Sweden Bans Most Uses Of DDT for Two Years

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STOCKHOLM — Sweden has banned most uses of dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane —commonly known as DDT—and related insecticides on charges they cause "unmistakable" harm to nature.

Sweden's poisons board said general use of the insecticide won't be allowed for a two-year period starting next Jan. 1 while research into their effect is conducted.

DDT will be banned from all farming, forest or household uses. But there will be at least one notable exception: It will continue to be a weapon in the war against certain beetles—a battle in which 100 tons of DDT are used yearly.

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