



A DESCRIPTION OF COMMON TROPICAL PASTURE DISEASES
AND OF EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

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IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF TROPICAL PASTURE DISEASES

(La identification et évaluation des maladies des
fourragées tropicaux)

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GENERAL REVISION (Revision Generale)

C. DISEASE EVALUATION (Evaluation des maladies)

AESCHYNOSEN

ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogen: Colletotrichum aloeosporioides

Host range: Aeschynomene spp.

Distribution: South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Dark stem lesions. In severe attacks plant death.

ANDROPOGON

RUST

Pathogen: Unknown

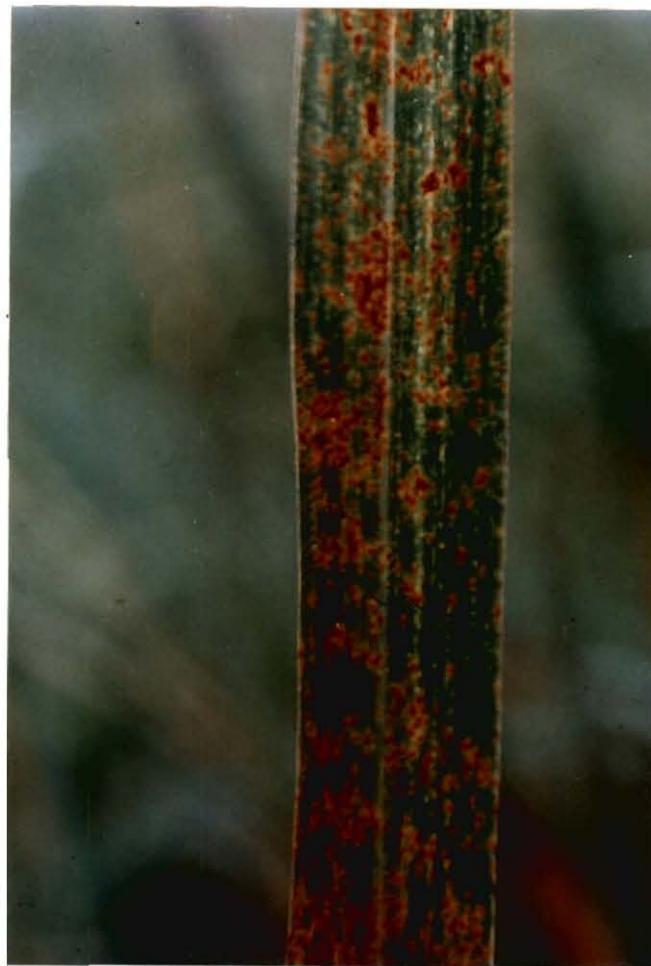
Host range: Andropogon gayanus

Distribution: South America

Symptoms:

Small orange lesions which later contain reddish pustules with uredospores.

Severe attacks can cause leaf yellowing and death.



RHYNCHOSPORIUM

Pathogen: Rhynchosporium orizae

Host range: Ardropoön gavanus

Distribution: South America

Damage: Unknown

Symptoms:

Small red lesions with purple borders which later unite on the upper side of leaves. On lower side of leaves lesions are more an orange-red colour. Under favourable conditions can cause a leaf blight with zonation. Infections often limited more to apex end of leaves.



LEAF WILT

Pathogen: Unknown
Host range: Andropogon cayananus
Distribution: Central and South America
Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Drying of leaves from apex to base. Sometimes small dark reddish leaf spots associated with the problem. White lesions with red borders have been observed on stems.



DRECHSLERA LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Drechslera so.

Host Range: Andropogon gayanus

Distribution: South America

Damage: Unknown

Symptoms:

Small purple lesions with light red centres. From a far lesion appear brown.
Severe attacks can cause leaves to wilt.



ARACHIS

ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogen: Colletotrichum sp.

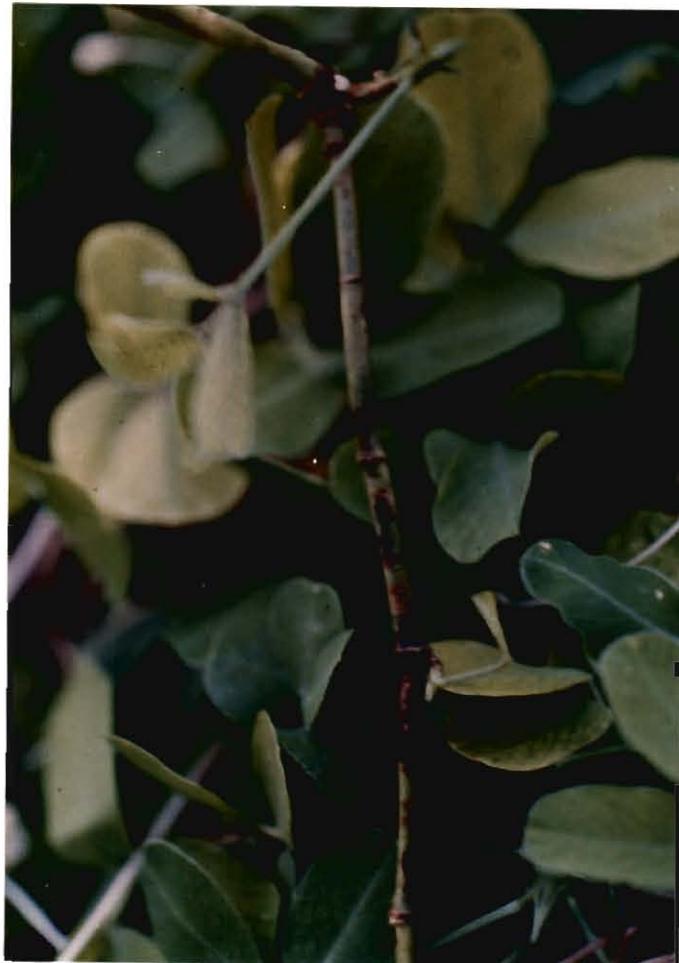
Host range: A. pintoi and other Arachis spp.

Distribution: Central and South America

Damage: Unknown

Symptoms:

On stems and petioles, black lesions of various sizes occasionally with masses white to orange soores. Severe attacks may kill plants.



SPHACELOMA SCAB

Pathogen:

Sphaceloma arachidis

Host range:

A. pintoi and other Arachis spp.

Distribution:

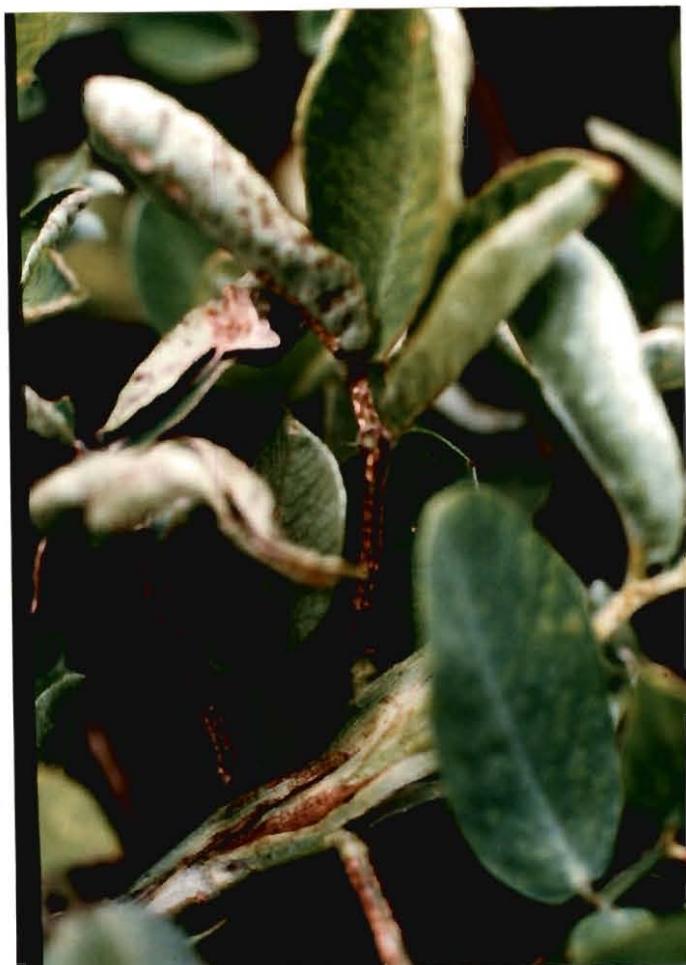
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Damage:

Unknown

Symptoms:

On leaves, initially show small chlorotic spots on the both sides of the leaf, often congregated close to the central vein and the leaf border. Later, the colour of the lesions changes to reddish-brown. On stems and petioles the lesions are larger and irregular and develop raised borders and a sunken centre which appear like scabs. Affected plants appear burned.



