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Introduction :-

- German Biologist, Ernest Haeckel used the term 'Oikologier' which is composed of two words viz Oikos - House or place of living and logos meaning science or study.
- According to him Oikologier is the relation of the animals to its organic as well as inorganic environment particularly its friendly or hostile relations to those animals or plants with which it comes in contact.
- The term Oikologier was soon substituted by the term Ecology.

Ecology :- The science dealing with the relationship of organism to their environment:

Eugene P. Odum (1953) :- It is the study of structure and function of nature.

Insect Ecology :- As the understanding of physiology and behaviour of insects as affected by their environment.

Importance and scope of Insect Ecology:-

- This makes ecology a multidisciplinary approach which may prove very fruitful indeed for the solutions of the problems like indiscriminate use of insecticides for pest control the release of massive quantities of radioactive debris, discarded chemicals and industrial wastes into water bodies which may have long and short term ecological effects and provides opportunities for having full understanding of nature and natural resource and to boost agricultural production.

Scope of Insect Ecology:

- 1) As insects are evolved through a great diversity of habits and a wide range of habitat they can be easily collected from any habitat without severe depletion of local populations for ecological studies.
- 2) Vast majority of the insects are herbivores, while others are carnivorous and parasitic, thus help in understanding trophic level in a food chain or a food web.
- 3) Entomologists have contributed significantly to the development of ecological concepts by exploiting insects for the needful development of ecological thoughts, methods, principles and procedures because it is very easy to carry out studies on insects both in field and laboratory and for arriving at results leading to formulation of mathematical models.
- 4) Biological control of insect pest and weeds by use of insects has been a major source of inspiration to workers in these areas.

- 5) In pest management economic injury levels and economic threshold have been worked out for number of insect pests and per their determination is mainly based on ecological principles.
- 6) The ecological principles are of prime significance in conservation and its resources for evolving ecofriendly pest management tactics.

Sub-divisions of Ecology :-

Earlier ecological studies made from time to time are based on 3 principle approaches viz,

- 1) Taxonomic affinities or Taxonomic Ecology :- Ecology involving study of plants (plant ecology) and animals (animal ecology) eg:- Insect Ecology, Human Ecology, Cotton Ecology.
- 2) Habitat Ecology :- Ecology involving study of habitats (i.e place where

organisms live) eg: Marine water Ecology, Fresh water Ecology, Grassland Ecology, Desert land Ecology, Forest Ecology, And land Ecology, Estuarine Ecology etc.

3) Levels of organizations or organizational ecology:- Here the unit of study is either individual (autecology) or group of organisms (syneiology)

a) **Autecology** :- individual with environment

- This is also known as ecology of individual where we study the interrelations between individual species with its environment.
- In autecological studies the assessment of the intrinsic capacities of organisms which enable them to cope with environmental conditions is important
Eg: Ecology of desert locust, Tomato fruit borer, Fresh water Prawns etc.

b) **Syneiology** :- group of organisms with environment

- This is also known as ecology of groups of organisms in a given environmental conditions.

- Under natural conditions, organisms live together as a group affecting each other's life in several ways.
- This more complex situation exists where the units of study are groups rather than single organisms. Such an approach where units of study are groups of organisms (community) is called as synecology.

Depending upon conditions or there exist synecology deals with

- i) Population ecology :- The units of study are individuals of a single species (population).
- ii) Community ecology :- The unit of study are groups of individuals belonging to different species of both plants and animals (community).
- iii) Biome ecology :- The unit of study are different communities of an area.

iv) Ecosystem ecology : This has been the most recent development in ecology, where the units of the study are whole system including the biotic and abiotic components.

Beside the aforesaid main sub-division of ecology, there have developed many specialized field (branches) of ecology as :

- Production ecology
- Agro - ecology
- Forest ecology
- Insect ecology
- Applied ecology
- Chemical ecology
- Physiological ecology
- Evolutionary ecology

Terminology:

Biosphere :- Indicate Earth's all the eco-systems functioning together or global scale.

