

Proyecto de Desarrollo de Agroquímicos con Especies Alelopáticas Amazonicas

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1) Who am I and about our Institute, NIAES

**National Institute for Agro-
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given name

family name

Dr. Yoshiharu FUJII

☺ **Born: Jan 18, 1955 in Japan**

☺ **Graduate: Kyoto University**

☺ **Ph-D (Agr): Kyoto University**

Research at

**National Institute for Agro-
Environmental Sciences**

(1981-2011now, 30 years service)

**Visiting Professor: Tokyo
University for Agriculture (2008-
now)**



Call me as FUJI-san



International Allelopathy Society

Past President : Dr. Fujii (Japan) 2005-2008

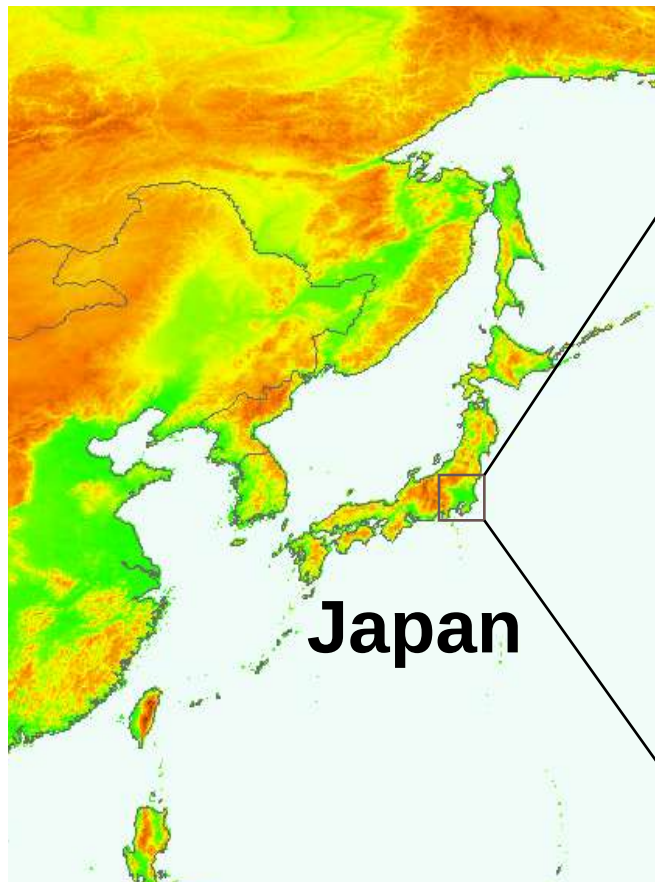
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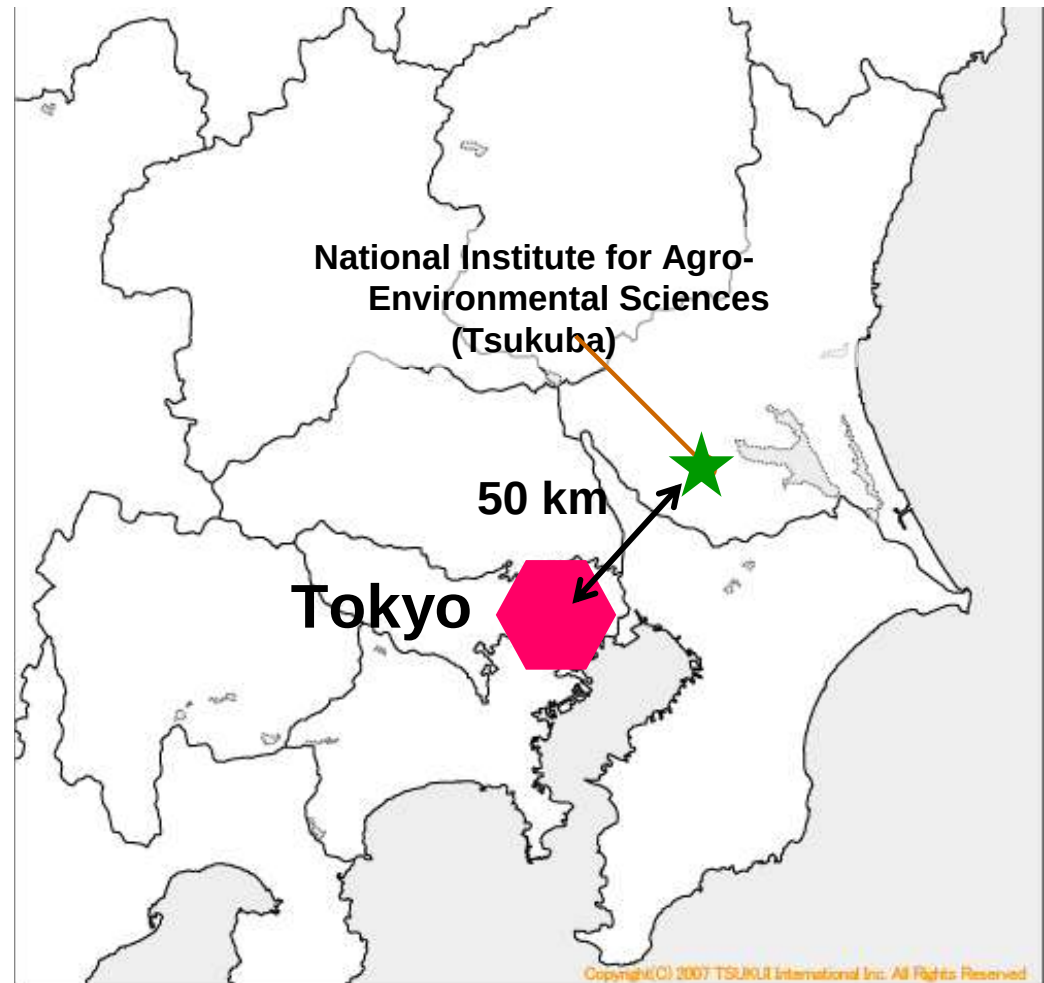
4th International Meeting in Japan (Tsukuba)



In Tsukuba, I organized 4th IAS Meeting



Japan



Japanese Oldest
National Institute for
Agriculture
(117 years old)



Allelopathy Group in NIAES



20 members including 7 foreign students

“BRAIN” Project

Screening and identification of innovative allelochemicals

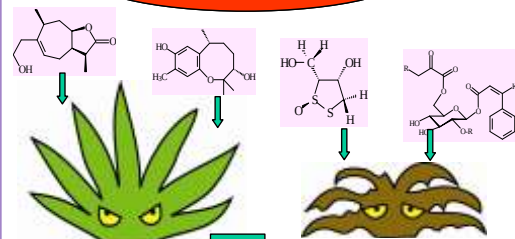
Allelopathic Plants

Use Allelochemical

New Herbicide

Use Allelopathic Plants

New Cover crop



Mode of Action

Organic Synthesis

Ecological Farming



For Agriculture and Environment

BRAIN: **B**asic **R**esearch
Activities for **I**nnovative
Biosciences

"Screening of Allelochemicals and Development of Innovative Bioactive Substances"

2008 to 2013

* Supported by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan

2) What is

“Allelopathy”

Alelopatia

**Interaccion
(inhibitoria o estimuladora)
entre plantas o plantas y
otras formas de vida
a traves de quimicos
naturales (aleloquimicos)**



Red Pine Tree
(*Pinus densiflora*)