PEPER SPOT AND LEPTOSPHAERULINA

Pathogen: Leptosphaerulina crassiasca
Host range: A. pintoi and many other species
Distribution: Wide spread
Damage: Unknown
Symptoms:

Peper spot appears like small black spots on leaves. Leptosphaerulina is characterized by apical lesions shaped like a V on leaves which may cause leaf blight. Mature lesions are often covered with tiny black spots which represent the fruiting bodies Leptosphaerulina.



RHIZOCTONIA FOLIAR BLIGHT

Pathogen: Rhizoctonia solani

Host range: Arachis divaricata

Distribution: World wide

Damage: Unknown

Symptoms:

Aquatic lesions which darken when dry and which have darker borders. Often zones of various stages coalesce. Severe infections can cause defoliation and plant death.



RUST

Pathogen: Puccinia arachidis

Host range: Arachis spp.

Distribution: World wide

Damage: Unknown

Symptoms:

Orange pustules, sometimes darker on underside of leaves. May cause leaf discolouration and defoliation.



VIRUSES

Pathogen: Peanut Mottle Virus (PeMV)
Host Range: Arachis spp.
Distribution: World wide
Damage: Unknown
Symptoms: Mosaic of dark and light green regions on leaves, often with defoliation, or cupping appearance. Probably seed transmitted in A. pintoi.

BRACHIARIA

RUST

Pathogen: *Uromyces setariae-italicae*

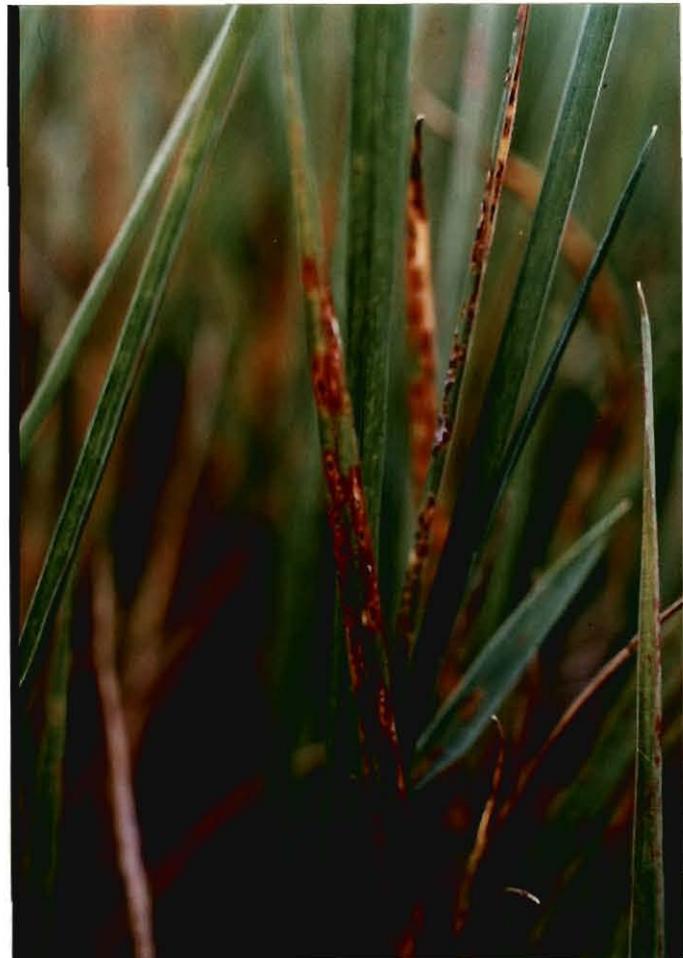
Host range: *Brachiaria* spp. esp. *B. humidicola*

Distribution: Central and South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

At early stages, cream dustures form which contain red-brown uredospores of the fungus. Concurrently in many plants red anthocyanin is produced around infections. Later in many hosts lesions with necrotic areas and anthocyanin predominate on leaves.



RHIZOCTONIA BLIGHT

Pathogen: Rhizoctonia solani

Host range: Brachiaria spp. especially B. brizantha

Distribution: Central and South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Large cream to white lesions on leaves. On stems eve lesions with dark border.
Can cause defoliation and plant death.



CENTROSEMA

RHIZOCTONIA FOLIAR BLIGHT

Pathogens: Rhizoctonia solani AG1 and AG4
Rhizoctonia sp. (binucleate)

Host range: Centrosema spp. especially C. brasiliense

Distribution: Latin America

Damage: 30-100% yield loss (dry weight)

Symptoms:

Cream lesions and leaf blight. Defoliation and death of plants severely affected. Disease often patchy.



CERCOSPORA LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Cercospora centrosemae and Cercospora spp.
Host range: C. pubescens, C. macrocarpum
Distribution: Latin America
Damage: Unknown
Symptoms:
On leaves, small circular to angular brown leaf spots with a black centre and often with a halo.



BACTERIOSIS

Pathogen: Pseudomonas fluorescens Biotype II

Host range: Centrosema spp.

Distribution: Latin America

Damage: 38-47% yield loss

Symptoms:

Terminal death, on leaves necrotic lesions, leaf deformation and blight. Stunting of plant growth in severe cases. Infection of pods and seed. On pods lesions have a oily appearance.



BACTERIOSIS (Cont'd)



CYLINDROCLADIUM BLIGHT

Pathogen: Cylindrocladium colhounii
Host range: Centrosema spp.
Distribution: Latin America
Damage: Initial tests 30% yield loss
Symptoms:
On leaves, small lesions which coalesce and which in most species form concentric rings. Blight of leaves and defoliation.



ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogen:

Colletotrichum gloeosporioides

Host range:

Centrosema spp. esp. C. macrocarpum and C. acutifolium

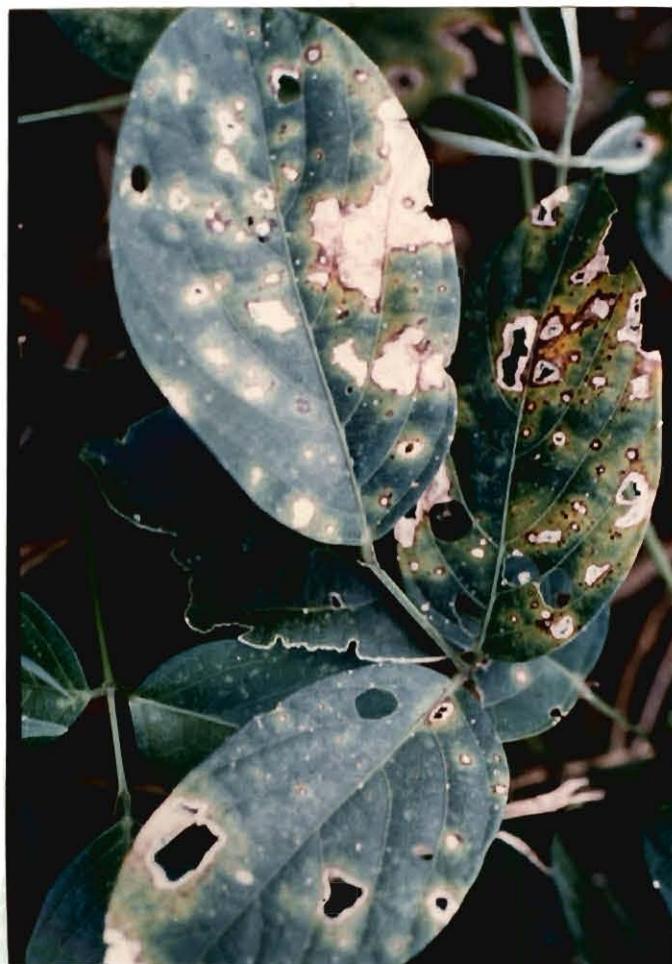
Distribution:

Latin America, but pathogen world wide

Symptoms:

C. macrocarpum: on leaves necrotic lesions starting as spots especially on borders. Sometimes necrotic lesions are found on veins. Later consequences of infection are defoliation and in extreme cases plant death. On pods, round to irregular light coloured sunken lesions and infection of seed.