Biota : Fauna and Flora of a particular habitat together called as Biota

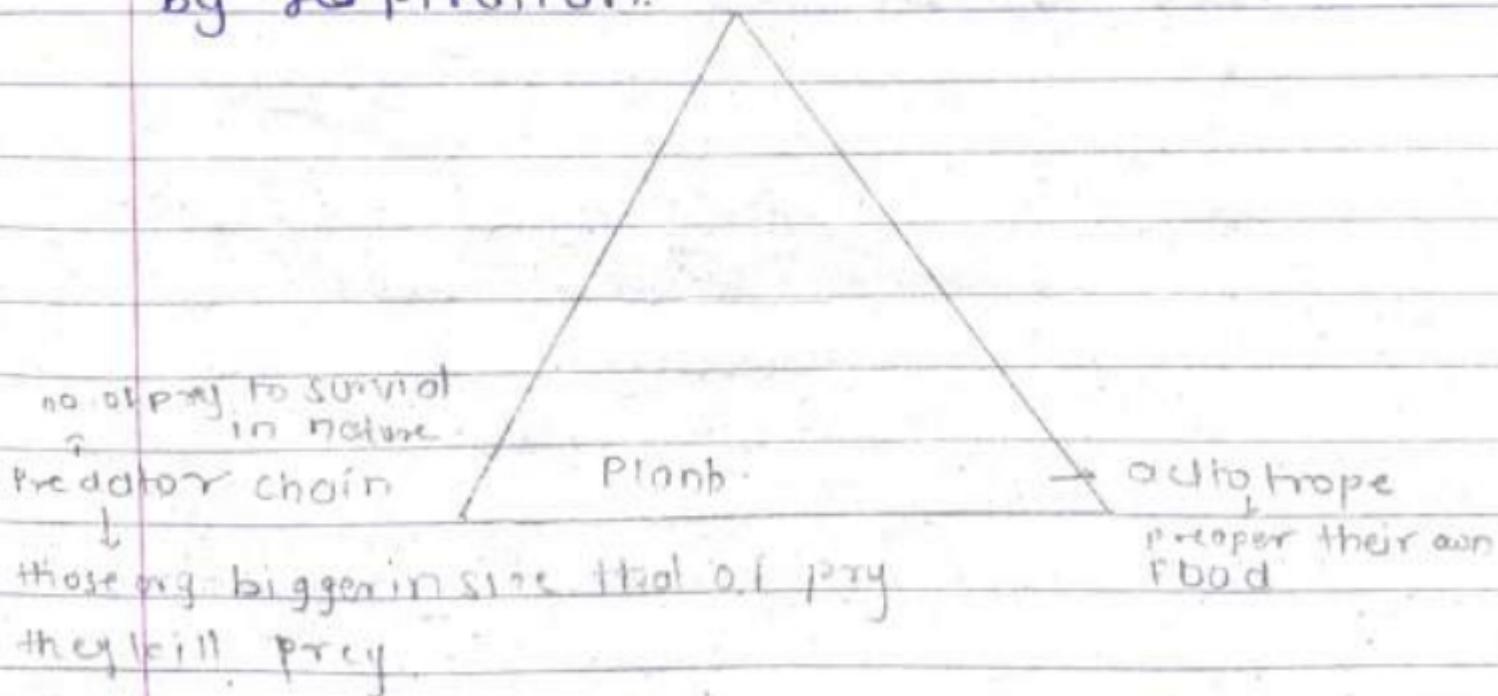
Ecosystem :- An assemblage of interacting plant and animal communities and non-living environmental components

Environment:- Denotes the sum of total of physical and biological factor that directly influences the rate of survival growth and development of an organism.

Food Chain, Food Web:

Food chain:- The transfers of food energy from the source in plants through a series of organisms with repeated eating and being eaten is called food chain.

- Shorter the food chain the greater the available energy which can be converted into biomass and dissipated by respiration.



1) Predator chain : Predator are those organism which are bigger in size than of prey. They kill prey.

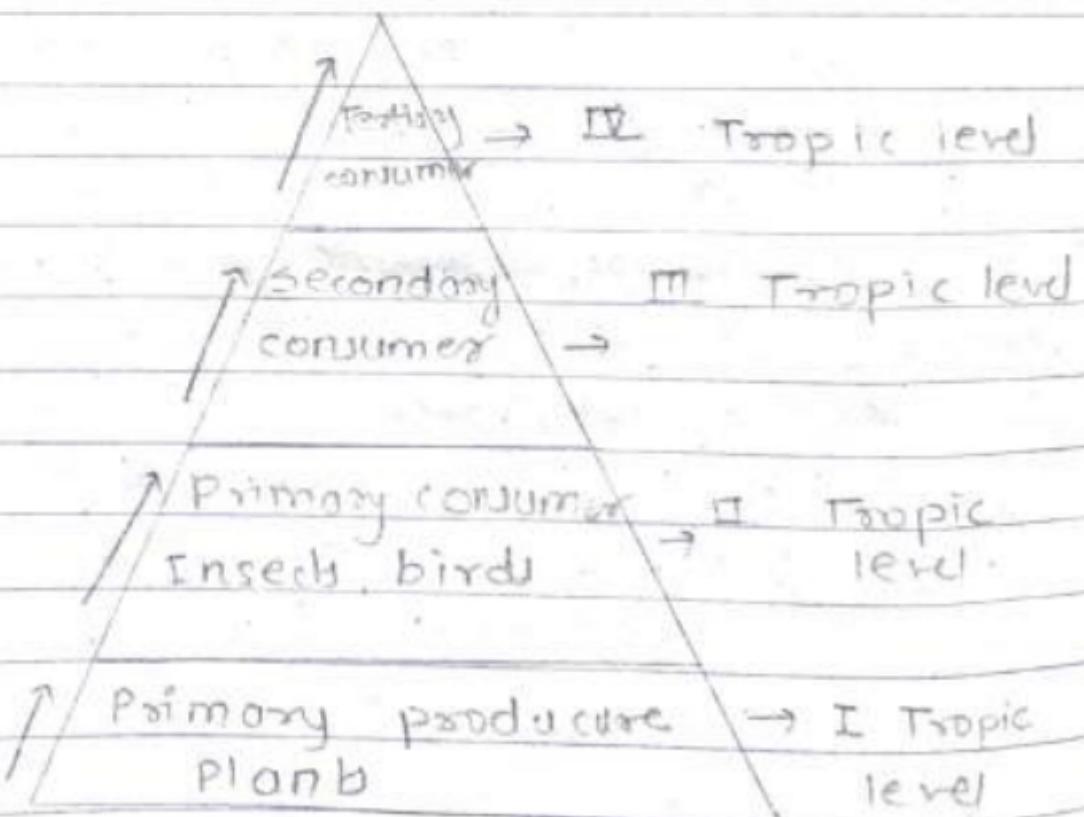
more than no. of prey required to survival in nature
not start from a plant base and goes from small to larger animals.