3) Allelopathy Research in Japan

Our novel techniques

1. Screening by Bioassay (Specific Bioassay)

Metodos para la Evaluacion de Alelopatia

Bioassay especifico

Rutas de la Alelopatia y Bioassay

1) **Exudacion (desde raices)**

→ Metodo Plant Box

2) **Lixiviacion (desde hojas)**

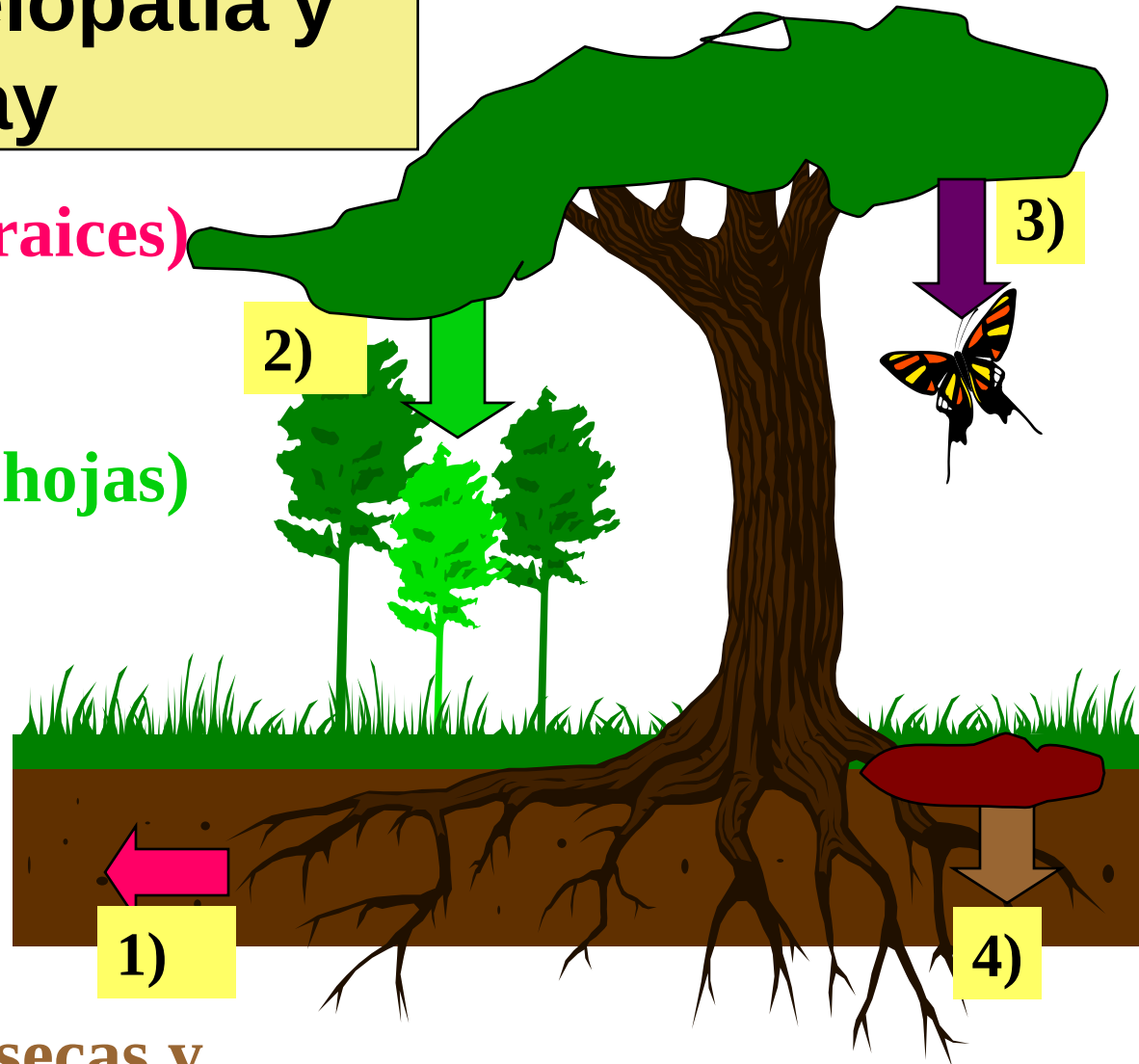
→ Metodo Sandwich

3) **Volatilizacion (desde hojas)**

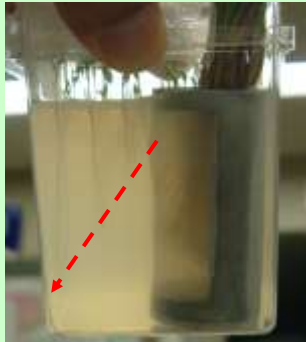
→ Metodo Dish Pack

4) **Lixiviacion (hojas secas y restos vegetales)**

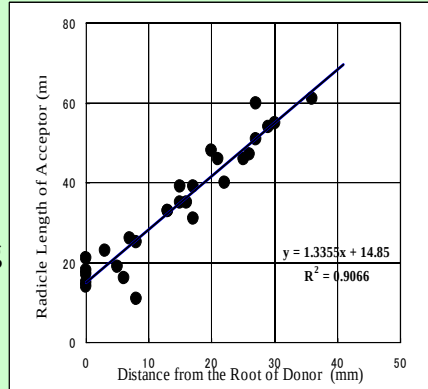
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1 . Plant Box Method for root exudates (Mixed planting)



Root zone separating tube

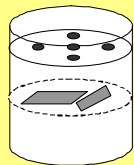
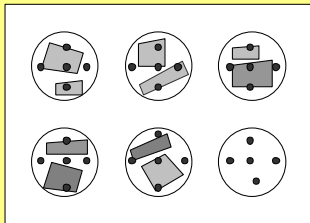


- Sand Culture for 1-2 month
- Plant Box (for tissue culture)
- Agar Medium (no nutrients)

Dr. Fujii, 1991

Fujii, Y. et al., Plant-Box Method: A Specific Bioassay to Evaluate Allelopathy through Root Exudates. *Allelopathy, New Concepts and Methodology*, Science Publisher, 39-56 (2007).

2 . Sandwich Method for leaf leachates (Mulching, Litter)



6 well multi-dish
make sandwich by agar

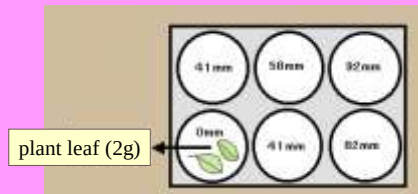
→ 10 or 50 mg d.w./10 cm²

For allelopathy by fallen leaves and litters
fallen leaves are constant

(3 ton / ha / year) = 30 mg d.w./10 cm² Dr. Fujii, 1991

Fujii, Y. et al., Assessment method for allelopathic effect from leaf litter leachates. *Weed Biology and Management*, 4(1), 19 – 23 (2004).

3. Dish Pack Method for volatile allelochemicals



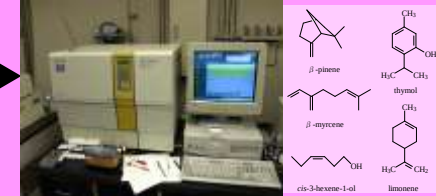
plant leaf (2g)



Volatile chemicals
were
analyzed
by GC-MS

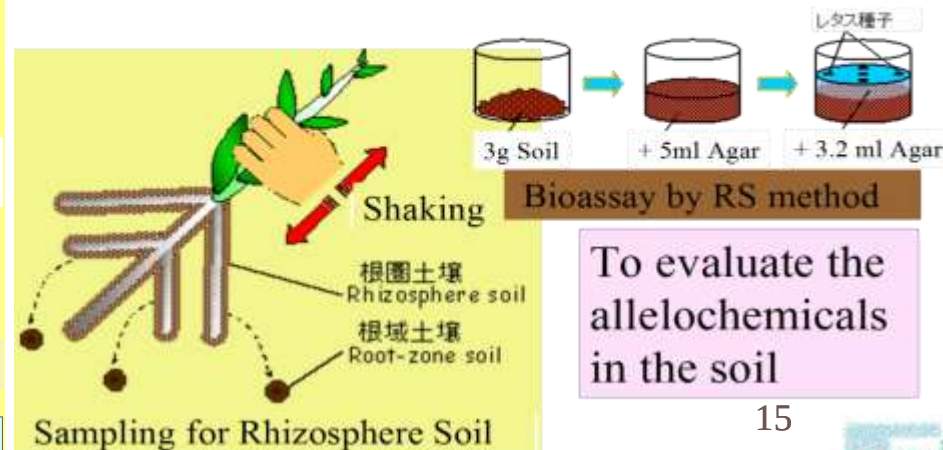
6 well multi-dish
sealed by tape

→ measure after 3 days



Fujii, Y. et al., Dish pack method: a new bioassay for volatile allelopathy. In *Proceedings of the 4th World Congress on Allelopathy*, August 21-26, 2005, Wagga Wagga, Australia, 493-497 (2005).

