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GE free Romanian NGO





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Romania – GMO contamination from field to fork





Contamination

- 17 cultivation incidents / 2005-2008
(MON810, RR soya, plum trees, Bt potato)
- 3 food incidents / 2006 - 2007
(RR soya)



Legislation

weak legislation on coex (curently under reassessment)



Illegal experiments

Case 1:

160 GE plum trees resistant to Plum Pox Virus planted in 1996 at Bistrita Research Institute for Trees

Discovered only in 2005

Status - trees destroyed

- fruits & seeds destination unknown





Case 2:

Bt potato Superior Newleaf

- Monsanto gene construct, World Bank funds, local potato varieties Coval and Redsec, local University





Massive illegal cultivation of GM soya (14 cases) (thousands of hectares in all regions)

Reasons

1. more profit for farmers by not paying the patent





2. more profit for farmers by seling the seeds on the black market





3. Contamination

A. No separate storage facilities





B. Cultivation

- using the same machines
- neighboring fields





C. Transport





D. Processing facilities





E. Food contamination up to 98%





F. Interesting facts – increased weed resistance





MON810 maize

A. Illegal cultivation in Danube Delta





B. Experiments out of control





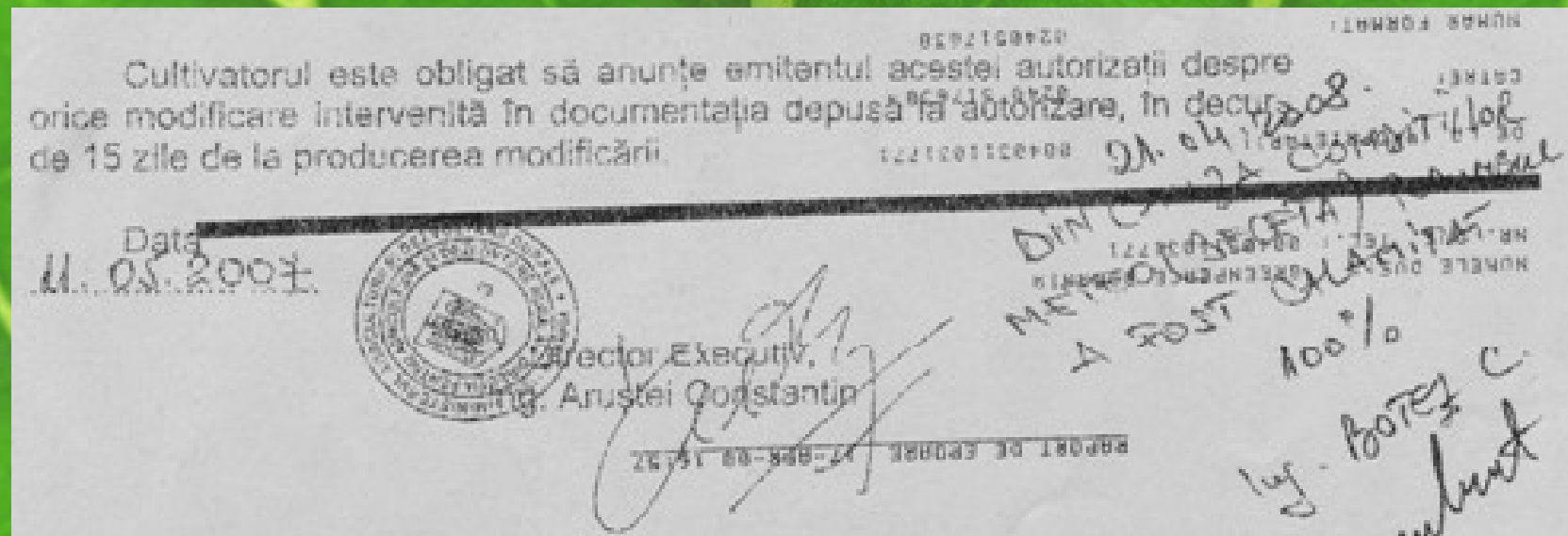
C. Volunteer crops





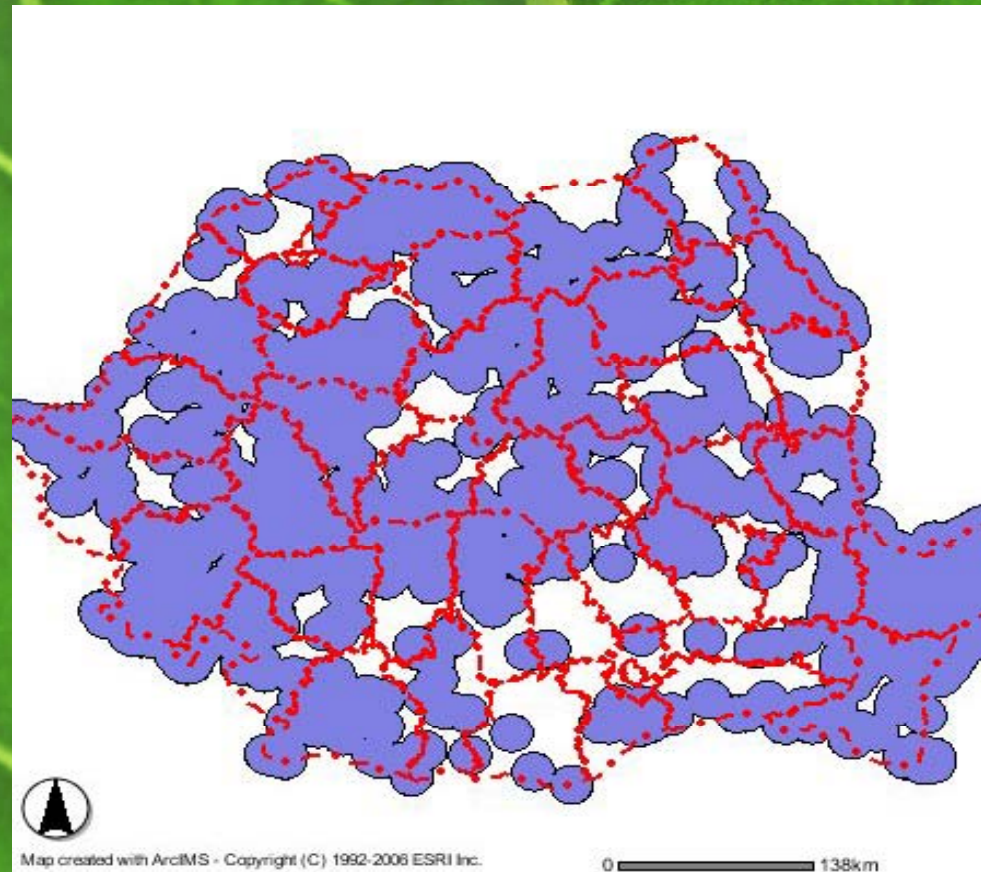
D. Interesting facts

- In 2007 MON810 was 100 % calamitated by drought in Iasi county. Conventional maize had average yields of 720 kg/ha in the same year and the same county.





- GMO free regions map (blue) in case of ban in protected areas + 15 km buffer zone (enforced in Romania in 2006)





Agent Green says:

Thank you!

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