IR maize Imazapyr resistant maize for Striga management

Boost maize yields while eliminating the issue of Striga infestation

The genetically modified IR maize lines coated with herbicide through seed dressing, proves effective in controlling Striga with lower herbicide quantities, targeting the pest during critical crop establishment stages.

✓ This technology is **TAAT1 validated**.

7·7 Scaling readiness: idea maturity 7/9; level of use 7/9

Gender assessment 👍 4

Climate impact 👍 7

Problem

- Striga weed infestations in maize crops lead to significant yield losses.
- They reduce grain yields and crop productivity by competing with maize for nutrients and water.
- This prompts herbicide reliance and the need for effective Striga control methods.

Solution

- The IR maize, coated with herbicide through seed dressing, there is increased effectiveness in Striga control, with a reduced need for herbicide.
- Its improving grain yields and minimizing Striga dispersal on farmlands.
- It is also recommended to combine this technology with appropriate soil and fertilizer management for optimal outcomes.

Key points to design your project

To integrate this technology, the following steps are recommended:

- Develop effective pesticides for seed treatment, raise awareness among farmers about the benefits of IR maize, and ensure access to seed treatment.
- Estimate the quantities of IR maize seed and pesticides, accounting for delivery and import costs, provide training, and develop communication materials.
- Associate it with other agricultural practices and collaborate with agricultural development institutes and seed multiplication companies for implementation.

Cost: $$$ **1.5—2.5** USD

per kg

💡 **IP**

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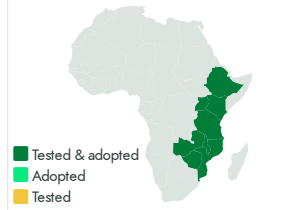Technology originally documented by

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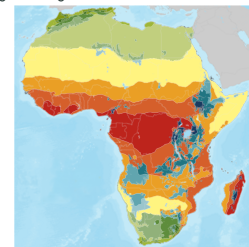
Commodities

Maize

Sustainable Development Goals

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Categories

Production, Improved varieties, Weed resistance, Yield improvement

Tested/adopted in

■ Tested & adopted
■ Adopted
■ Tested

Where it can be used

This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.

Target groups

Farmers