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## Biopesticide R&D, production and commercialization pathways

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# Arthropod Pathology Unit



- ❖ Research and innovations on biopesticides
- ❖ Bioprospecting for entomopathogens
- ❖ Microbes and pests' identification and characterization
- ❖ Maintains a long-term repository of entomopathogens
- ❖ Capacity-building in insect pathology research
- ❖ Commercialization in partnership with private sector

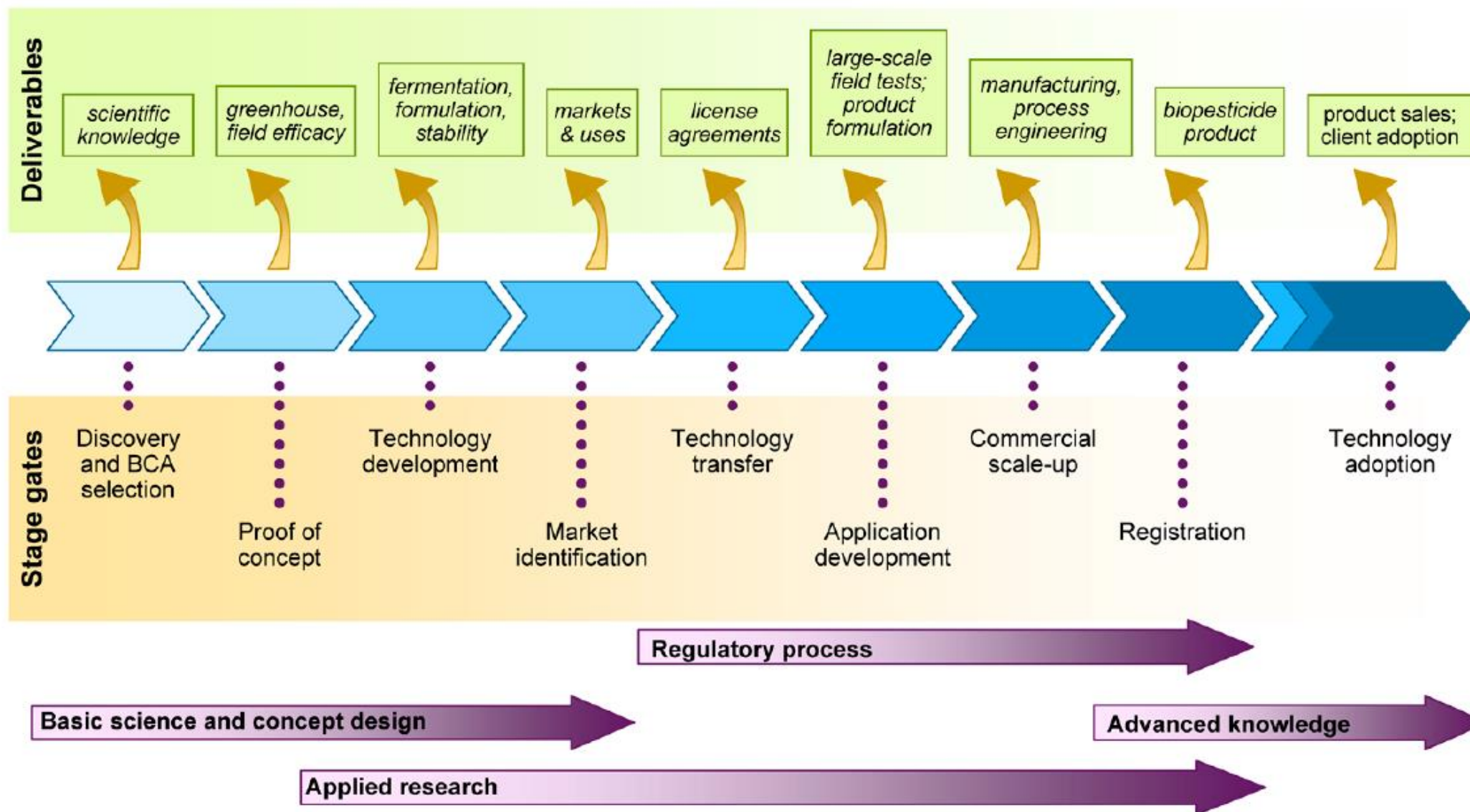


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# Biopesticides development pathway – Innovation chain



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Delivery of biopesticides – Innovation chain

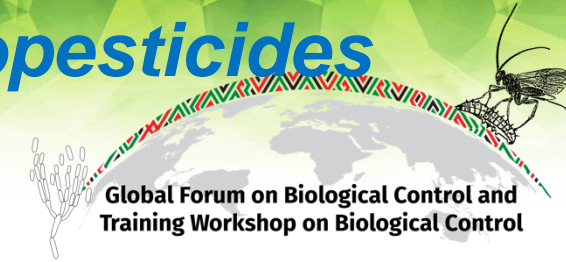


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# Bioprospecting and maintenance of a repository of biopesticides



Entomopathogen group	No. of isolates	Genus
Entomopathogenic fungi	311	<i>Beauveria</i> , <i>Metarhizium</i> , <i>Verticillium</i> , <i>Isaria</i> , and others
Entomopathogenic bacteria	157	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> , <i>Serratia marcescens</i> and others
Endophytes	10	<i>Hypocrea</i> , <i>Trichoderma</i> , <i>Clonostachys</i> , and <i>Bionecteria</i>
Entomopathogenic nematodes	2	<i>Heterorhabditis</i> and <i>Steinernema</i>
Microsporidian	3	<i>Nosema</i> , <i>Malamoeba</i> and <i>Johenrea locustae</i>
Baculoviruses	2	<i>Spodoptera littoralis</i> NPV and <i>S. exigua</i> NPV





## Biopesticide research and product development



## Plant pests

Whiteflies, *Liriomyza* leafminers, cereal stemborers, diamondback moth, African bollworm, red spider mites, aphids, thrips, fruit flies, pod-borers, pod suckers, storage beetles, false codling moth, fall armyworm and tomato leafminer

## Animal pests and disease vectors

Ticks (*Rhipicephalus* sp., *Boophilus* sp., *Amblyoma* sp.) and tsetse flies (*Glossina* sp.)

## Human disease vectors

Mosquitoes, other key vectors include tsetse flies, ticks, sand flies, fleas, black flies and triatomine bug

## Parasites and microbes' screening for safety in insects for food & feed





# Biopesticide products



Metarhizium  
62

Aphids



Metarhizium  
78

Mites



Metarhizium  
7

Ticks



Metarhizium  
69

Fruit flies  
Thrips  
Mealybugs





# Outreach for commercialized biopesticides



Registration status - Registered in 13 countries



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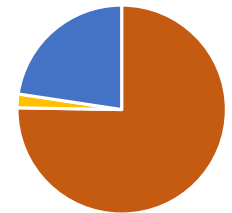
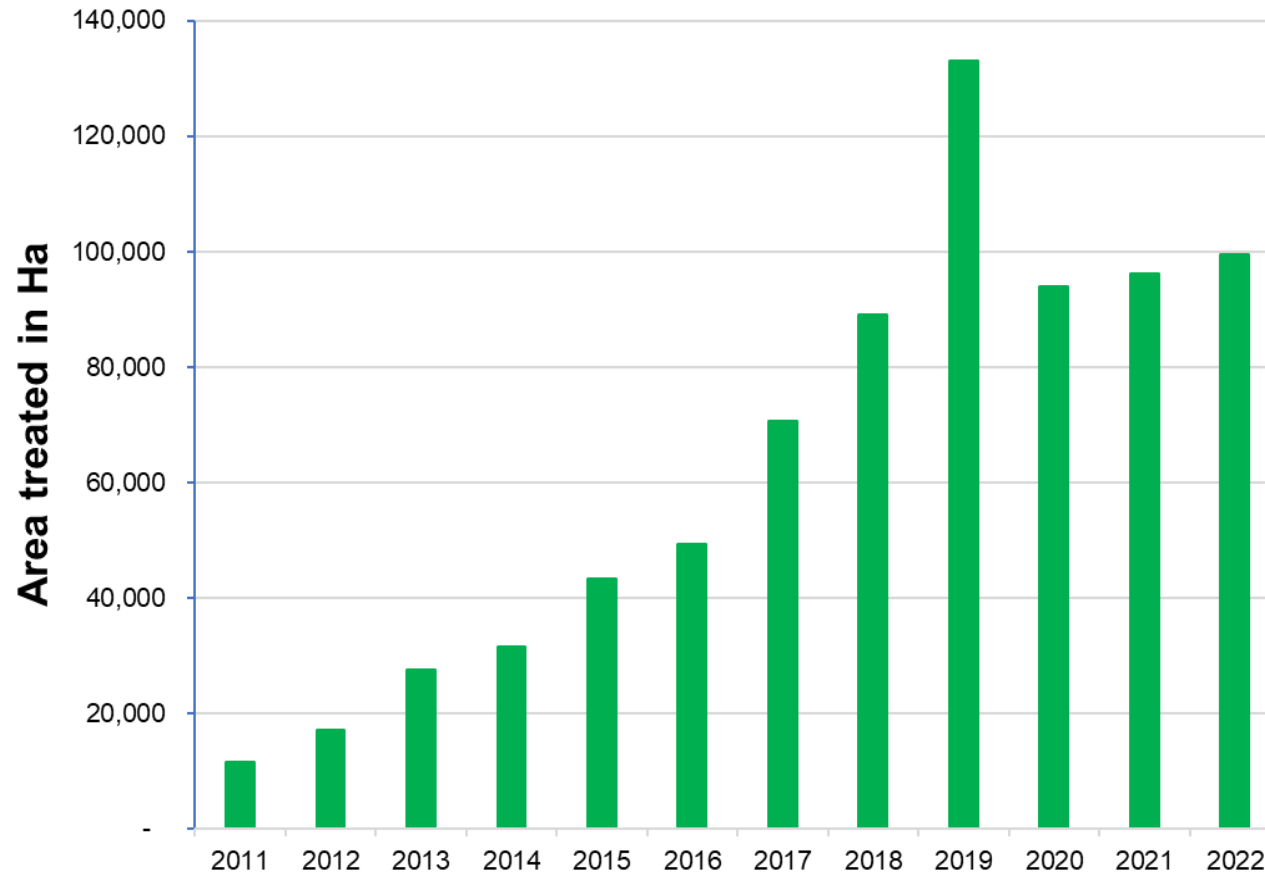
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# Scaling up of icipe' s commercialized biopesticides



