

Soil Wealth
NURTURING CROPS



**Integrated
Crop Protection**
PROTECTING CROPS

Innovations through demonstration sites – insights from leading growers

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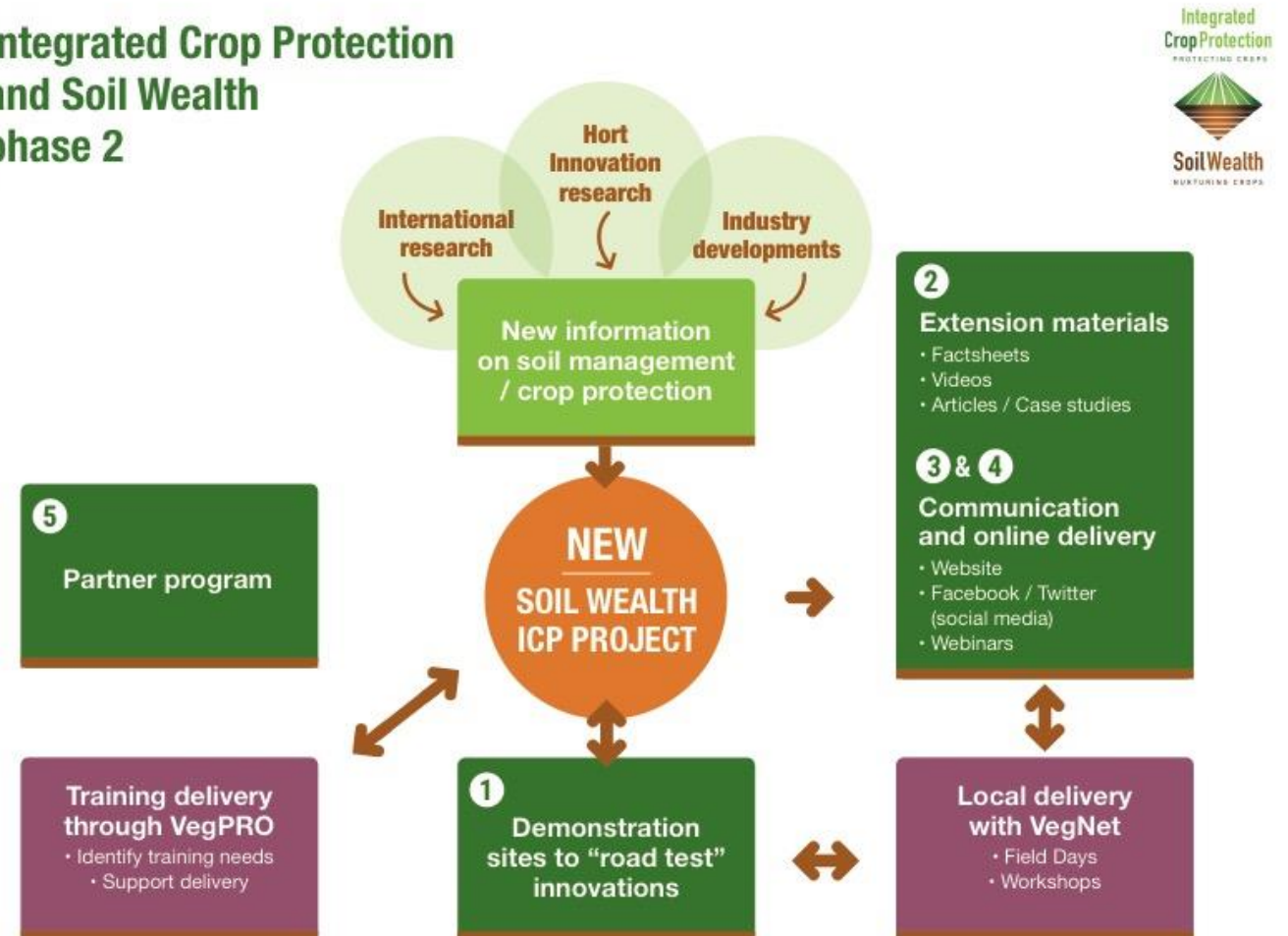
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Project overview

- Focus on soil management and plant health research to practice
- Vegetable and potato R&D extension project
- Work with growers as well as agronomists and advisors
- Strong linkages with other projects and with the commercial sector
- Operating for 8 years, since 2014 (Phases 1 and 2)

