



## Newsletter about Pesticides

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### Civil Society Activities



### Germany: Pesticide Atlas published

The Heinrich Böll Foundation, the German Association for Environment and Nature Conservation (BUND) and the Pestizid Aktions-Netzwerk (PAN Germany) have published a [Pesticide Atlas](#), released on January 12, 2022.

The atlas addresses a large number of crucial issues, such as

- the serious shortcomings of pesticide authorization procedures, such as the failure to take into account the risks associated with pesticide mixtures (the cocktail effect) or the lack of consideration of the capacity of the wind to carry pesticides over hundreds of miles;
- the decline of biodiversity throughout the world;

- the increase in the number of pesticide-related poisonings. In 1990, it was estimated that about one million people were poisoned each year. Today, an estimated 385 million people are poisoned annually;
- the expansion of the global pesticide market shared by a small handful of multinational corporations. The four largest pesticide producers, Syngenta, Bayer, BASF and Corteva, generated a turnover of 31 billion euros in 2020;
- the development of trade in pesticides banned in the European Union to other continents that still allow them and where workers do not protect themselves adequately: less than 30% of small-scale farmers in Ghana wear gloves, goggles and mouth or nose protection when handling pesticides. In Ethiopia, only 7% of farmers are aware of the warning to wash their hands after using pesticides;
- encouraging initiatives: more and more cities, states and regions are trying to reduce the amount of pesticides in their fields or even give up chemicals altogether;
- the German population's desire for an agriculture that protects water, soil and insects, produces fairly without GMOs (genetically modified organisms) and pesticides, and uses natural pest control: the survey by the authors of the Atlas shows that 63% of the respondents would like to see a ban on all chemical pesticides by 2035, and that farmers should be helped to switch to environmentally friendly production.

*If you've made it this far, can you make one more tiny effort?*

*Justice Pesticides needs your help to continue this work of investigation and information to support victims of pesticides.*

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