C. acutifolium: terminal death, on young leaves necrosis often associated with infections of veins. On pods sunken light colours round to irregular lesions in which often masses of white to orange spores can be detected. Seed transmitted.



VIRUSES

Pathogen: Soy Bean Mosaic Virus (SMV)
Host range: Centrosema spp.
Distribution: World wide
Symptoms:
Mottle of dark and light green on leaves and deformation. Symptoms are more prominent on younger leaves. Seed transmitted.

LITTLE LEAF MYCOPLASMA

Pathogen: Mycoplasma sp.
Host range: Centrosema spp.
Distribution: Central and South America
Damage: Unknown
Symptoms:
Proliferation of small leaves and stems with short internodes. Not transmitted by seed.



WILT SYNDROME (or FACTOR X)

Pathogen: Unknown

Host range: C. acutifolium Vichada

Distribution: Colombia

Symptoms:

Sudden collapse of adult plant particularly those on trellises and in relatively heavy soils. Most apparent during seed production phase during the 1st or 2nd year. Usually a problem of seed multiplication plots.



DESMODIUM

ROOT-KNOT NEMATODE

Pathogen: Meloidogyne javanica, M. arenaria and other
Meloidogyne spp.

Host range: Desmodium spp., especially D. ovalifolium, D. heterocarpon and D. gyroides

Distribution: Colombia, Brazil, Costa Rica

Symptoms:

Initially chlorosis of plants and later, in severe cases, defoliation and plant death. Roots contain galls, which unlike nodules are not easily detached.



LITTLE LEAF MYCOPLASMA

Pathogen: Mycoolasma sp.

Host range: Desmodium spp. (Wide host range)

Distribution: Latin America

Symptoms:

Proliferation of leaves, stems, small leaves and small internodal distances.
Not seed transmitted.

FALSE RUST

Pathogen: Synchytrium desmodii

Host range: D. ovalifolium

Distribution: Asia, Colombia

Damage: 18-70% yield loss

Symptoms:

On leaves brown to orange coloured pustules. Deformation of the leaf apices and young leaves. On stems the lesions form galls. In severe cases plants defoliate and stems die.



POWDERY MILDEW

Pathogen: Oidium sp.

Host range: Desmodium spp.

Distribution: Latin America

Symptoms:

Powdery white appearance on the upper surface of leaves. Severe cases defoliation.

CERCOSPODRA LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Cercospora spp.

Host range: Desmodium spp.

Distribution: Latin America

Symptoms:

On leaves irregular dark-brown lesions



RHIZOCTONIA FOLIAR BLIGHT

Pathogen: Rhizoctonia solani

Host range: Desmodium spp.

Distribution: Latin America

Symptoms:

Light reddish brown, irregular lesions on leaves.

STEM GALL NEMATODE

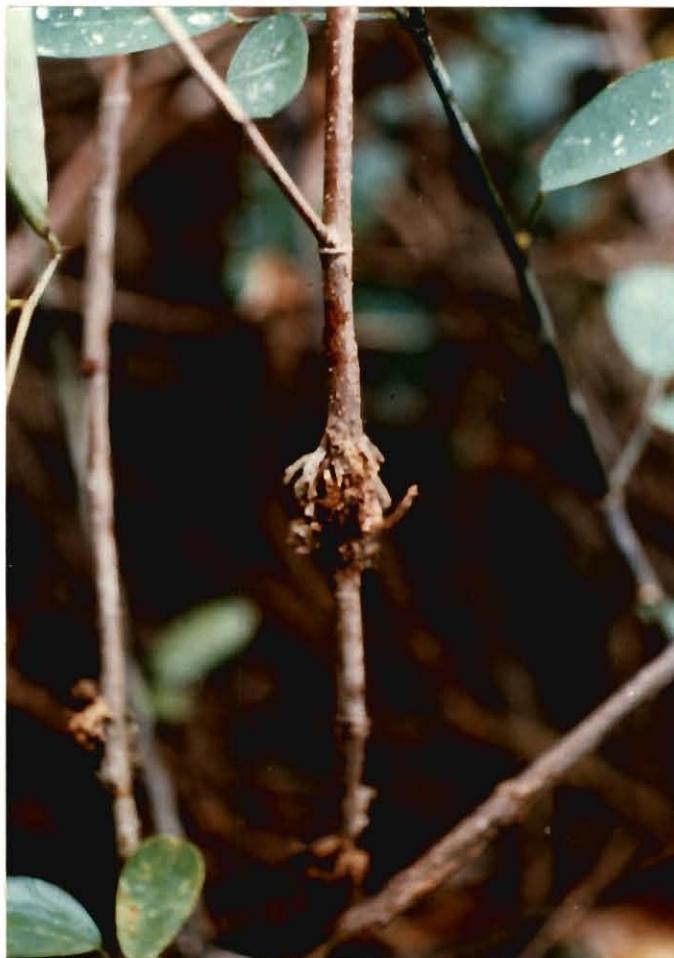
Pathogen: Pterotylenchus cecidoenius

Host range: Desmodium spp.

Distribution: Colombia

Symptoms:

Chlorosis of leaves and stem galls around nodes. In severe cases death of plants.



FLEMINGIA

ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogen: Colletotrichum spp.

Host range: Flemingia spp.

Distribution: Colombia

Symptoms:

Redish lesions on petioles and stems which later change to a darker colour. Abscission of leaves, die-back and in severe cases plant death. Probably seed transmitted.



LEUCAENA

CAMPTOMERIS LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Camptomeris leucaenae

Host range: Leucaena spp.

Distribution: Central and South America, India, Taiwan,
Philippines

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Chlorotic patches 1-5 mm in diameter, commonly with necrotic centres, on the upper surface of leaflets, and profuse sporulation in black pustules on lower surface. Coalescence of lesions results in chlorotic, abscission of leaflets and defoliation.



ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogens: Colletotrichum gloeosporioides and Colletotrichum spp.

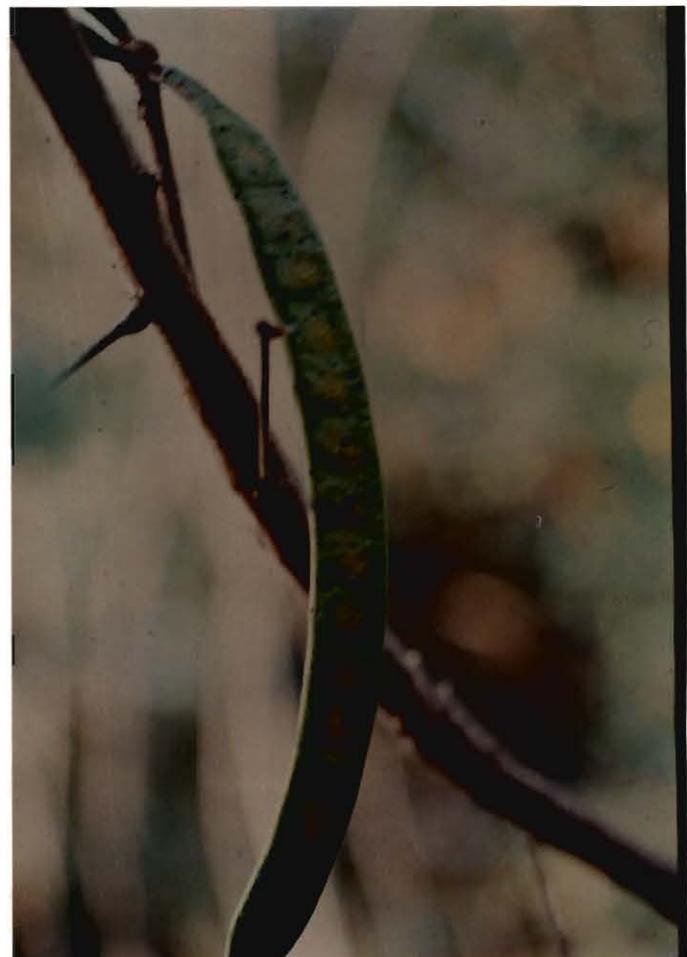
Host range: Leucaena spp.

