



**Resistance
management
in vector control:
experience from
Onchocerciasis
Control in West
Africa**



Simulium damnosum: a complex of 6 sibling species

Entomological monitoring: 180 collection sites for weekly surveys



Mauritanie

Mali

Senegal

Savannah vector species

Burkina Faso

Guinée

Benin

Guinea Bissau

Nigeria

Sierra Leone

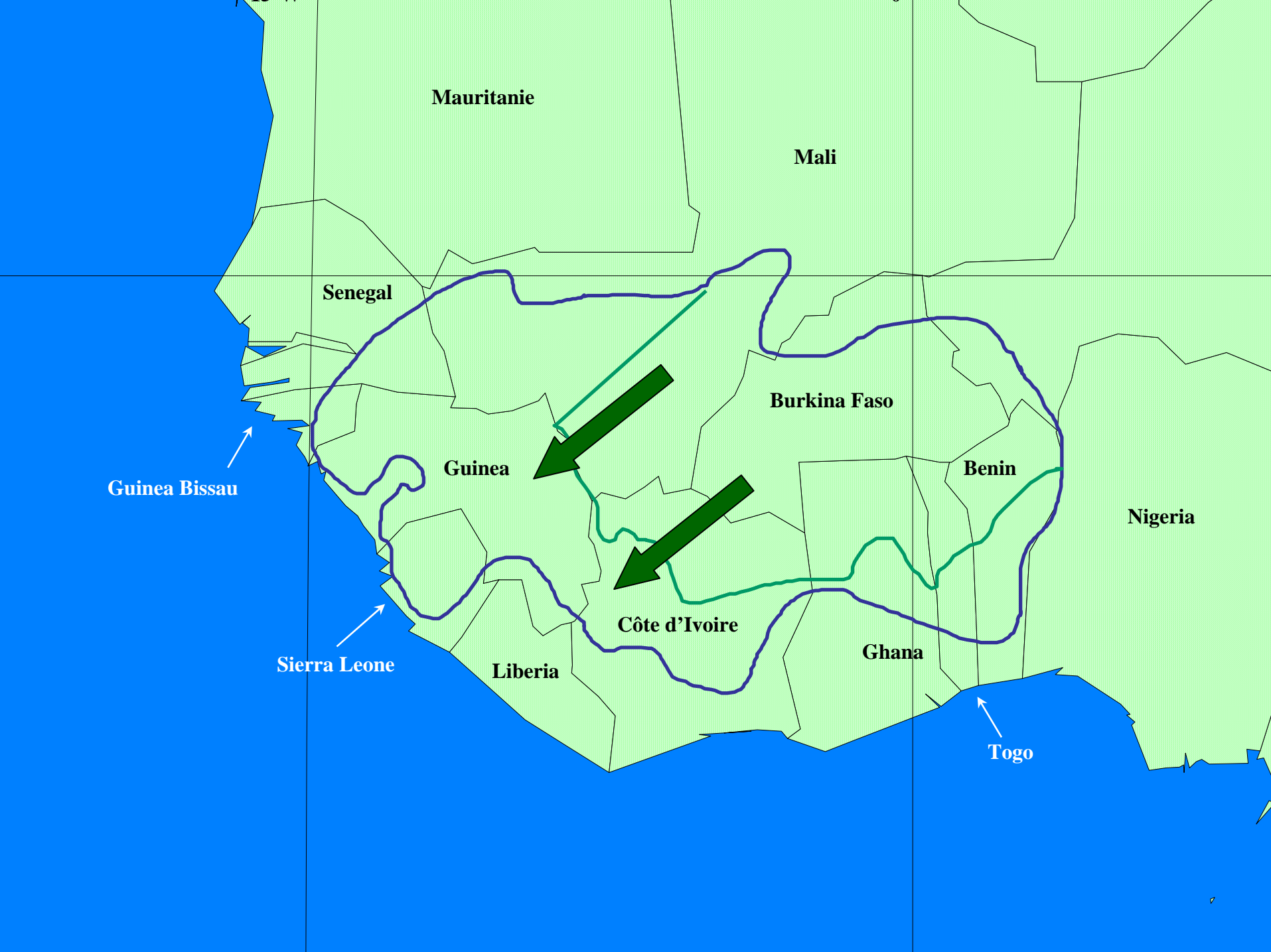
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Forest vector species

