

Mus musculus domesticus invasion in Senegal : recent research using data of ObsMice sites

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Why study the mouse invasion in Senegal?

• An invasion that is still relatively unknown in Africa



• A model species suitable to test various hypotheses



• An ongoing invasion with potential impacts on health and human activities

Before ObsMiCE: range expansion of the mouse in Senegal

▶ 1983-2014



Dalecky et al. 2015



BPM: 11 220 occurrences



Before ObsMiCE: at the invasion front

2011-2014 4 field trips, 6390 night.traps, 1296 captures



Using ObsMiCE: survey of invasion fronts

> 2015-2018



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8 field trips, 6889 night.traps, 1186 captures



Describe the invasion history of the house mouse and its dynamics Understand the causes and sanitary consequences

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Some examples of research done on ObsMiCE data

Confirmation of patterns suggesting a role of parasites in invasion success



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Exploration of a role of behavior in invasion success?





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=> No support for a role of behavior: aggressive males are similarly distributed across all sites.

Complex invasion history of the central Ferlo



The house mouse is dominant in villages

 2 genetic groups, suggesting different invasion pathways







Sur le terrain...



Bases de données et collections

Nos étudiants Jean-Claude Malick Sene Mame Sokhna Gueye Moussa Sall

Merci à toutes et tous!