Distribution: World wide

Yield Loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

C. gloeosporioides causes small black spots on leaves and petioles and severe pod rot with small spots 5-10 mm spots wilt at turns slightly sunken centres. Colletotrichum sp. caused black spot, foliar chlorosis and defoliation. Seed transmission.



BACTERIAL POD ROT

Pathogen: Pseudomonas fluorescens

Host range: Leucaena spp.

Distribution: Central and South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Initiation with water-soaked lesions around insect feeding holes on green pods in seed filling stage. Lesions expand and become necrotic. Seeds begin to rot. Under humid conditions, pods rot rapidly and bacteria ooze from insect feeding holes. Severely rotted pods fall and seed production is greatly reduced. Seed transmitted.



PANICUM

CERCOSPORA LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Cercospora sp.

Host range: Panicum maximum

Distribution: Central and South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Small elliptical spots with dark borders and light centres on leaves and stems. From a distance the spots take on a brownish appearance. Severe infections can cause leaf blight and leaf wilt.



RUST

Pathogen: Unknown

Host range: Panicum maximum

Distribution: South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Redish and orange lesions over leaves. Pustules not clearly visible. Can cause leaf death.



SMUT

Pathogen: Tilletia avversi

Host range: Panicum maximum

Distribution: Africa and South America

Symptoms:

Smut affects the inflorescence. The flowers are filled with spores instead of seed. Spores are dark. The fungus is transmitted through seed.



PUERARIA

ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogen: Colletotrichum spp.

Host range: Pueraria spp.

Distribution: Central and South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

On leaves, symptoms start with dark lesions which often attack veins and leaf blight may develop. On petioles and stems dark lesions form. On pods, sunken round lesions often occur. Seed transmission.



CERCOSPORA LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Cercospora sp.

Host range: Pueraria spp.

Distribution: Central and South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

Symptoms appear on leaves as grey often rounded spots which increase in size.

On close examination with loop brown reveal hairlike structures of the fungus.



STYLOSANTHES SPP.

ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogens: Colletotrichum gloeosporioides

Colletotrichum dematum

Host range:

All Stylosanthes spp.

Distribution:

World wide where Stylosanthes is grown.

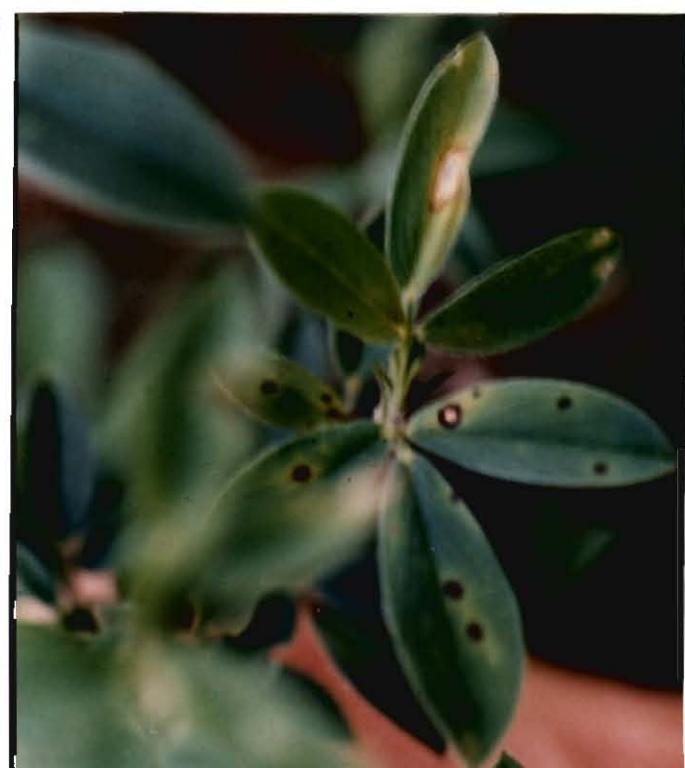
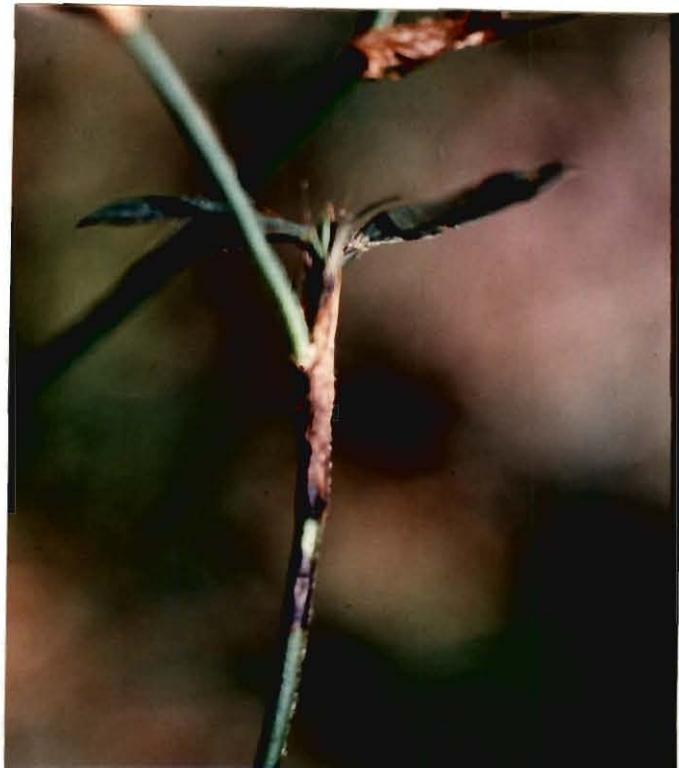
Damage:

50-100% yield loss.

Symptoms:

In S. guianensis and S. caoitata: On leaves, round to irregular brown-black lesions which can cause necrosis of the leaf apices and margins. Severe infection often causes defoliation. On stems, petioles and stipules, larger black lesions often occur which in severe cases cut the vascular system and cause die-back symptoms and finally plant death.

In S. scabra, S. hamata, S. humilis and S. viscosa: On leaves lesions have light-centry with dark borders which often contain small black points. the sexual fruiting structures perithesis of the fungus. The pathogen is seed transmitted.



SCLEROTIUM WILT

Pathogen: Sclerotium rolfsii (= Corticium rolfsii)
Host range: Stylosanthes spp. (esp. S. capitata)
Distribution: Pathogen: world wide
Symptoms:
Wilting of plants lower portions of affected plants often contain white mycelium and small brown round structures called sclerotia.



CERCOSPORA LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Cercospora sp.

Host range: S. quianensis

Distribution: Latin America, esp. humid tropics and Costa Rica

Symptoms:

Small, round-brown to black leaf lesions. No stem lesions.

LITTLE LEAF MYCOPLASMA

Pathogen: Mycoplasma sp.

Host range: S. capitata, S. macrocephala, S. scabra, S. quianensis

Distribution: Australia, Latin America

Symptoms:

Proliferation of small leaves and, small internodal distances. Is not seed transmitted.

NEDCOSMOSPORA WILT

Pathogen: Neocosmospora vasinfecta
Host range: Stylosanthes spp.
Distribution: Colombia and Brazil
Damage: Up to 100% of susceptible plants killed
Symptoms:
First leaves become chlorotic, followed by a wilt, decoloration of stems from the base upwards and decoloration of the pith of stems.



