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## LOCUST & GRASSHOPPER by Hannelie Coetzee

Hannelie Coetzee (b1971) is a South African, Johannesburg-based visual artist. Coetzee runs her studio from One Eloff Street, Johannesburg. Her practice questions the purpose of art as mere commentary on societal ills, she prefers using art to participate in life, solve problems, connect people and ignite dialogues. The artist actively creates partnerships, working responsively to enhance insight into eco-systems. Rather than merely reflect on the Anthropocene, Coetzee's projects, installations, art objects and partnerships attempt to actively create changes within communities and eco-systems.

Coetzee uses natural materials, unlikely partnerships, and sometimes industry waste to build site specific artworks. Her work in sculpture and photography centres on the use of these art forms to emotionally engage viewers and participants. Her work is largely site-specific as she involves the people who live or work in the area where she makes the work, not only in the physical making of the work, but also in the conception of the art work so that it may resonate with the site.

Coetzee's work specifically aims to integrate the impact of art and environmental scientific decisions to inspire empathy in the broader public for, and engagement with nature.

Coetzee works closely with various scientists to learn and understand their inquiries where the questions have evolved over time, whilst looking for

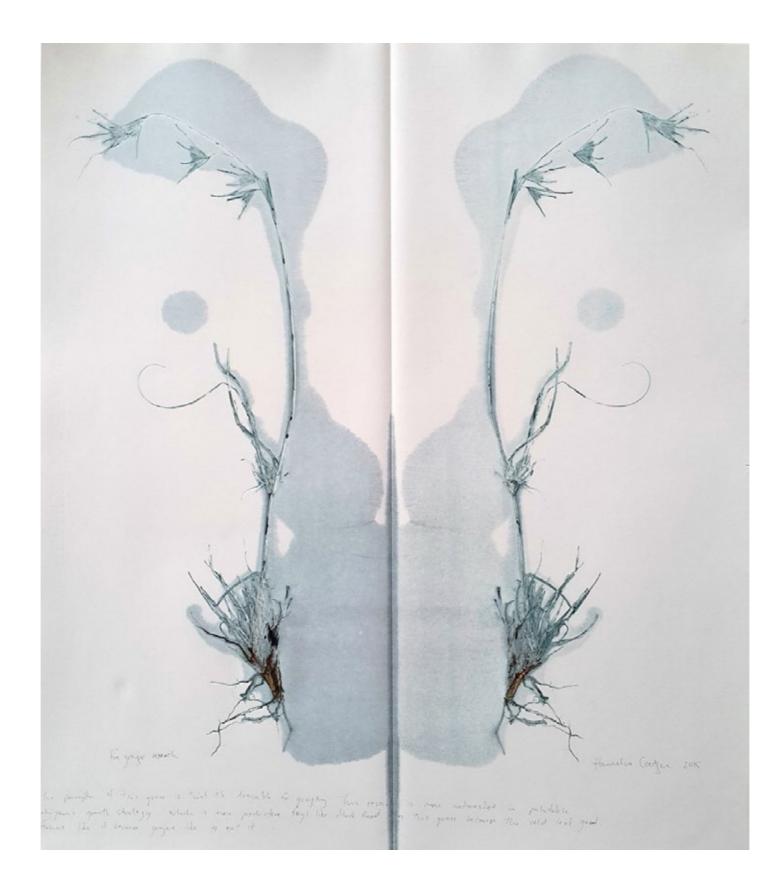
leverage points to interpret important findings in the science through her artworks. As the parallel inquiry of Art and Science develop a robust relationship, they learn each other's language with the aim to apply a more resilient paralellism between these disciplines and nature.

Projects like the Locust & Grasshopper (2017) and Eland & Benko (2015) prescribed burns make scientific research accessible to the wider public in a user-friendly way. It develops mutual goals between disciplines that usually don't overlap. This sparks new ways to address and share information as it happens.

The work begins from the point of dialogue and does not culminate in the performance burn but continues to live on in the documentation and data capturing and research which circulates post-burn. The performative aspect of the work links all the various teams/groups of people where they work together to realize the visual art project.

