

Maintenance of nematodes collections at ANSES - Plant Health Laboratory

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Common principles for nematodes collection

> Needs for reference materials : validation, research, proficiency tests, positive controls for routine testing.

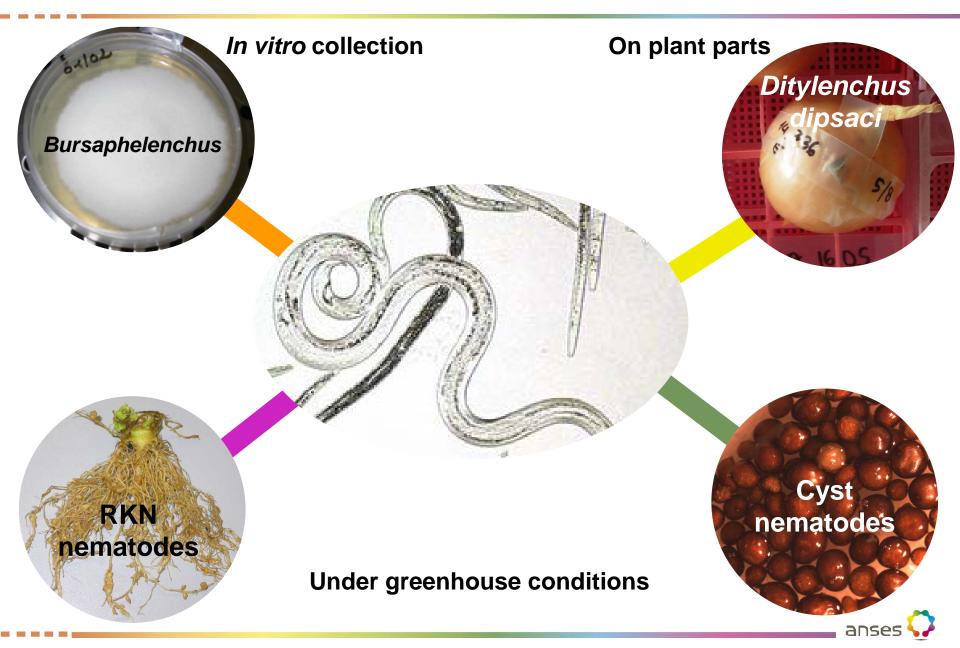
Unique identification code

Selection of the appropriate multiplication method

Selection of specific/ appropriate host



Diversity of nematodes collection



Nematodes collection



In vitro nematode collection

For plant parasitic and fungivorous species





Mycelium of non sporulent Botryotinia fuckeliana Previous Botrytis cinerea



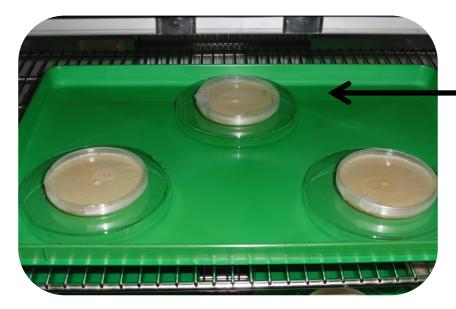


Incubation: 20° C



In vitro nematode collection

Management of risk of contamination: avoid contamination by mites



Plates floating on a mix of water and detergent:
mites don't swim in it!

- Individual plate sealed in a plastic bag
- Storage at 15° C
- Regular check of status (no contamination, multiplication of nematodes, identification)



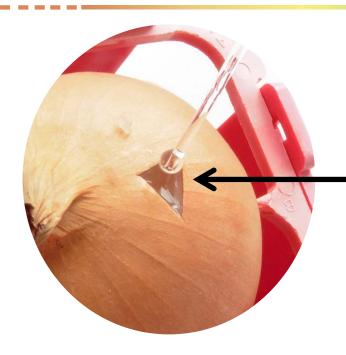


Nematodes collection

Plant parts collection



Maintenance of nematodes on bulbs – Ditylenchus dipsaci



Inoculation of healthy onions: few drops of nematodes suspension are loaded in a well

Inoculation point is sealed by first leaves and adhesive tape

Inoculated onions are incubated at 20 ° C





Maintenance of nematodes on bulbs – Recovery of nematodes



Nematodes collected by Oostenbrink dish method

Pieces of onions dried in a ventilated rack.