VIRUSES

Pathogen: Peanut Mottle Virus (PeMV)
Host range: Many species
Distribution: World wide
Symptoms: Mosaic pattern of dark and light shaded areas on leaves. Probably seed transmitted.



DRECHSLERA LEAF SPOT

Pathogen: Drechslera sp.

Host range: Zornia sp.

Distribution: South America

Yield loss: Unknown

Symptoms:

On leaves 1-3 mm brown to black spots. Affected leaves become chlorotic and defoliate.



BACTERIAL WILT

Pathogen: *Corvnebacterium flaccumfaciens*
Host range: *Zornia* spp.
Distribution: South America
Yield loss: Unknown
Symptoms:
Initially affected plants become chlorotic and some branches wilt. Later the whole plant wilts. In stem and roots vascular bundler have brown appearance.



ANTHRACNOSE

Pathogen: Colletotrichum aloeosporioides
Host range: Zornia spp.
Distribution: South America
Yield loss: Unknown
Symptoms:
On leaves 1-5 mm brown to black lesions. Severe infection cause defoliation.
Probably seed transmitted.



EVALUATION OF TROPICAL PASTURE DISEASES

(Evaluation des maladies des fourrages tropicaux)

1. SEVERITY (Sévérité)
2. INCIDENCE (Incidence)
3. GROWTH STAGE (Stade de croissance)

1. SEVERITY (Sévérité)

- a) FOLIAR DISEASES CAUSED BY FUNGI AND
BACTERIA

(Les maladies foliaires par champignons
et bactéries)

- b) ROOT DISEASES, VIRUSES AND MYCOPLASMAS

(Les maladies des racines, virus et
mycoplasmas)

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(Les maladies foliaires par Champignons et
Bactéries)

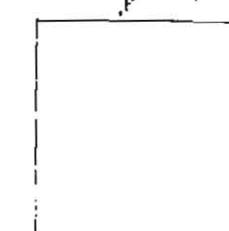
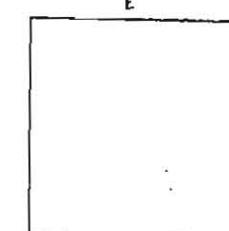
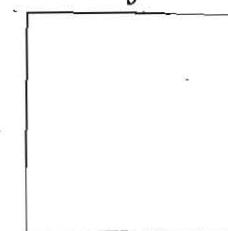
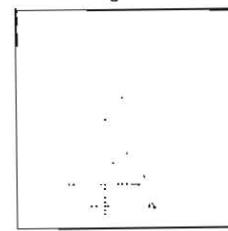
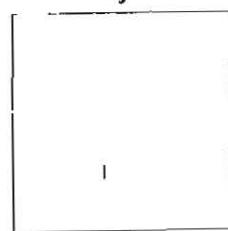
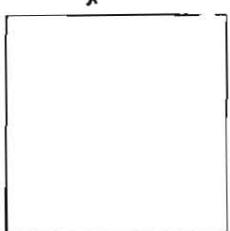
SEVERITY (Sévérité)

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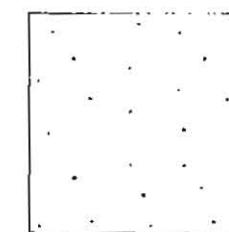
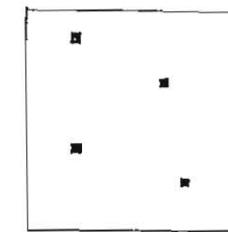
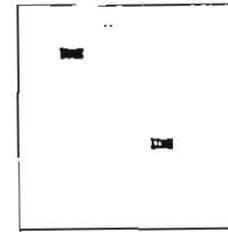
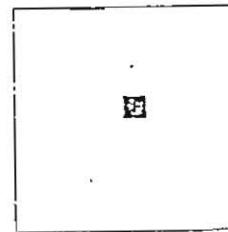
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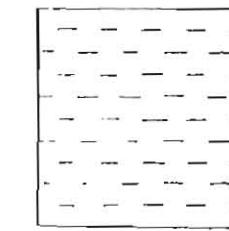
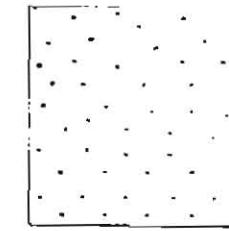
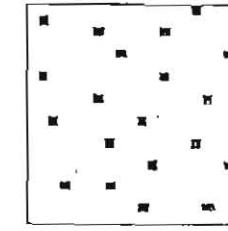
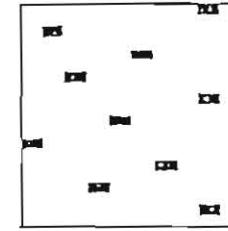
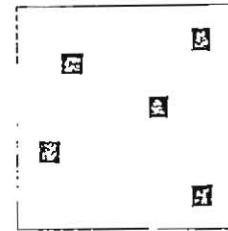
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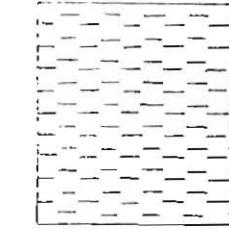
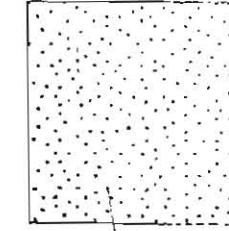
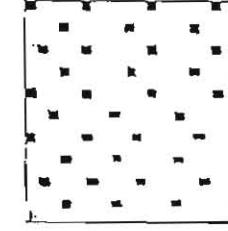
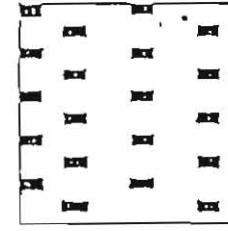
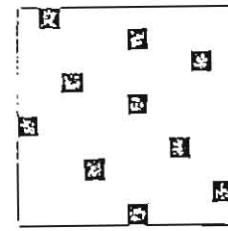
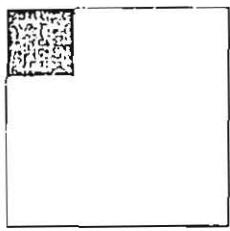
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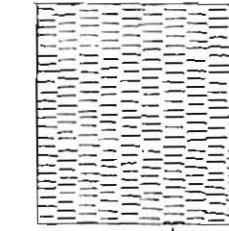
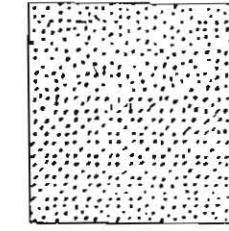
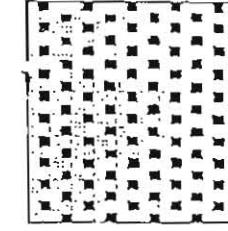
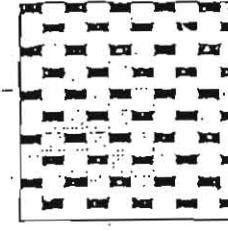
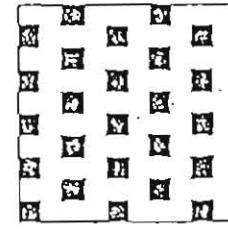
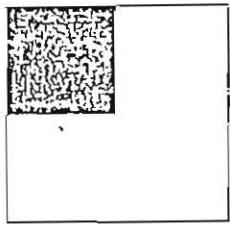
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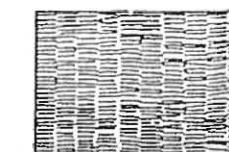
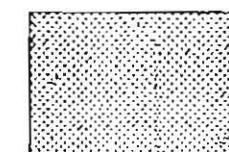
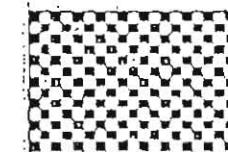
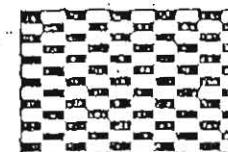
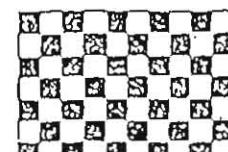
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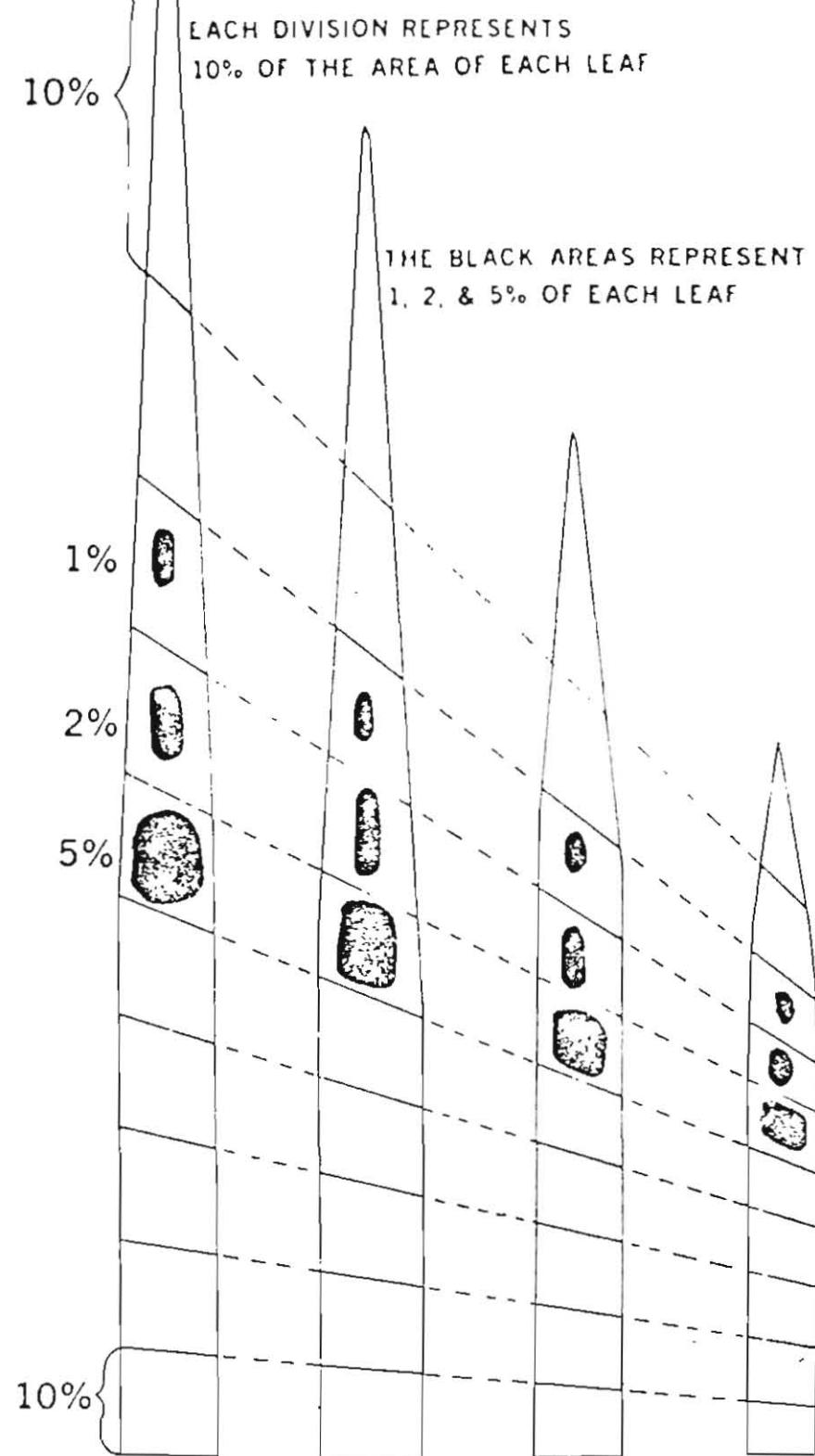