Leady bird little Feed on soft body insect
white flies, Aphids,
leaf hopper

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- 3) Parasite chain: which goes from larger to smaller organism
e.g.: lice, head, louse → parasite
prey - human body
It never kill the prey. It require one prey to complete its life cycle.
- 3) Saprophytic chain: which goes from dead matter into micro-organisms.
eg: Fungus, bacteria, virus.



Energy flow Pyramid in an Ecosystem.

soft body insect - leaf bird white
white flies, Monarch leaf hopper

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e.g. Plants → Insect (grasshopper) →
Frogs → Snakes → Eagle.

Feed on plants :- phytophagous insect - Aphids
e.g. Locust, Fruit flies, White flies, Leaf hopper
Yellow bollworm, Bollworm, Pink bollworm

I.T.L - plants → primary producer



II.T.L Aphids, Leaf hopper - primary consumer



III.T.L ladybird beetle - secondary consumer

Food web: Food chains are not isolated sequences, but are interconnected with one another. The interlocking pattern of food chains is often called as food web.

Trophic level: The successive levels of energy flow constituting the link of the food chain are called as trophic level.

Environment and its Component

Concept of Agro-ecosystem

Natural Ecosystem:-

- JST like, ponds, grass lands, forest etc are systems of interacting components (biotic and abiotic) so are the cropped area.
- consequently we can consider an orchard or any other crop field as an independent
- Thus, an agro-ecosystem is a modified and simplified system of plant and animal habitat used for human agricultural purpose
- An agro-ecosystem is largely created and maintained to satisfy human wants or needs.
- An ecosystem are the very basic unit of study of Ecology, the agro-ecosystem is the basic unit of study for pest management

Major Features of an Agro-ecosystem

- Agro-ecosystems often lack temporal continuity.
- Their existence may be of limited duration and may undergo immense abrupt changes in micro-climate because of cutting, plowing, disking, burning, chemical application and other cultural practices.
- Agro-eco-systems are dominated by plants selected by humans many consisting of imported genetic material.
- Most agro-ecosystems have little species diversity and the crop species has little interaspecific diversity. In other words the crop tends to be genetically uniform.

Agro - ecosystemNatural eco - system

- 1) Short duration
3-4 months or year
- 2) Discontinuous in space and time
- 3) Very much influenced by the variation in weather.
- 4) They are artificially created and their continuity depends on the vegetation.
- 5) The vegetation is not naturally selected but often introduced monoculture of limited genotype.
- 6) Pest outbreaks are more common.

Long duration;
50 - years or more

continuous in space and time.

more stability, less influence of change in weather.

They are naturally created and self perpetuating

The variation is naturally growing with diverse range of genotype.

Pest outbreaks are rare.

Components of Environment:

Environments: The sum total of physical and biological factors that directly influence the rate of survival, growth and development of an organism.

Howard Fiske :- In 1911 analysed the environment into 2 sets of factors according to whether the harmful influence of environment increased with density of population [facultative factor] or was independent of the density [catastrophic factor].

Smith [1935] : Used the term density dependent and density independent factors as synonyms to facultative and catastrophic factors.

Components of Environment :-

2 group :-

1) Abiotic :- density independent or catastrophic component

2) Biotic & Density dependent or facultative component

A) Abiotic Components :-

1) Climatic or weather or physical factors :-

a) Temperature

b) Light

c) Humidity

d) Rain Fall

e) Wind / Air currents

f) Atmospheric pressure

2) Geographic or Topographic Factors

a) Mountain ranges

b) Large water bodies

3) Edaphic or soil factors :-

a) Soil types! [e.g.: Clayed, loamy, sandy etc]

b) Soil Fertility

c) Soil Structure and texture

d) Soil drainage

B) Biotic Components:

- i) Relationships among organisms:-
- a) Intra-specific interactions:
 - i) Aggregation
 - ii) Concordance
 - iii) Cannibalism
 - iv) Association or-sex.
 - v) Parental care
 - vi) Social life.

b) Intra-specific positive interactions:

- i) Commensalism
- ii) Mutualism
- iii) Co-operation

c) Inter-specific negative interaction:

- i) Competition
- ii) Parasitism
- iii) Predation

4) Insect - plant relationship:

- a) Food in relation to insect:
 - a) Quantity of food
 - b) Quality of food.

1) Effect of Abiotic Factor:-

Effect of Temperature:-

- Life in the universe exists within a temperature range of -200°C to $+100^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- Insect are poikilothermic i.e. a precise mechanism to regulate body temperature is absent. \therefore activities and certain of the developmental stages of insects life are adversely affected by the extremes of temperature.
- Every insect species exhibit a temperature preferendum (optimum range temp.) where all the normal activities go on smoothly.
- The optimal temp. range for most of the insect species is $22\text{-}38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $20\text{ to }35^{\circ}\text{C}$.

e.g. -

- Some insect species that are able to at. temp. well beyond their ranges.
 eg.: maggots of **chironomids** and others dipterans can thrive to 55°C while **snow Fleas** [order - collembola] can survive at temp. much below freezing point at high mountain range near polar Regions of Earth

- Below or above the optimum temp., the rate of chemical reaction and metabolic process are influenced. Insect may undergo a stage of **dipause** if temp. is below optimum [hibernation] or above optimum [aestivation].

eg:- Bed bugs completed 12 generations in tropics and only two generations in cold climate.