Storage of contaminated material. (anhydrobiotic stage of the nematode).



Nematodes collection

Greenhouse collection





- Air-conditioned greenhouses, with lighting and automatic shade curtains.
- 7 compartments.
- ➤ A total area of 70m².
- Secured containment conditions (restricted access, waste treatment).





Sowing tomato



Propagation fig tree (Ficus carica)









M.chitwoodi : tomato + Solanum dulcamara

M.hapla: tomato + Taraxacum officinale

M.javanica: tomato + *Ficus carica*



Production of inoculum on highly sensitive host species to

increase the yield



Sol. dulcamara infected by M.fallax

Egg masses



Tomato infected by *M.fallax*

Preventive measures to avoid cross-contaminations:

Plastic shields

Black polyethylene sheet





During repoting or sampling : use of a protective red plastic.

Cysts inoculation:
fine mesh net
containing the cysts.





Different host plants



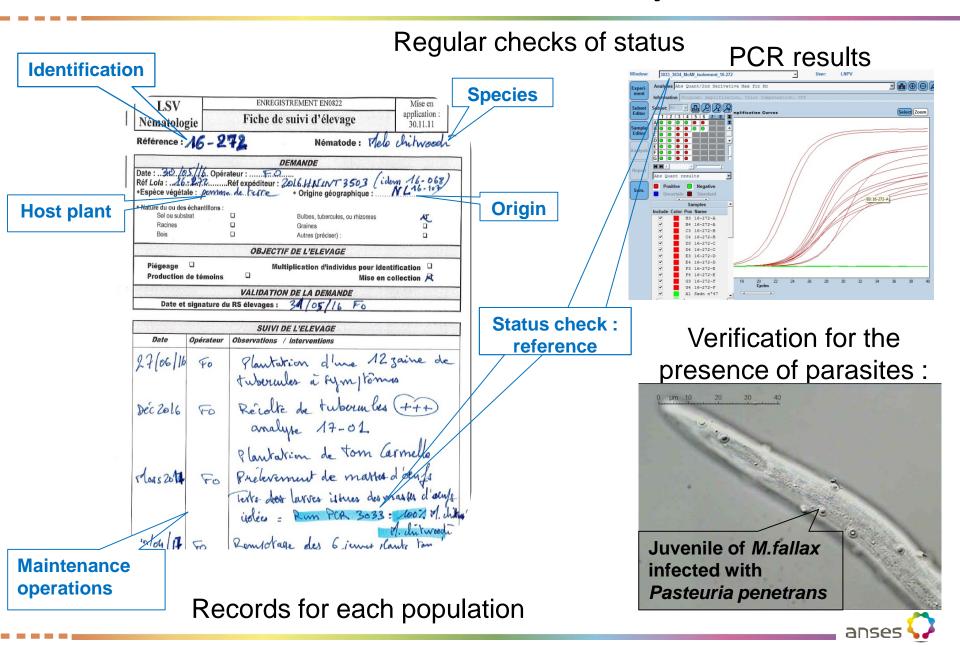
Cyst nematodes - Storage

Rack storage





Nematodes collection - Quality control



Nematodes collection – Internal use only?

No commercial activity, but possibility of exchanges:

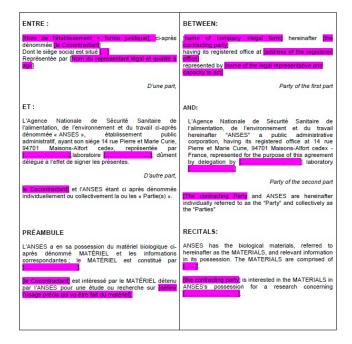
Material Transfert Agreemnt



PARAPHES DE CHAQUE SIGNATAIRE/INITIALS OF EACH SIGNATORS

ACCORD DE TRANSFERT DE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE À DES FINS D'ETUDES OU DE RECHERCHE

BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL TRANSFERT AGREEMENT COVERING FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDIES OR RESEARCH



Sampling Shipping material

Nematodes collection - Current challenge

- Context of limited ressources: focus on the main genera and species of interest (regulated nematodes).
- Nematodes collections are needed to support reliable analysis.
- Need for regular exchanges with other collections, to cover diversity.

➤ In future : Collaborative network ?

Commercial service?