Ghana

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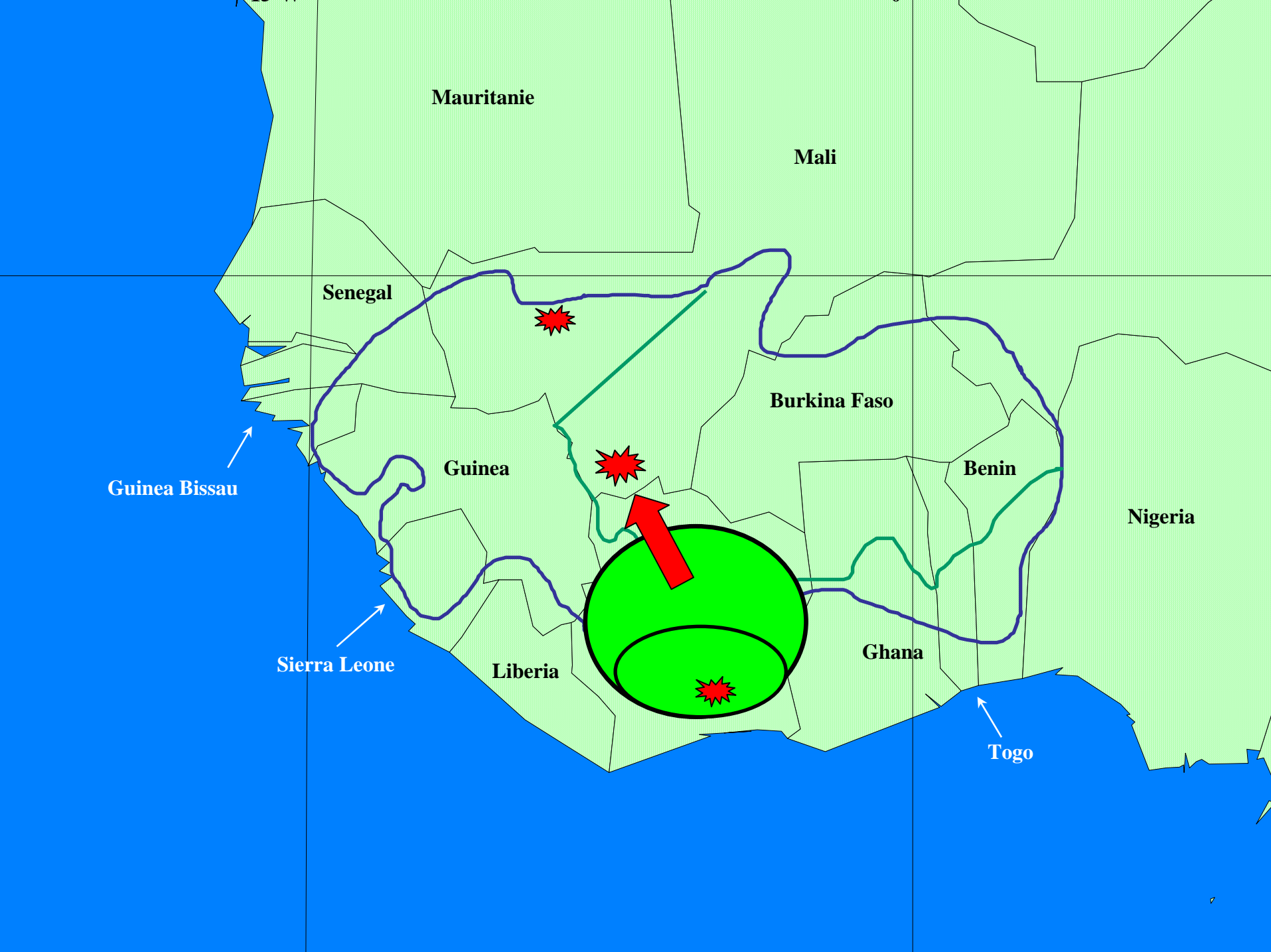
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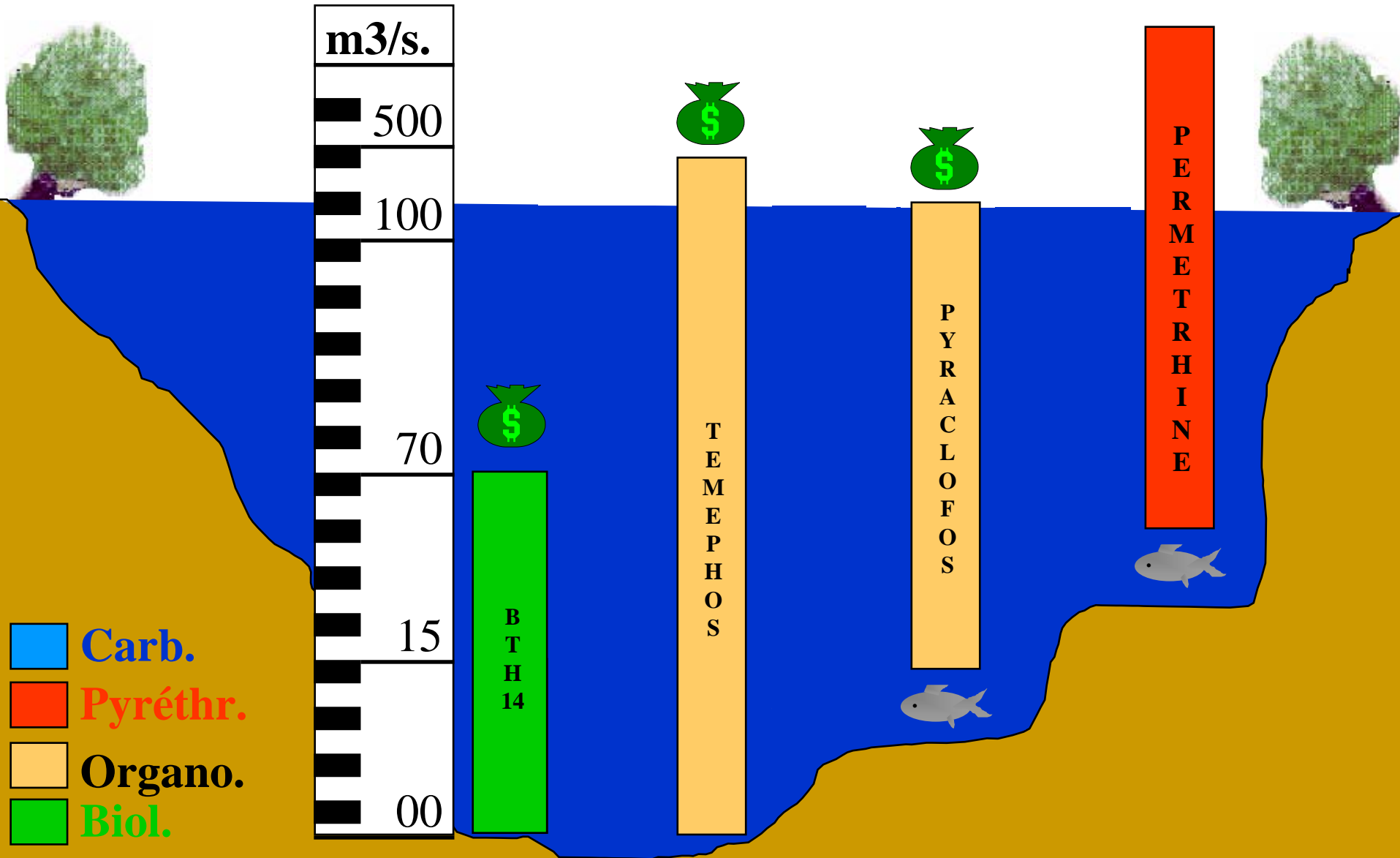
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Larvicides utilisés par OCP