4. Rhizosphere Soil Method for allelochemicals in Rhizosphere

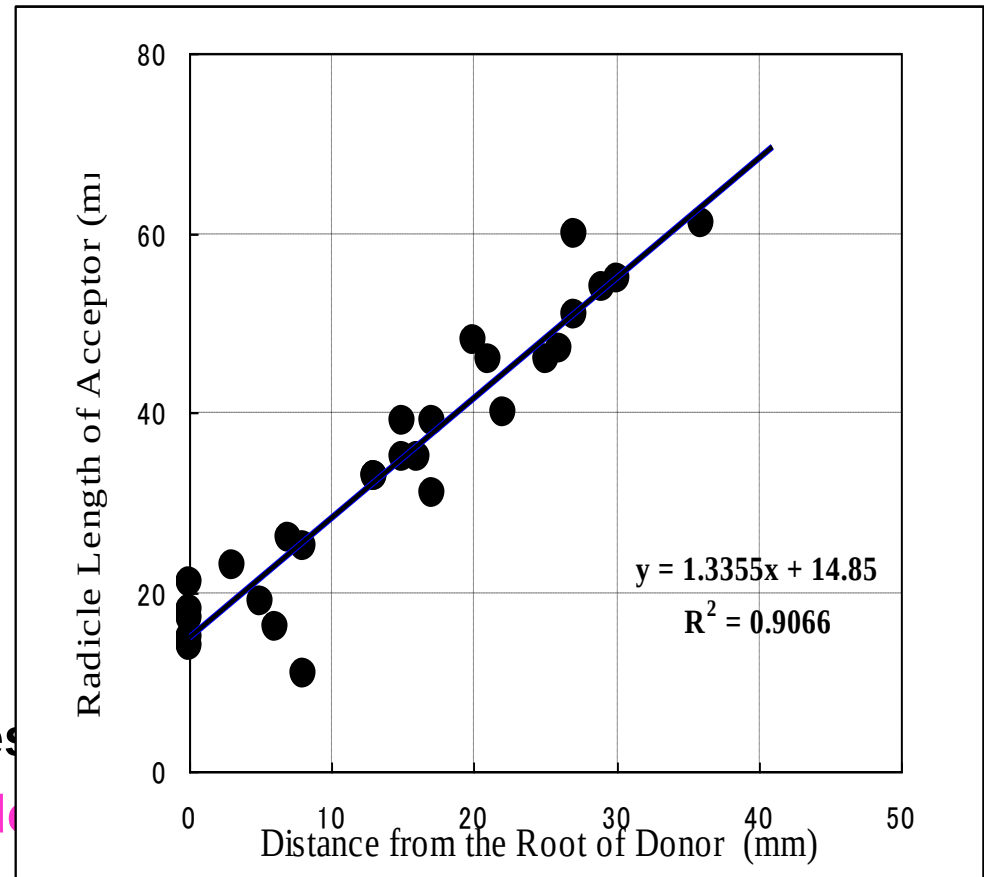


To evaluate the
allelochemicals
in the soil

1) Metodo Plant Box

exudados radicales

(cultivos asociados)



- ♦ Cultivo en arena de 1 a 2 meses

- ♦ **Plant Box** (para cultivo de tejidos)

- ♦ Medio de agar (sin nutrientes)

- ♦ Zona radicular separada por una gasa de nylon

Dr. Fujii, 1991

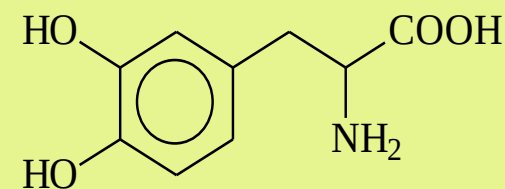
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Table 1-a. Continued

Scientific name (English name, and/or Japanese name)	Radicle length (%)	<i>n</i>	Root dry wt. (mg)
<i>Lablab purpurea</i> (= <i>Dolikos lablab</i>) (Lablab Bean)	41 *	5	135
<i>Latyrus sativus</i> (Grass Pea)	41 *	7	169
<i>Lens esculenta</i> (Lentil)	33 **	2	176
<i>Lespedeza striata</i> (Japan Clover)	60	2	125
<i>Leucaena leucosephala</i> (Leucaena, Gin-nemu)	22 ***	2	542
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> var. <i>japonicus</i> (Miyako-gusa)	62	3	107
<i>Lupinus albus</i> (White Lupine)	60	10	140
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i> (Bur Clover)	23 ***	3	218
<i>Medicago lupulina</i> (Hop Clover)	19 ****	9	120
<i>Medicago sativa</i> cv. <i>dupy</i> (Alfalfa)	34 **	6	324
<i>Medicago sativa</i> cv. <i>natsuwakaba</i> (Alfalfa)	19 ****	3	491
<i>Melilotus albus</i> (White Sweet Clover)	23 ***	2	440
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i> (Yellow Sweet Clover)	23 ***	2	440
<i>Mimosa putica</i> (Mimosa)	57	3	425
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> var. <i>utilis</i> (Velvetbean, av. of 5 cv)	7 *****	18	201
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> var. <i>utilis</i> cv. <i>Hassjo</i>	4 *****	3	203
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> var. <i>utilis</i> cv. <i>rajada</i>	8 *****	2	145
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> var. <i>utilis</i> cv. <i>capitata</i>	10 *****	2	197
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> var. <i>utilis</i> cv. <i>ana</i>	11 ****	8	315
<i>Mucuna pruriens</i> var. <i>utilis</i> cv. <i>florida</i>	12 ****	3	146
<i>Pachyrhizus erosus</i> (Yam Bean)	37 **	4	67
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> (Kidney Bean)	43 *	4	101
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> (Flower Bean)	43 *	4	366



Mucuna pruriens



L-3,4-Dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA)

Fujii, et al., L-3,4-Dihydroxyphenylalanine as an allelochemical candidate from *Mucuna pruriens*(L.) DC.var.*utilis*. Agric.Biol.Chem. 55(2), 617-618 (1991)

Velvetbean: *Mucuna pruriens* var. *utilis*



Good food rich in protein

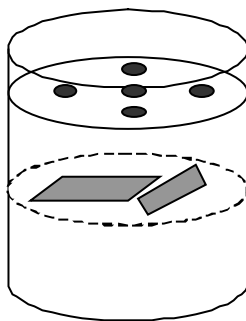
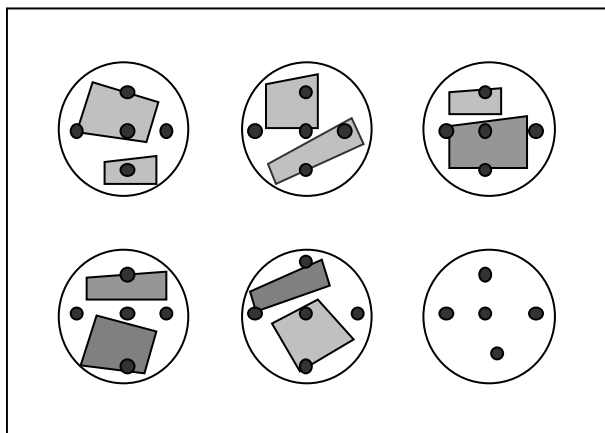
Old Japanese people used *Mucuna* as food in many ways

Allelopathic and drought resistant

2) Metodo Sandwich

lixiviacion de hojas

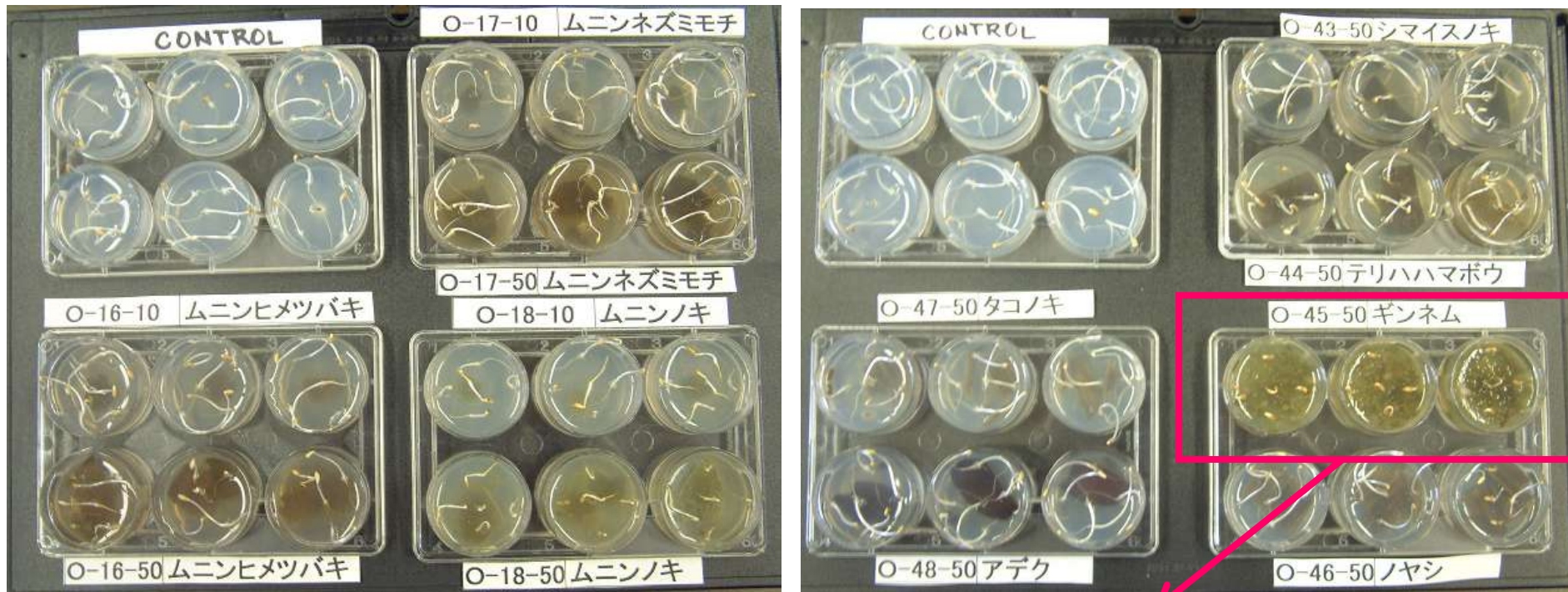
(mulch, restos vegetales)



- ♦ Multi-recipient de 6 hoyos
- ♦ Hojas (10 mg o 50 mg peso seco/10 cm²)
- ♦ Preparacion de sandwich con agar

Evaluacion basada en hojarasca y restos vegetales
La cantidad de hojas se basa en la cantidad de hojas caidas por año (3tn/ha/año)

Metodo Sandwich



***Leucaena leucocephala* (origen sudamericano)**

Y. Fujii, S. S. Parvez, M. M. Parvez, Y. Ohmae and O. Iida,
Screening of 239 medicinal plant species for allelopathic activity
using the sandwich method. Weed Biol. Manage., 3. 233-241. 2003.