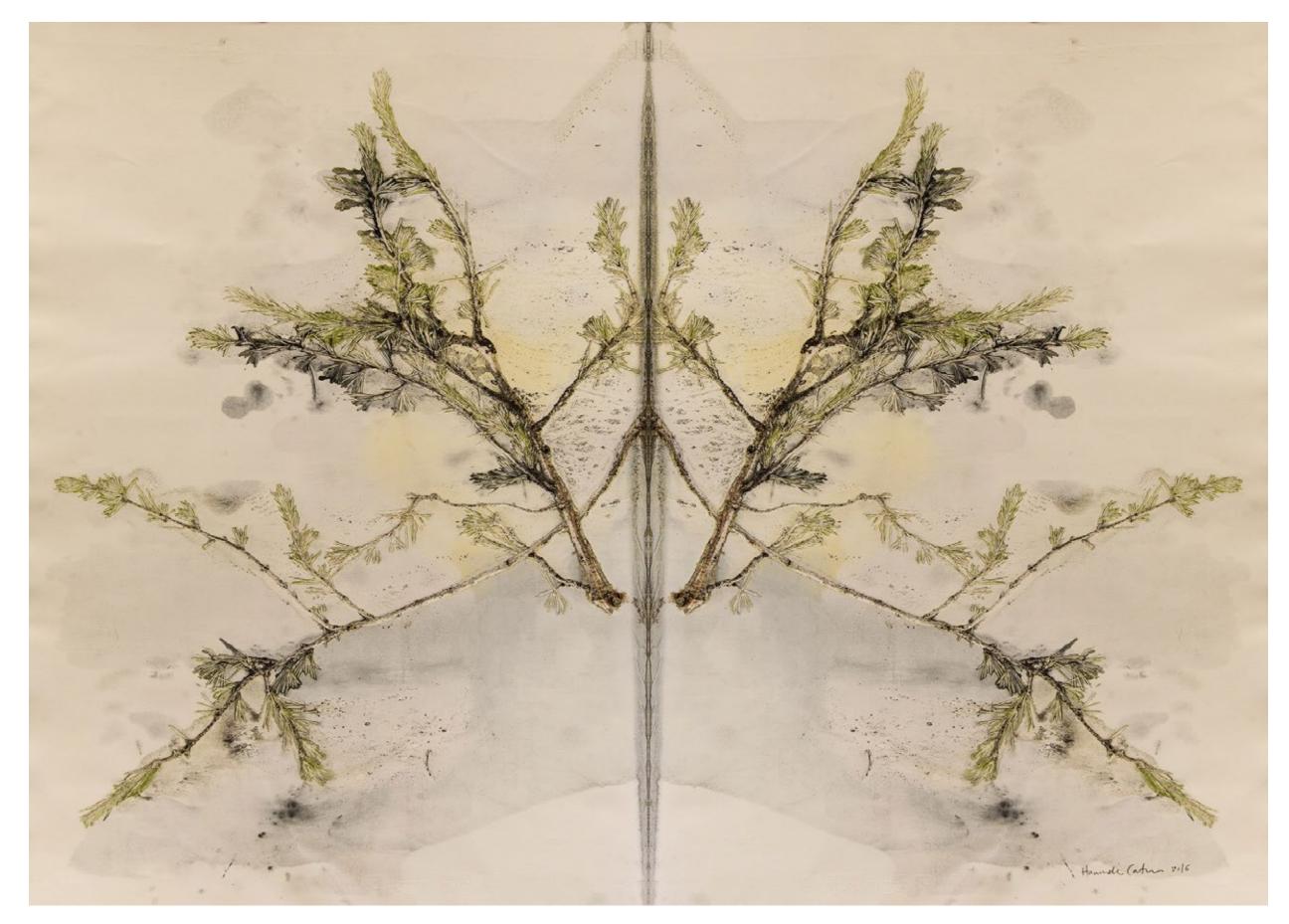
The artworks in this catalogue are remnants of Coetzee's Art and Science *Locust & Grasshopper* project.



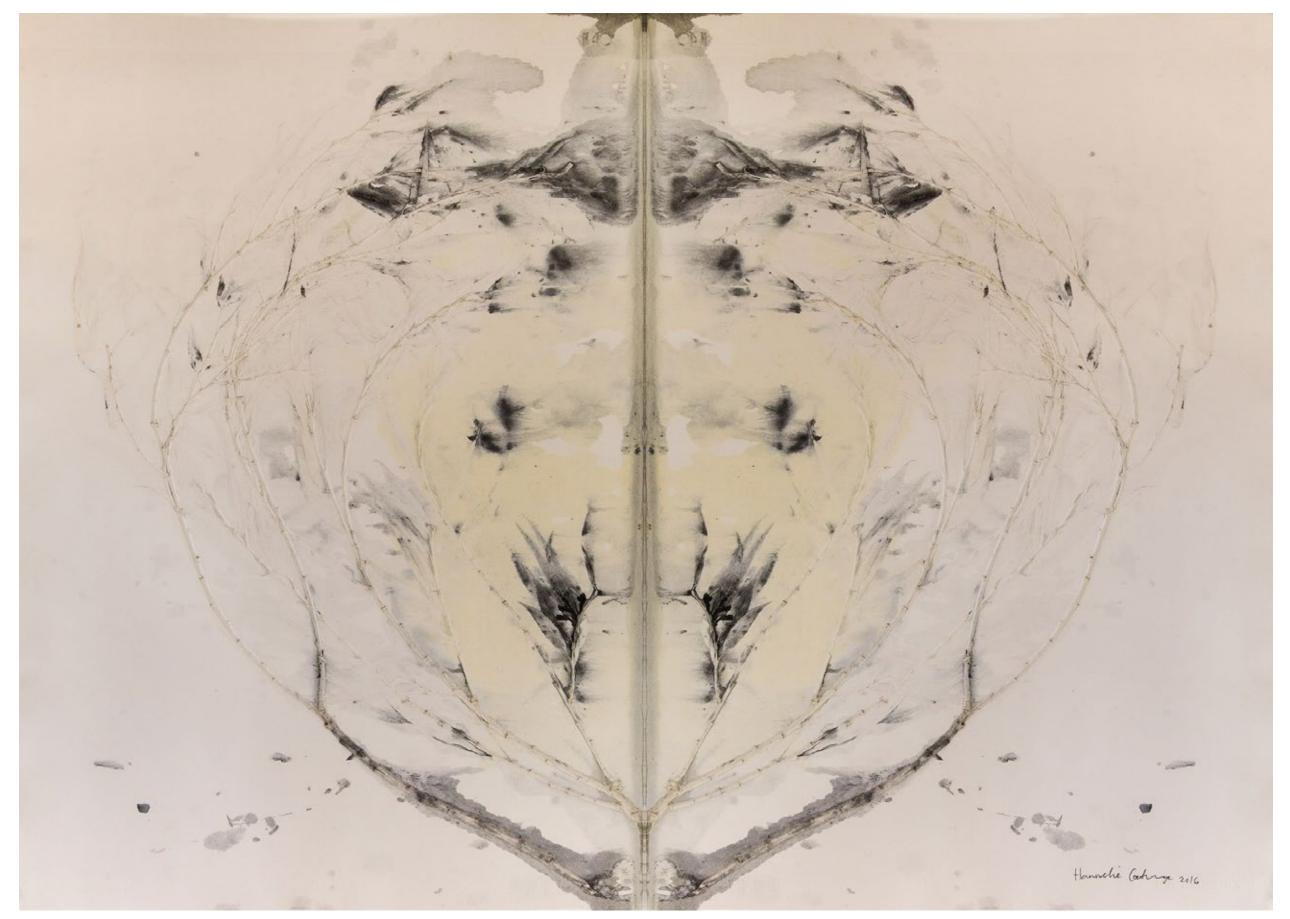




Alien invasive series - Black Wattle | Watercolour & embossed plant species-on-paper, 92 x 121 cm | R 16 000.00 Framed