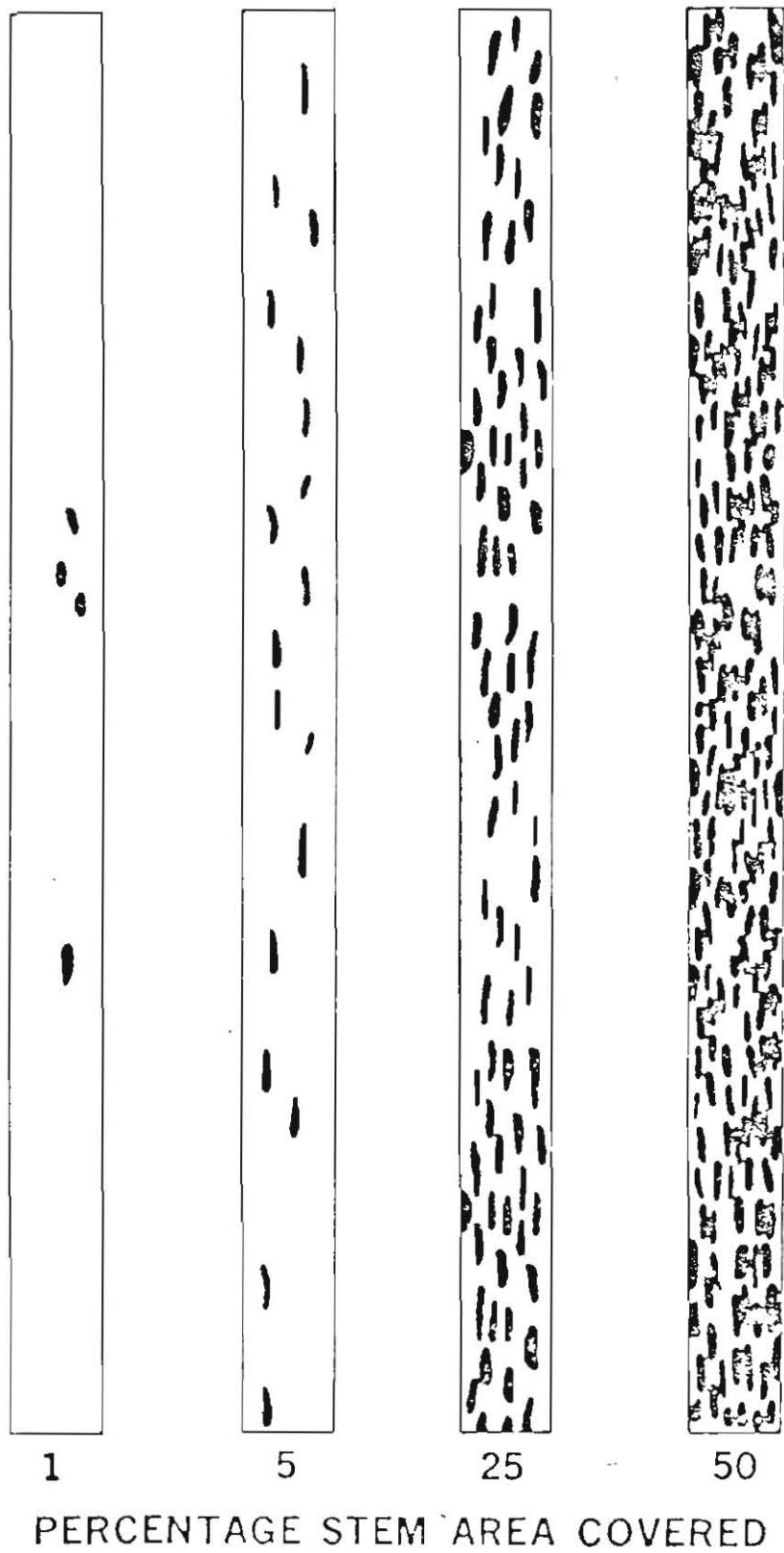
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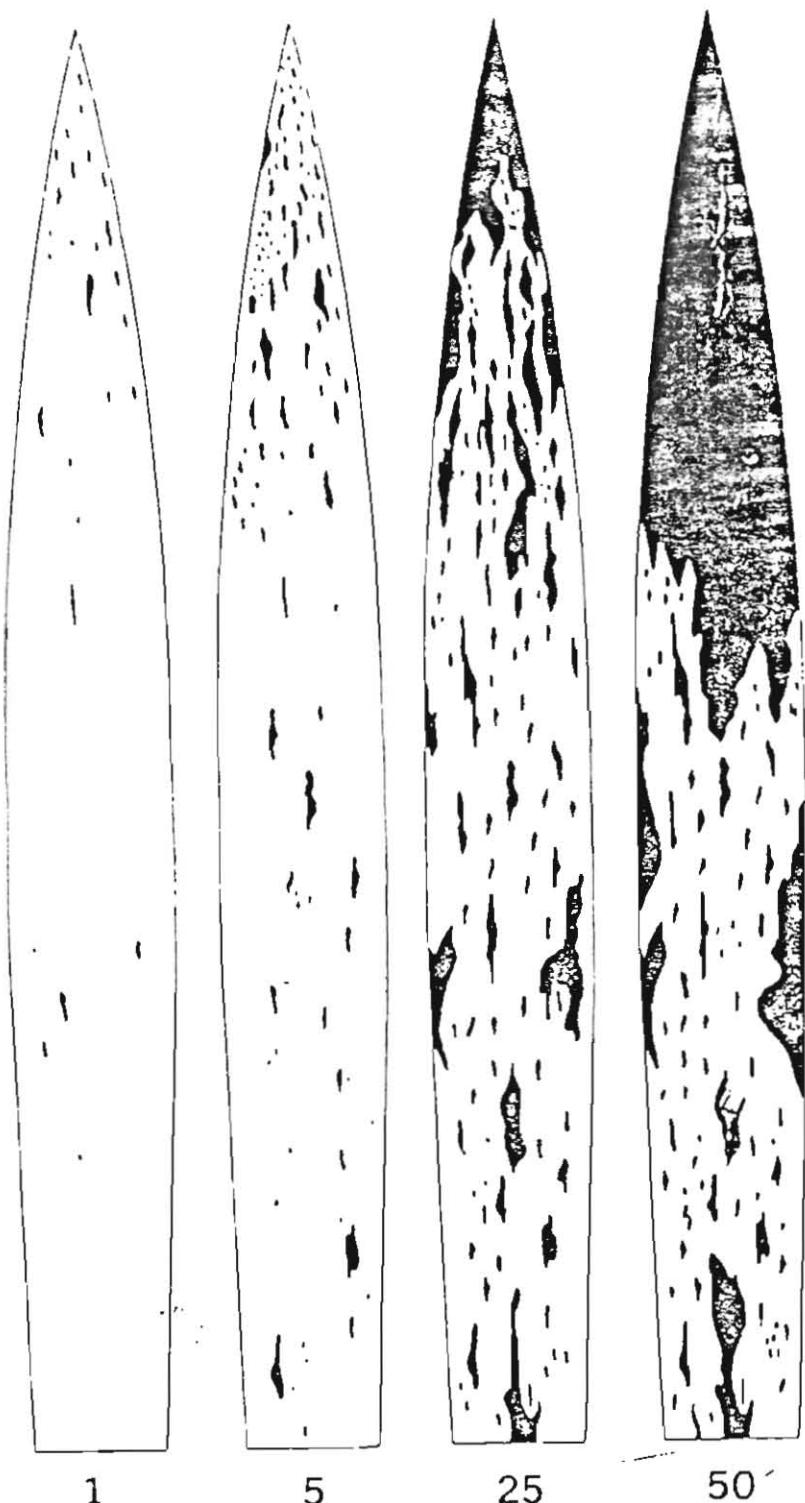