Lessons learnt

(25 years of operations)

- Population dynamics and migrations are key in the spread of resistance
- Gene introgression between sibling species was a major factor for resistance dissemination. Also occurs with malaria vectors
- Full reversion of resistance is possible only if pressure is released as soon as resistance is detected
- Maintaining huge populations of resistant vectors is dangerous
- Development and spread of resistance is much slower when populations are under effective control

Lessons learnt

(25 years of operations)

- Rotations are effective especially if implemented at early stage of resistance development
- No resistance developed when rotations were implemented preventively
- *Bti* has been key in the rotation scheme to release pressure by chemical larvicides
- Strong operational and financial impact OP resistance

Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

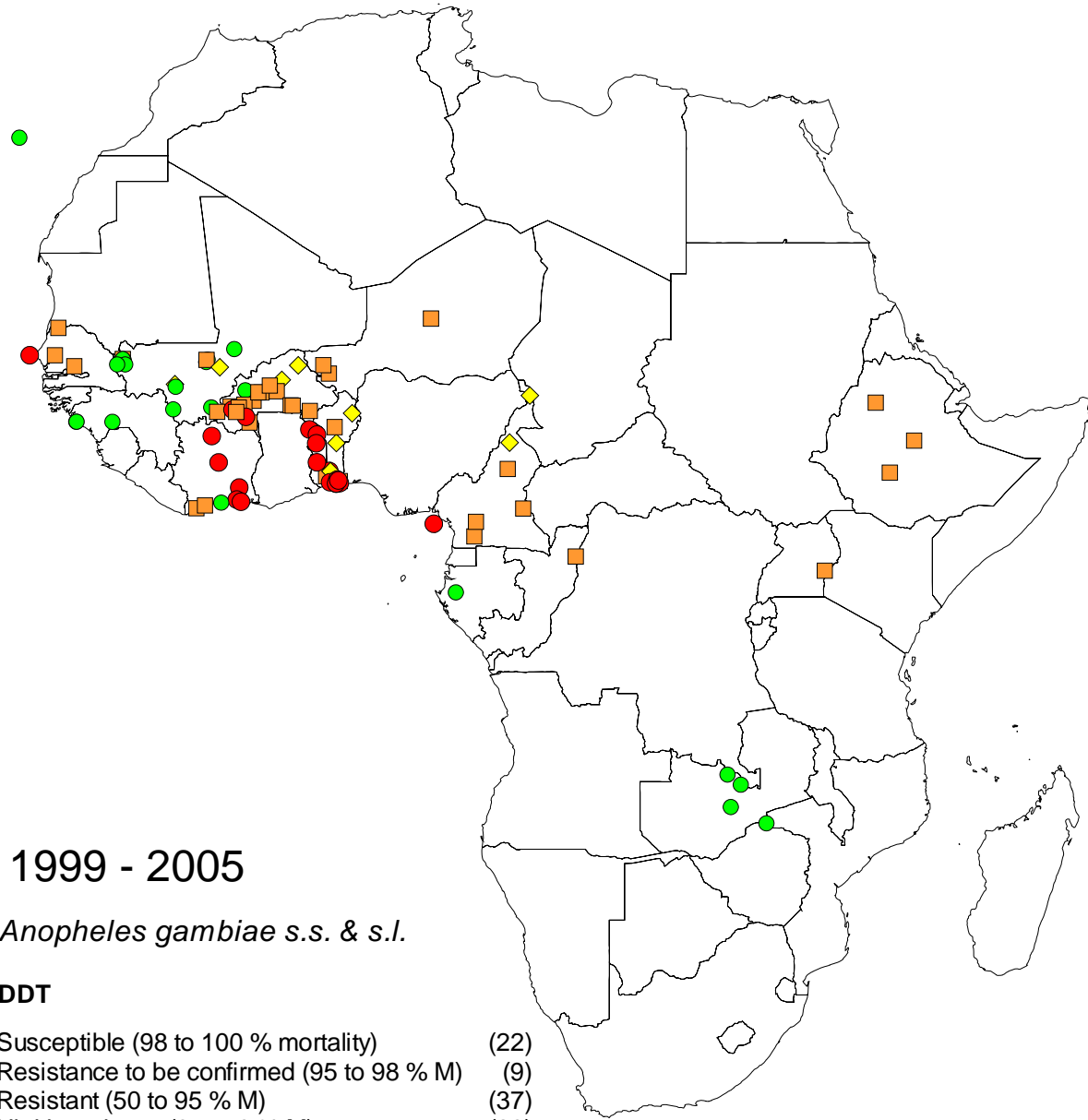
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Resistance in *Anopheles gambiae*, major malaria vector in Africa

Data of the African Network for Vector Resistance
(ANVR, 1999 – 2005)



Resistance to DDT (bioassay, WHO Tube test)