Alien invasive series - Pine | Watercolour & embossed plant species-on-paper, 92 x 121 cm | R 16 000.00 Framed



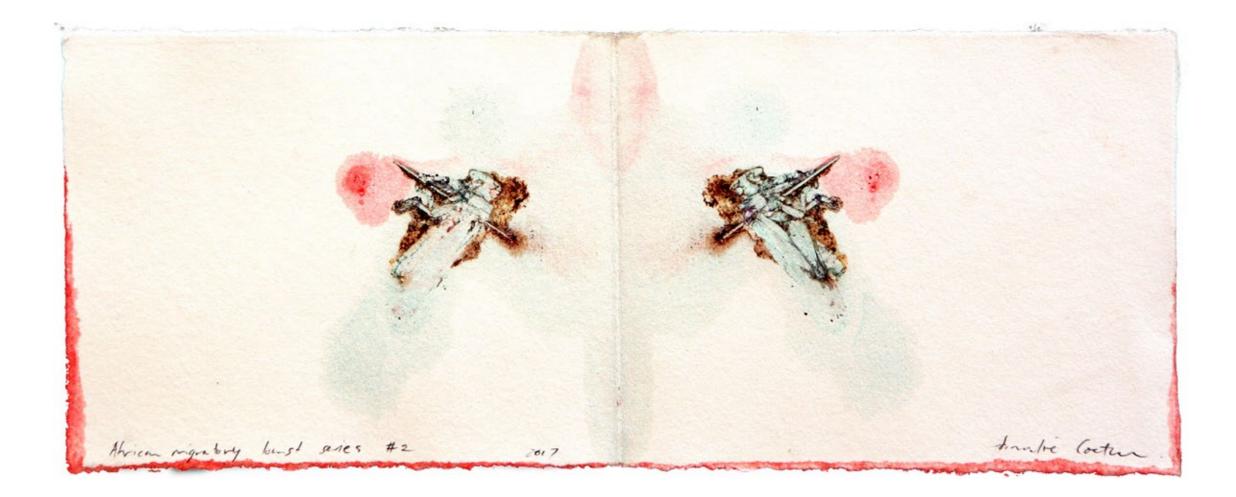
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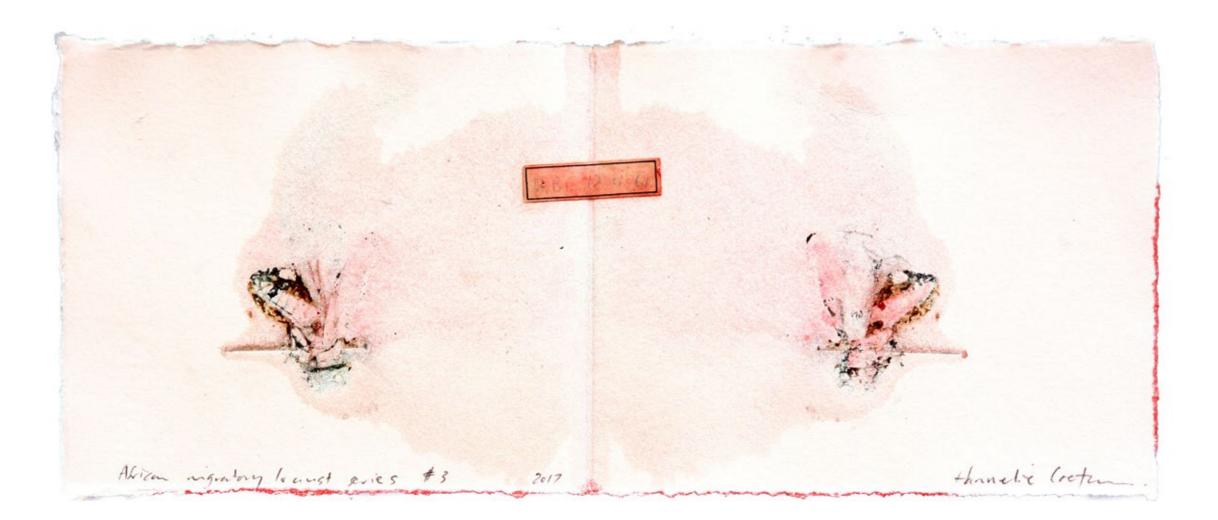


## 1970s Locust swarm donation from WITS

Storage space in museums is always at a premium. Especially when the specimens being stored have no, or little biological value for future research. These locusts were used in the 1960 and 1970's by Dr D.J. Nolte working on locust biology at the University of the Witwatersrand. However, as they are all one species and bred under laboratory conditions they lack additional locality information in contrast to other museum insect specimens. Each biological specimen in a museum comes with where it was found (SA, Nirox, GPS), when (24.VI.2017), under what conditions (after a burn) and who collected it (Hannelie Coetzee). The specimens recycled for the prints and sculptures lack this information and have thus been decommissioned, except for a few drawers, which will be kept as a historical reference collection. The new space (empty drawers) will be used to expand the growing insect collection, with a diversity of species, each with their own original origin labels."