- The Pecundity of insects is affected by the temp. ②

eg: Diamond back moth lays more eggs to a temp. of 18°C than 22°C . Grasshoppers lays 20 + 30 times more eggs at 32°C than 22°C .

- Oviposition of bed bug is inhibited betⁿ 8-10°C. Head louse pediculus spp. does not oviposit below 25°C.
- In addn to the effect on rate of development and fecundity temp also influence other vital life process including behaviour of the insect
- Swarm migration of desert locust Schistocerca gregaria occurs at 17°C to 20°C.

2) EFFECT OF HUMIDITY :-

- Environment moisture factors of major significance are precipitation, humidity, condensation, and available surface water (soil, plant surfaces etc.)
- A constant supply of moisture is necessary to maintain normal metabolic reactions and also for the dissolution and transport of salts in insects.
- Moisture can be measured in various ways viz. absolute humidity, specific humidity, relative humidity, vapour pressure, saturation deficit and dew point.
- Insect may be classified on an ecological basis into hydrocoles - water loving, mesocoles - those living in places with neither excess nor deficiency of water, xerocoels - insects which live in dry situations demanding an increased rate of evaporation.

e.g.:- Termites usually move toward a zone humidity when subjected to the slightest desiccation.

The desert locust *Schistocerca gregaria* lays its eggs in soils and 80% moisture content at temp. of $32.5 \pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ appears optimum for development.

3) Effects of Rainfall:-

- Rainfall is also an important moisture factor affecting insect population in an ecosystem.
- It is very imp. factor which initiates and hastens the activities of many polyphagous pests in semi arid tropics.
- Rainfall is essential for adult emergence and pupation in red hairy caterpillar *Amata cincta* spp., cutworm *Agrotis ypsilon* and green cotton bollworm *Helicoverpa armigera*.
- The intensity of rainfall and its pattern of distribution are important attributes governing insect abundance.

- Heavy rainfall destroy aphids *Aphis* spp and diamondback moth *Plutella xylostella* to a greater extn.
- Intermittent and low rainfall situation increases thrip incidence in paddy.
- Flood situation and water currents produced in an aquatic environment due to excessive rain involve the circulation of dissolved gases salt and nutrients apparently affect insect population.
e.g:- The mosquito larvae are unable to survive in moving water.

ii) EFFECT OF LIGHT :-

- Light is non-lethal factor.
- The oriented locomotory movement toward and away from the source of light is referred as phototaxis
[phototropism is a light direct growth mechanism]
- The paddy leaf hopper *Nephotettix* is attracted to light on a hot and

humid evening but is indifferent to it during dry weather.

- The insect are attracted more to ultraviolet light than to other form of light. Some insects can detect and respond to polarized light.

- Based on the activity of insect during 24 hours of a day, insects may be grouped as diurnal (active in day time) nocturnal (active in night time) matinal (active at dawn) and crepuscular (active at dusk).

- Insect undergoing continuous growth in long day condition called as long day forms may produce several generations during the growing season.

- The short day forms insect on the other hand, become arrested in growth undergoing diapause, may complete only one or two generation in a season.

- Insect rhythms like feeding, mating

Oviposition and emergence are influenced by the photoperiod.

- In mosquito *Aedes aegypti* the most active periods of Feeding are at drawn and dusk, while in case of cutworms, *Agrotis ipsilon* most of the Feeding period occurs during night.

5) Effect of Wind Air currents:

- The dispersal, particularly of sessile and weak flying insects depends to a greater extent on the wind as they generally migrate with air current
- wind or air current thus effect insect population changes by influencing the no. in or out of habitat
- many insects come flight when wind speeds are high and if it is beyond the capacity of the insect to resist that wind speed
- Aphids and leaf hoppers are being blown

thousand of km. by the wind.

6) Effect of Atmospheric pressure:

- It does not produce any direct lethal effect on insect populations.
- Low atm. pressure symbolizes rainy/windy conditions while high pressure conditions indicate saturation point of atm. air.
- Ants were found migrating with their eggs under low pressure condition. High barometric pressure condition enhances the activity of phototropic insects.

Soil Texture:-

- The relative proportion of sand, silt and clay particles in the soil determines its texture while their arrangement is called soil texture.
- Insects prefer loam soils as it is very easy to dig or burrow in such soils.
- The other properties of loam soil.

Soil drainage:-

- Poor drainage in heavy soil with high clay content produces semi-mash or wet soil condition and become unsuitable for living of insect
- White grubs multiply in loose sand soil with better drainage

Topography:-

- The physical structure that curtails insect's chance of free movement across the geographical regions constitutes the topographic or physiographic factors
- High mountain range, oceans, lakes, and large water body, deep valleys, hot deserts, etc act as physical barrier in the migration of insect

Biotic Factors

Relationship
among
organisms

Insect plant
relation

Food in
Relation to
Insect

Intraspecific
interactions:

Aggregation
concrecence
cannibalism
Sex association
parental care
Social life

Interspecific
interaction:

Positive

Negative

commensalism
co operation
mutualism

competition
Parasitism
Predation

Biotic Factor:-

- The living organism in a given natural habitat interact with
- These interactions may cause positive or negative effects on the life of organism in the association.
- Due to the biotic factors, which should be dealt with as
 - 1) Relationship among organism
 - 2) Insect plant relation
 - 3) Food in relation to insect.

Relationships among organisms!