1999 - 2005

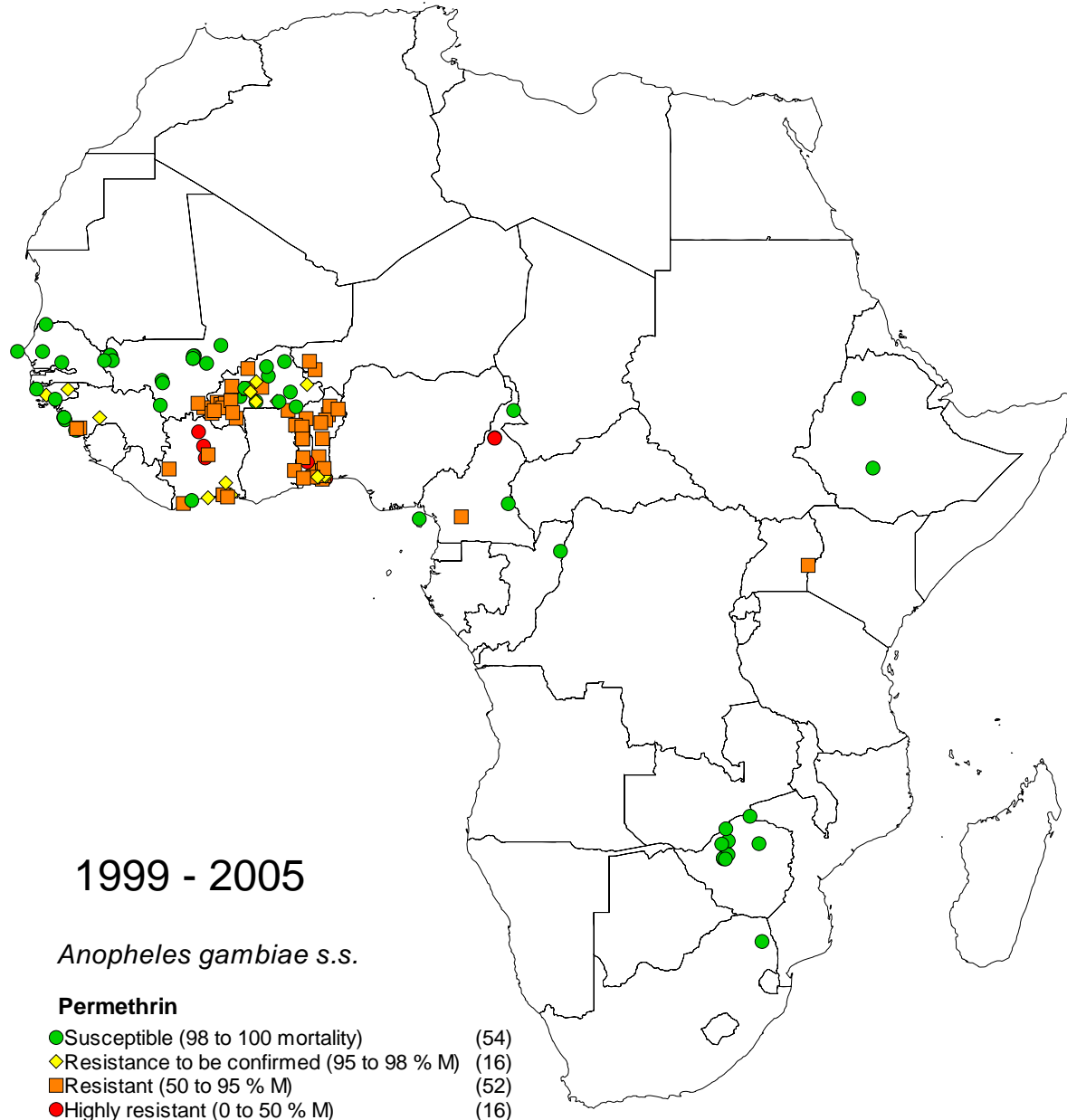
Anopheles gambiae s.s. & s.l.

DDT

- Susceptible (98 to 100 % mortality) (22)
- ◆ Resistance to be confirmed (95 to 98 % M) (9)
- Resistant (50 to 95 % M) (37)
- Highly resistant (0 to 50 % M) (20)