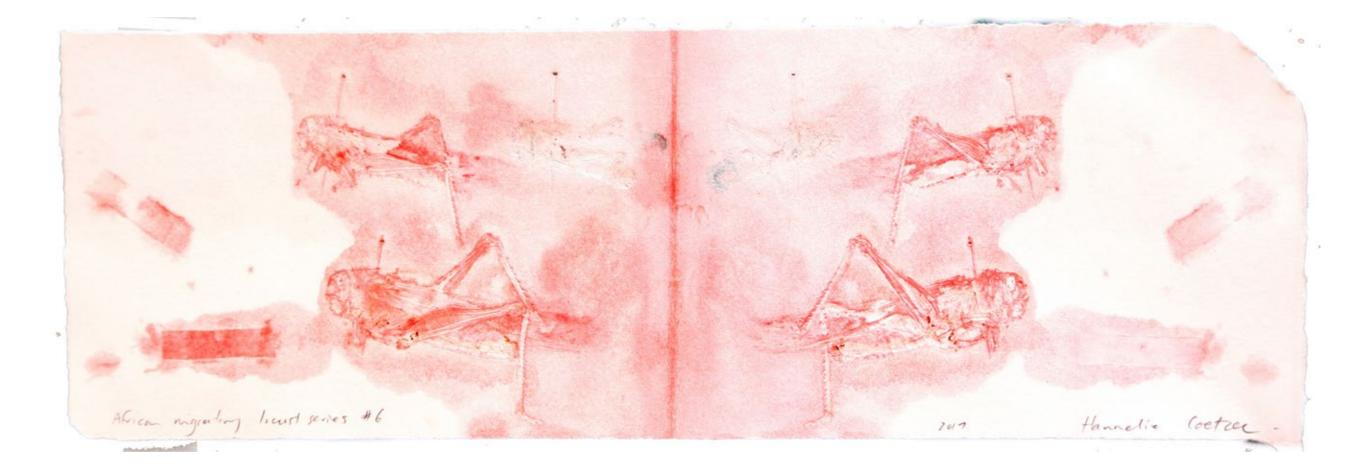


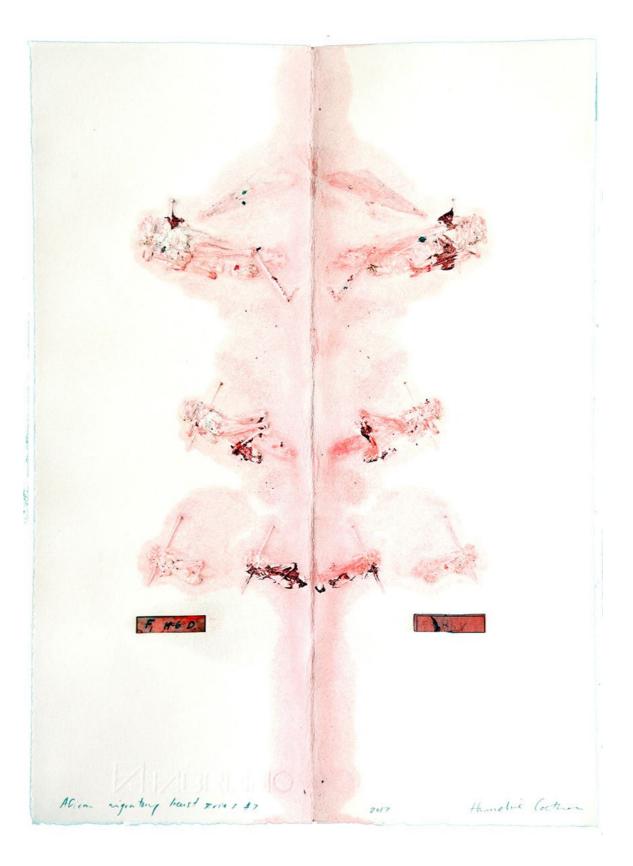
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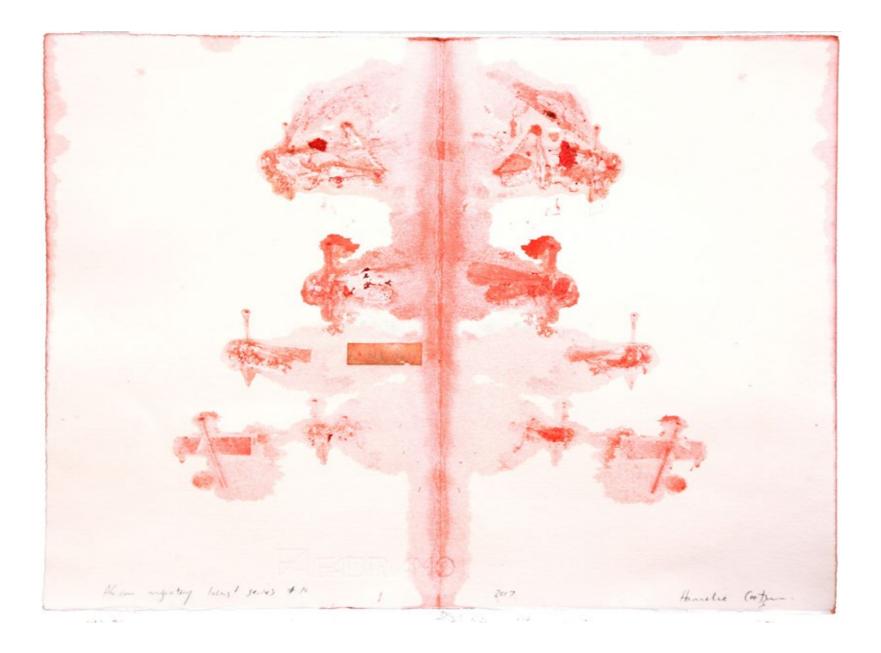


