

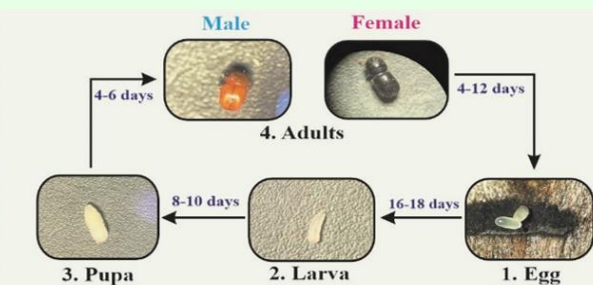


BRAINSTORMING SESSION

on

Roadmap for Shot Hole Borer Management in Pomegranate

20th May, 2022



Shot hole borer *Xyleborus fornicatus* Eichh.



Organized Jointly

By

ICAR-National Research Centre on Pomegranate, Solapur
Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate, Solapur



Venue: ICAR-NRCP, SOLAPUR

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The pomegranate (*Punica granatum* L.) is one of the important fruit crops of the semi-arid regions of India, supporting the livelihood security of about 0.25 million farm families. Due to its versatile adaptability and hardy nature, it has gained a reputation as an important dryland fruit crop for ensuring sustainable livelihood in climatically and edaphically challenged regions. The pomegranate offers innumerable health benefits, high returns on investment and sustained market demand for the fruits and value-added products which is resulting into accelerated expansion of pomegranate cultivation. But during last 2-3 years, changes in the climate and rainfall pattern in pomegranate growing regions of Maharashtra is causing flower drop, poor fruit set and change in the population dynamics of pests. All these series of events have led to the many-folds increase in the incidence of wilt and a sudden burst of shot hole borer damage. The shot hole borer, which was a minor insect-pest of pomegranate, has suddenly become a havoc for pomegranate growers during last one year. The most critical challenge at present is the management of shot hole borer by taking necessary steps to avoid population build up in the orchard, early identification of damage symptoms and following recommended integrated practices to restrict its spread. With this preview, the brainstorming session has been planned by the organizers to formulate an effective strategy against shot hole borer.

This Brainstorming Session on **Roadmap for Shot Hole Borer Management in Pomegranate** is aimed at pooling all the scientific research data and information on shot hole borer management to develop a holistic plan to tackle this insect-pest in an integrated manner. The organizers of the Brainstorming Session cordially invite all the pomegranate stakeholders across the country to actively participate in this scientific deliberation on pomegranate.

DETAILED TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

May 20, 2022

10:30	-	Inaugural Session
10:30-10:32	-	ICAR Invocation Song
10:32-10:37	-	Welcome address by Dr. RA Marathe, Director, ICAR-NRCP and President, SARP, Solapur
10:37-10:50	-	Remarks by the Dignitaries
10:50-11:20	-	Inaugural Lecture by an international expert on shot hole borer management (online mode)
11:20-11:30	-	Tea Break
11:30-12:30	-	Discussion on shot hole borer management with in the group (each group will be comprised of researchers, academicians, progressive growers and industry representatives)
12:30-13:30	-	Panel Discussion based on the recommendations of each group to develop holistic management strategy for pomegranate shot hole borer
13:30-13:35	-	Vote of Thanks – Dr. NV Singh, Organizing Secretary
13:35-14:30	-	Lunch
14:30-15:30	-	Announcement of the SARP Awards and Special AGM of the SARP (to ratify amendments in the bylaws of the SARP)

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