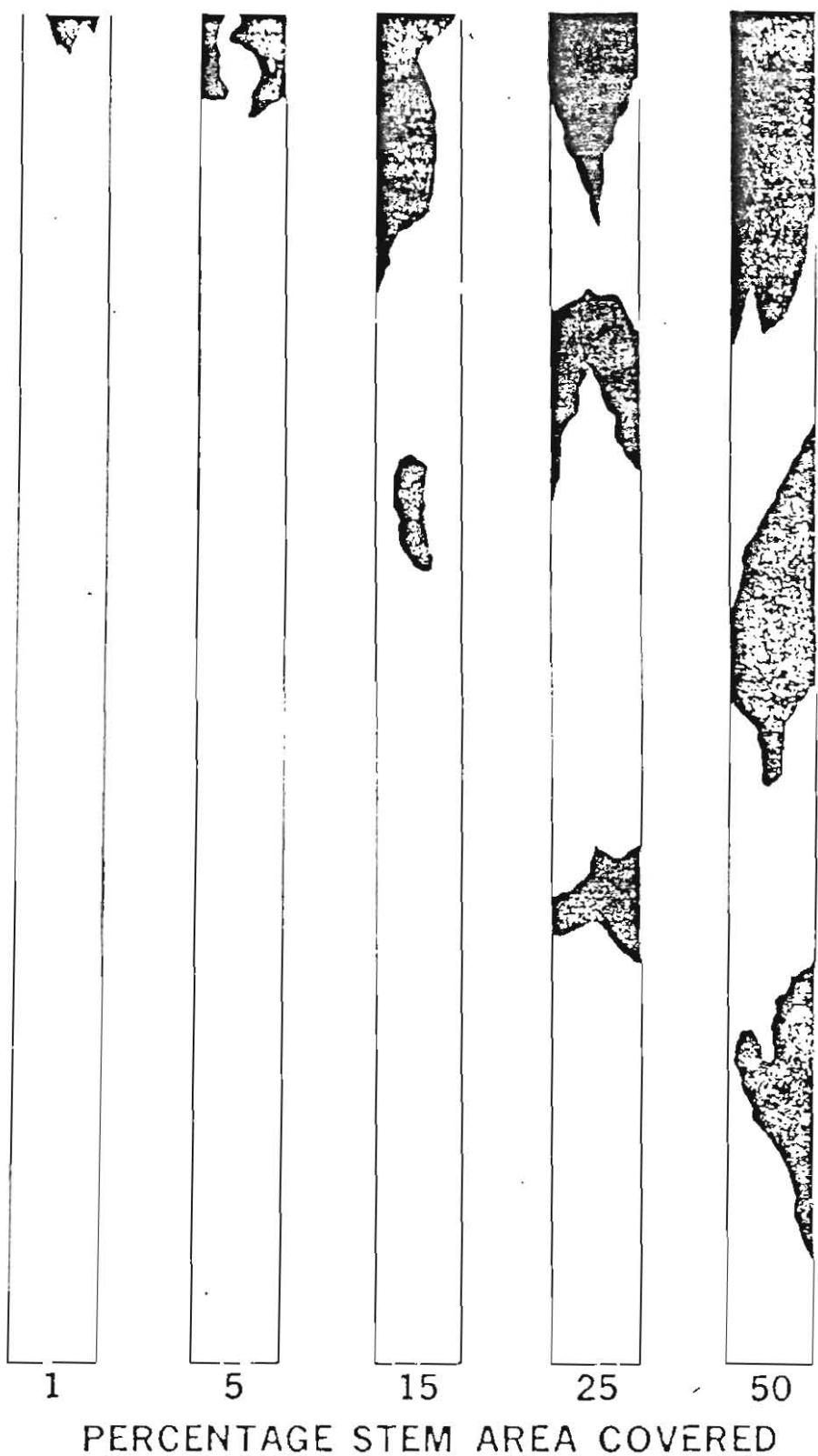
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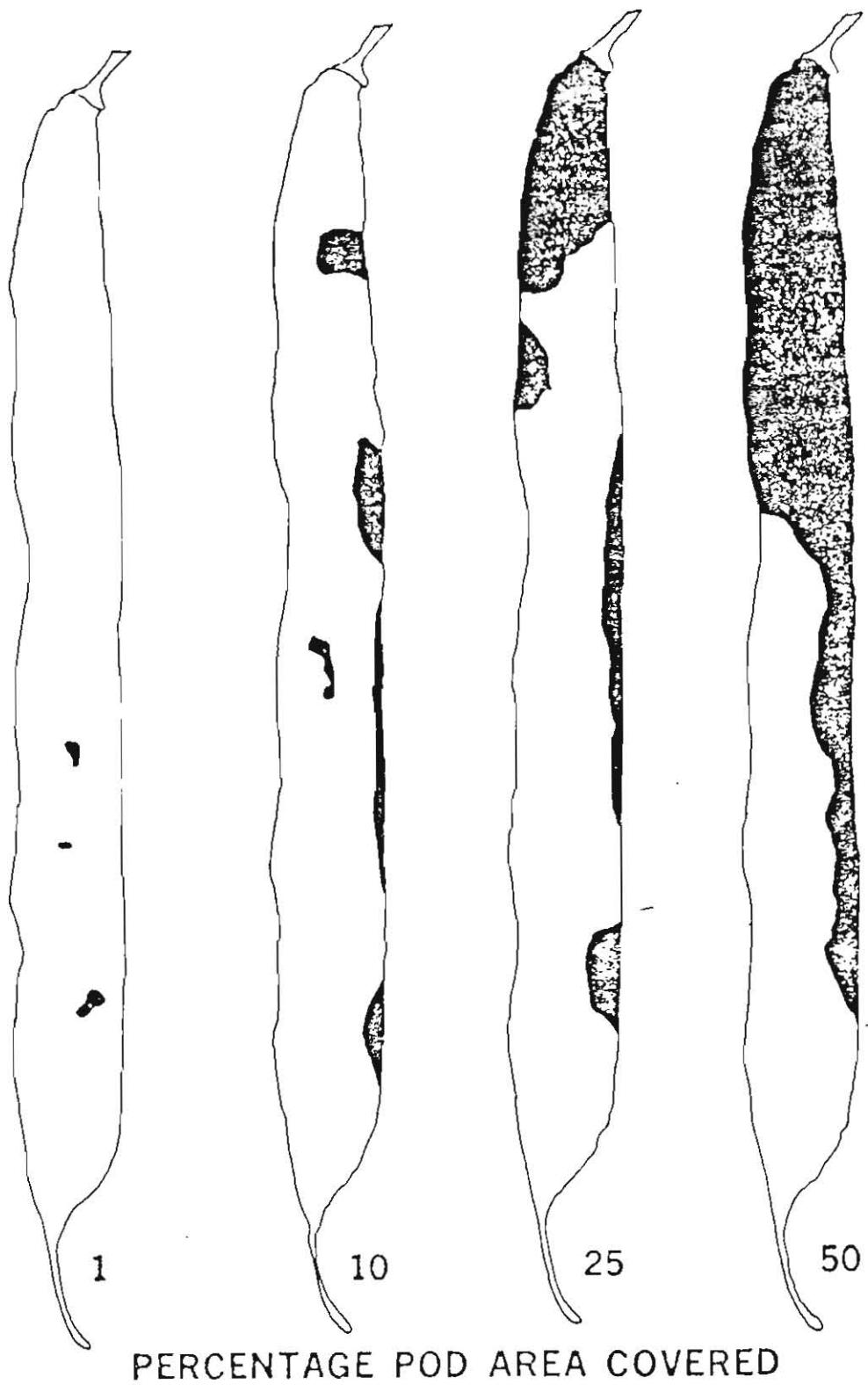