- 1) Intraspecific Interaction:- when two or more organisms in the same community seek the same resource such as food, water, nesting space, ground space etc which is in limiting supply to the individuals seeking it, they compete with one another. If the competition is among members of the same species it is called a intraspecific interaction.

It includes

Aggregation, concurrence,
cannibalism, sex association
Parental care, social life.

e.g.: competition for sex e.g.: white grubs
competition for food - tobacco caterpillar

ii) Interspecific interaction:- Interspecific interaction, is a form of competition in which individuals of different species compete for the same resource in an ecosystem.

These interaction divided into 2 type

① Positive ② Negative.

a) Positive interaction:-

i) Commensalism:- An unbalanced relationship in which one of partners is benefited, the other remaining unbenefited or unharmed.

e.g.: mites on Humming birds,
Bird lice, feather lice etc.

Commensalism for transport purpose is termed as phoresy or hitchhiking.

- 2) Co-operation: Insect and vertebrates forms groups to survive the rigor of winter, which generate retain and conserved heat
eg:- Bee.
- 3) Mutualism:- In this association both the partners receive benefits of being in an association
- b) Negative interaction.
- This type of interaction involves members of insect population which may feed on members of the other insect population or compete with them for food, excrete harmful waste,
- i) Competition
 - ii) Parasitism
 - iii) Predation → eg:- Ladybird beetle, mantid

Food in Relation to Insect

- Insects (phytophagous or carnivorous) as individual or as a group show a lot of variation in preference of food.
- All insects may be grouped into Polyphagous - Feeding on several species of host, Oligophagous :- restricted on a closed related group of host Monophagous - feeding on only one type of host.
- The last two categories are rather selective to their food and their population densities are frequently influenced due to supply of food.
- The other polyphagous insects can enjoy a wide range of hosts and they may shift to other hosts in case of non-availability of any one of the preferred hosts.

Quantitative aspects of food:

- An insect food in the area may become exhausted due to insect feeding or the food storage may occur in patches throughout the distribution of a given insect population
- These two conditions of food availability are referred as absolute and effective food storage respectively by Yazdani and Agrawal.
- The condition may result due to intraspecific and interspecific competition involving large number of insects using the same food resources, epidemics due to entomopathogenic microbes which limits the food of parasitoids and predators or due to change in environment.
- The effective food storage are more important as it may lead to the dispersal of a sizable insect population from one area to another in order

to complete the life stages, thus affecting the normal insect distribution in that area.

Concept of balance of life in nature,
biotic potential & environmental
resistance and cause for
outbreak of pest in agroecosystem

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• Balance of Life:

In nature there are two sets of tendencies namely the biotic potential tending to increase the population and the environmental resistance tending to reduce the population. As such there is a constant interaction betn these two opposing forces and then maintains a dynamic equilibrium known as balance of life in nature.

- Natural tendency of plant, animals, or insect populations resulting from the natural regulatory process in an undisturbed ecosystem to neither decline in number to extinction nor increase to a indefinite densities called as balance of life.

- R. N. Chapman earlier referred this inherent properties as biotic potential and the restrain on environmental resistance.

Biotic potential :- It is the ability of an insect species to multiply in a given time in the absence of environment resistance.

Environmental Resistance: It is the sum total of all factors in an environment that tend to reduce the rate of multiplication of an insect species.

$$\text{Actual Abundance} = \text{Biotic Potential} - \text{Environmental Resistance}$$

- * Causes for outbreak of pests in Agro-ecosystems:
 - 1) Excessive use of nitrogenous fertilizers
 - 2) Indiscriminate use of pesticides
 - 3) Use of high yielding varieties and introduction of new crops
 - 4) Destruction of forests and bringing forest area under cultivation.
 - 5) Monoculture
 - 6) Introduction of a new pest in new area.
 - 7) Destruction of natural enemies
 - 8) Large scale storage of food grain
 - 9) Accidental introduction of foreign pests.

Pest:

Pest:- Any living organism that is noxious, destructive or troublesome to man or his interest is termed as pest.

According to Dholiwal and Arora

Pest:- any insect, animal, plant, or micro-organism which causes damage to man, his animals, crops or possessions or that becomes a source of trouble and causes significant loss to the human being is generally considered as a pest.

Insect Pest:- It is any insect species which at a given population density become notorious and can cause damage sufficient to be recognized as an economic loss.

Various pest categories are defined in terms of

General equilibrium position [GEP]

Economic Injury Level - [EIL]

Economic Threshold Level [ETL]