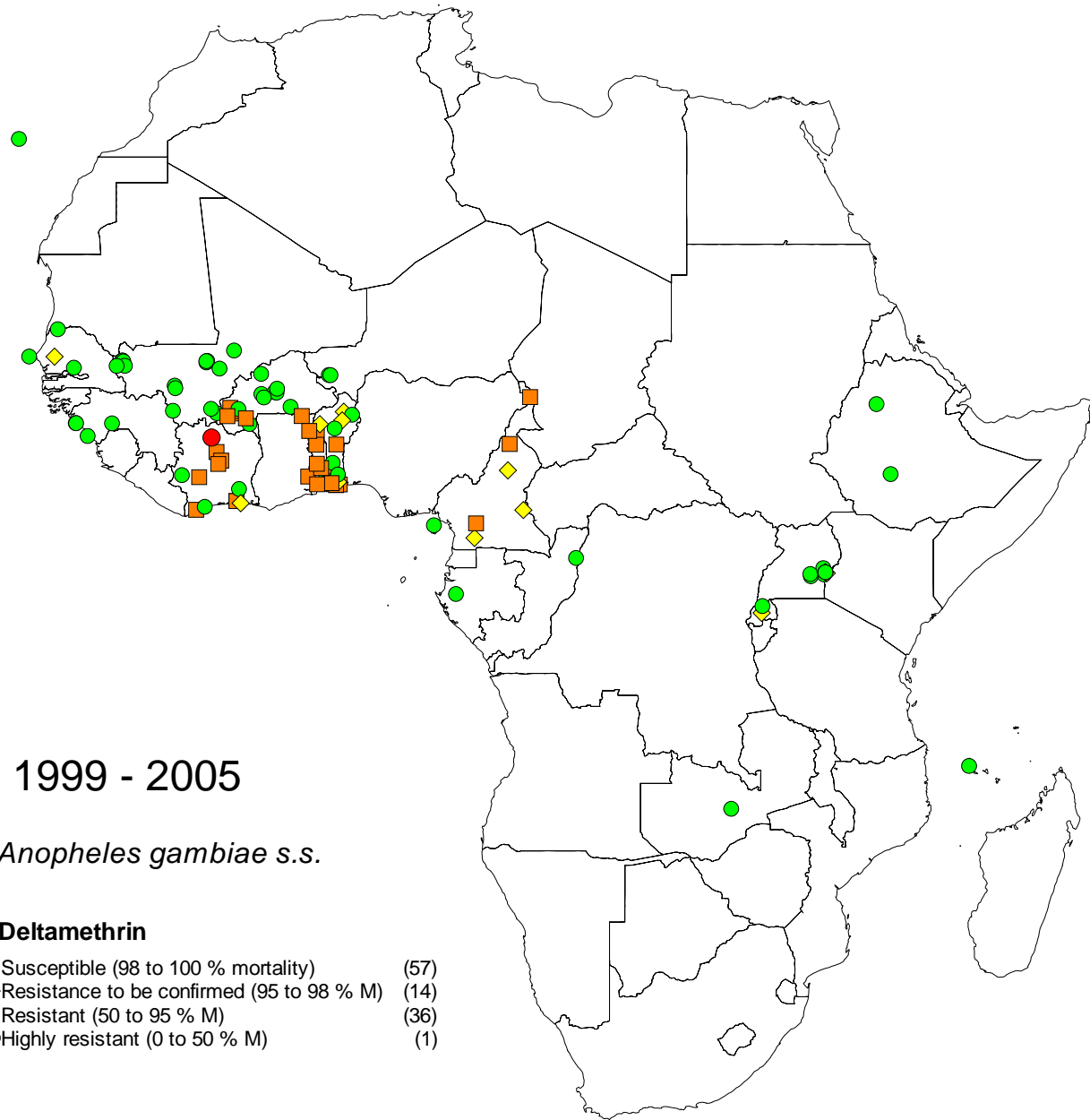


Resistance to permethrin

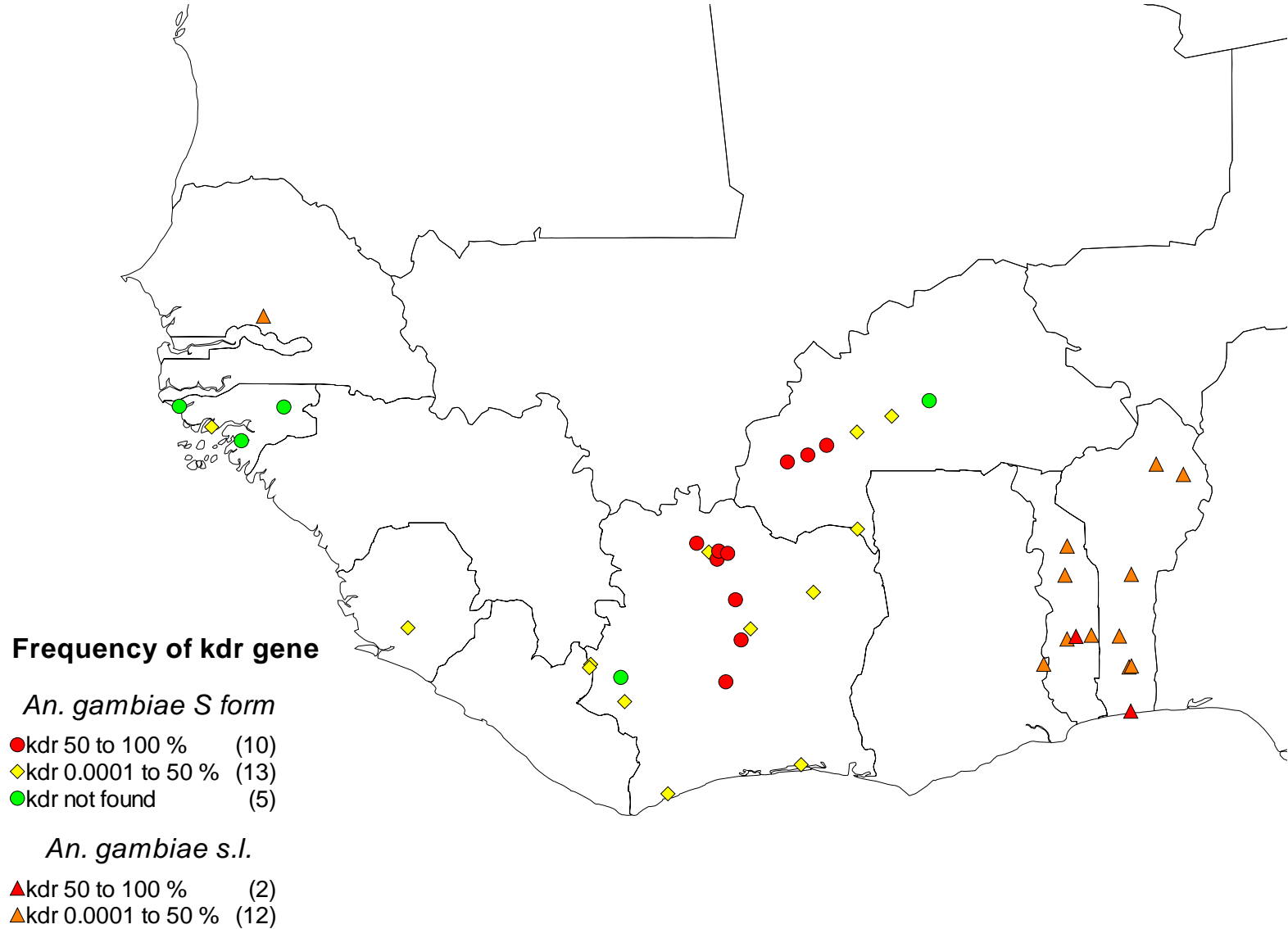




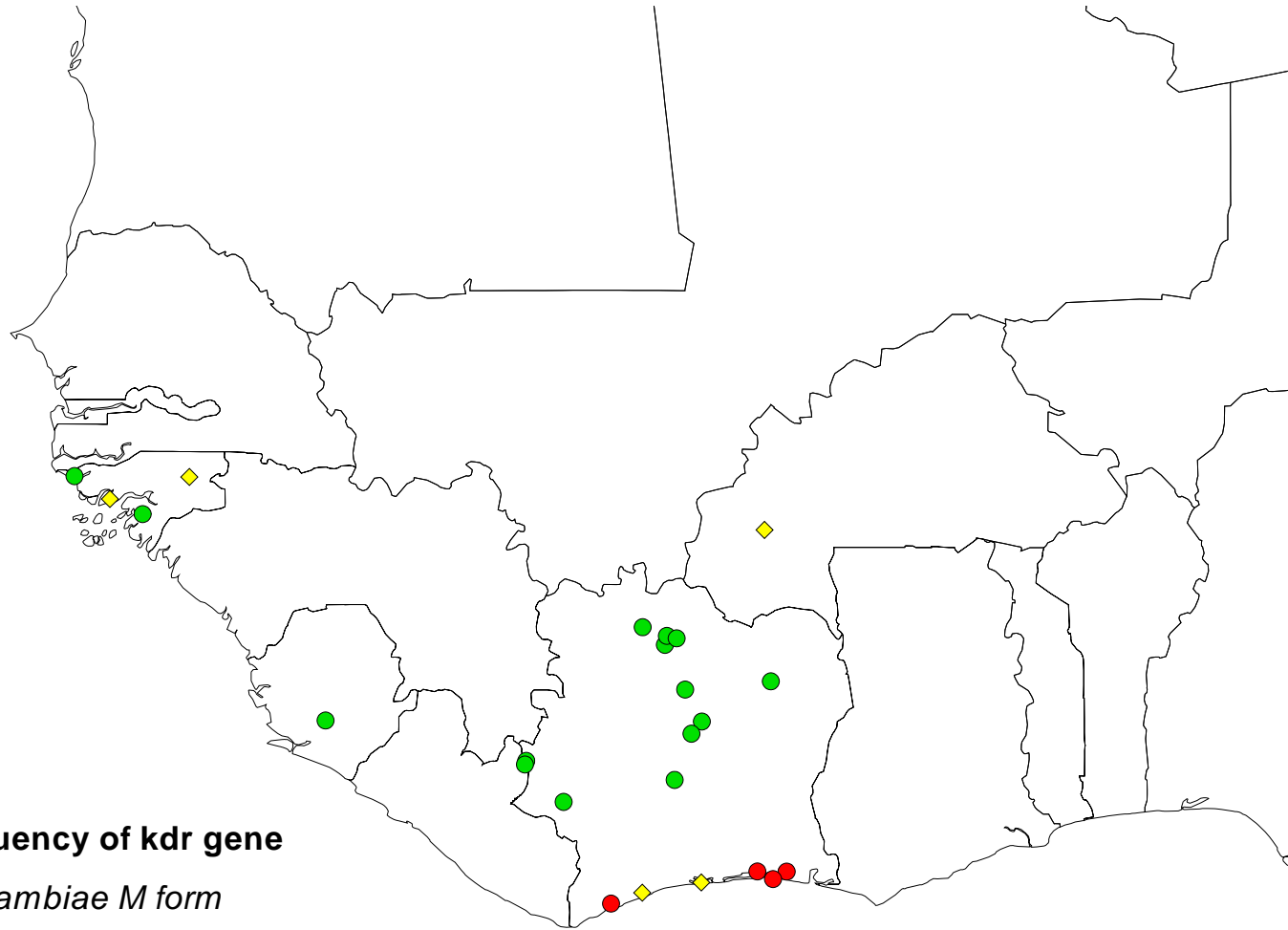
