Role of risks in a sustainability management of a food ecosystem Elintarvike-ekosysteemin kestävä hallinnointi

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### Risk routes for food ecosystem

- Land use for cultivation
- Secondary land use (residential area, playground)
- Cultivation techniques
- Soil amendments
- Fertilizers
- Dust
- Irrigation water for cultivation
- Precipitation
- Water for process
- Water for consumption
- Plant and animal based products for consumption
- Use of side flows and circulation





Fig. 3. Distribution of As in European agricultural topsoils. Aqua regia extraction of the <2 mm size fraction.

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The figure represents the presence of As in soil, water, and air and the entry routes of As to plants, animals and humans via irrigation, volcanic eruptions, mining and industrial activities, microbial processes and rain. Once inside plants and humans, the toxicity mechanisms include elemental interactions, reactive oxygen species (ROS) production, oxidative stress induction, redox and energy imbalance, and epigenetic, transcriptional and proteomic changes. Prolonged exposure to As leads to diminished growth, and yield in plants and to various medical problems, including cancers in humans. (As values for soil, inland water, ocean, and atmosphere and irrigation water taken from Neumann et al. (2011) and Sohn (2014).



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#### What are the limits on inorganic arsenic in food?

In 2015 EU maximum limits were introduced on inorganic arsenic in rice – including rice that is used in the production of food for infants and young children – as well as rice products.

For non-parboiled milled rice (polished or white rice) the limit is 0.2 milligrams per kilogram, while the limit is 0.25 mg/kg for parboiled rice and husked rice. The limit for rice waffles, rice wafers, rice crackers and rice cakes is 0.3 mg/kg. For rice used in the production of food destined for infants and young children the limit is 0.1 mg/kg.

An EU recommendation was issued the same year to all member states to perform increased monitoring of inorganic arsenic in foods in order to improve the dataset on which risk assessments of the intake are based.



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Francesco Cubadda, Brian P. Jackson, Kathryn L. Cottingham, Yoshira Ornelas Van Horne and Margaret Kurzius-Spencerd. Human exposure to dietary inorganic arsenic and other arsenic species: State of knowledge, gaps and uncertainties.





Human exposure assessment through different dietary approaches including duplicate diet studies, market basket surveys, and total diet studies



#### Figure 1

Estimated proportions of iAs and other arsenic species belonging to the 'potentially toxic fraction' and the 'non-toxic fraction' (arsenobetaine) in important contributors to iAs dietary exposure (for references see <u>Table S1, Supplementary Material</u>).





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## **Total Diet Study**

#### **Elements Results Summary Statistics**

#### Market Baskets 2006 through 2013

	TDS			N of								
	Food		N of	Non-	N of	Mean	Std Dev	Median	Min	Max	LOD	LOQ
Element	No.	TDS Food Name	Analyses	detects	Trace	(mg/kg)						
ARSENIC	34	Fish sticks or patty, frozen, oven-cooked	32	0	0	0.504	0.176	0.549	0.055	0.780	0.020	0.040
ARSENIC	75	Crisped rice cereal	32	1	0	0.159	0.080	0.156	0	0.505	0.010	0.040
ARSENIC	276	Fish sandwich on bun, fast-food	32	3	0	0.424	0.212	0.484	0	0.745	0.020	0.040
ARSENIC	340	Tuna, canned in water, drained	32	0	0	0.999	0.420	0.9	0.349	1.900	0.012	0.040
ARSENIC	317	BF, teething biscuits	31	15	15	0.010	0.013	0.011	0	0.054	0.010	0.040





Figure 9: Main food groups contributing (%) to the mean chronic dietary exposure to iAs for the age classes 'Elderly' and 'Very elderly'. Data are presented by individual dietary surveys across Europe using MB estimations. Names on the left refer to the names of the different surveys (see Appendix A-5).



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#### How ecological footprint is being formed.









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#### Ecosystem services based orientation Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005).





Figure SDM - A - The MA framework



In the Millennium report, adaptive mosaic was selected as the most promising alternative to enhance protection of ecosystem services - valuable genetic resources form pricipal basis for adaptive mosaic.



#### **Circular Economy in the food system**

- Nutrient recycling in agriculture
- Food waste minimization in the food chain and resource efficient concepts
- Sustainability assessment of the food system





# **Circular economy reduce, reuse, revive – where arsenic might have a role in terms of security**

Naturalness

impacts

Robust animals

Nature based functional

Nature derived bioprocessing

- Feed efficiency
- Food efficiency
- Supplements
- Additives
- Synthesis of new compounds

All combinations between these



## **SCALING – smart management of Arsenic**

#### **Smart farming**

- Precision Livestock Farming: automatic animal monitoring using sensors to optimize animal feeding, breeding, health and welfare
- Precision farming: environmental, profitable and efficient biomass production
- Optimal control and production environments using sensor
- Robots, drones, Industrial Internet and other enabling technologies

#### Smart food chain

- Intelligent, networked products, IoT, Traceability
- Integration and interaction between systems and actors

# BigData and data mining applications in agriculture

- Use of genome info in different contexts
- Utilization of data previously unavailable
- Big data as management and benchmarking tool







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