

1ST LENSES E-DIALOGUE WEBINAR: ADOPTION OF WATER-ECOSYSTEMS-FOOD-ENERGY NEXUS IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

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Spain - Agroforestry and other intercropping experiences

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DIVERFARMING

Crop diversification and low input farming cross Europe: from practitioners' engagement and ecosystems services to increased revenues and value chain organization

CS2: Mandarin intercropped with multiple cropping/rotations



Regulated deficit irrigation



AGRONOMIC BENEFITS

1. Mitigation of the effects of some pests on the crops, and a high number of pollinators in the diversification of mandarin with the multiple cropping of fava bean and vetch/barley



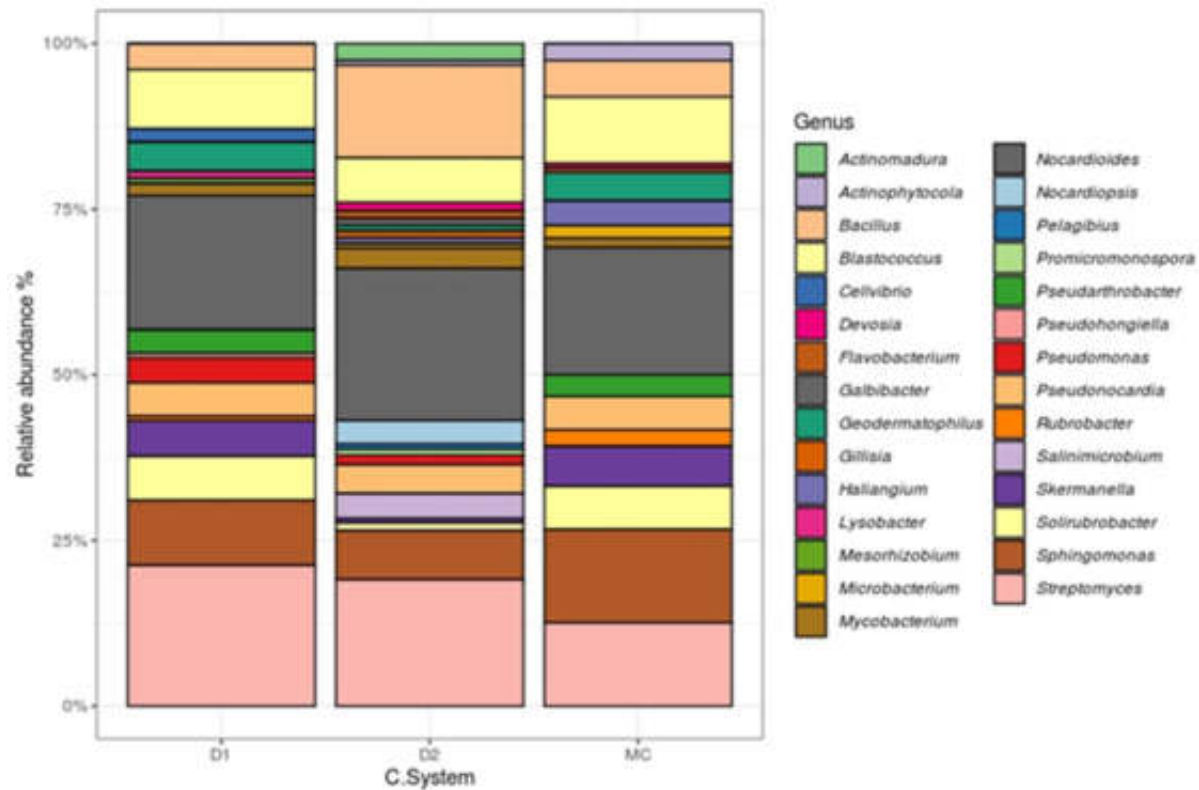
AGRONOMIC BENEFITS

2. Mandarin production was not significantly reduced with deficit irrigation or diversification



ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

1. Improvement of soil biodiversity



ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

2. 60% reduction in soil erosion with fava bean/barley-vetch diversification

CONTROL



60%

FAVA BEAN



ENVIRONMENTAL DISADVANTAGES

1. Higher CO₂ emissions in diversification, after heavy rainfall periods



ENVIRONMENTAL DISADVANTAGES

2. High frequency of passing machinery in the alleys between mandarin tree rows, to manage horticultural crops



CS16: Melon intercropped with cowpea



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Melon monocrop



Cowpea monocrop

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↓ 30% fertilisers supply regarding the monocrop



