The Toothpick Project - Seed Treatment to Control *Striga hermonthica*

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Striga on sorghum in Sudan

***Striga hermonthica* Is a parasitic weed damaging maize, sorghum, millet, sugar cane and rice.**

Meaning of Striga in Sub-Saharan Africa

FORM B

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THE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT 1982

Certificate of Registration of A Pest Control Product

Number: 2214

It is hereby certified that the pest control products described herein has been registered under the Pest Control Act, Cap 346 Laws of Kenya of 1982 and is subject to conditions indicated:

1. Approved Common Name: Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. strigae1*10^7 cfu/g
2. Trade Name under which marketed in Kenya: KICHAWI KILL
3. Active Ingredient (s): Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. strigae1*10^7 cfu/g

Registration of the product Kichawi Kill in Kenya

Application of 1.5 g product per planting hole

Treated plot Untreated plot

Kichawi Kill is a freshly produced rice substrate over-grown with the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *strigae*.

Advantages

- Biological product
- Excellent efficacy
- Production is creating jobs in the villages

Disadvantages

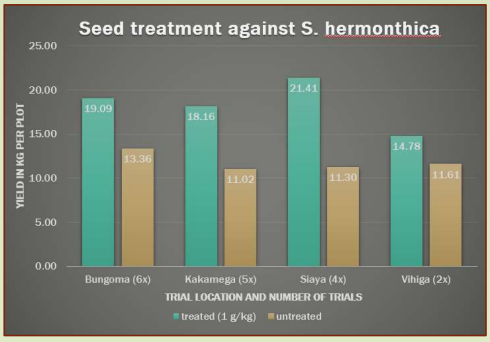
- Complicated production process
- High risk of contamination at production
- High costs
- High application rate (75kg per hectare)
- Complicated and time consuming application
- Applicable only on maize at small-holder farms

→ Development of a Fusarium oxysporum spore powder

Fusarium spore powder

Fungus colony built within 24 hours

Germination of Fusarium from maize seed



- Very fine powder
- High spore concentration
- Very vigorous spores

- Spores germination within on day
- 1.0 g per kg of seed
- Good shelf life

→ First trials showed very encouraging results.

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