BACTERIAL BLIGHT
(Pod symptoms)

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b) ROOT DISEASES, VIRUSES AND MYCOPLASMAS

(Les Maladies des Racines, Virales et par Mycoplasmes)

SEVERITY (Sévérité)

1 = NO SYMPTOMS (Pas des symptômes)

3 = MILD (Légère)

5 = MODERATE (Moyenne)

7 = SEVERE (Sévère)

9 = VERY SEVERE OR MORE THAN 50% OF PLANTS

DEAD (Très sévère, ou plus de 50% de plantes mortes)

2. INCIDENCE

% OF PLANTS INFECTED

(% des plantes infectées)

0

1

5

10

25

50

100

3) GROWTH STAGE (Stade de la croissance)

50% OR MORE OF PLANTS (50% des plantes ou plus)

	0 = NON GERMINATED SEED (Prégermination)
	1 = GERMINATION (Germination)
	2 = EMERGENCE (Emergence)
	3 = COTYLEDONARY LEAVES (Feuilles cotylédonaires)
1st.	4 = PRIMARY LEAVES (Premières feuilles)
cycle	5 = FOURTH LEAF (Quatre feuilles)
(1ere cicle)	6 = PREFLOWERING (Préfloraison)
	7 = FLOWERING (Floraison)
	8 = SEED PRODUCTION (Production des semences)
	9 = MATURE SEED (Semences à maturité)
2nd	10 = POST-SEED MATURITY PHASE (Phase post-maturité des semences)
cycle	11 = PREFLOWERING (Préfloraison)
(2eme cicle)	12 = FLOWERING (Floraison)
	13 = SEED PRODUCTION (Production de semences)
	14 = SEED MATURITY (Semences à maturité)

HOW TO PRESENT THE GROWTH STAGES

(Comment présenter les stades de croissance)

FIRST CYCLE (Premier cicle) = 0 - 9

THERE AFTER (Aprés) = STAGE YEAR SEED

(Stade) (Année) CYCLE IN

YEAR

(Cicle des
semences
cette année)

e.g. (p.ex.) 10 2 1

= $10^{2(1)}$

47	Trips-Acaros Thrips & Aarides (mites)						
48	Pulguilla-Homop. Pucciones (Aphids)						
49	Comedores chrysomelids and grass						
50	Hemipteros						
51	Salivazo Spittle bugs						
52	Barrenador						
53	Perforad.boton.						
54	Otro						
55	Otro						
57	Negra	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%
58	Marrón	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
59	Naranja	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
60	Trema	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
61	Marrón polv.	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
62	Naranja polv.	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
63	Negra	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
64	Marrón	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
65	Chancro	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
66	Marchitez-muerte	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
67	Clorosis-muerte	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
68	Inflor. escencia pegaj.	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
69	Inflor. gris pegaj.	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%

Daño por Insectos

Salters (leaf + plant lopp)

Daño por enfermedades

slam bores

FIELD CODING FOR DISEASE
(Codefication des maladies)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Maladie</u>
1	Anthracnose	L'anthracnose
2	<u>Neocosmospora</u> wilt	Assèchement par <u>Neocosmospora</u>
3	<u>Sclerotium</u> wilt	Flétrissement par <u>Sclerotium</u>
4	<u>Botryosphaeria</u> canker	Cancre par <u>Botryosphaeria</u>
5	Cercospora leaf spot	Les taches foliaires par <u>Cercospora</u>
6	Little leaf mycoplasma	"Petite feuille" par <u>Mycoplasma</u>
7	<u>Synchytrium</u> false rust	La fause rouille par <u>Synchytrium</u>
8	Powdery mildew	Mildiou
9	Bacteriosis	Le bactériose
10	<u>Rhizoctonia</u> foliar blight	Pourriture foliaire par <u>Rhizoctonia</u>
11	<u>Cylindrocladium</u> foliar blight	La pourriture foliaire par <u>Cylindrocladium</u>
12	<u>Meloidogyne</u> root knot	<u>Meloidogyne</u>
13	Viruses	Les virus
14	Sphaceloma scab	La croûte par <u>Sphaceloma</u>
15	Peper spot and <u>Leptosphaerulina</u>	Les taches de poivrée et <u>Leptosphaerulina</u>
16	Rust	La rouille
17	<u>Camptomeris</u> leaf spot	Les taches foliaires par <u>Camptomeris</u>
18	<u>Drechslera</u> leaf spot	Les taches noires par <u>Drechslera</u>
19	<u>Rhynchosporium</u>	<u>Rhynchosporium</u>
20	Leaf blight	L'assèchement foliaire
21	Smut	Le Charbon
22	Bacterial wilt	Flétrissement par <u>Corynebacterium</u>
23	Stem gall nematode	Galles de la tige par nematode