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MORPHOLOGICAL VARIATIONS, YIELD PERFORMANCE, AND G X E INTERACTION ANALYSIS IN ARABICA COFFEE CULTIVARS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION IN BENGUET

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ABSTRACT

The three-year evaluation of Arabica coffee cultivars for organic production in La Trinidad was concluded through exhaustive gathering of other morphological characters, cupping quality and reaction to pests in order to identify stable cultivars and recommend potential cultivars for organic production. Genotype x environment analysis through the AMMI model was done using the three-year green bean yield of the Arabica coffee cultivars. Correlation analysis was done for both *in-situ* and *ex-situ* morphological characters in Arabica coffee cultivars and accessions. Correlation analysis revealed significant and positive associations of green bean yield with weight of 100 bean seeds, seed length, fruit length and width, leaf width, and number of fascicles per axil, flowers per fascicle, fascicles per node and days from fruit setting to harvesting. Potential Arabica coffee cultivars for recommendation under organic production based on stability of green bean yield, resistance to pests and cupping quality are Granica Broad, Mondo Nuvo, Red Bourbon and MSAC Selection No. 1.

Keywords: Arabica Coffee Cultivars, G X E Interaction Analysis Organic Production

MANAGEMENT OF CLUBROOT (*Plasmodiophora brassicae Wor.*) on CABBAGE USING*Trichoderma* KA AND LIME IN NATUBLENG, BUGUIAS, BENGUET

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ABSTRACT

The study validated the effect of *Trichoderma* KA as biological control against clubroot on cabbage (Scorpio variety) in seedbed and under field condition. Rates of 10,15 and 30 g and 10, 15 and 20 g of *Trichoderma* at spore concentrations of 1.4 x 10⁶ were applied in 1 x 10 m² in seedbed and in field plots, respectively. Lime was applied at 6 t ha⁻¹ in plots where it is needed while flusulfamide at 300 kg/ha served as the check fungicide. Seeds were sown and seedlings were transplanted two weeks after the application of *Trichoderma* KA. Clubroot severity, incidence, percent clubroot control, fresh top and root weight, oven dry top and root weight and yield were recorded.

In the seedbed, 30 g *Trichoderma* effected the lowest clubroot severity and incidence and provided a control of 89.50% and was comparable to flusulfamide. Eighty-two days after transplanting in the field, the treatment comparable to the check was 20 g *Trichoderma* KA plus CaO. Plants receiving this treatment had the highest heaviest roots and tops. At harvest, this treatment also effected the widest polar circumference of 47.91 cm and produced the highest mean marketable yield of 9.5% t ha⁻¹ with 80.8% clubroot control. This treatment is comparable to flusulfamide.

COLLECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF INDIGENOUS FRUITS IN BENGUET AND MOUNTAIN PROVINCE

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ABSTRACT

Survey and collection of indigenous fruits that are abundantly found in 12 municipalities of Benguet and four municipalities in Mountain Province were conducted from July 2008 to June 2009. These fruits were found abundant in the study sites and are eaten by the people. Parameters considered were habit, phenology and morphological characteristics such as plant height, stem, leaf, flower and fruit characteristics. The method of propagation and their ethno botanical uses were likewise included. Degway (Suararia sp) is the tallest indigenous fruit tree while Gumbayas (Physalis peruviana) is the shortest. Kamias (Averrhoa balimbi) has the biggest stem diameter while Masaprula (Passiflora edulis) has the thinnest stems; and six have sap on their stems/trunks. All have odorless green leaves; while eight plants have hairs on their leaves. Eleven have small flowers that are fragrant at full bloom. All have medium sized fruits with sweet aroma and taste. Mabolo (Diospyrus edulis) and Masaprula (Passiflora edulis) were the biggest fruits; while the smallest was the fruits of Avosip (Vaccinum corymbosum) and Bugnay (Antidesma bunius). Flowering is usually during the summer months. Propagation is done by seeds, or by stem cuttings, marcotting and layering. The fruits are collected for fresh consumption or processed into jams/jellies or wine/juice. Some have medicinal uses and are used as firewood, for making handicraft and as used as ornamental plants.

Keywords: *Indigenous, exotic, staple food, thickets*

PATHOLOGIC REACTION OF GARDEN PEA (*Pisum sativum* L) CULTIVARS/ ADVANCED BREEDING LINES TO *Fusarium oxysporum f* sp pisi (Linford) Synder and Hansen¹

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ABSTRACT

Pot experiments were carried out under greenhouse conditions to evaluate the resistance of eight garden pea cultivars/ advanced breeding lines to *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *pisi* (FOP). The effect of FOP inoculation on plant height, fresh and dry weights of shoots and roots and number and weight of pods were assessed 60 days after planting. Stems were examined for necrotic lesion scores.

Based on the necrotic lesion score and pathologic reaction of plants at 60 days after inoculation, Betag, CGP 110 and 154 were rated as resistant; CGP 59, 11, and 34 as intermediate; and CLG and CGP 13 as susceptible to *Fusarium* wilt.

Keywords: resistance, inoculation, Fusarium oxysporum f sp pisi, plant parameters, necrotic lesion score

PROFITABILITY OF CHIPPED ALDER AS SUBSTRATE FOR SHIITAKE PRODUCTION

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ABSTRACT

Substrate mixture having the greatest amount (63%) of chipped Alder (*Alnus japonica*) with mesh sieve size between #8 (2.38 mm) and #6 (3.33 mm) combined with small amount (21%) of commercial sawdust having mainly mesh sieve size ≤1.41 mm, produced shiitake fruiting bags with the shortest incubation period of 50.8 days, and highest biological efficiency of about 50%. The same mixture had the highest additional benefits (PhP8,452.50 per 300 fruiting bags) and return above variable cost (16.57). This trend is followed by mixing equal part of chipped alder and sawdust.

Conversely, the use of commercial sawdust alone resulted in the longest incubation period as well as lowest yield of 137 g and biological efficiency of 31.12%; consequently having the lowest additional benefits and return on variable cost of PhP2,577 per 300 fruiting bags and 10.74, respectively.

The technology of utilizing chipped pruned twigs of alder as substrate for producing shiitake as a high valued crop would add to promoting alder as a well-adopted multi-purpose tree species in the highlands to address climate change and promote resource-based mushroom industry.

Keywords: Shiitake, alder, wood chip particle size, growing bags, biological efficiency, profitability

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