

REDUCING BIOPROCESS OF CADMIUM SOLUBILITY RHIZOSPHERIC

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 Webstory



The technological solution

To generate a bioprocess based on a fungal consortium that will reduce the Cd content in cocoa beans

Description

The bioprocess will involve: (a) the isolation of a consortium of soil fungi native to cocoa plantations that have the ability to decrease aerial and root Cd bioaccumulation (CB_{r,a}) coefficients ; (b) the assessment of the effectiveness of the bioprocess in bioreactors and (c) the elevation of cocoa FF to Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 6 and 7.

Results

- 1- A database was obtained with 445 beneficiaries in Level 1 and 25 beneficiaries in Level 2
- 2- 8 bioreactors were built
- 3- 4 selected contaminated soils were selected
- 4- We have obtained 35 colonies of fungi and selected the fungus *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* as tolerant to very high concentrations of Cd (5,000 ppm).
- 5- We found 1 mycorrhizal strain from the Bank of Glomeromycota in vitro (BGIV) identified as Cd hyperaccumulator
- 6- We carry out the validation in bioreactors of 1 mycorrhizal symbiosis with *Baccharis salicifolia* with very high bioextractive power of Cd
- 7- 1 doctoral thesis defended
- 8- 1 doctoral thesis in progress
- 9- 1 degree thesis defended
- 10- 2 undergraduate theses in progress
- 11- Presentations at congresses and in scientific journals

+ 6000

522
Women benefited from the initiative

1
Technological solution

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Graduate and postgraduate theses defended and in progress

15

Publications

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ORIGIN OF RESOURCES



● **Counterpart contribution**
93.177.555

● **FONTAGRO**
28.989.468

● **IDB**
9.922.700

● **Other agencies**
9.809.078

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193 Number of projects approved

141.9 Approved total amount US\$
MILLONES

9.8 Contribution from other agencies
MILLONES

32 Benefited countries

63 Generated technologies

15 New technologies for ALC

8 Technology of global relevance

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