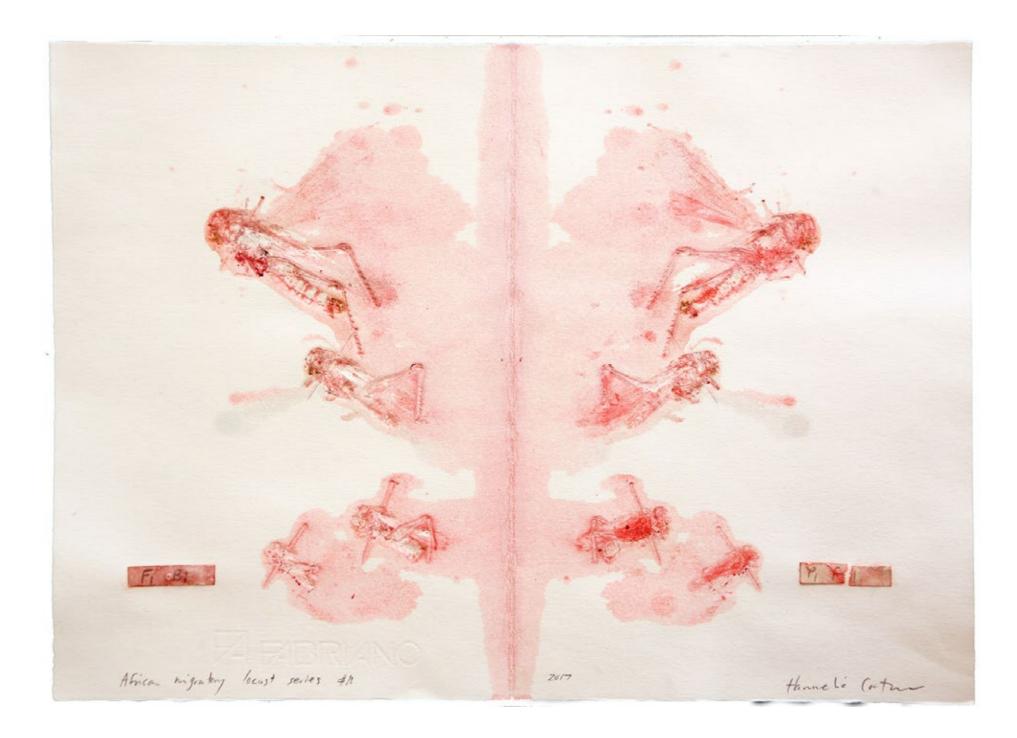






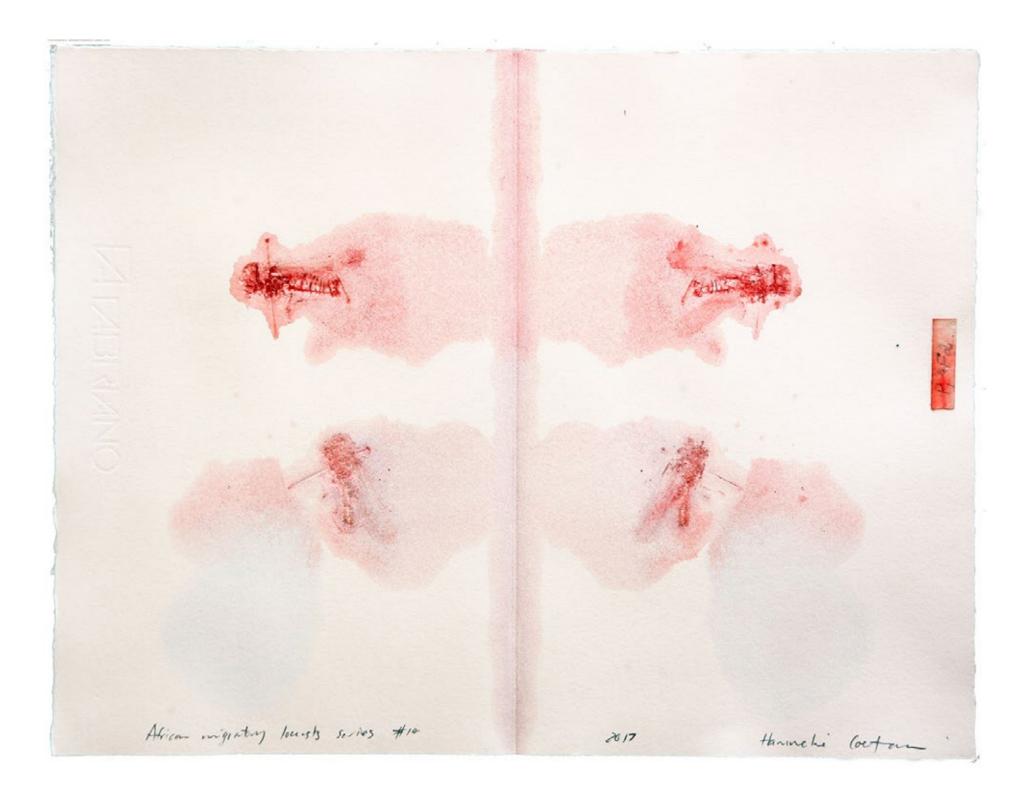








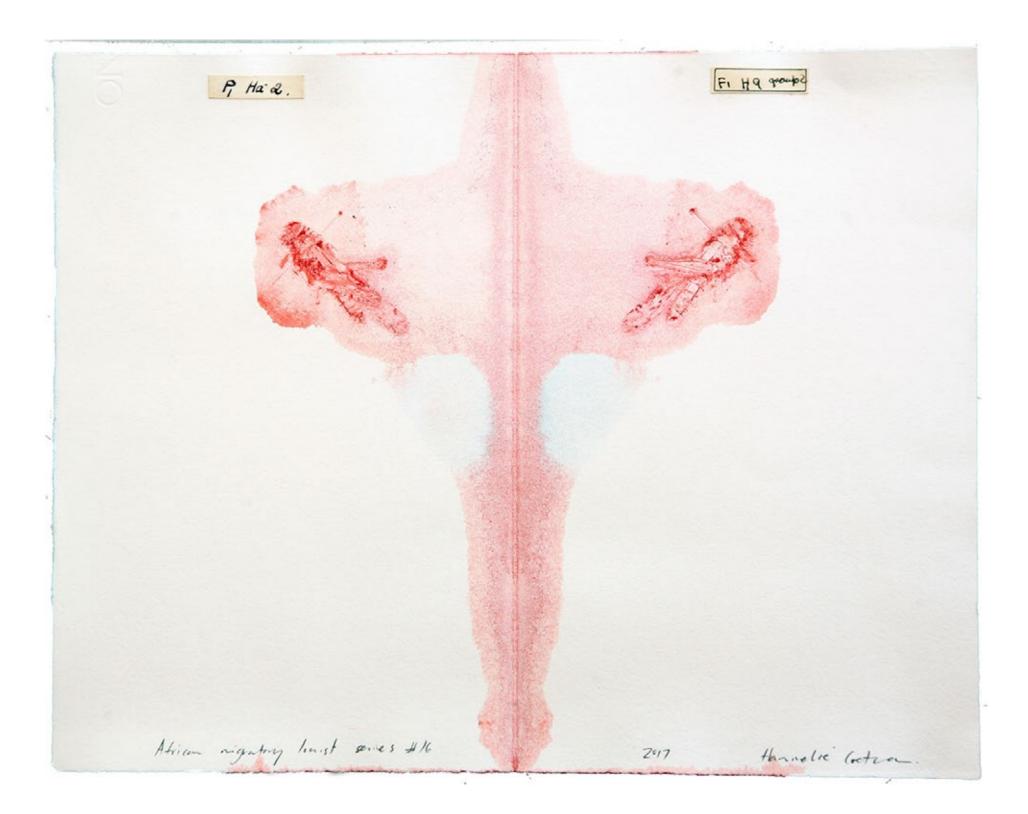