Integrated Crop Protection and Soil Wealth phase 2



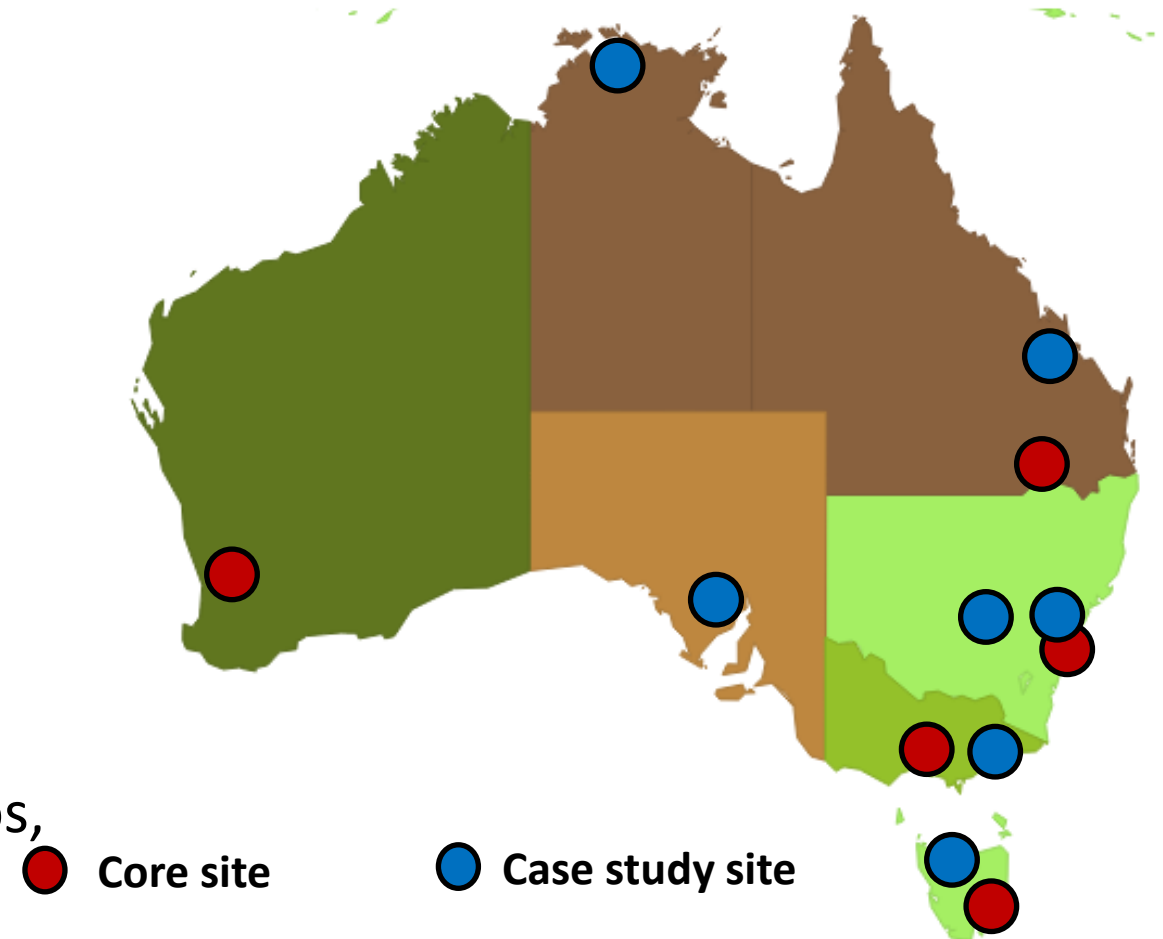
Extension approach

- Communicate the key findings from R&D projects – **focus on what growers can use**
- **Growers talking to other growers** is a powerful agent of change
- **Farming is a business** – focus on the costs and benefits
- **Understand risk**
- **People learn differently:** use a range of approaches
- **Seeing is believing:** demonstration sites



Demonstration sites

- National network – “engine room” of the project
- Practices and technologies applied first-hand in grower’s part of the world
- Focus on commercial farms
- **Core sites:** driven by growers and project team
- **Case study sites:** leverage innovations
- Hub for other activities: case studies, videos, hybrid events, other resources



Today's panel

- Showcase and learn from practical innovations on-farm
- Discuss and explore cutting edge practices and technology
- Cover the big soil and plant health topics:
 - Strip-till and reduced till
 - Cover crops
 - Soil amendments
 - Controlled traffic farming
 - Precision agriculture
 - Soil biology

You'll come away with practical tips and tools



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