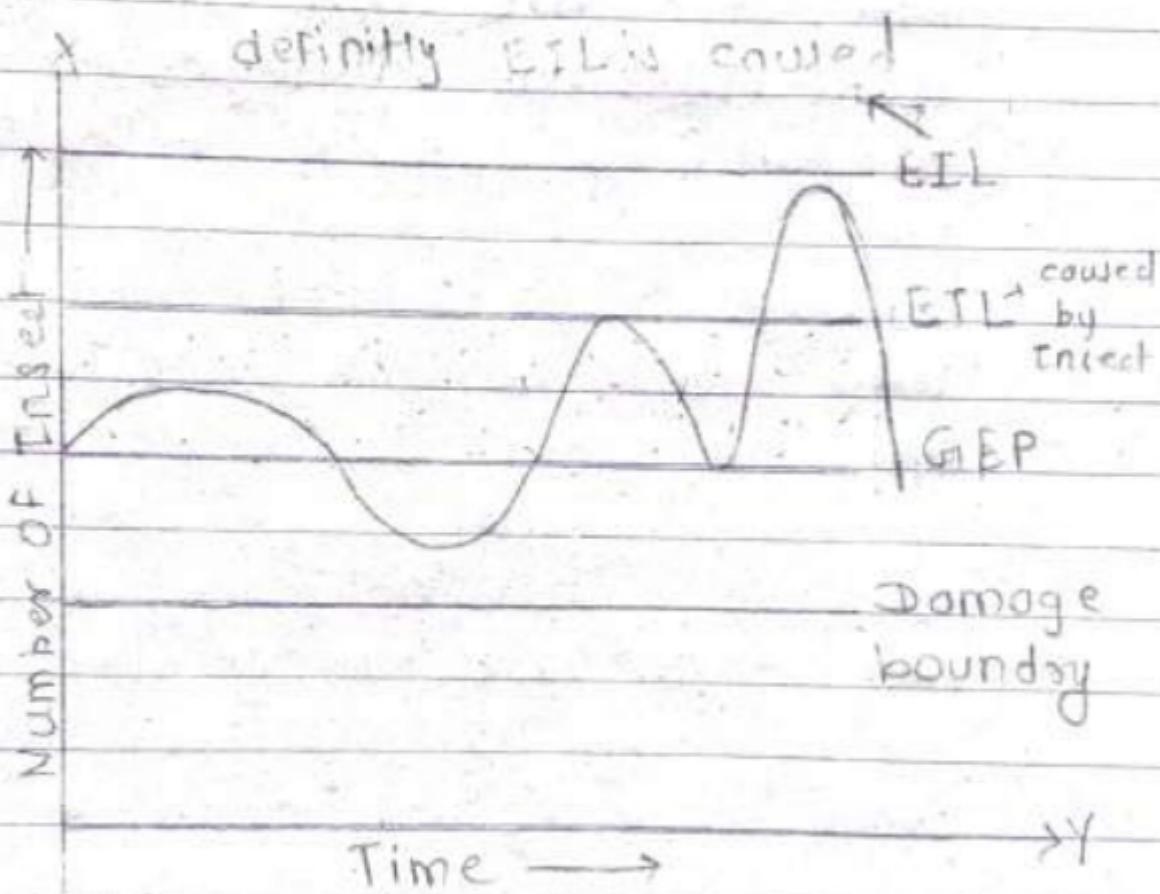


fig:- Population dynamics of insects

2) General Equilibrium Position [GEP]

Average or Mean - mean value

The GEP is the position mean value of pest density around which the pest population fluctuates as a result of

changes in the biotic and abiotic components of the environment.

The average density of a pest population over a long period of time in the absence of permanent environmental changes is known as GEP.

Damage boundary: Lowest level of injury where the damage can be measured.

at 10% population density

2) Economic Threshold Level [ETL]

It is the population density of the pest at which control measure operations should be undertaken to prevent an increasing pest population from reaching the economic injury level.

3) Economic Injury Level: [EIL]

- The lowest population density of pest that will cause economic damage is known as EIL.

- Also known as Action Threshold Level [ATH]

α -Pests :- α -pests are opportunist exploiting temporary habitats having a high rate of population increase, short generation time strong dispersal and host finding abilities eg = *H. armigera*, *S. litura* etc.

κ -pests :- κ -pest by contrast have lower rate of increase than ' α ' pests, greater competitive ability, more specialised food preference and by comparison with other members of the same TAXN, greater size.
eg - Codling moth,
tse-tse fly etc.

γ and κ pests :- In between ' α ' pest and ' κ ' pest [Southwood 1971]

Based on extent of loss caused:

- Negligible pest :- Pest causing crop loss up to 5%
corn aphids, Leaf minor on cotton, leaf roller on pigeon pea.
- Minor pest :- Pest causing loss betn 5 to 10 percent.
eg: slug.
- Major pest :- Pest causing crop loss above 10%.
eg:- Key pest

Based on Host Range:

- Monophagous pest :- Pest feeding on only one type of host (crop)
eg pink borer on wheat, grape vine beetle, mango stone weevil, securum gall fly etc.
- Oligophagous pest :- Pest which feed on a related group of crop especially from the same botanical families
eg spotted bollworm [Earias spp] of cotton also feeding on other

malvaceous hosts like Okra, hollyhock, ambadi etc.

Diamondback moth (*Plutella xylostella*) on cabbage also Feed on Other cruciferous crop like Cauliflower, mustard, radish etc.

c) Polyphagous pests:- Pest Feeding on a wide range of crops across different botanical families etc.

Cotton green bollworm or (*Helicoverpa armigera*) Feed over 185 plant species while Tobacco leaf eating caterpillar (*Spodoptera litura*), Feed over 150 plant species.

Population Assessment:

In Fixed plot survey or roving survey population assessment is done either by visual observation or sampling.

When the number of insect present in an area is relatively less counting is done by visual observation.

If the insect population is high and the population assessment is laborious, representative samples are taken which is known as sampling.

Methods of Insect Population Assessment:

Net sweeping - Hoppers, dragonflies, Grasshoppers.

wet palm sweeping - Paddy thrips in nursery

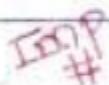
Sudden taping and trapping with polythene bag - earhead

pests of sorghum etc.

Light trapping - phototactic insect.

Pheromone trapping - species specific insect.

Bait trapping - Fish meal trap
For sorghum shoot
Fly or methyl eugenol trap -
Fruit Flies.



Pheromone Traps:

A pheromone is an exocrine secretion released by an organism which when received elicits specific behavioral response in another organism of its own species.