Row intercropping 1:1



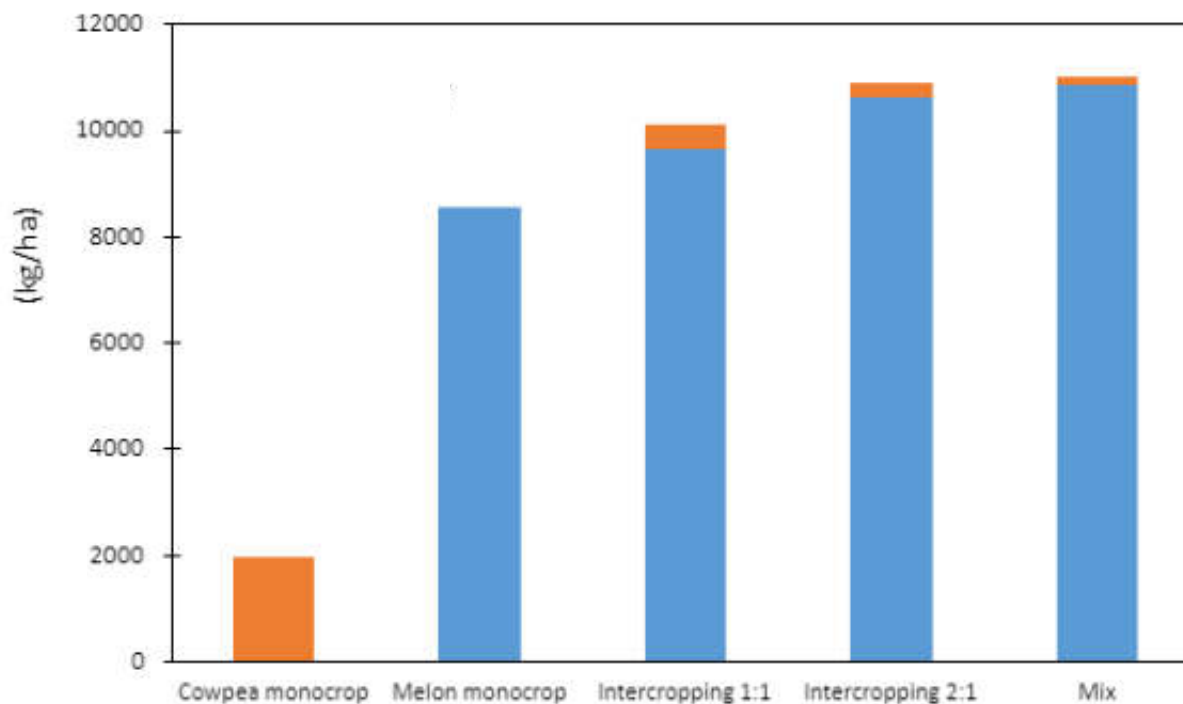
Row intercropping 2:1



Mixed intercropping

AGRONOMIC BENEFITS

1. Higher melon crop yield in intercropping systems



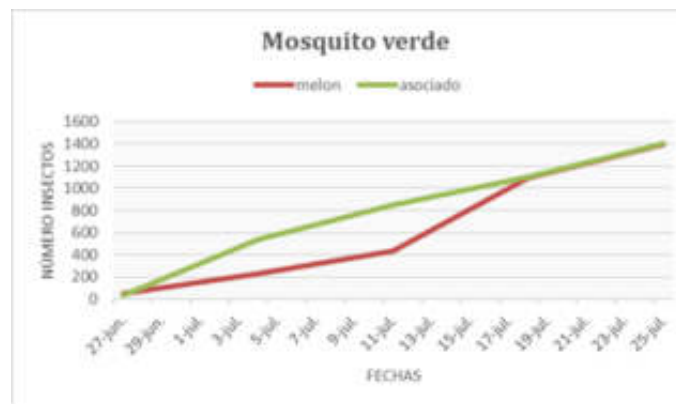
AGRONOMIC BENEFITS

2. Improvement of soil fertility with the different intercropping patterns



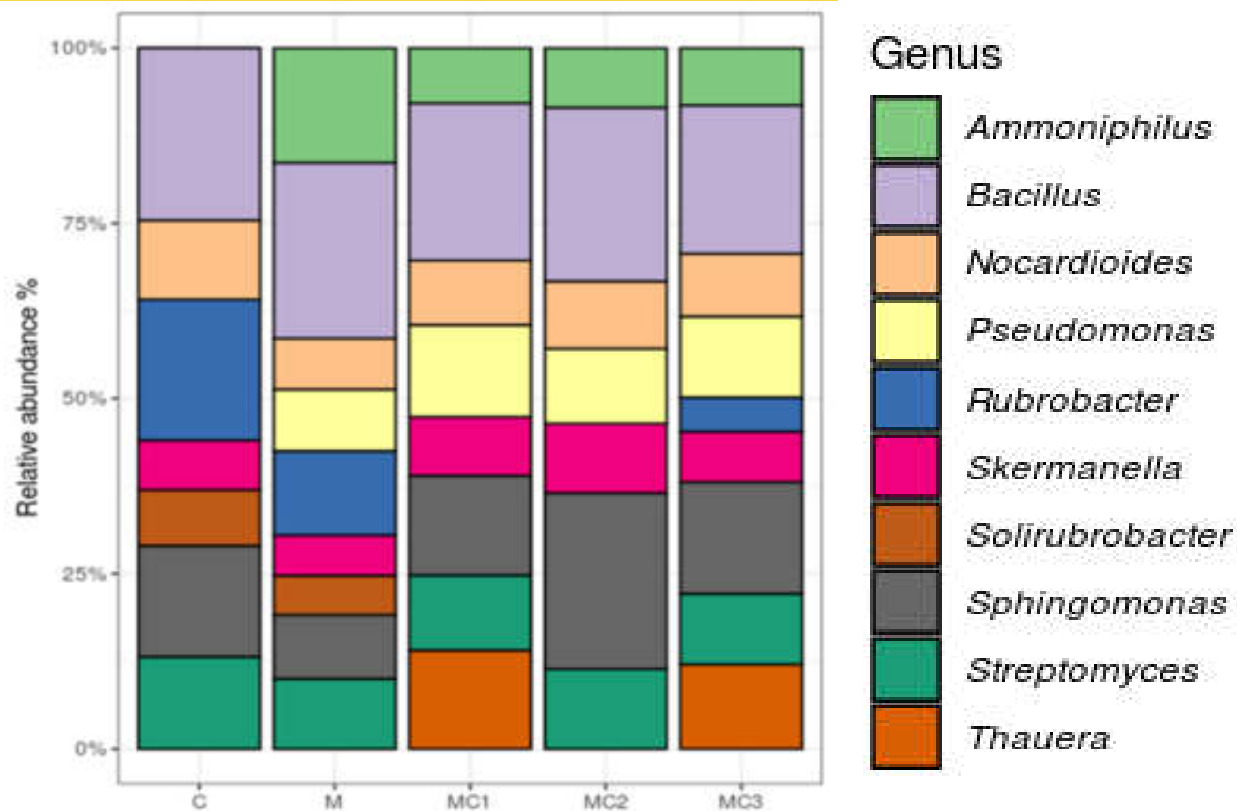
AGRONOMIC BENEFITS

3. Lower incidence of pests in intercropping systems



ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

1. Improvement of soil biodiversity, particularly beneficial microorganisms



