

interest in the possible role of quantitative modelling, of various sorts, as a means of evaluating the relative importance of different factors on the target pest population. However, the collection and analysis of data on which to base either analytical or simulation models is a major task, and results cannot be expected immediately. In the meantime the resources currently allocated by the international community to work on the larger grain borer seem modest compared with the scale of the problem posed by this pest. There can be little doubt that considerable further spread of the pest in Africa, with concomitant losses of vital stored food, must be anticipated before a fully satisfactory solution is identified and applied.

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