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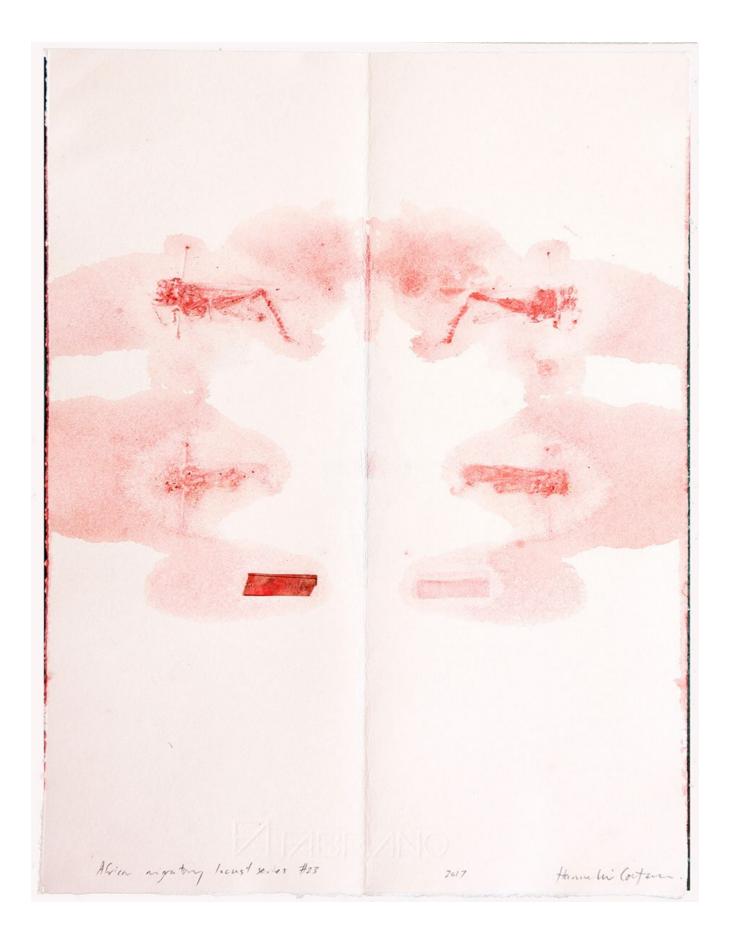