Resistance to deltamethrin



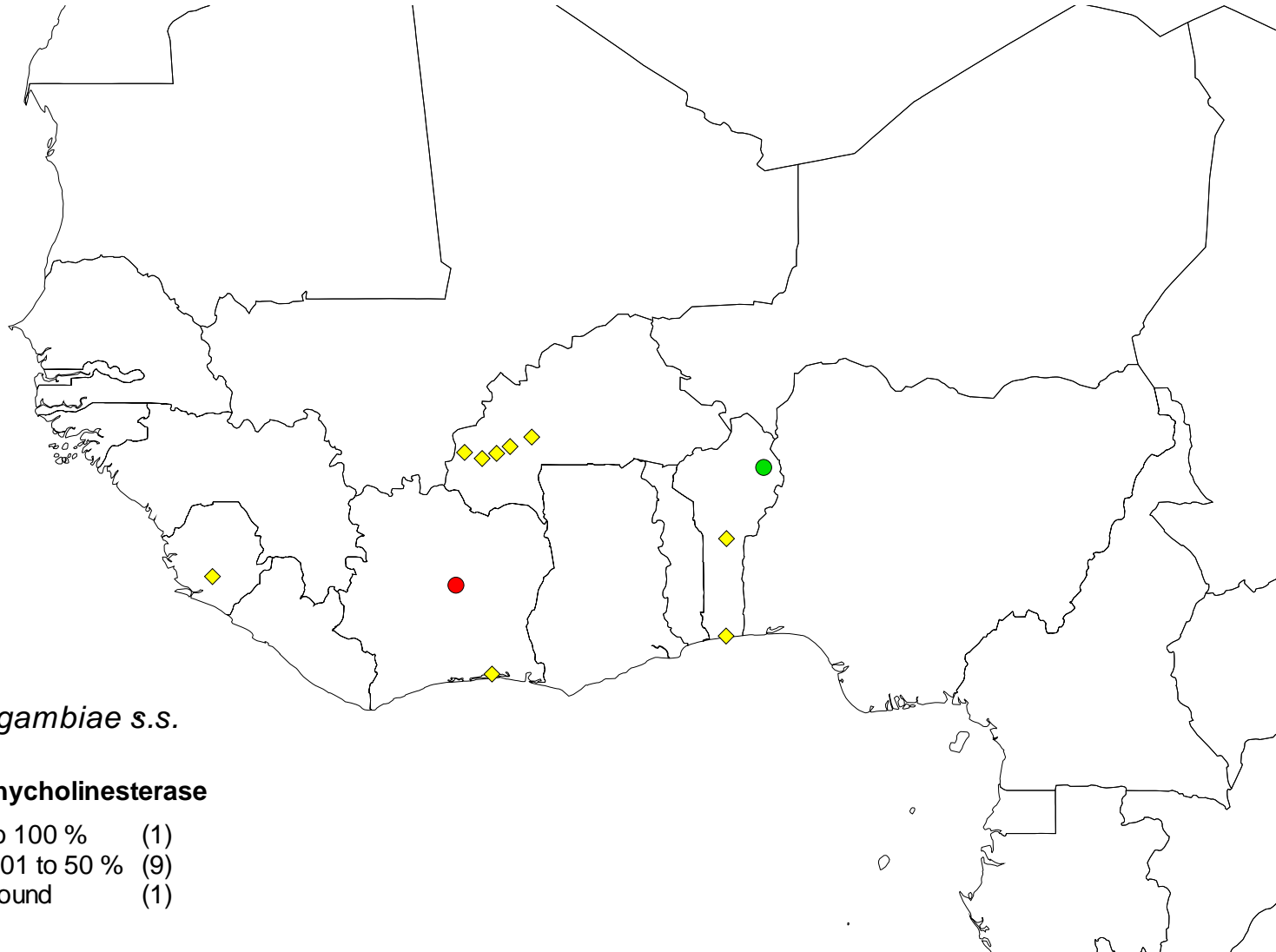
Frequency of *kdr* mutation (S molecular form) (DDT & Pyrethroid resistance)