Based on the nature of behavioral response the pheromones may be grouped as

- 1) Sex pheromones
- 2) Alarm pheromones
- 3) Trail marking pheromones

4) Aggregation pheromones

1) Sex pheromones:-

They are most commonly released by the females although can also be released by males in a few insect species.

2) Most of the lepidopterous female release sex hormone to attract the males of mating.

3) This property of the sex pheromones can be used for attracting and trapping the male population of many insect pests.

4) Alarm pheromone:- These are produced by mandibular glands or are produced by odontophorus sting apparatus in worker bees and by a variety of organs in other insects like aphids, termites; ants etc.

Alarm pheromone are primarily an anti-predator device, a

warning to con-specific
(member in the group) about
the presence or attack by an
enemy

3) Trail marking pheromone:-

These are produced by Foraging
ants and termites. The ants
Formica rufa L. appear to
use formic acid as trail marker
pheromone. Hexanoic acid is a
pheromone secreted by termites

4) Aggregation pheromone:-

As the name indicates, these
pheromones induce aggregation
or congregation of insects for
protection.

Reproduction and Feeding or
combination thereof.

Eg:- Pheromones of Ichapro beetle -
bark beetle and pentatomid
bug.

Imp for examination.

| Pheromone | S.N | common name |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Bombykol | <i>Bombyx mori</i> | Mulberry silk-worm moth |
| Glyptolize | <i>Porthezia dispersa</i> | Gypsy moth |
| Glossypluze | <i>Pectinophora gossypiella</i> | cotton pink bollworm |
| spodolure | <i>Spodoptera litura</i> | Tobacco leaf eating caterpillar |
| Helilure | <i>Helicoverpa armigera</i> | cotton green bollworm or green pod borer |
| Vitlure | <i>Earias vitella</i> | Cotton spotted bollworm |
| Lucilure | <i>Leucinodes orbonalis</i> | Bottle gourd shoot and fruit borer. |

Sampling Techniques for Estimation of Insect population and damage

- 1) Estimation of pest populations in a habitat is done in view of knowing the extent of pest load and its damage.
- 2) To work out economic threshold and Economic injury level to estimate yield losses.
- 3) Deciding timing of control measures in order to avoid indiscriminate use of pesticides
- 4) To determine the influence of natural enemies on pest population

Population estimation methods

i) Absolute Estimate:-

The total number of insect per unit area [hectare, one meter row length, 1m² quadrat etc] known as absolute estimate.

Following 2 methods

- i) Quadrat method
- ii) Capture, marking, release and recapture method.

ii) Quadrat method :-

A quadrat is an area of any shape which is used for sampling.

Generally all the individuals in several quadrates of known size are counted and population density is estimated by extrapolating the average to the whole area.

Total population = $\frac{P}{R} \times M$
 P = no of marked individual
 recaptured
 R
 P = population of insect
 N = total no of insect caught
 M = no of marked individuals

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2) Capture, marking, release and recapture method:

This method involved capturing a sample of population, marking the individuals and releasing them into natural population and capturing a sample again.

This method has been used to estimate the absolute popn of butterflies, grasshoppers and beetles.

Pattern of Sampling

- 1) Random
- 2) In micro plot
- 3) Along one diagonal
- 4) 'X' pattern
- 5) Zigzag
- 6) 'W' pattern
- 7) Fixed meter row length
- 8) 'U' pattern

Tools or component of TPM

Natural control

Applied control

Cultural control

Host plant resistance

Mechanical method of pest control

Physical control

Biological control

Chemical method

Behavioural method.

Genetic biotechnology method

Regulatory / legal method.

Cultural control:

- 1) Cultural practices are used to reduce the number of pest that attack cultivated plant
- 2) These practices alter the environment, the condition of the host plant or the behaviour of the pest to prevent or suppress an infestation.
- 3) They disrupt the normal relationship between the pest and the host plant

and make the pest less likely to survive, grow or reproduce.

- Crop rotation
- Crop refuse destruction
- Tillage of soil
- Variation in time of planting or harvesting
- Pruning & thinning
- Fertilizer management
- Water management
- Intercropping
- Trap crop.

^{imp for exam} Host plant resistance [HPR]:

- 1) Antixenosis
- 2) Antibiosis
- 3) Tolerance

- Heritable characters possessed by the plants which influence the ultimate degree of damage done by insect.
- Host plant
- Non host plant

- Resistant plant
- Susceptible plant
- Host plant resistance: Interaction betn two biological entities

Types of Plant Resistance:

- ↳ Intrinsic resistance:- Plant alone produce defence through physical means (trichomes or toughness) or through production of chemicals [toxin or reduce the digestibility] or both [glandular trichomes or toxins]
- ↳ Extrinsic resistance:- Natural enemies [FTL] of insect pest [STL] benefit the host plant [FTL] produced by reducing the pest abundance.

v) **Antixenosis**: [non-preference, undesirability i.e. Avoidance by insect].

Refers to the resistance mechanism employed by the host plant to deter or reduce colonization by insects.

The plant may deter the insect from colonization feeding, oviposition or seeking the shelter.

Reasons for Cawing:

- 1) The absence of attractant
- 2) The presence of repellent
- 3) An unfavorable balance between attractant and repellent
- 4) morphologically characteristics
- 5) Allelochemicals :- A) Allomones
B) kairomones

Antixenotic varieties frequently escape infestation.