表 1 落葉を寒天培地に包埋したときのレタスの生育 サンドイッチ法に

学名 日本での呼び名)	幼根	下胚軸
<i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i> (シモンユーカリ)	0	0
<i>Cola nitida</i> (コーラノキ)	8	60
<i>Eucalyptus cinerea</i> (シンヨウマルハユーカリ)	9	9
<i>Aleurites cordata</i> (アブラキリ)	10	38
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i> (カツラ)	11	18
<i>Bixa orellana</i> (ベニノキ)	11	20
<i>Enkianthus perulatus</i> (トウタンツツシ)	12	46
<i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i> (イカダカスラ)	14	45
<i>Quercus variabilis</i> (アハマキ)	15	59
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (シンネム)	16	64
<i>Passiflora quadrangularis</i> (オオミノトケイソウ)	16	58
<i>Cedrus deodara</i> (ヒマラヤスギ)	16	39
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> (セコイア)	16	34
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> (イカダカスラ)	17	55

<i>Phytolacca dioica</i>		
<i>Erythrina indica</i>		
<i>Magnifera indica</i>		
<i>Hura crepitans</i>		
<i>Ficus religiosa</i> (フィリクス)	20	120

<i>Camellia</i>		
<i>Datura</i>		
<i>Acer</i>		
<i>Hibiscus</i>		
<i>Ginkgo</i>		
<i>officinalis</i>		

<i>Artocarpus heterophylla</i> (イラムツ)	26	69
<i>Pinus palustris</i> (イオウシヨウ)	26	52
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> (イトスギ)	26	77
<i>Mucuna pruriens var. utilis cv. capitata</i> (ムクナ)	28	86
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i> (イラコムノキ)	28	88
<i>ornus florida</i> (イナミズキ)	30	56
<i>Pinus virginiana</i> (イニシニアマツ)	30	75
<i>Cassia surattensis</i> (カクセンナ)	31	126
<i>Jatropha multifida</i> (カシハヤトロファ)	32	110
<i>Strophanthus caudatus</i> (キンリュウカ)	32	91
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> (クワツソウケ)	33	89
<i>Sophora japonica</i> (エンシユ)	34	112

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<i>Picea jezoensis</i> (エゾマツ)	34	91
<i>Pinus banksiana</i> (イナクスマツ)	35	69
<i>Annona muricata</i> (トケハンレイシ)	37	109
<i>Macadamia ternifolia</i> (マカダミア)	37	80
<i>Platanus orientalis</i> (スズカケノキ)	38	84
<i>Strongybdon macrobotrys</i> (シイト・ハイン)	38	138
<i>Chrysophyllum canite</i> (アイシヨウカキ)	39	98
<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i> (メタセコイア)	40	97
<i>Ilex latifolia</i> (イラヨク)	41	82
<i>Psidium guajava</i> (イシツバク)	41	107
<i>Ahus japonica</i> (ハシノキ)	42	72
<i>hododendron mucronulatum var. ciliatum</i>	43	103
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> (タカシヨウ)	43	60
<i>Rhylothachne heteromecha f. pubescens</i> (カササギ)	43	102

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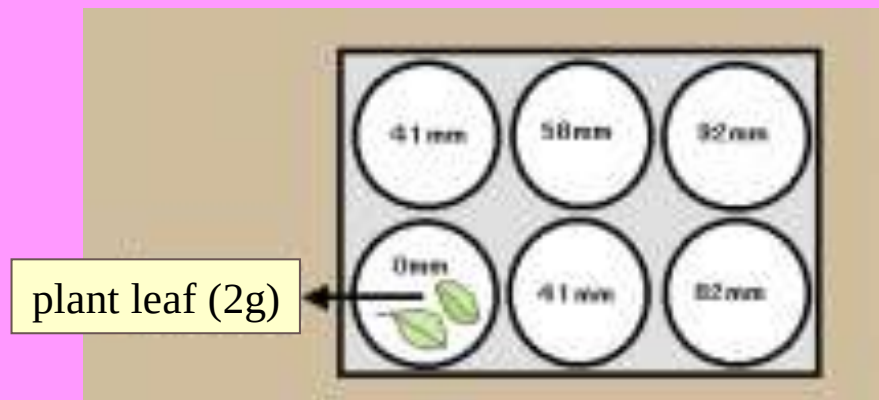
<i>Cinnamomum japonicum</i> (アブニツケイ)	49	93
<i>Caesalpinia echinatum</i> (カラシムノキ)	49	100
<i>Eugenia javanica</i> (オオフトモモ)	49	108
<i>Quercus serrata</i> (クナラ)	50	112
<i>Aesculus turbinata</i> (トチノキ)	50	126
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (クスノキ)	50	95
<i>Cela pentandra</i> (カキ)	50	162
<i>Aphananthe aspera</i> (ムクノキ)	52	99
<i>Aecropalmatum</i> (イロハカエデ)	54	80
<i>Forsythia suspensa</i> (フシキヨウ)	54	78
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> (マロニエ)	54	120
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> (エンシタ)	54	

Evaluó 4000 especies en 15 años

Plantas Tropicales y Medicinales muestran una fuerte actividad alelopática

3. Dish Pack Method

for volatile allelochemicals

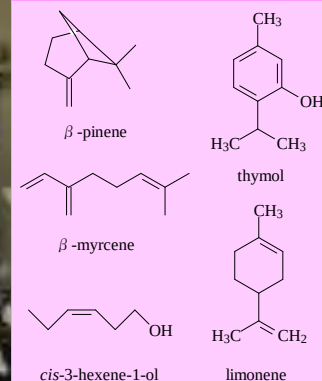


6 well multi-dish
sealed by tape

→ measure after 3 days



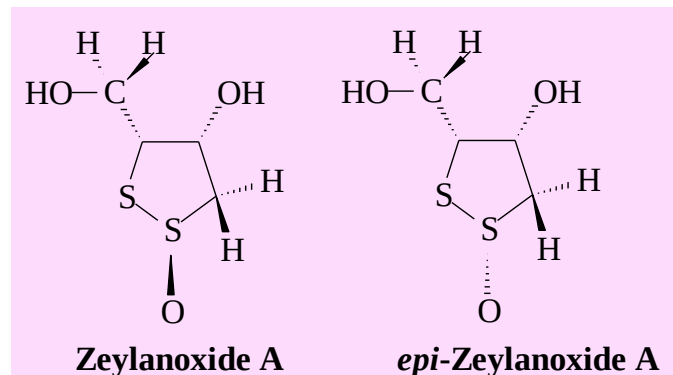
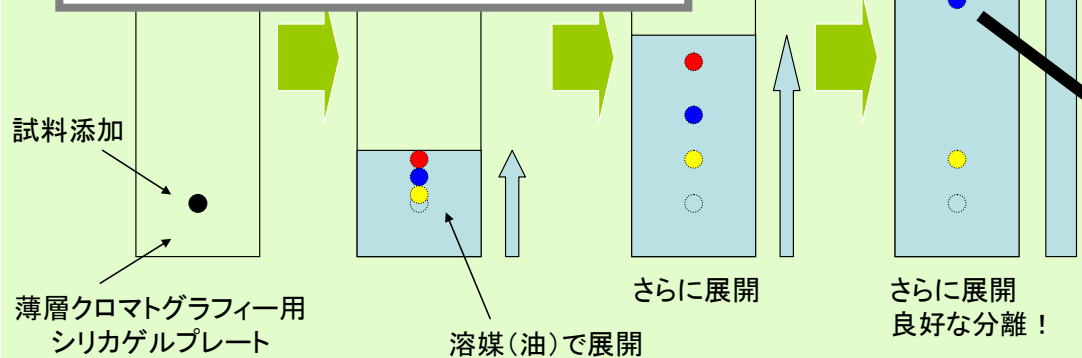
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2. Isolation and Identification of Allelochemicals