## Acreage of biopesticides use



## Building private sector partnerships

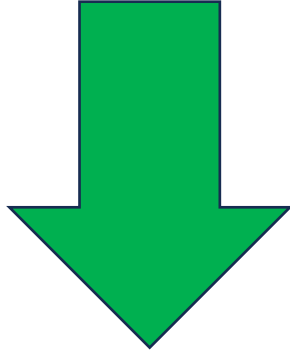


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# *Building on icipe' s biopesticide experience*



## Identification of effective biopesticides against the invasive FAW



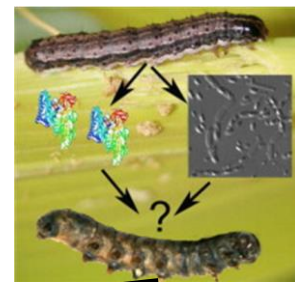
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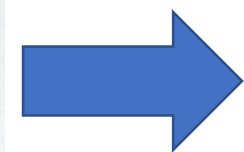
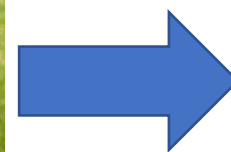
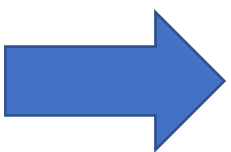
# Development of a biopesticide products for all stages for FAW



Insect viral diseases – eg.  
**Baculoviruses**



Insect bacterial diseases – eg.  
***Bacillus thuringiensis***



Insect fungal diseases – eg.  
***Metarhizium anisopliae*;**  
***Beauveria bassiana***



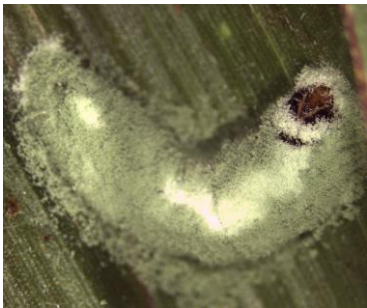
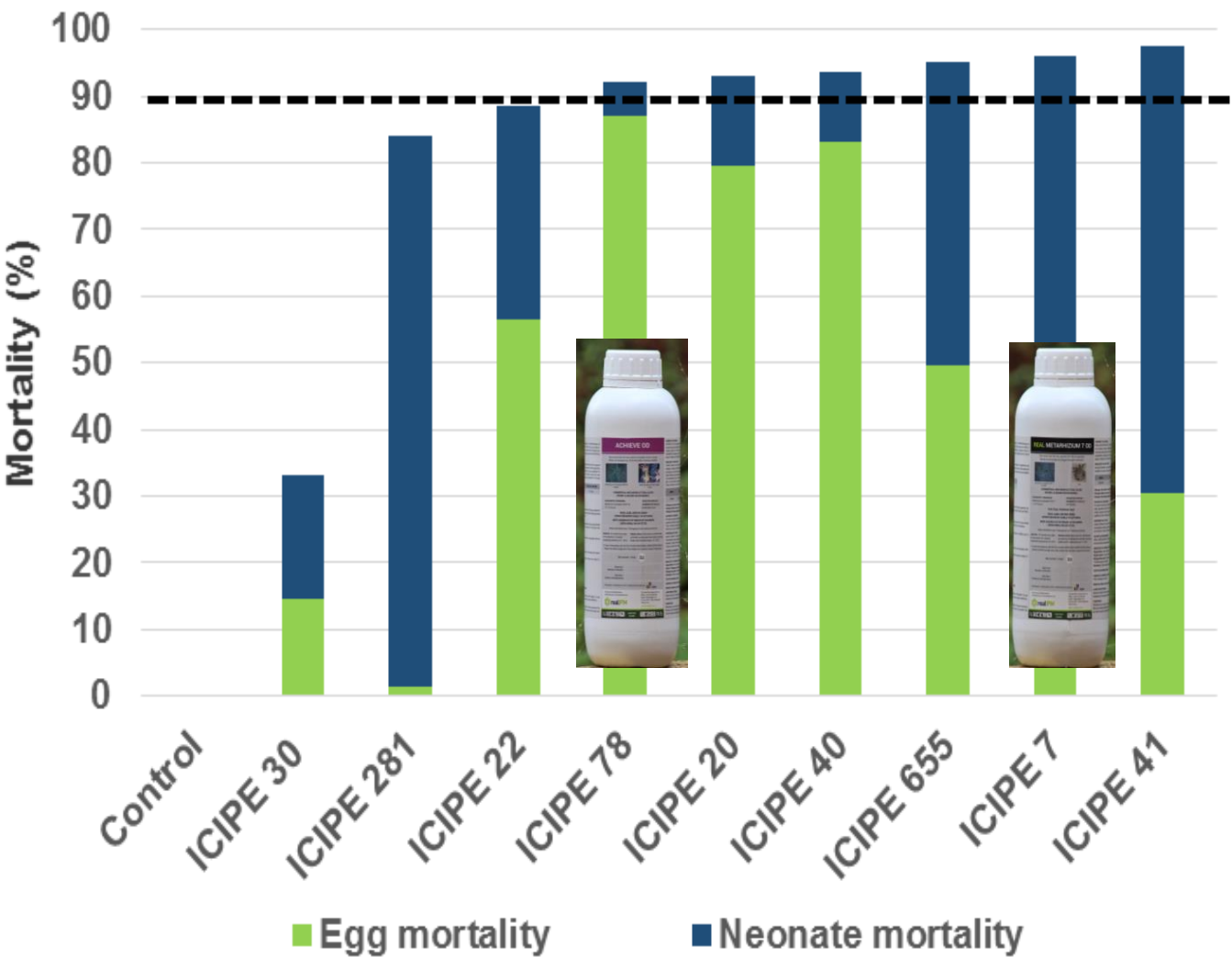
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# Efficacy of EPFs against FAW egg and newly emerged larvae



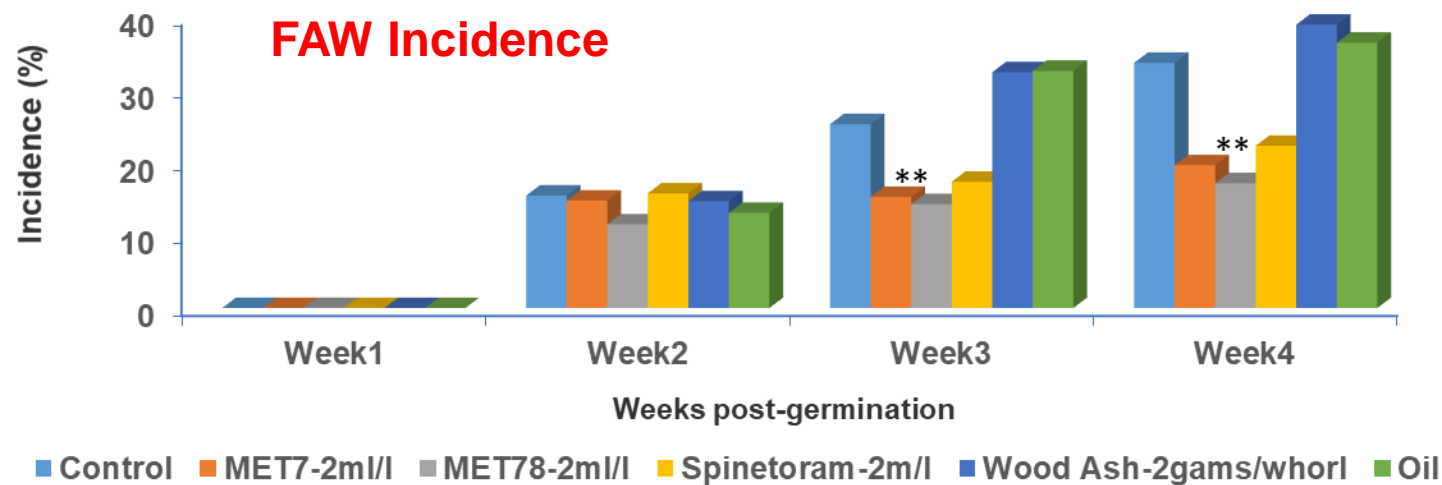
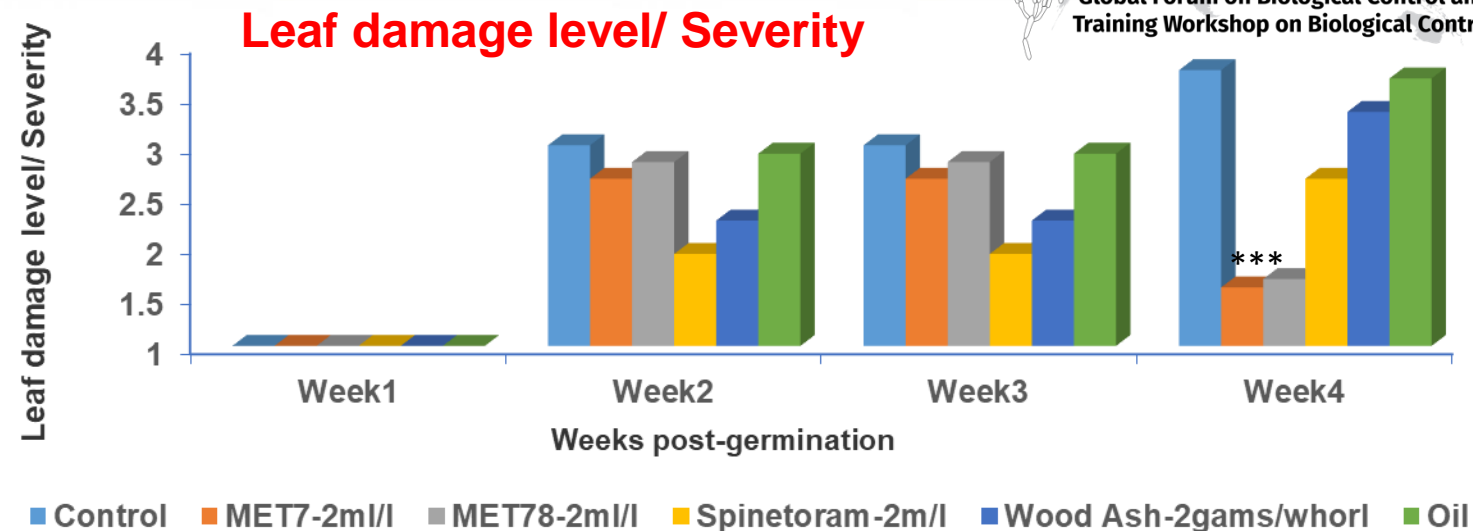
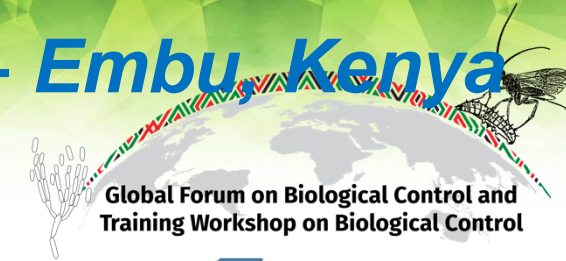
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Ovicidal effects of entomopathogenic fungal isolates on the invasive Fall armyworm *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