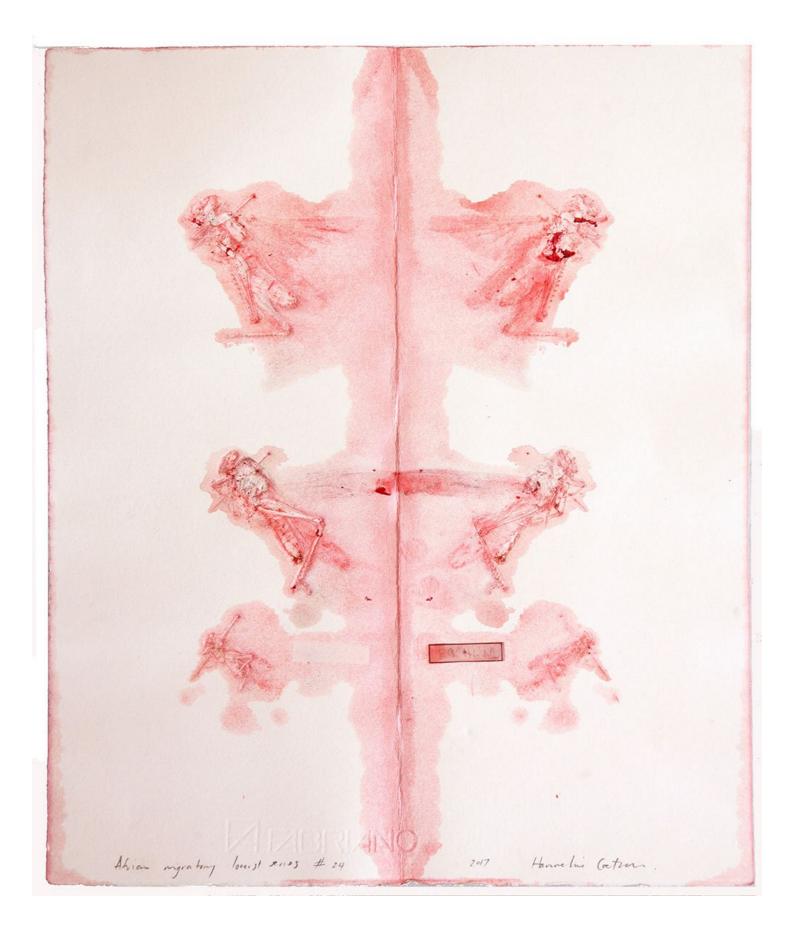


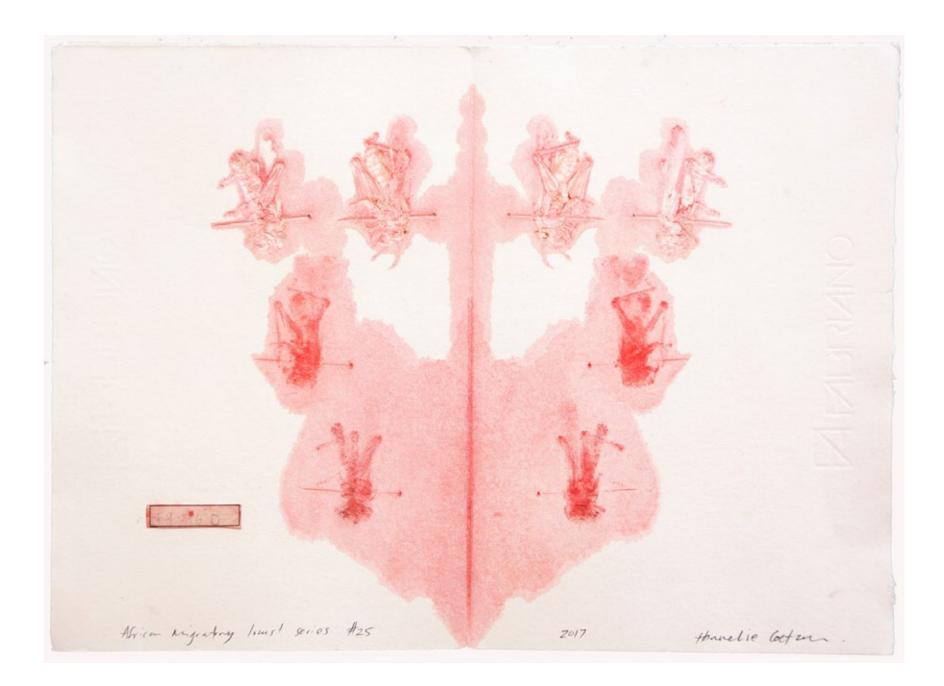


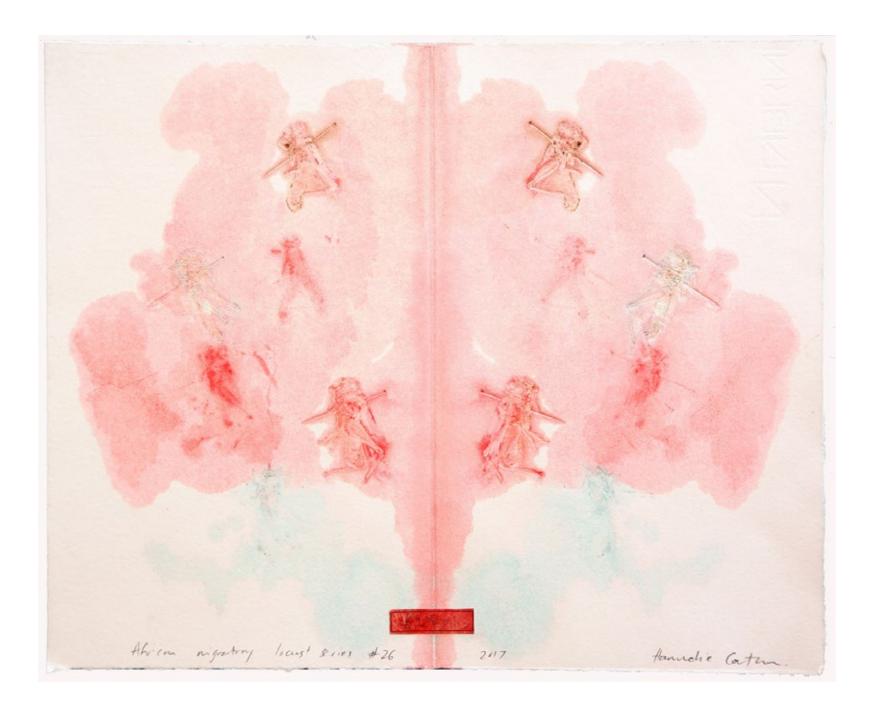


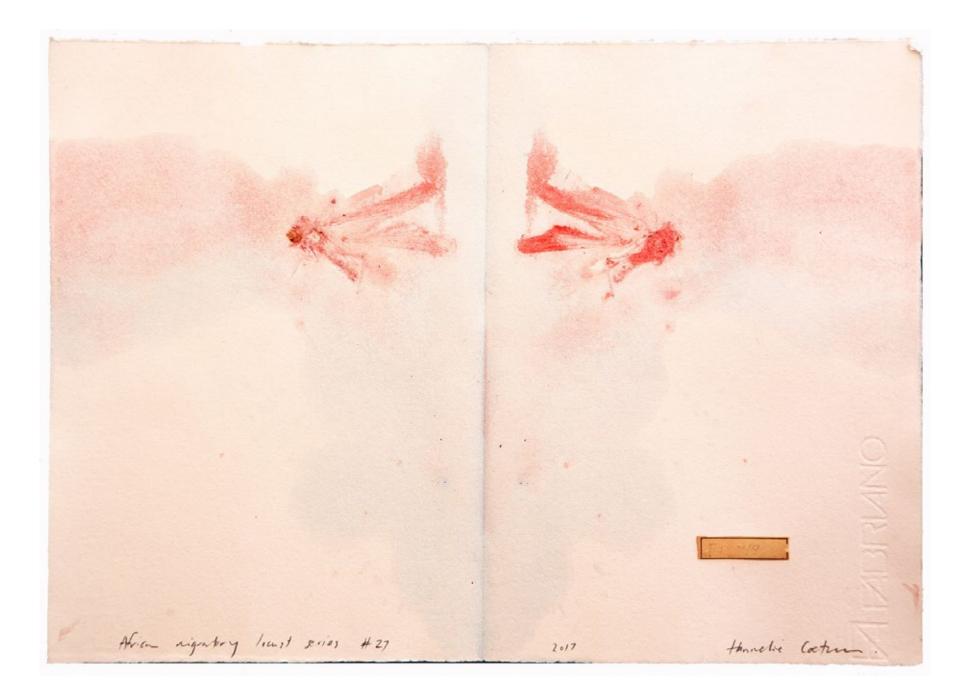