Chromatography (HPLC, Open column)



Structure



Solvent Extraction



GC-MS
(150,000 \$)



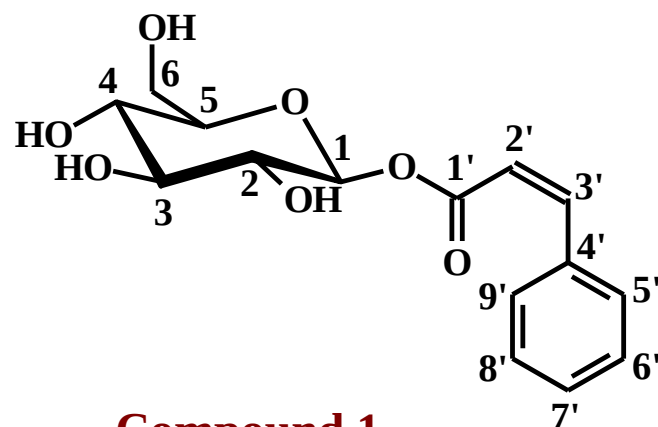
600 MHz NMR
(1,800,000 \$)

IR, ESR, Raman, X-ray analysis, etc

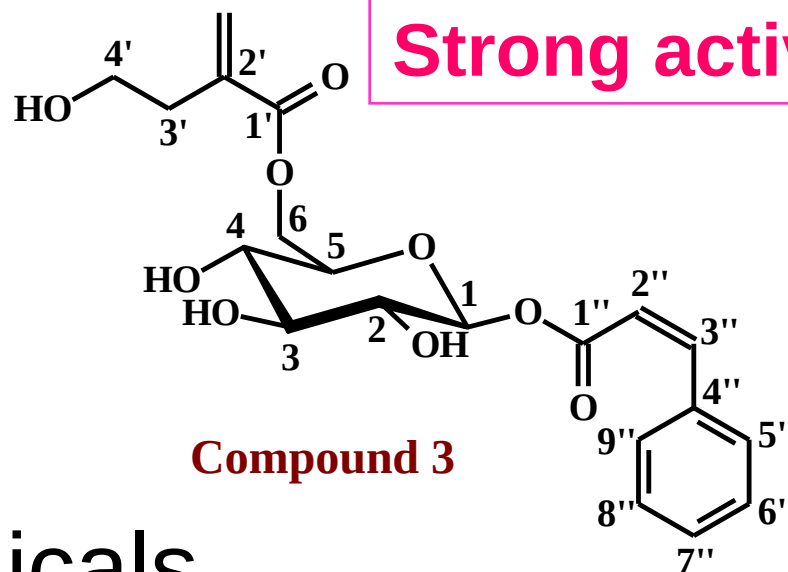
Isolation of *cis*-cinnamic acid from *Spiraea*



Yuki-yanagi (*Spiraea thunbergii*)



Compound 1

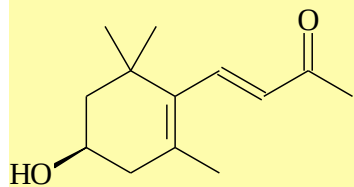


Compound 3

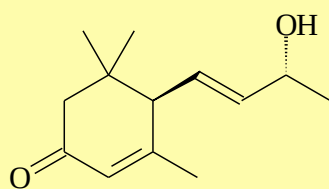
Strong activity !

→ New Agrochemicals

S. Hiradate, S. Morita, H. Sugie, Y. Fujii, and J. Harada, Phytotoxic *cis*-cinnamoyl glucosides from *Spiraea thunbergii*. *Phytochemistry*, 65(6), 731-739, 2004

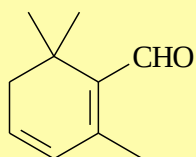


(-)-3-hydroxy-beta-ionone

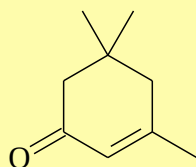


(+)-3-oxo-alpha-ionol

ナギナタガヤ *Vulpia myuros*

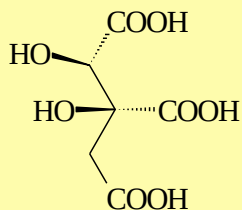


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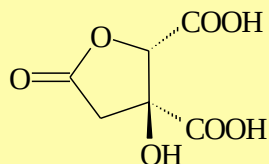


isophorone

サフラン *Crocus sativus*

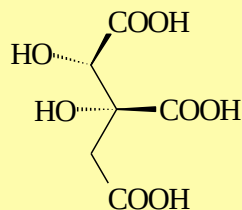


(-)-(2S,3S)-hydroxycitric acid

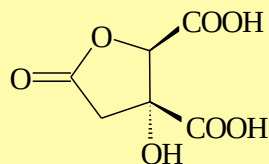


(-)-(2S,3S)-hydroxycitric acid lactone

ガルシニア *Garcinia cambogia*

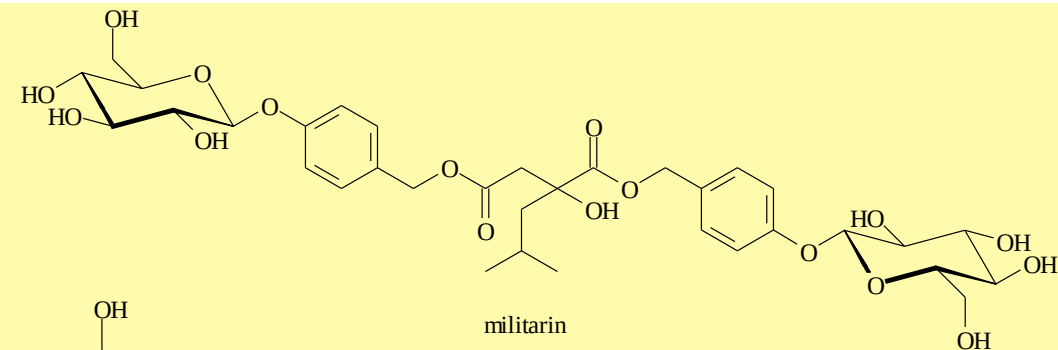


(+)-(2R,3R)-hydroxycitric acid



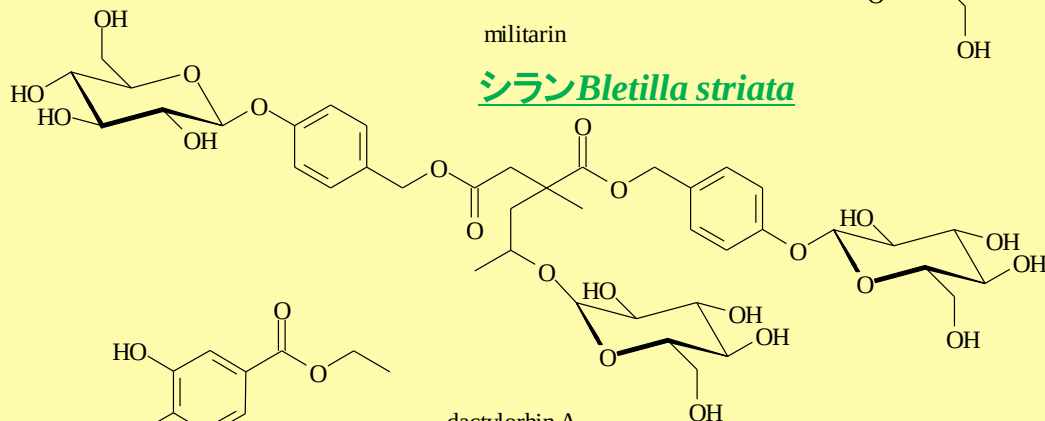
(+)-(2R,3R)-hydroxycitric acid lactone

ローゼル *Hibiscus sabdariffa*



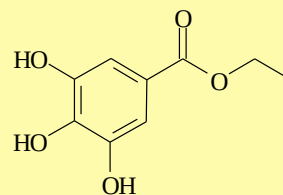
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シラン *Bletilla striata*



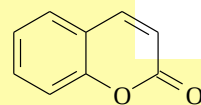
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シラン *Bletilla striata*