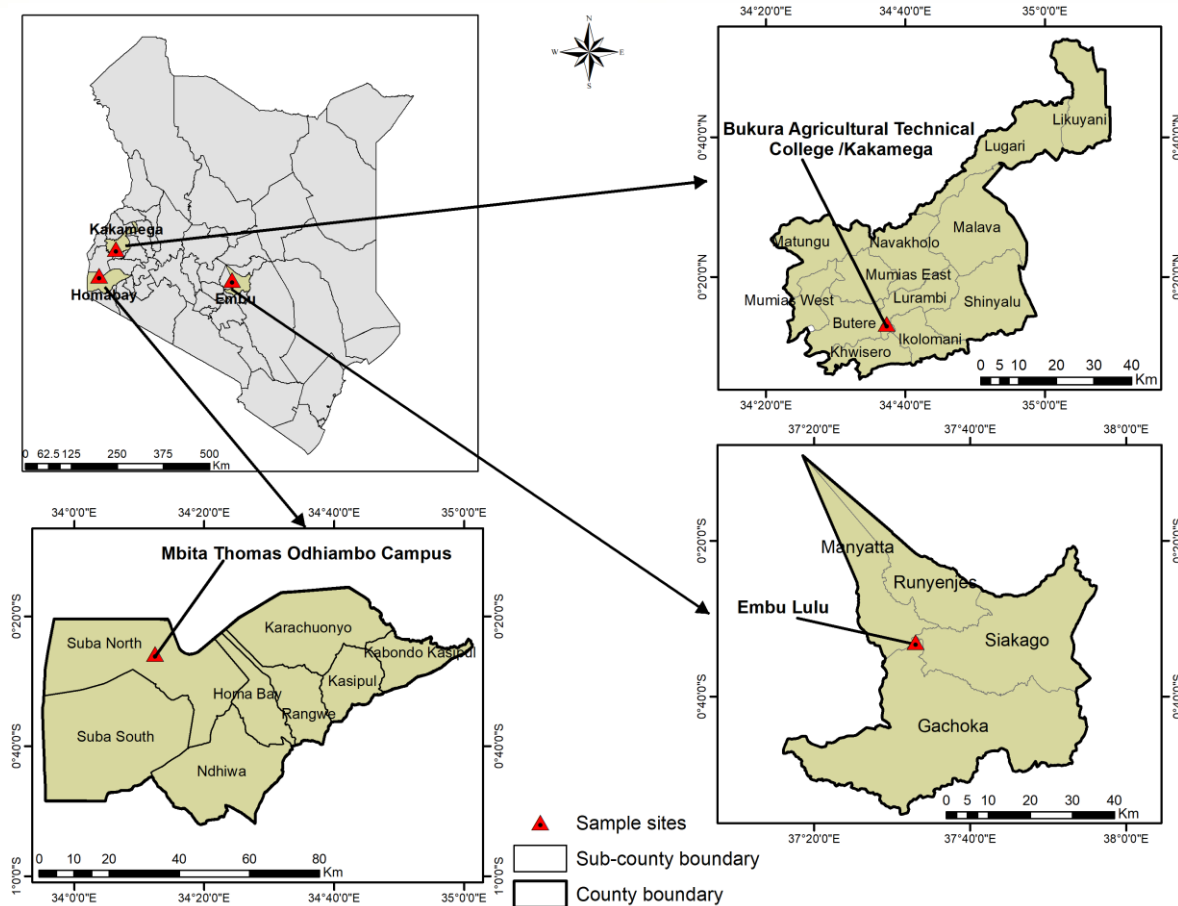
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# Field efficacy trial with ICIPE 7 & ICIPE 78 – Embu, Kenya





# Field Efficacy Trial in Kenya – incidence of damage caused by FAW



**Met 7 & Met 78 have reduced the damage incidence equally to chemical by >60%**

***For severity of damage and yield***

- ✓ No significant difference were observed for Cob width and length
- ✓ More yield were obtained in T2, T3 and T4 in Embu

**\*\*Registered – 2021 in Kenya; 2022 in Uganda and Tanzania**

**T1-** Control (Water only as application) ; **T2-** Met 7 (Oil formulation); **T3-** Met 78 (Oil formulation); **T4-** Chemical (Radiant); **T5-** Wood ash; **T6-** Mixit (Oil only as application)



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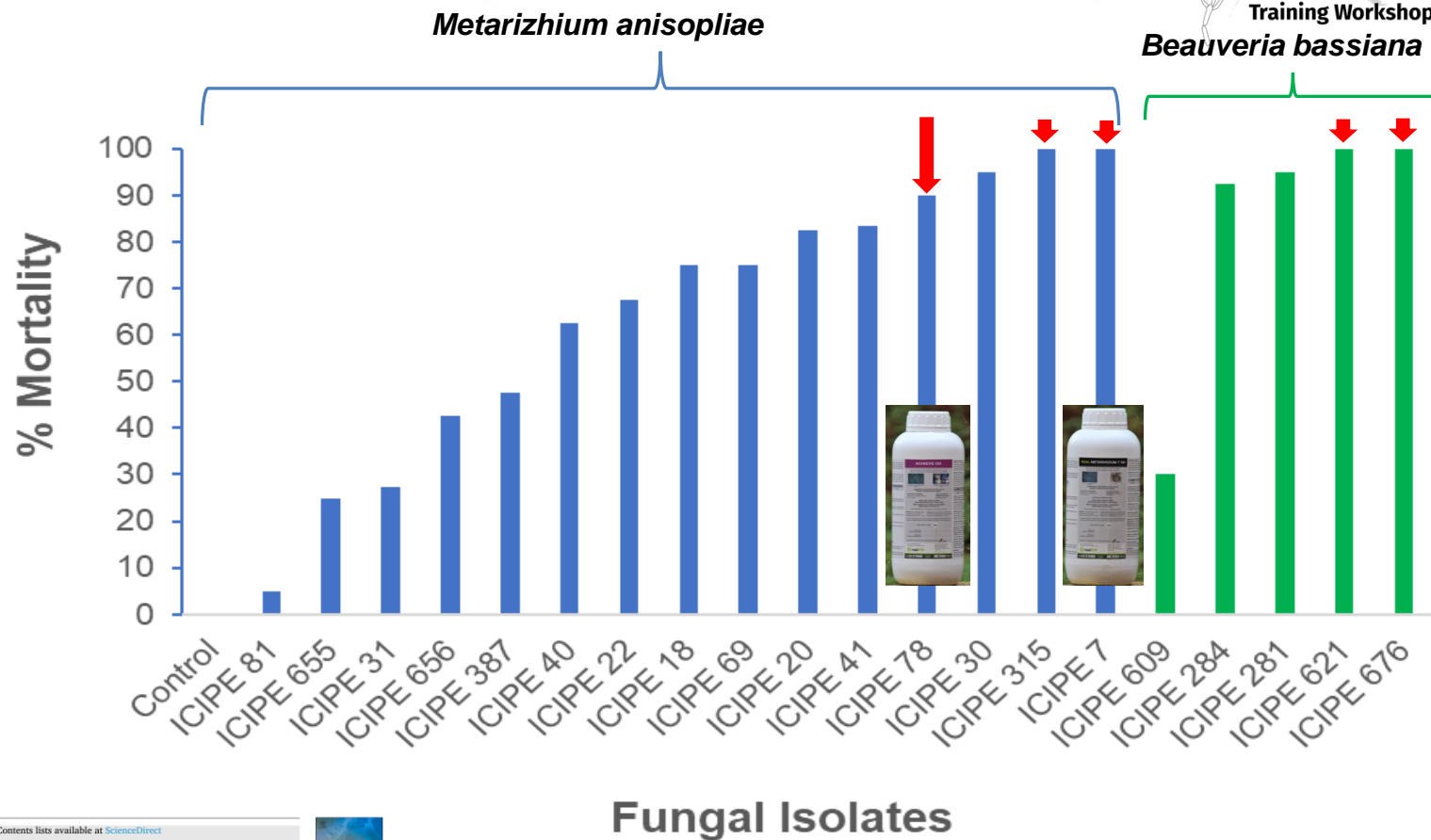
# Efficacy of EPF on FAW adults