C = cowpea monocrop
M = melon monocrop
MC1 = mixed intercropping
MC2 = row intercropping 1:1
MC3 = row intercropping 2:1

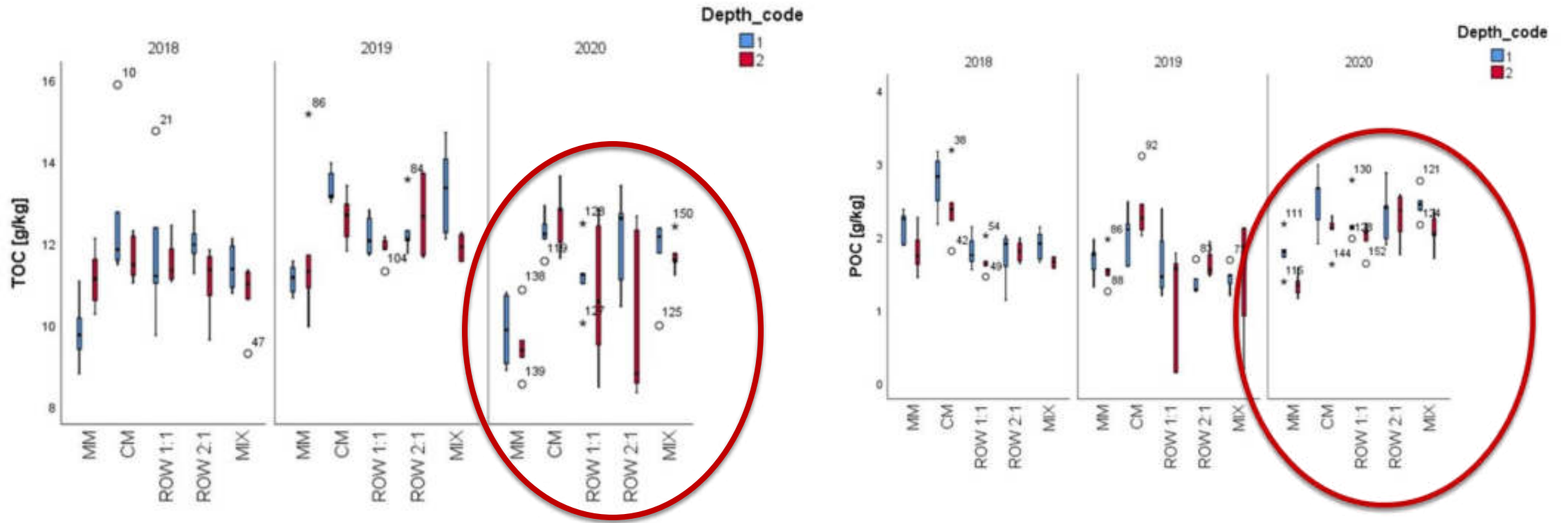
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

2. Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions



ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

3. The increase in carbon sequestration



AGRONOMIC DISADVANTAGES

1. Difficulty to optimize harvesting work



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