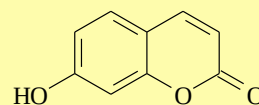
ethyl gallate

Geranium carolinianum

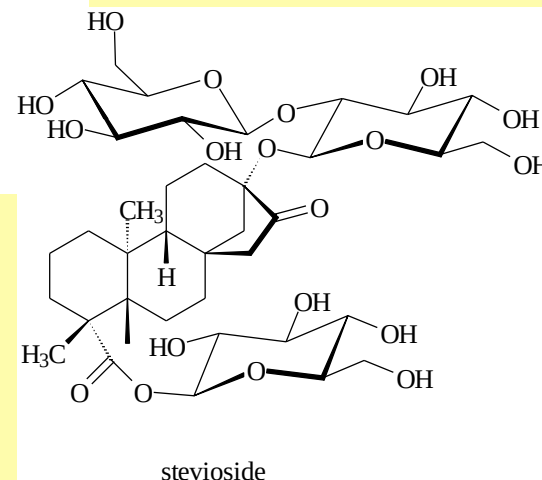


coumarin

Gliricidia sepium



umbelliferone



stevioside

Stevia rebaudiana

Diplostephium foliosissimum

Major Allelochemicals isolated by our group

3. Mode of action of Allelochemicals

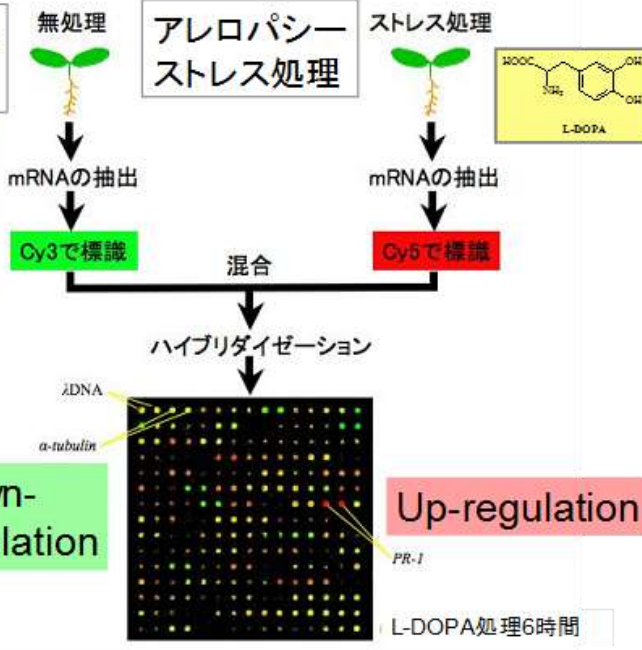
DNAマイクロアレイによる アレロケミカルの影響評価法

アグリポットを用いたライフ
サイクルアセスメントによる
アレロパシー検定系を用い

DNAマイクロアレイ法により、
アレロパシー物質の影響を
遺伝子レベルで解明する

Affymetrix社
方式

1件23万円で、パイ
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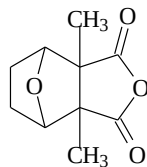
Evaluation of Mode of action of Allelochemicals by **DNA Microarray** in combination with Life Cycle Assessment of Allelopathy

Golisz, Sugano, Hiradate, Fujii
(2010) Microarray analysis of
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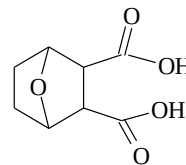
4. Use Allelochemicals as new Bioactive Substance

Allelochemicals

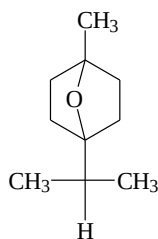
New herbicide



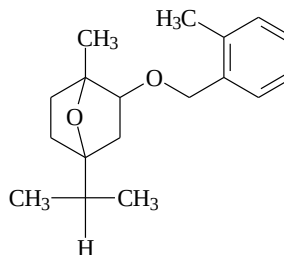
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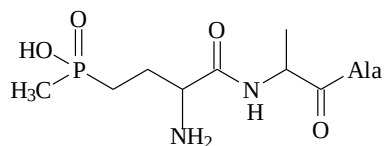
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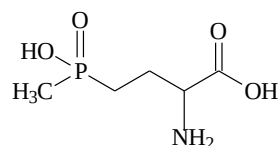
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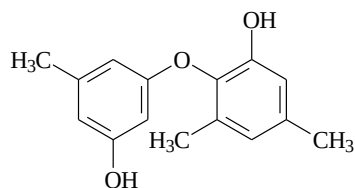
Cinnethylin



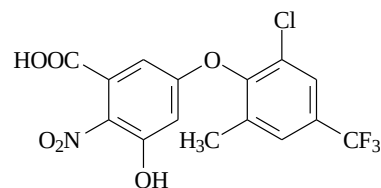
Bialaphos



Glyphosate

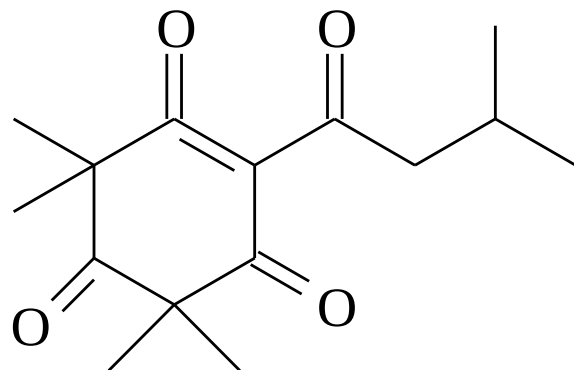


Cyperine



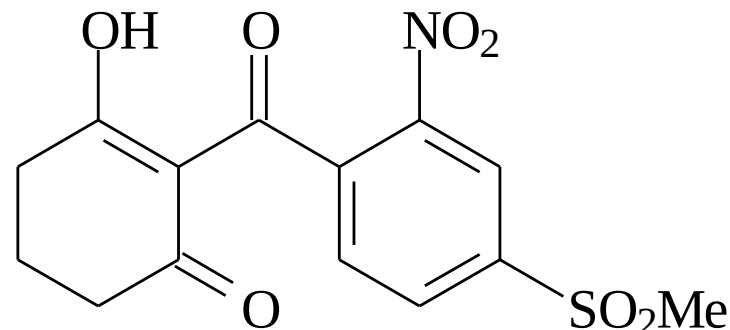
Acifluorfen

Allelochemical



Organic
Synthesis

New herbicide



Leptospermone

Allelochemical (natural)

LD₉₀= 5 kg/ha

Mesotrione

Herbicide (modified)

LD₉₀= 0.001 kg/ha

Inhibition of Photosynthesis

Syngenta (Swiss) developed
a new Herbicide, Mesotrione
from allelochemical
(reinforced 5000 times)

New
mode of
action

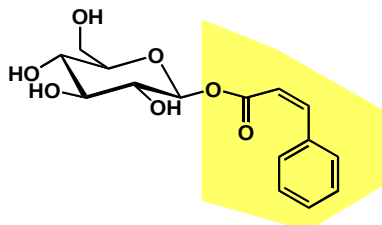
HPPD inhibitor



lemon bottlebrush (*Callistemon citrinus*)

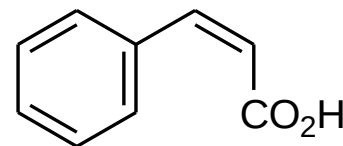
Organic synthesis of allelochemicals

Cooperation with Kyusyu Univ.
and Herbicide Company



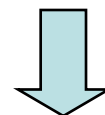
1-O-*cis*-cinnamoyl- β -D-gulcopyranose

cis-CA derivative
identified in NIAES



cis-CA

Organic Synthesis



Library of derivatives

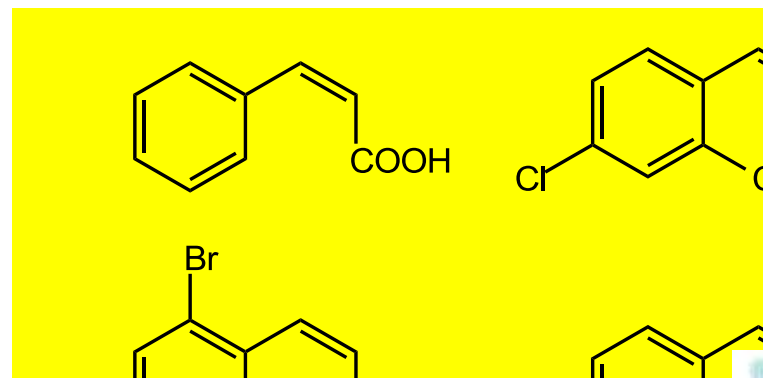
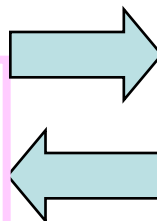


Evaluation



NIAES,
Company

Specific Bioassay as agrochemicals
水田、畑作用除草剤スクリーニング
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殺虫剤スクリーニング



5. Use Allelopathic plants for Sustainable Agriculture

My Work help Japanese Farmers

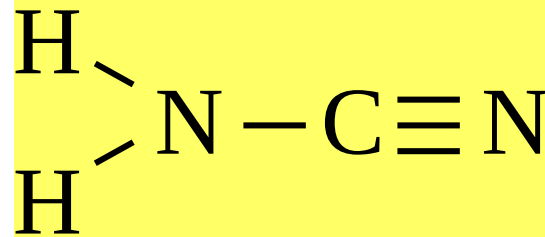
A close-up photograph of a hairy vetch plant. The plant features green, pinnately compound leaves with several pairs of leaflets. Numerous purple, elongated flower spikes are visible, some in full bloom and others as developing buds. The background is a dense thicket of similar foliage.