Healthy



Fungus-infected



Combining insect pathogenic fungi and a pheromone trap for sustainable management of the fall armyworm, *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

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❖ *M. anisopliae* – ICIPE 315 & ICIPE 7 and *B. bassiana* – ICIPE 621 & ICIPE 676 caused 100% mortality

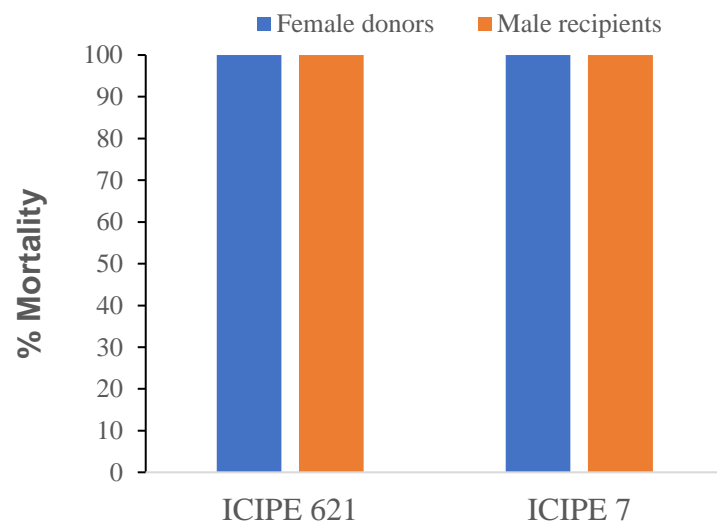
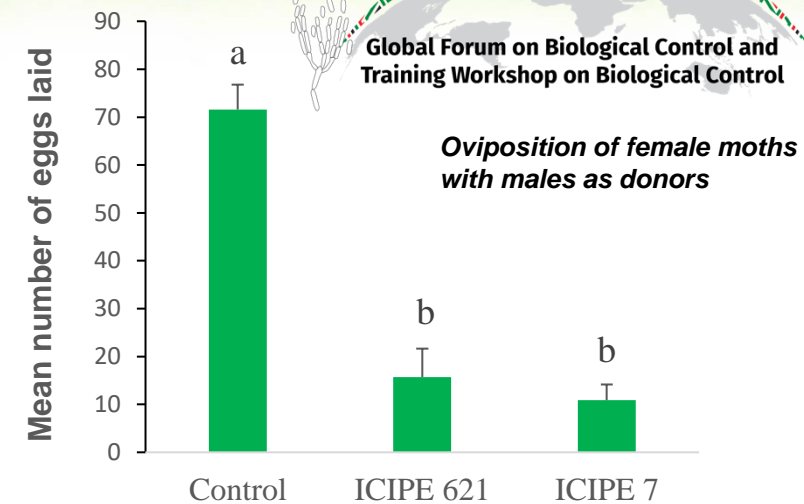
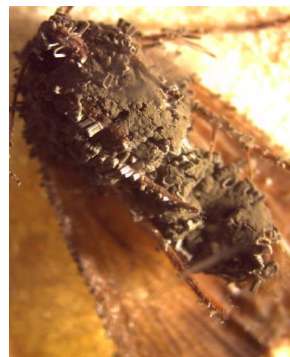
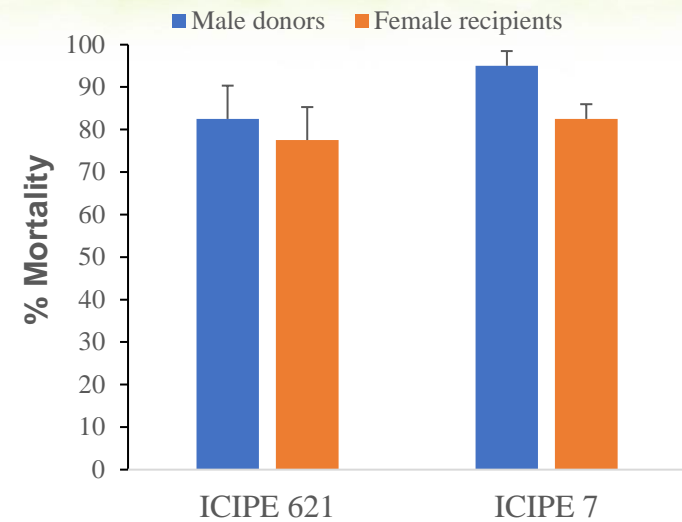


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# Effect of horizontal transmission of EPF inoculum as per FAW sex

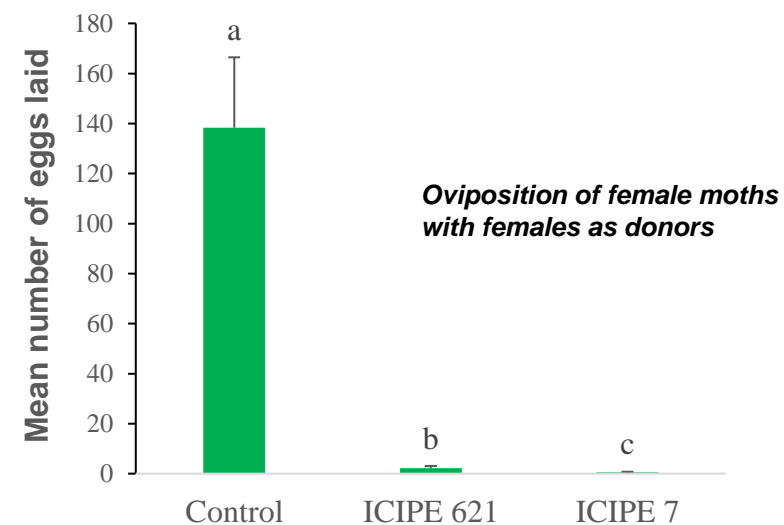


**\*\*\*None of the eggs hatched in the fungal treatments Vs. 100% hatchability in the control**



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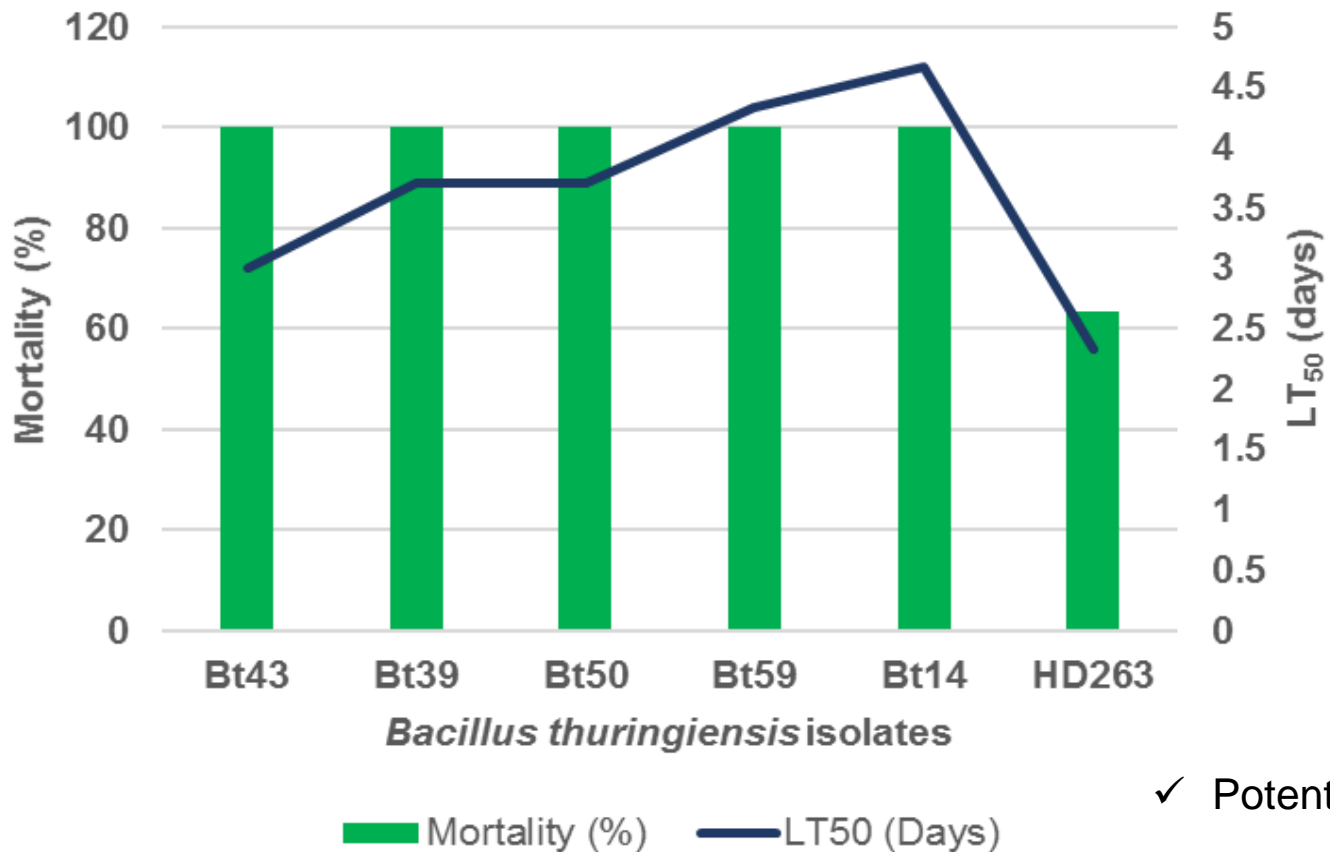
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# Development of biopesticides – Bt against FAW larvae



- ✓ Potent Bt isolates identified.
- ✓ Bt43, Bt39 and Bt50 holds promise with higher mortality and faster kill of FAW.
- ✓ Field efficacy studies are planned with the private sector partners.