Frequency of *kdr* mutation (M molecular form) (2002 data)



Frequency of MACE mutation (OP & Carbamate resistance)



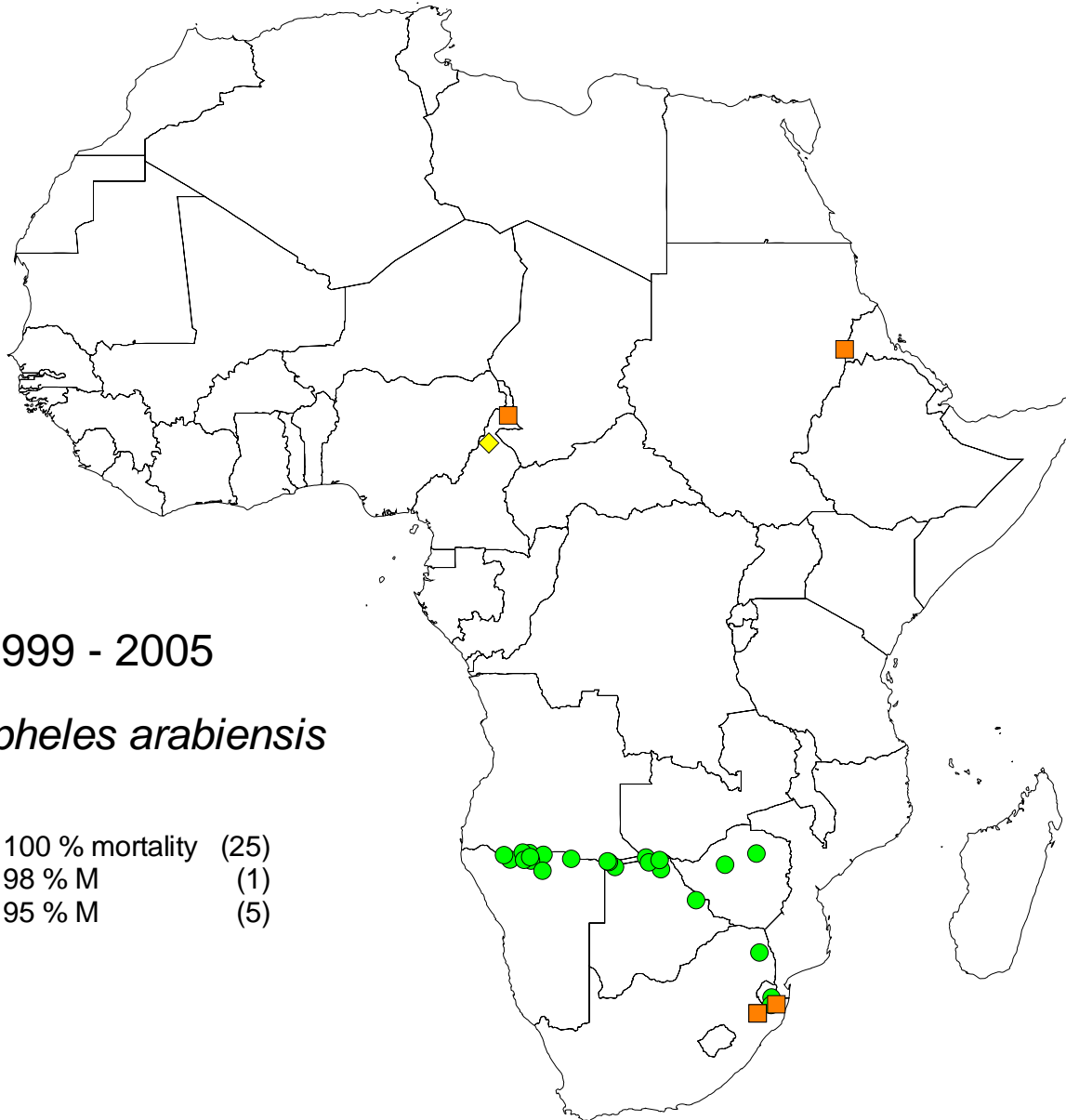
Anopheles gambiae s.s.

