

ADDITIONS TO THE HOSTS OF *MACROPHOMINA PHASEOLINA*

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Macrophomina phaseolina (Tassi) Goid., a cosmopolitan soilborne fungus, is known to produce seedling blight, root and stem rot or charcoal rot of more than 400 species of plants (Dhingra & Sinclair, 1977; Reichert & Hellinger, 1947; Young, 1949). In Pakistan, *M. phaseolina* has been recorded on more than 60 hosts causing considerable damage to economically important plants (Ghaffar *et al*, 1964, 1968, 1971, 1972; Mirza & Qureshi, 1978; Shahzad & Ghaffar, 1986). During a survey of cultivated fields, the following 39 new hosts of *M. phaseolina* were recorded in Pakistan:

- * *Amaranthus hybridus* L., (KUCC 515);
- * *Anethum graveolens* L., (KUCC 523);
- Arachis hypogaea* L., (KUCC 533);
- Beta vulgaris* L., (KUCC 532);
- Brassica oleracea* var. *capitata* L., (KUCC 539);
- B. rapa* L. (rapifera group) (KUCC 539);
- Capsicum annuum* L., (KUCC 546);
- * *Carthamus oxycantha* M.B., (KUMH 1627), (KUCC 316);
- Centaurea cyanus* L., (KUCC 518);
- Cicer arietinum* L., (KUCC 522);
- Citrullus lanatus* (Thunb.) Mastsum. & Nakai., (KUCC 537);
- Cocos nucifera* L., (KUCC 392);
- Cucumis melo* subsp. *melo* var. *flexuosus* (L.) Naudin., (KUCC 516);
- C. sativus* L., (KUCC 238);
- * *Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers., (KUCC 536);
- * *Cyperus bulbosus* Vahl., (KUCC 535);
- Dahlia variabilis* (Willd.) Derf., (KUMH 1628);
- Daucus carota* L. subsp. *sativa* (Hoffm.) Arcang, (KUCC 524);
- * *Dyssodia tenoiloba*, (KUCC 534);
- * *Ficus carica* L., (KUCC 517);
- Lantana camara* L., (KUCC 525);
- Luffa aegyptiaca* Mill., (KUCC 526);
- Mangifera indica* L., (KUCC 540);
- * *Manilkara zapota* (L.) van Royen, (KUCC 541);
- * *Melilotus parviflora* Desf., (KUMH 1712);
- Nicotiana tabacum* L., (KUCC 520);

**Oryza sativa* L., (KUCC 527);
 **Pennisetum americanum* (L.) Leeke, (KUCC 531);
 **Petunia violacea* Lindl., (KUCC 545);
Phaseolus lunatus L., (KUCC 5420);
Psidium guajava L., (KUCC 543);
Saccharum officinarum L., (KUMH 1724);
 **Sonchus oleraceus* L., (KUCC 521);
Spinacia oleracea L., (KUCC 528);
Trifolium alexandrinum L., (KUCC 443);
 **Trigonella foenum-graecum* L., (KUCC 530);
Triticum aestivum L., (KUCC 519);
Vigna mungo (L.) Hepper, (KUCC 544);
Zea mays L., (KUCC 529);

Of these, 14 plant species (marked with asterisk) appear to be new hosts of *M. phaseolina* not hitherto recorded. The specimens have been deposited in the Karachi University Mycological Herbarium (KUMH) or Karachi University Culture Collection (KUCC).

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