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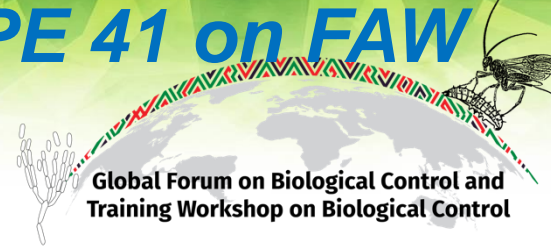




# R4D support for enhancing product effectiveness & Capacity building



# Efficacy of various oil formulations of *M. anisopliae* ICIPE 41 on FAW



Fungal isolate	Fungal formulation	Larvae cumulated mortality (%)	Lethal time 50% (LT <sub>50</sub> )
<i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> ICIPE 41	Canola oil formulation	76.07 ± 6.43b	2.06 ± 0.15b
	Corn oil formulation	72.5 ± 5.58b	2.26 ± 0.36b
	Olive oil formulation	70.36 ± 6.66b	2.52 ± 0.43b
	Aqueous formulation	15.15 ± 2.86a	8.11 ± 1.53a





# Effects of oil formulations of *M. anisopliae* ICIPE 41 on FAW parasitoids



Treatments	<i>Cotesia icipe</i>	<i>Telenomous remus</i>	<i>Trichogramma</i> spp.
Canola oil Formulation	82.5 ± 4.33a	21.3 ± 3.14b	26.3 ± 3.75b
Olive oil Formulation	52.5 ± 9.68b	15.0 ± 2.04b	23.8 ± 2.39b
Corn oil Formulation	12.5 ± 3.23c	2.5 ± 1.44a	8.8 ± 1.25a
Aqueous Formulation	52.5 ± 9.68b	11.3 ± 1.25b	23.8 ± 2.39b
Control	2.5 ± 1.44d	2.5 ± 1.44a	5.0 ± 2.04a

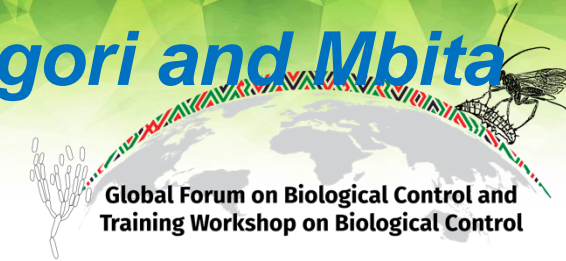
*Mortality rates of the parasitoid species induced by indirect application of ICIPE 41 formulations*

*Parasitism rates obtained after indirect application of ICIPE 41 formulations*

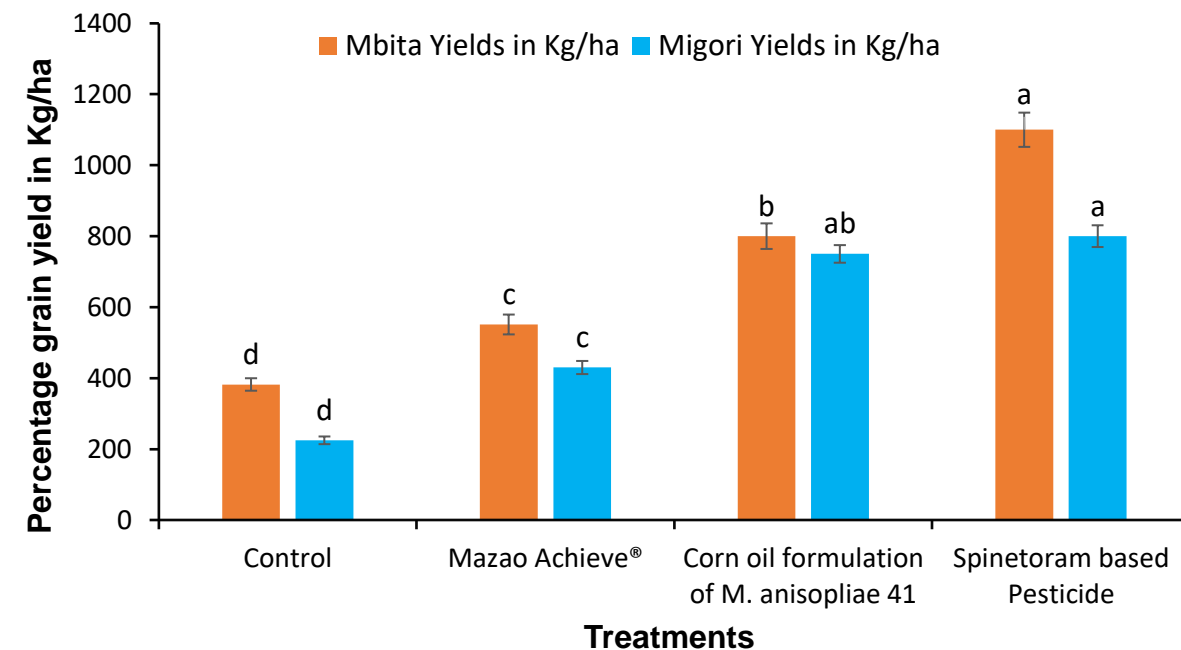
Parasitoids Treatments	<i>Cotesia icipe</i>	<i>Telenomous remus</i>	<i>Trichogramma</i> spp.
Canola oil Formulation	31.5 ± 2.85a	30.2 ± 2.65a	33.5 ± 2.85a
Olive oil Formulation	44.1 ± 7.23ab	38.8 ± 8.43ab	40.0 ± 5.21ab
Corn oil Formulation	79.3 ± 2.94c	87.3 ± 2.50c	82.3 ± 2.34c
Aqueous Formulation	54.3 ± 4.12b	49.1 ± 4.42b	47.1 ± 7.23b
Control	84.3 ± 3.74c	87.3 ± 2.50c	85.2 ± 3.98c



# Efficacy of ICIPE 41 on FAW and maize grain yield at Migori and Mbita



Treatments	% FAW larvae mortality	% Mycosis	Lethal time 50% $\pm$ SE
<b>Migori</b>			
Spinetoram-based pesticide/ Radiant	96.1 $\pm$ 2.5 a	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0 c	3.8 (3.80–3.90) b
Mazao Achieve®	73.0 $\pm$ 1.3 c	30.0 $\pm$ 0.7 b	5.1 (5.12–5.26) a
Corn oil formulation of <i>M. anisopliae</i> ICIPE 41	81.3 $\pm$ 2.6 b	70.0 $\pm$ 0.5 a	5.2 (5.22–5.32) a
Control	-	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0 c	-
<b>Mbita</b>			
Spinetoram-based pesticide/ Radiant	98.7 $\pm$ 1.3 a	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0 c	3.8 (3.80–3.88) b
Mazao Achive®	74.3 $\pm$ 2.5 c	25.0 $\pm$ 0.4 b	4.7 (4.70–4.82) a
Corn oil formulation of <i>M. anisopliae</i> ICIPE 41	83.6 $\pm$ 1.5 b	66.3 $\pm$ 0.7 a	4.6 (4.56–4.68) a
Control	-	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0 c	-



