



CLIMATE DETECTIVES 2020 – 2021



THE CLIMATE APPLE

Asturias Investigation
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RESEARCH QUESTION

Does climate change affect apple production and cider in Asturias?

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Students have researched temperature (weather stations), sulfur (EO Browser, Sentinel) and apple production data in Asturias (certificate of origin of Asturian apple). They've sorted them on charts for years, and they've been looking for their relationship. It has also been very important to provide experts in the cultivation of apples, to understand the behavior of this fruit in terms of flowering and development (SERIDA)

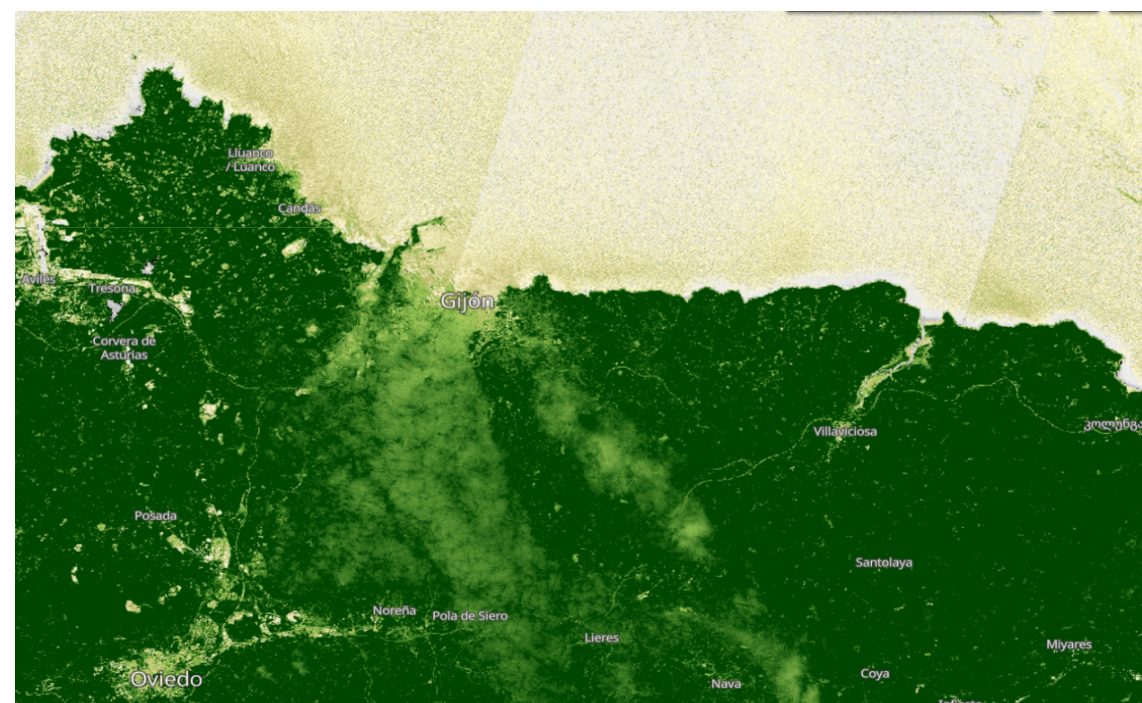


Figure 1: Gijón

MAIN RESULTS

Over time the planet is warming, but there is no direct relationship to the variations of apple kilograms collected. Sulphur (S) levels have declined in recent years. Appletree needs a few hours of annual cold and hot for its production to be effective, so it is anticipated that if the upward trend in temperature continues, production may be compromised in the future.

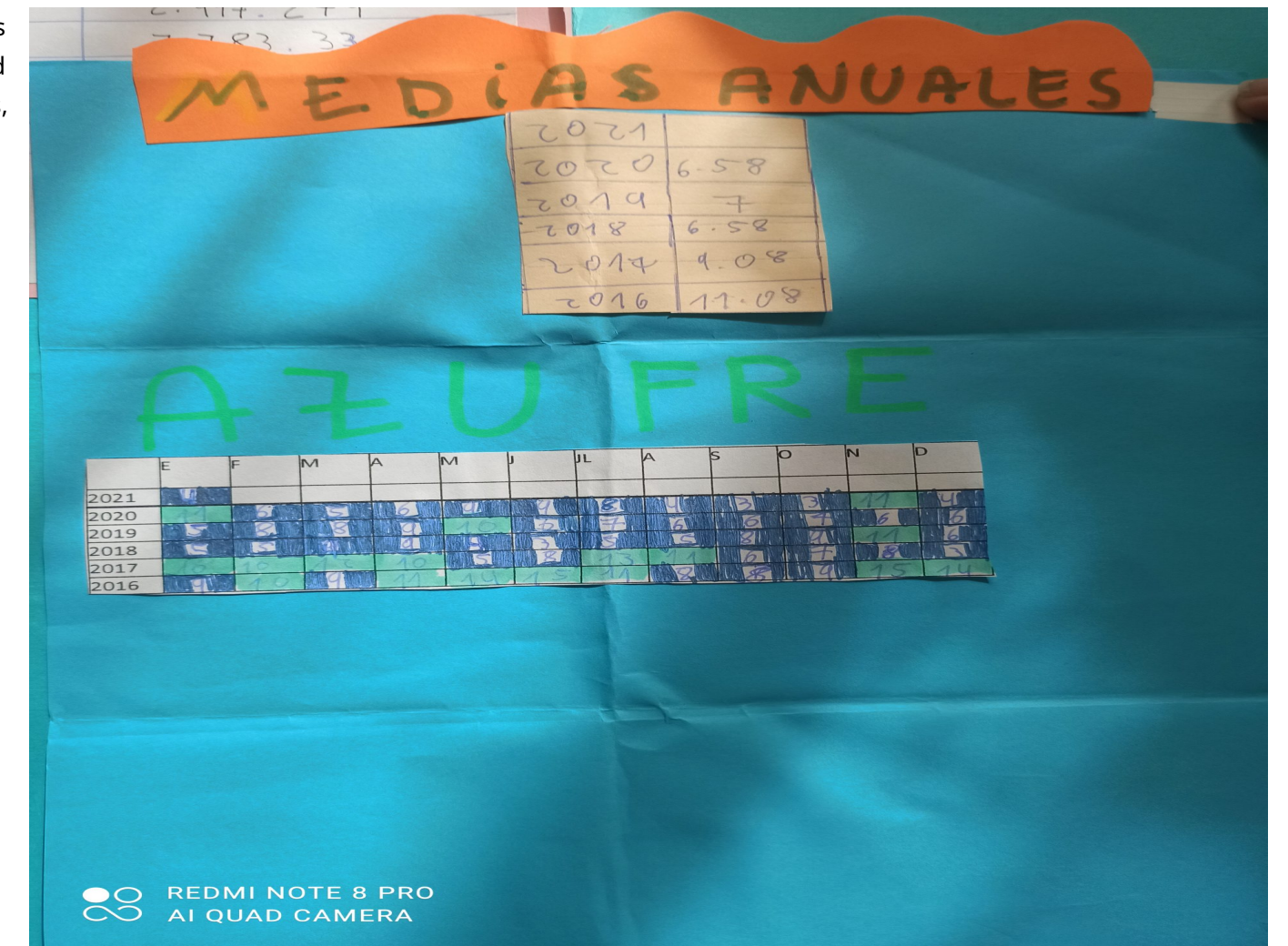


Figure 2: Mail results

ACTIONS TO HELP LESSEN TO THE PROBLEM



Figure 3: Apple blossom

Actions to make a difference and to mitigate the problem: Running CO2 reduction campaigns; building heated greenhouses