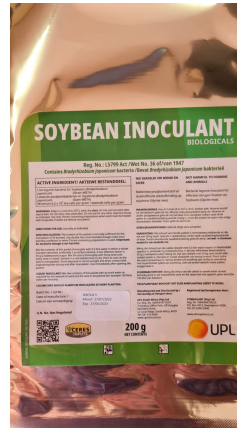


Soybean inoculant Rhizobium inoculant range, various strains

N-fixing bacteria to reduce chemical fertilizer use

Stimulant is a specialized range of inoculants designed for various legume crops. It capitalizes on a unique symbiotic relationship between the legume plants and a beneficial bacterium known as Rhizobia. This natural partnership results in the addition of significant nitrogen levels to the soil, ranging from 40 to 150 kg per hectare.



Stimulant company, UPL
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Commodities

Soybean, Groundnut, Cowpea,
Common bean

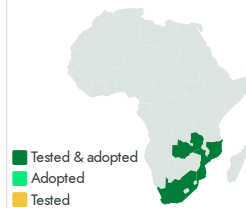
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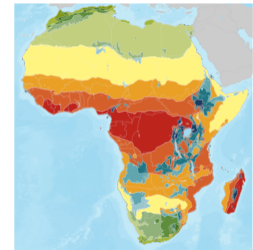
Production, Inputs, Inoculant

Tested/adopted in



Where it can be used

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



Target groups

Farmers

This technology is **pre-validated**.

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

Gender assessment **4**

Climate impact **7**

Problem

- Nitrogen limitation hampers plant growth, particularly affecting legume crops.
- Soil degradation arises from excessive reliance on chemical fertilizers.
- These factors culminate in economic hardships and food insecurity among farmers.

Solution

- UPL Powder Carrier Technology shields bacteria from harsh environmental conditions like high temperatures and pH fluctuations.
- It holds the CERES organic certification, meeting stringent organic standards.
- Tailored packaging suits the needs of smallholder farmers, enhancing accessibility.
- The powder formulation extends shelf life to 9 months, reducing wastage and improving efficiency.

Key points to design your project

To integrate this technology into your project, follow these steps:

- Estimate the quantity of products needed based on a cost range of USD 15-25 per hectare.
- Consider the accessibility of the technology in South Africa and calculate delivery costs, including potential import clearance and duties.
- Arrange training and support from a team of trainers during installation, factoring in the associated costs.
- Develop communication materials such as flyers, videos, and radio broadcasts to raise awareness about the technology.
- Enhance the effectiveness of the improved maize variety by companion planting with soybean varieties resistant to pests and diseases, and focus on nutrient fertilization.
- Collaborate with agricultural development institutes and agro-dealers to facilitate technology implementation in your country.

Cost: \$\$\$ **15—25 USD**
Product cost /ha

ROI: \$\$\$ **35 %**
Yield increase

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