3) Tolerance:

Refers to the ability of the host plant to withstand an insect population sufficient to damage severely the susceptible plants. Generally attributable to:

- Plant vigour.
- Regrowth of damaged tissue.
- Ability to produce additional branched.

Tolerance have no adverse effect on insect infestation for longer period without loss in yield. High economic threshold level, hence promote bio control.

Cultural Method:

Deep summer ploughing.

Avoid pre monsoon sowing.

Avoid monocropping.

Sowing of tolerant varieties.

Optimum seedrate should be used.

Crop rotation.

Destroy crop residue.

Nutrient management.

Sanitation.

Harvesting practice.

Water management.

Intercropping.

Trap cropping.

Cultural method:- Manipulation of all practices for reducing or avoiding pest damage to crop is known as cultural method, ecological management, or environment control.

Purpose = Making the environment less favourable to pest or more favourable for N.E.

1) soil preparation:- Healthy soil encourages healthy unstressed plants. Proper PH and fertilizers are important. Uncomposted organic matter can encourage pests.

2) Plant selection : Use disease and insect free plants. Buy Plants from reputable source and choose resistant cultivars when possible.

3) Rotation : Planting similar crop in successive years tends to increase pest problems.

4) Intercropping : Avoid placing all plants in one field.

4) cotton + cowpea + black gram + green gram.

5) cotton + okra + pigeonpea + green m.

DBM - Diamond black moth.

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Totmota + Cabbage + reduce egg laying of diamond black moth [DBM]

a) Trap cropping.

Okra used a trap crop around cotton for : jassoid, american spotted bollworm.

Objective :-

To trap the insect from the main Field.

b) Presence of weed:-

Dudhi

Biological Control

Biological control is defined

- a) Pest control's strategy making use of living natural enemies antagonists or competitors and other biotic entities - FAO - 1996.

Biological control is defined as the action of parasite, predators, or pathogen in maintaining another organism population density

History and Development:

Chinese used *Phasocles* and *Monomorium pharaonis* for the control of pests or stored grain and other products

~~red ants~~
Oecophylla smaragdina was used by Chinese in citrus to control foliage feeder

Mynah was introduced in Mauritius in 1962, to control red locust.

In 1888 vedalia beetle introduced into California from Australia for cottony cushion scale.

for control of woolly apple aphid (*E. lanigerum*) in western himalaya A phelius mali from USA

Predator: Predator is free living organism throughout its life, kill its prey and usually larger than its prey and requires more than one prey to complete its development
LBB, mantids, lace wing, hoverfly, Assassin bug, mites and spiders.

Parasite: Parasite is an organism which is usually smaller than its host and a single individual usually does not kill the host.

Eg:- LICE

Parasitoid: small size as its host, kill the host and required only one host for the development and adult in free living

e.g. Braconid wasp, Apanteles, Trichogramma.

Natural enemies of pest cause mortality.

Can maintain pest population at below-threshold levels.

Classical biological control

It involves the deliberate introduction and establishment of natural enemies in to area where they did not previously occur and employed largely against pest of exotic origin.

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Techniques in Biological control:

i) Conservation of Bio-agent.

Conservation of natural enemies is probably most important and readily available biological control practise available to growers.

LBB, Lace wing hover fly larvae parasitizes aphid mummies all most present in environment.

These natural enemies are important and need to be conserved when making pest management decision.

By minimizing pesticide we reduce insecticides we use softer chemicals manipulating habitat.

4) Introduction of Bio-agent:

To obtain the needed natural enemy we turn to classical biological control. Although it is also practice against the native pest. 1st step is to determine the origin of introduction pest and then collect appropriate natural enemy from that location. Then pass through quarantine process, then reared ideally in large no. and then released.
eg:

3) Augmentation of Bio-Agent:

It involves the supplemental release of natural enemies.

Relatively few natural enemies may be released at a critical time of release (inoculative release or literally millions may be released (inundative release).

i) Inoculation: When introduction method fails, it involves seasonal release.

Eg:- glasshouse pest such as spider mite, whitefly - encarsia formosa.

ii) Inundation: Literally millions may be released.

Eg:- vireo, backma, Trichogramma

Pesticide Formulation

- A) Dry formulations: formulation (dust).
- 1) Dust or powder for dusting (D)
 - 2) Wettable powder (WP)
 - 3) Granules (G)
 - 4) Solid fumigants, powder, tablets, balls.
 - 5) Capsules
 - 6) Soaps
 - solid poison bait.

* Note: Process involved in co

Liquid or wet formulation.

- 1) Emulsifiable concentrate [EC]
- 2) Solution
- 3) Aerosols
- 4) Paste
- 5) Liquid poison bait
- 6) Concentrated insecticide liquid

Physical control -

modification of physical factor in the environment to minimize or prevent pest problem

i) Manipulation of temp

Hot water te - 50-55°C.

pest outbreak =

Adjuvants - The supplementary ingredients incorporated in a pesticide formulation are called as adjuvants.

Acaricides : are the agents usually a chemical that kill mite

Fumigants - Fumigation is a method of pest control that completely fill an area with gaseous perhuds of fumigants to suffocate or poison the pest within

Antifeedent - Antifeedants are chemicals that inhibit feeding in insects when applied on the

forage (food) without impairing their appetite and gustatory receptors or driving them away from food.

The insecticides Act (1968)
An act to regulate the import, manufacture sale & transport

Pest outbreak - Due to natural condition sudden increased in the pest population occurs in small amount of time.

