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More than 35 species of palms are actually infested by *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* & *Paysandisia Archon*, according to the observations of our network of French & Italian Botanical Collections of ca 100 ornamental palm species. Predictive diffusion of these pests may also concern in the future the 2500 species of wild populations of palms in Asia, South America and Africa. The adaptation of these pests to new environments and climatic conditions, and the difficulties to detect early symptoms of infestation, were determining a failure of all eradication and suppression conventional control programs like Integrated Pest Management, based mainly upon the use of chemical or agronomic approaches. Our French & Italian Network is associated with the researches about biological control by Inra (France) & Enea (Italy).

Our observations about infestation concerning ca 100 ornamental palms *Paysandisia archon* (PA) versus *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (RPW)

Acoelorrhaphe wrightii

Arenga engleri

Brahea aculeata, armata, dulcis, edulis

Chamaerops humilis

Howea fosteriana

Jubaea chilensis

Livistona australis, chinensis, decora

(decipiens), saribus

Nannorrhops arabica

Phoenix dactylifera, reclinata, robellini, theophrasti

Sabal bermudana, mauritiiformis, minor, palmetto

Serenoa repens

Syagrus romanzoffiana

Trachycarpus sp: 10 sp/15

Trithrinax acanthocoma

Brahea armata & edulis

Butia capitata & yatay

Chamaerops humilis

Howea fosteriana

Jubaea chilensis

Livistona chinensis

Nannorrhops arabica

Phoenix dactylifera, canariensis, sylvestris

Sabal mexicana

Serenoa repens

Syagrus romanzoffiana

Trachycarpus fortunei

Trithrinax campestris

Washingtonia filifera & robusta

TOTAL PA: 35 SPECIES

TOTAL RPW: 19 SPECIES