Hairy vetch (*Vicia villosa*)

Fujii, Y : Screening and future exploitation of allelopathic plants as alternative herbicides with special reference to hairy vetch. *Journal of Crop Production*, 4(2), 257~275 (2001)

Identification of Cyanamide as Allelochemical from Hairy vetch

★ Cyanamide



★ known as active constituents of synthetic fertilizer (Calcium cyanamide)

First finding from plants (as natural products)

Kamo, T., Hiradate, S. and Fujii, Y.: First isolation of natural cyanamide as a possible allelochemical from hairy vetch *Vicia villosa* . J. Chemical Ecol. 29(2), 275-283 (2003)

Help organic farming



NHK TV

Hairy vetch is now planted 10,000 ha in Japan
(No 2 as cover crop, next to traditional Milk vetch)

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Scientific Achievement Award 2009

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4) Cooperative Research under MOU

“BRAIN” Project

Screening and identification of innovative allelochemicals

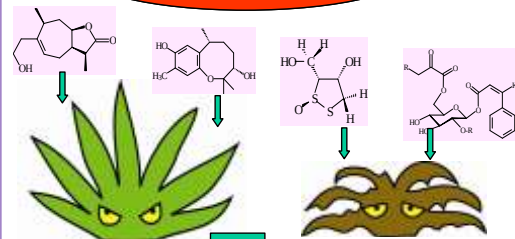
Allelopathic Plants

Use Allelochemical

New Herbicide

Use Allelopathic Plants

New Cover crop



Mode of Action

Organic Synthesis

Ecological Farming



For Agriculture and Environment

BRAIN: **B**asic **R**esearch
Activities for **I**nnovative
Biosciences

"Screening of Allelochemicals and Development of Innovative Bioactive Substances"

2008 to 2013

* Supported by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan

MOU between IIAP(Peru) and NIAES(Japan)



2009.0209-11, our 1st visit



2010.0118, 2nd visit

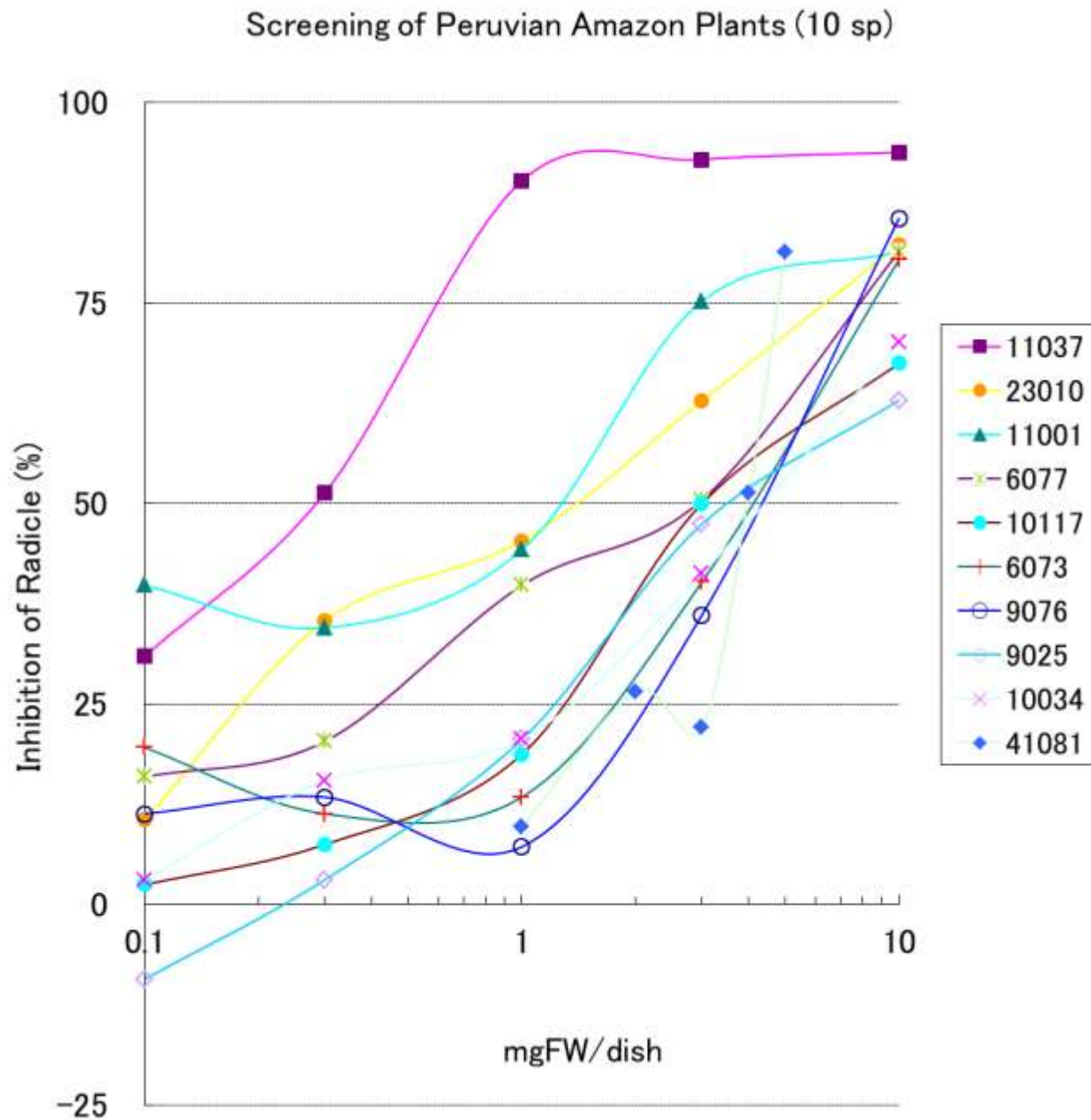


2011.0205-7, 3rd visit

Dr. Sotero (IIAP) visited NIAES(Japan) for the Cooperative Research 2010.0902-25



**Screening
by
Bioassay**



Top 10
Allelopathic
Plants from
the
cooperative
screening
at 2010

As a result of
cooperative
research
(unpublished)



***Duroia hirsuta* (supay chacra)**



Megan Frederickson, Michael Greene, Deborah Gordon (Stanford University, USA)

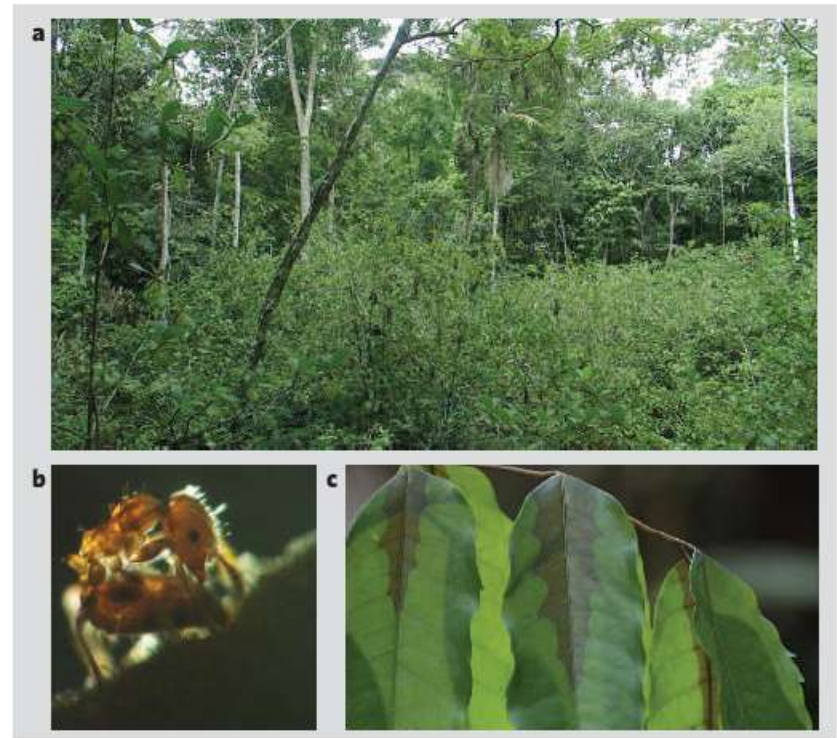
'Devil's gardens' bedevilled by ants

An ant species uses herbicidal weaponry to secure its own niche in the Amazonian rainforest.