Article

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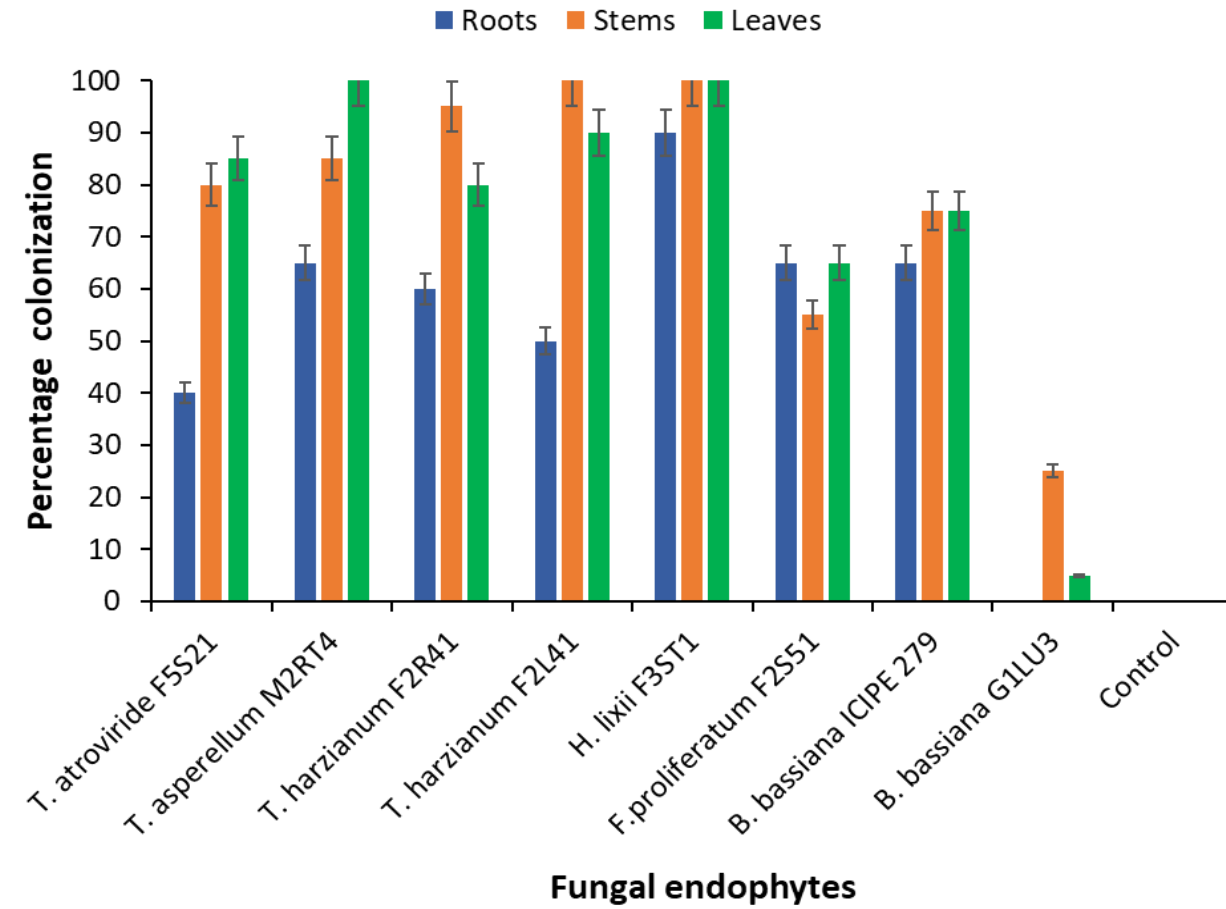
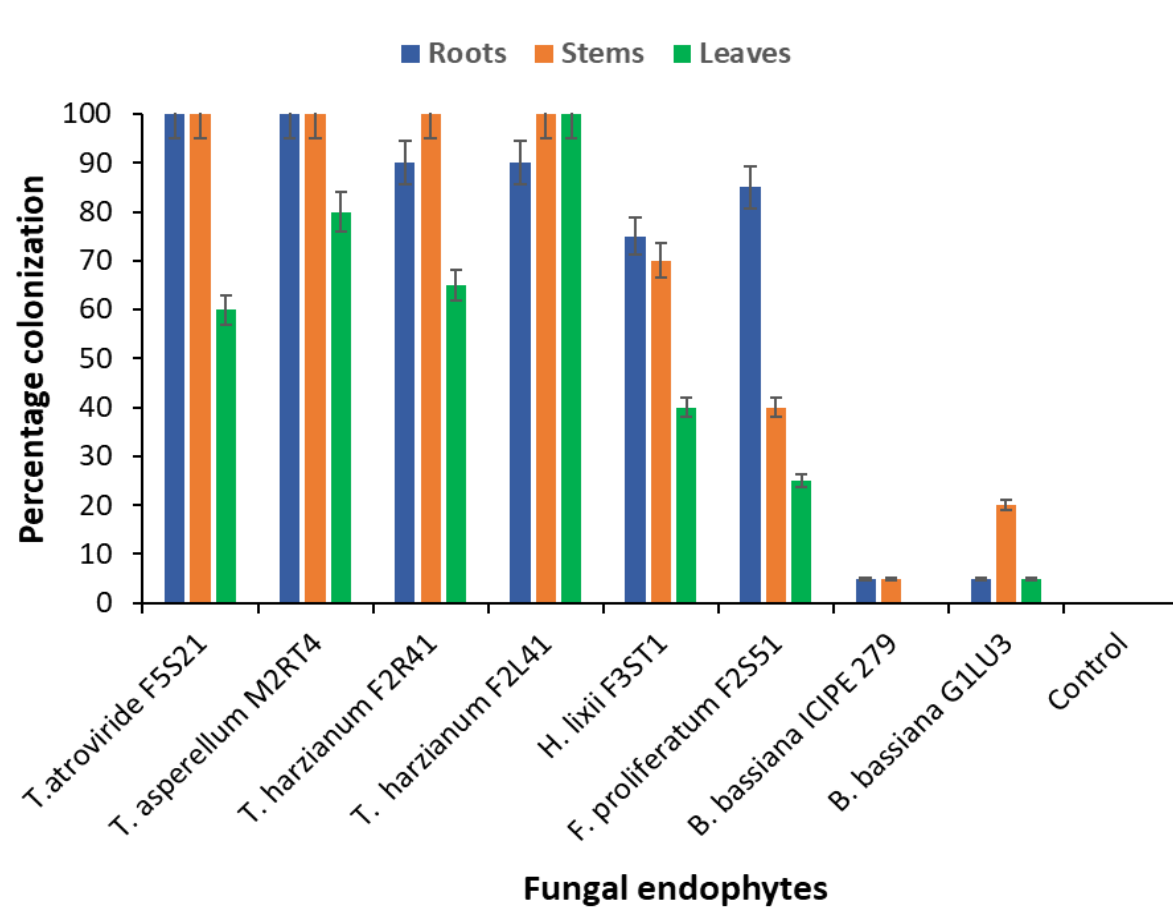
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Cumulated larval mortality induced by different treatments and their lethal time 50% ( $LT_{50}$ ) after applications



# Endophytes for PGP & FAW management



Endophytic colonization of maize seedlings through seed inoculation

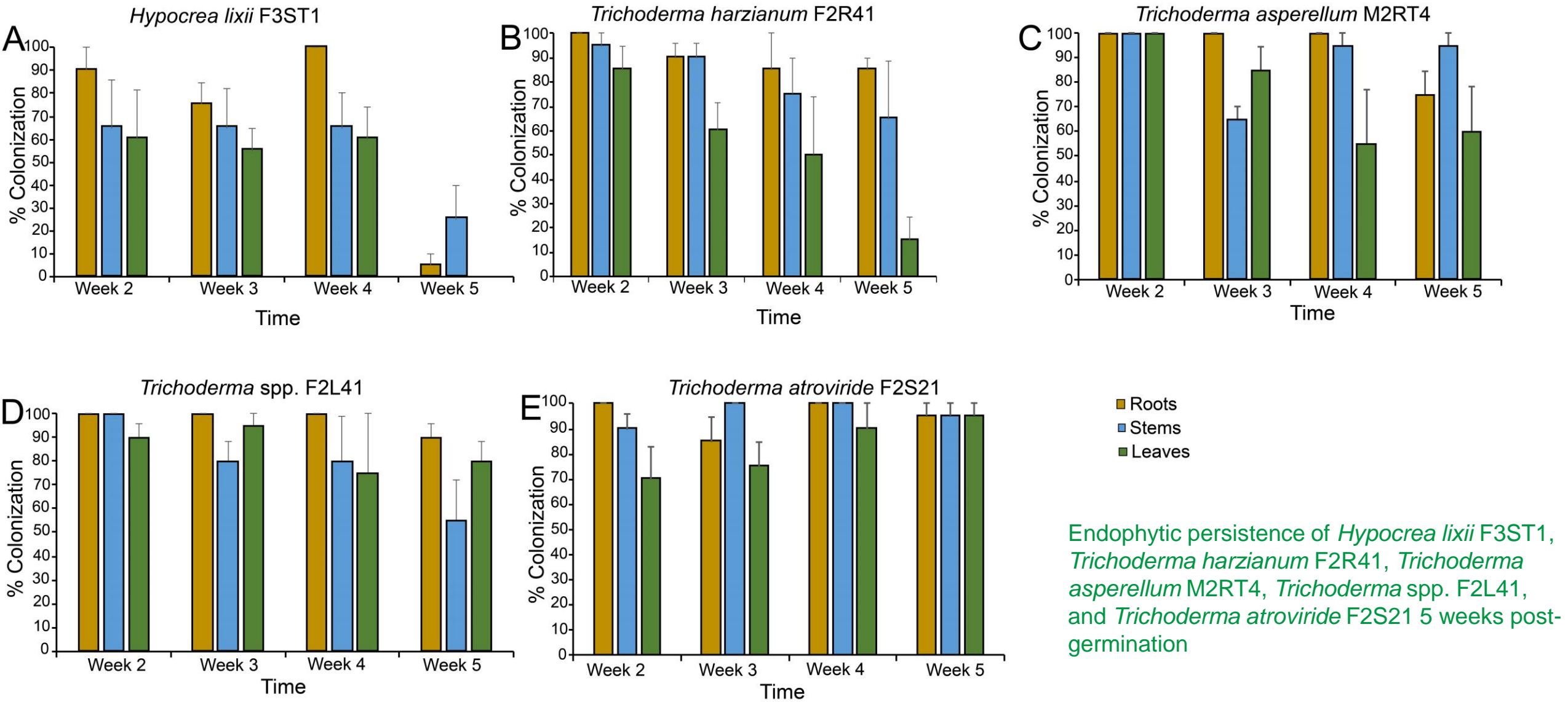
Endophytic colonization of maize seedlings through foliar application



