrus plants by insect pests
- * They locate and spread in liber tissue of the citrus phloem



Citrus Greening/HLB

(*Candidatus Liberibacter*)



- * Disease firstly observed in China 1956, then called: *Huang-Long-Bing* (HLB), meaning **Yellow Shoot Disease**
- * Known also as **Greening** disease
- * Bacteria transmitted by rootstock, graft and sap-sucking insects feeding on citrus



Citrus Greening/HLB

(*Candidatus Liberibacter*)



Vector insect

African psyllid
(*Trioza erytreae*)



Cand. *Liberibacter*
africanus



Citrus Greening

(*Candidatus Liberibacter*)



Vector insect

Asian psyllid
(*Diaphorina citri*)



Cand. *Liberibacter*
asiaticus
and
Cand. *Liberibacter*
americanus



Citrus Greening/HLB

(*Candidatus Liberibacter*)



Symptoms



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Symptoms



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Xylella fastidiosa Diseases



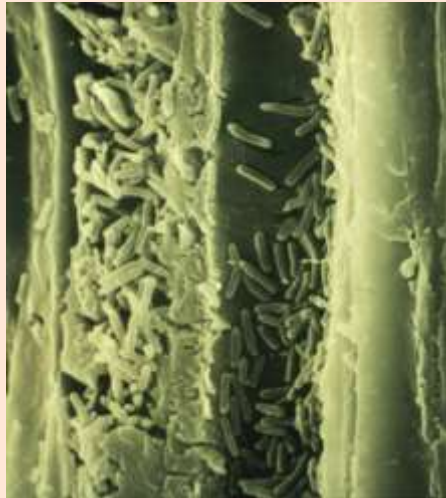
* One species of bacterium living in xylem vessels: *Xylella fastidiosa*

* Many subspecies:

- *X. fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa*
- *X. fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex*
- *X. fastidiosa* subsp. *pauca*
- *X. fastidiosa* subsp. *sandyi*

and

- *X. fastidiosa* subsp. *morus* changed in 2016 in a new species: *Xylella taiwanensis*





Xylella fastidiosa Diseases



Xylella fastidiosa causes several diseases on numerous host plants (around 300 plant species):

- **Grapevine** Pierce's disease (PD)
 - **Citrus** variegated chlorosis (CVC)
 - **Phony peach** disease (PPD)
 - **Oleander** leaf scorch (OLS)
 - **Plum** leaf scald (PLS)
 - **Almond** leaf scorch (ALS)
 - **Coffee** leaf scorch (CLS)
 - **Olive** quick decline (OQD),...
- + A number of forest and shade trees



Xylella fastidiosa Diseases



Xylella fastidiosa is transmitted by numerous (around 40 species) sap-sucking insects belonging to Hemiptera (Cicadellidae & Cercopidae).

Examples of **Cicadellidae**



Xyphon fulgida



Homalodisca vitripennis



Xylella fastidiosa Diseases



Example of **Cercopidae**



Philaenus spumarius



Xylella fastidiosa Diseases



Grapevine Pierce's Disease (PD)

Caused by *X. fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa*





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Oleander Leaf Scorch (OLS)

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Almond Leaf Scorch (ALS)

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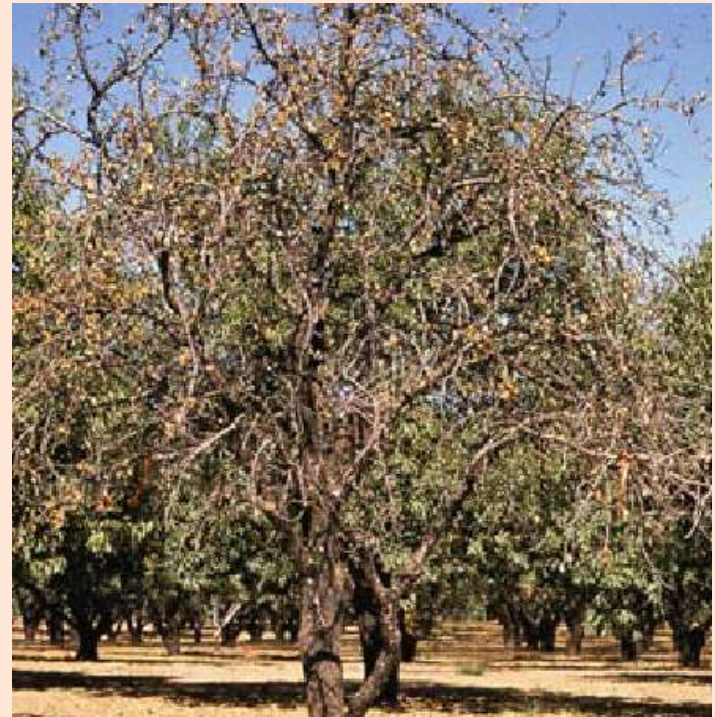


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Olive Quick Decline (OQD)

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Thank You

