

Glenn Stone: Anti-GMO activists can't be blamed for Golden Rice's unfulfilled promise

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GMO proponents often claim that environmental groups such as Greenpeace should be blamed for slowing the introduction of Golden Rice and thus, prolonging the misery of poor people who suffer from Vitamin A deficiencies.

In a recent article in the journal [Agriculture & Human Values](#), Stone and co-author Dominic Glover, . . . find little evidence that anti-GMO activists are to blame for Golden Rice's unfulfilled promises.

"The rice simply has not been successful in test plots of the rice breeding institutes in the Philippines, where the leading research is being done," Stone said. . . .

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While activists did destroy one Golden Rice test plot in a 2013 protest, it is unlikely that this action had any significant impact on the approval of Golden Rice.

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"Golden Rice was a promising idea backed by good intentions," Stone said. ". . . I argued that it deserved a chance to succeed. But. . . we have to make unbiased assessments of possible solutions. The simple fact is that after 24 years of research and breeding, Golden Rice is still years away from being ready for release."

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