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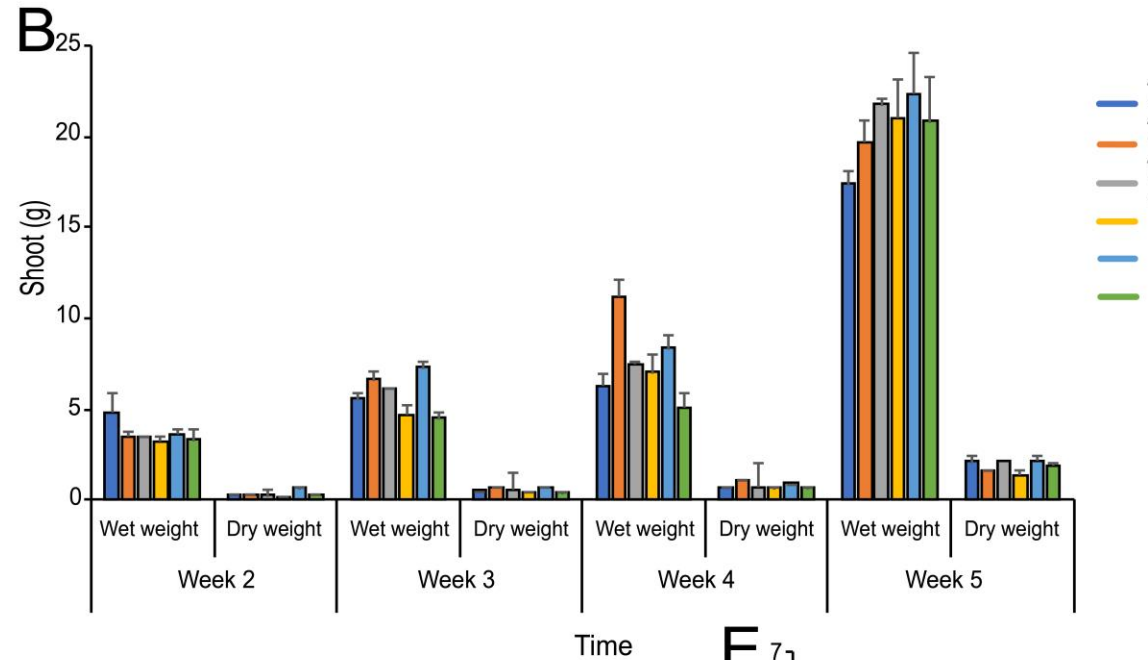
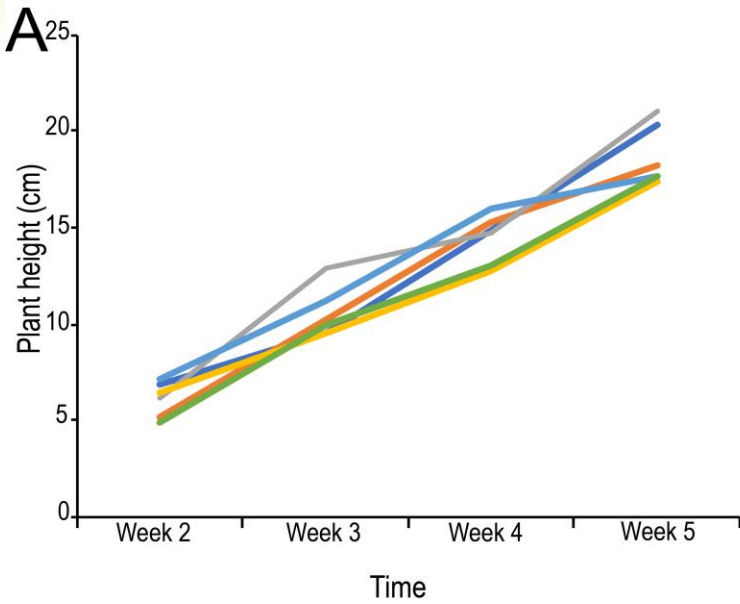


# Endophytes colonization persistence

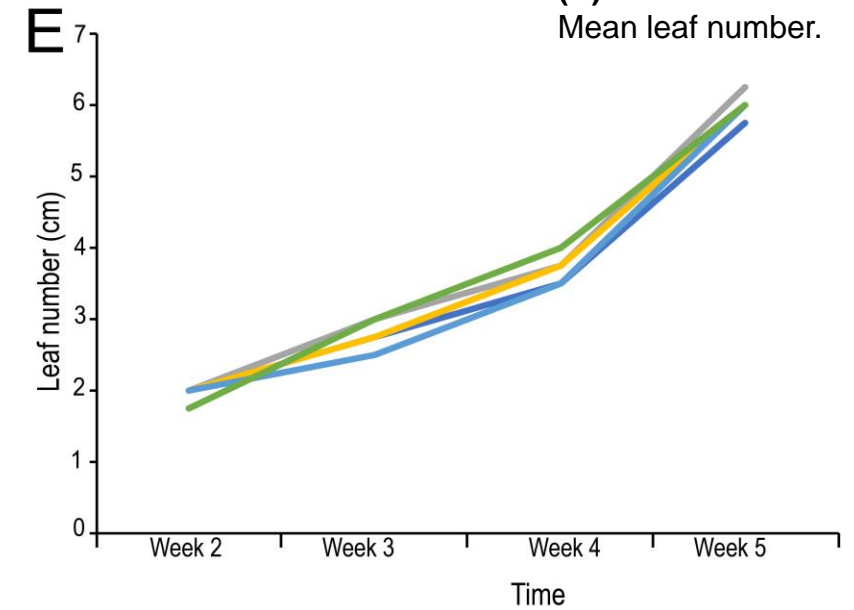
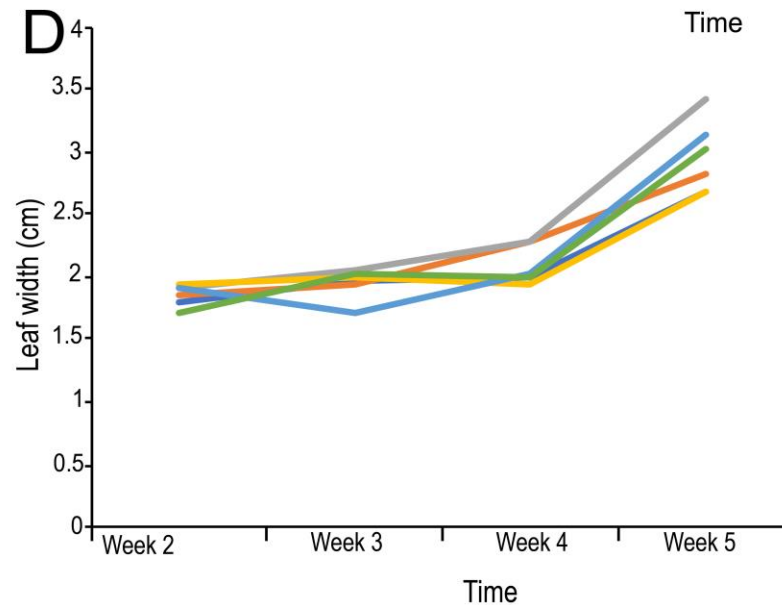
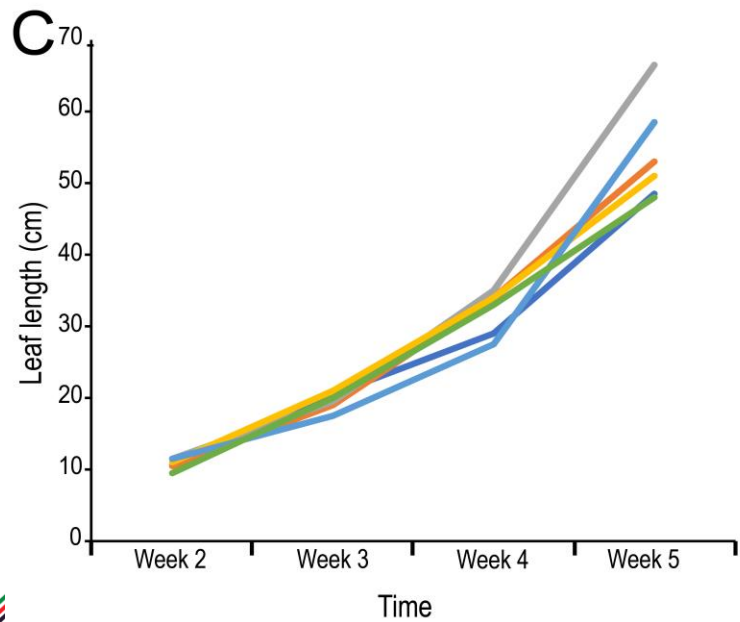