Modified acetylcholinesterase

- AchE 50 to 100 % (1)
- ◆ AchE 0.0001 to 50 % (9)
- AchE not found (1)



An. arabiensis, resistance to DDT



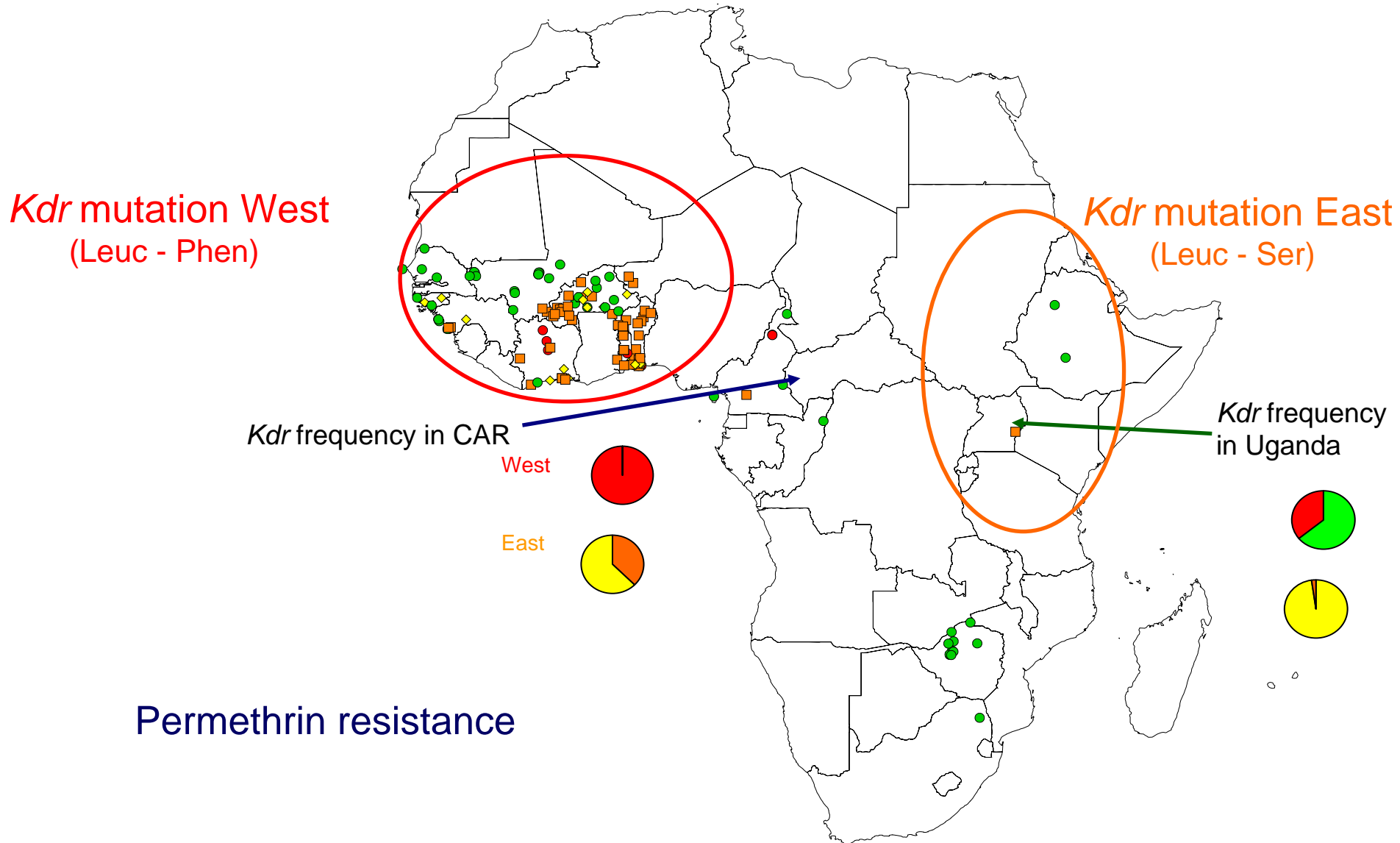
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Anopheles arabiensis

DDT

- 98 to 100 % mortality (25)
- ◆ 95 to 98 % M (1)
- 50 to 95 % M (5)

We are finding what we are looking for...



Here we are...in Africa

- Almost none of the test results from West and Central Africa were obtained from areas with any past or current significant malaria vector control programme
- Most if not all selection pressure is coming from agriculture and eventually from household pesticides
- Is *An. gambiae* resistance manageable when it does not result from malaria control interventions?

Priorities

- Strengthening of resistance monitoring
- Origin of resistance and insecticide pressure
- Close monitoring of vector **populations**
- Operational implications of resistance (different vectors, interventions, R-mechanisms, insecticides...)
- Maintain or restore activity of current insecticides & interventions
- Adoption of preventive resistance management tactics where and when feasible

Priorities

- **Development of a new contact insecticide for public health alternative to DDT & pyrethroids**