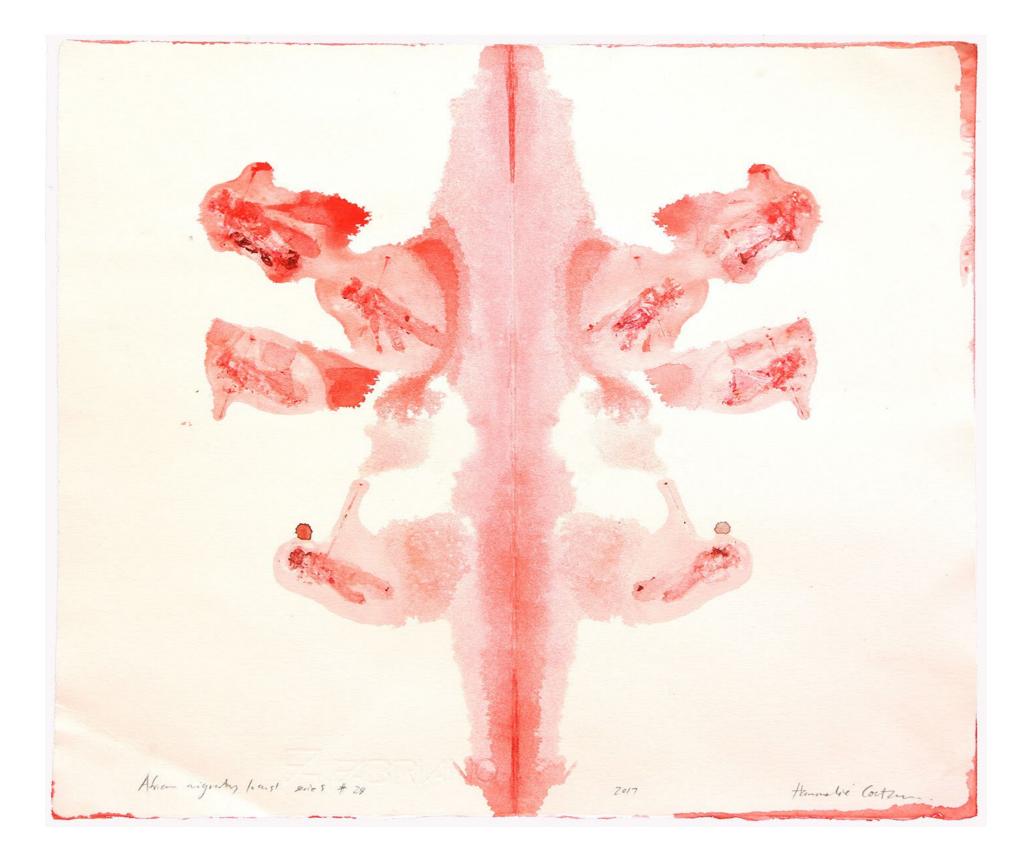


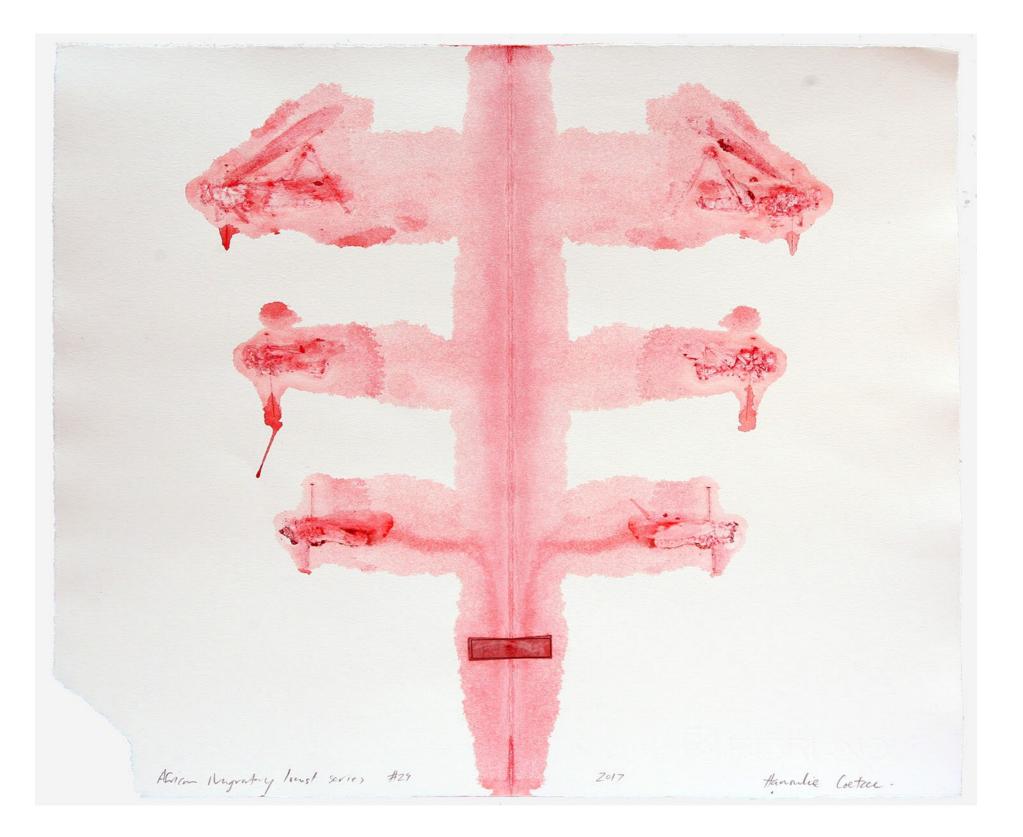






















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