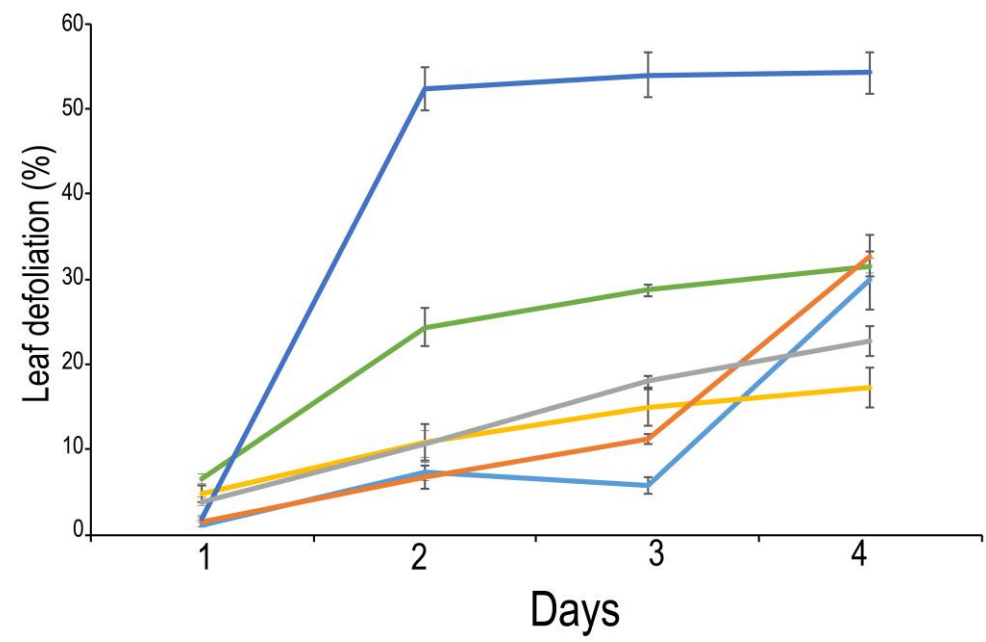
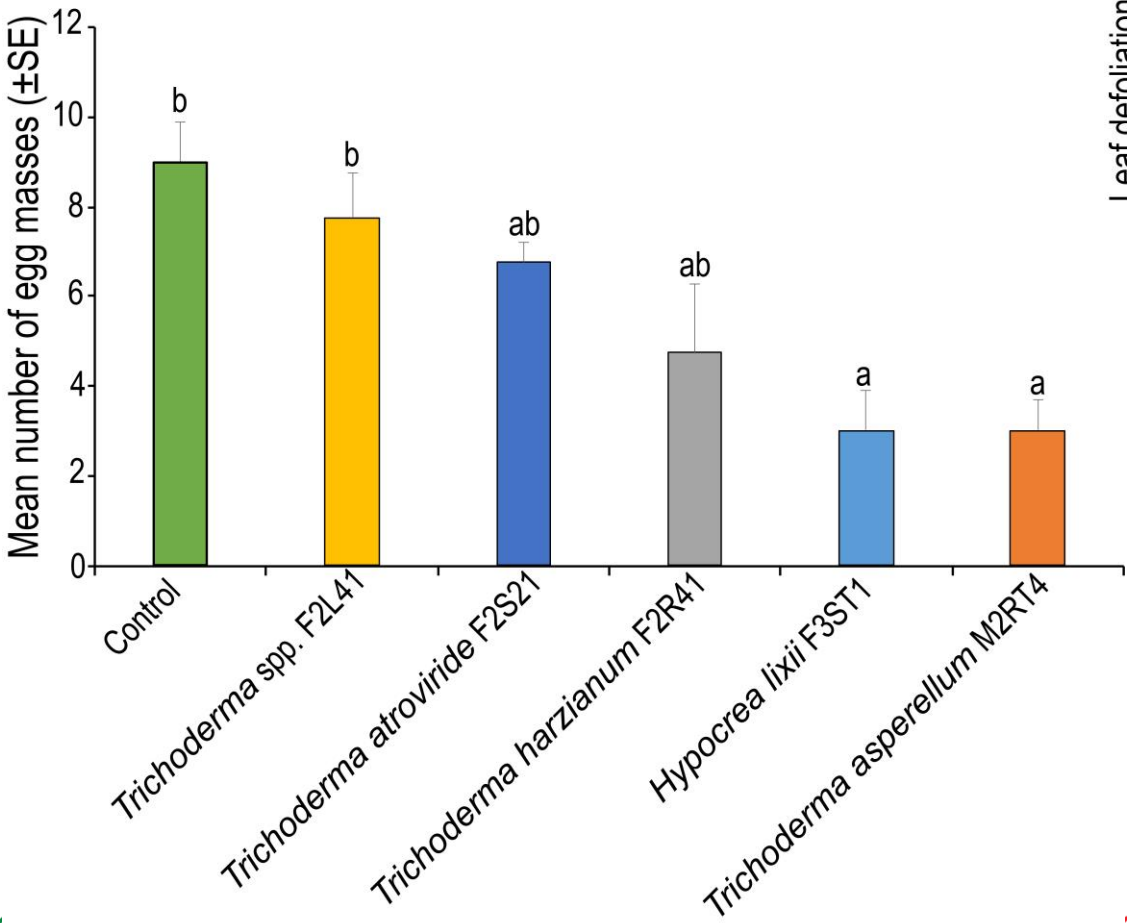
# Plant growth promotion parameters



Effect of endophytic colonization on maize seedling growth parameters. **(A)** Mean plant height. **(B)** Mean wet and dry shoot weight. **(C)** Mean leaf length. **(D)** Mean leaf width and **(E)** Mean leaf number.

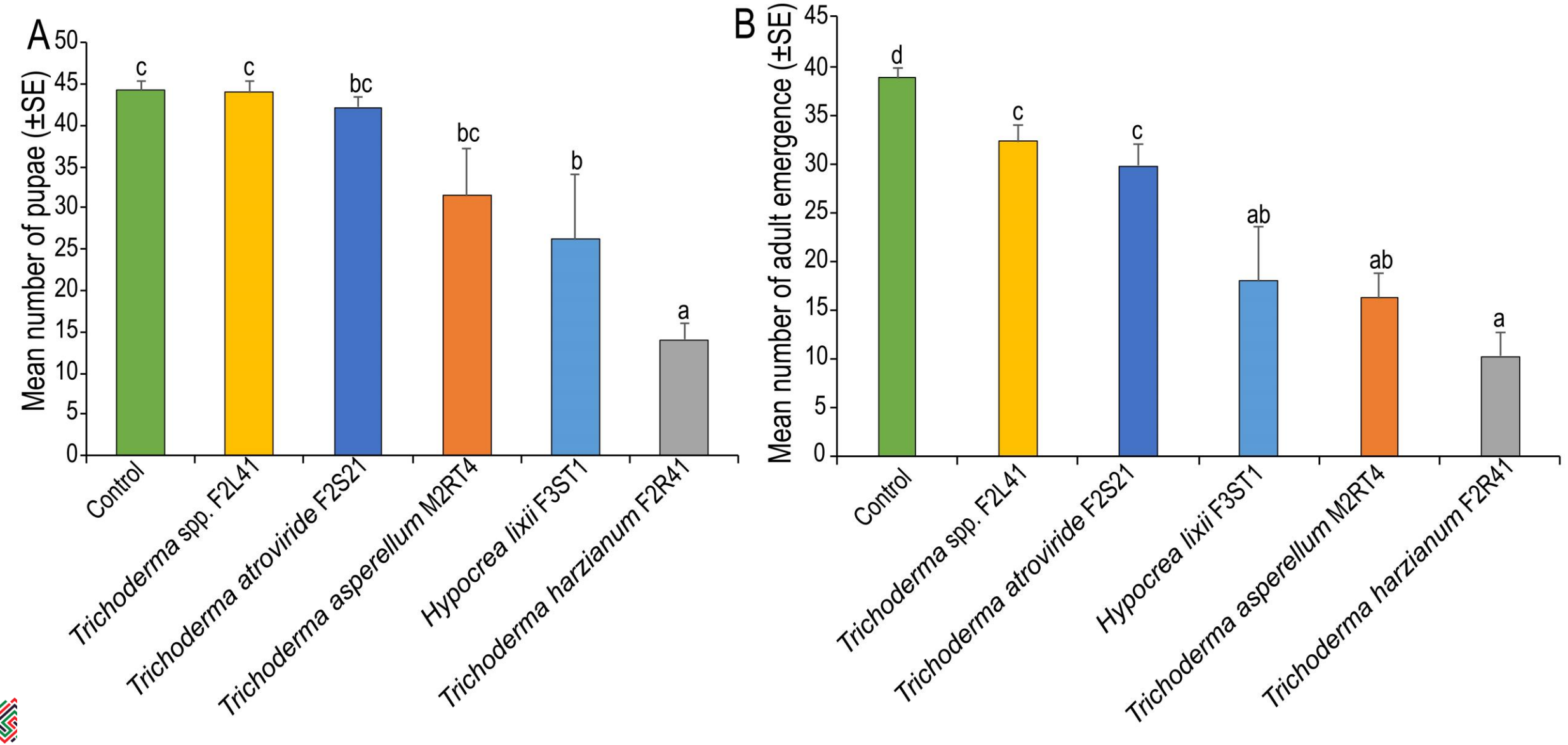


# Endophytes effects on reproduction traits and feeding/defoliation





# Endophytes effects on pupation and adult emergence



# Building capacity of production entomopathogenic fungi



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Video-tutorial on basic entomopathological procedures and fungus production



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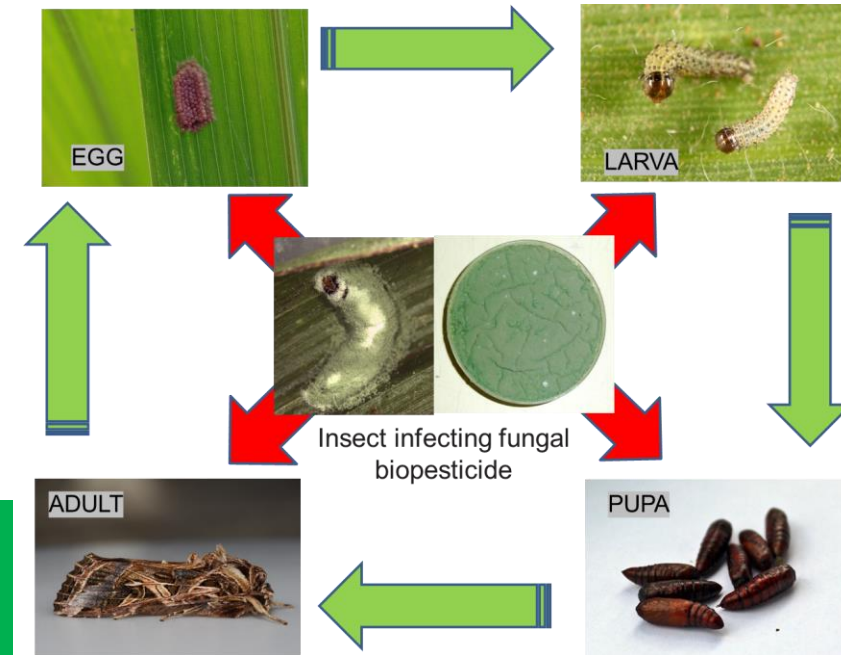
# Expanding public-private-partnership for biopesticide scaling



- ❖ Interaction between - regulatory authorities from Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and East African Community; 4 Biopesticides companies; National partners and researchers
- ❖ Strengthen **external partnerships and collaborations** - from different part of the world



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