'Devil's gardens' are large stands of trees in the Amazonian rainforest that consist almost entirely of a single species, *Duroia hirsuta*^{1–5}, and, according to local legend, are cultivated by an evil forest spirit. Here we show that the ant *Myrmelachista schumanni*, which nests in *D. hirsuta* stems, creates devil's gardens by poisoning all plants except its host plants with formic acid. By killing these other plants, *M. schumanni* provides its colonies with abundant nest sites — a long-lasting benefit as colonies can live for 800 years.

M. schumanni lives in the hollow, swollen stems (domatia) of *D. hirsuta*, the tree species that dominates devil's gardens (Fig. 1a). Previous studies of the mutualism between *D. hirsuta* and *M. schumanni* indicated that devil's gardens result from allelopathy, which is the local inhibition of plant growth by another plant, by *D. hirsuta*^{2–5}. However, studies of a different ant–plant mutualism — between an unidentified species of *Myrmelachista* and the ant-plants *Tococa guianensis* and *Clidemia heterophylla* — indicated that *Myrmelachista* may create stands comprising only its host plants by using herbicide^{6,7}.

Figure 1 | The ant *M. schumanni* creates devil's gardens by killing all plants other than its host tree, *D. hirsuta*. **a**, A devil's garden, or mono-specific stand of *D. hirsuta*, in the foreground contrasts with the species-rich rainforest in the background. **b**, A worker *M. schumanni* ant attacking a plant: the ant bites a small hole in the leaf tissue, inserts the tip of its abdomen into the hole and releases formic acid. **c**, Leaves develop necrosis along primary veins within hours of the attack.



M. DOHRN © BBC

promptly attacked the saplings in devil's gardens from which ants had not been excluded, injecting a poison into their leaves (Fig. 1b),

whether *M. schumanni* attacks only plants that are not its host plants and whether the ant uses domatia to recognize its host. We planted

Screening by Cecilia ONO → Ubos is promising

Familia	NC	R	H
Anacardiaceae	<i>Spondias mombin</i> L. (UBOS)	3	11
Bombacaceae	<i>Matisia cordata</i> Bonpl.	18	85
Fabaceae	<i>Arachis pintoii</i> Krapov. & W.C. Greg.	29	84
Malvaceae	<i>Malachra alceifolia</i> Jacq. ^a	32	76
Rubiaceae	<i>Uncaria tomentosa</i> (Wild. Ex Schult) DC.	33	88
Sterculiaceae	<i>Theobroma bicolor</i> Bonpl.	35	96
Sterculiaceae	<i>Theobroma cacao</i> L.	35	89
Sterculiaceae	<i>Theobroma grandiflorum</i> (Willd. ex Spreng.) K. Schum.	37	93
Rubiaceae	<i>Uncaria guianensis</i> (Aubl.) J.F. Gmel.)	39	80
Fabaceae	<i>Desmodium axillare</i> (Sw.) DC.	42	106
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Caryodendron orinocense</i> H. Karst.	45	82
Solanaceae	<i>Inga edulis</i> Mart.	45	111
Lauraceae	<i>Aniba rosaeodora</i> Ducke	46	88
Dioscoraceae	<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.	46	97
Solanaceae	<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> L.	47	42
Oxalidaceae	<i>Averrhoa carambola</i> L.	48	107
Pasifloraceae	<i>Passiflora quadrangularis</i> L.	48	69
Fabaceae	<i>Tachigali paniculata</i> Aubl.	49	112
Piperaceae	<i>Piper</i> sp.	51	85
Amaranthaceae	<i>Alternanthera halimifolia</i> (Lam.) Standley.	51	98



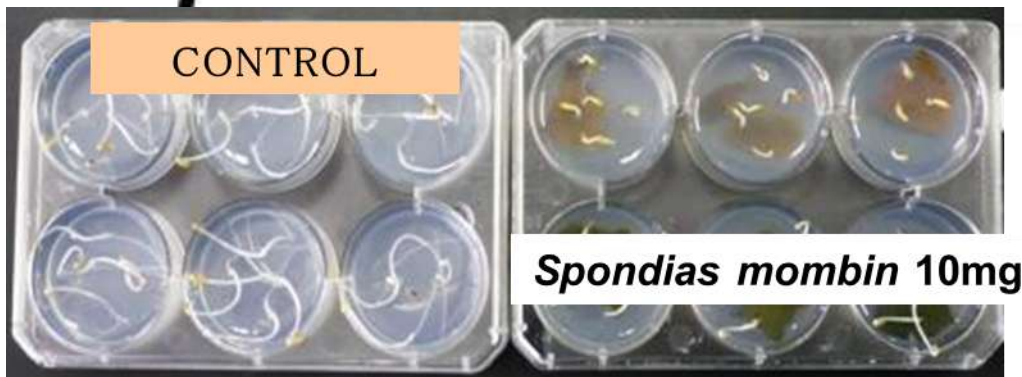
Tested 80 plants in Amazon



Spondias mombin

= Ubos

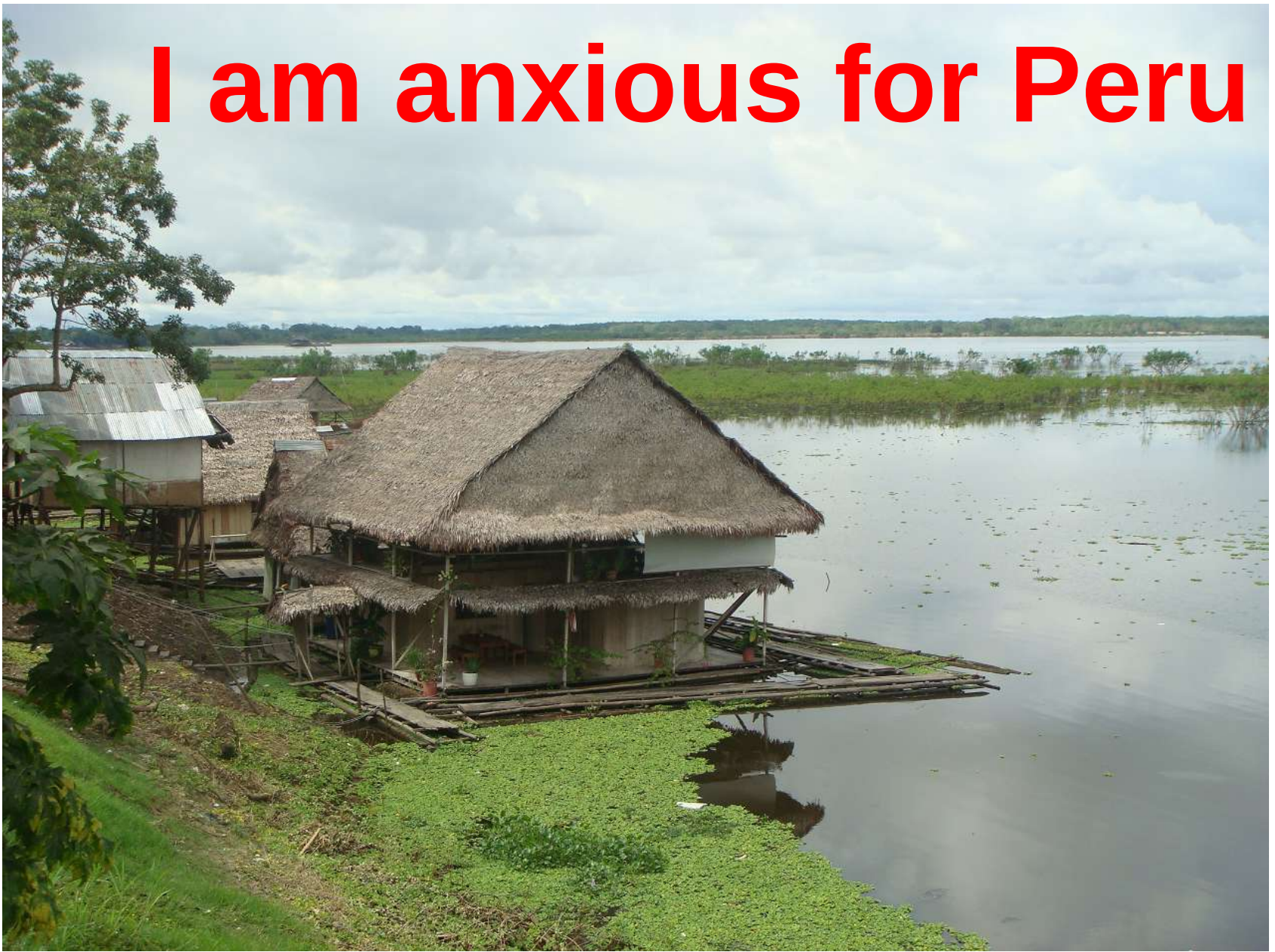
**Promising
as allelopathy**



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I am anxious for Peru





Water Lettuce

Stop Invasion of Alien Plants

**To keep your
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