

Cassava Seed System surveys Vietnam and Cambodia

Proposed research

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Overview

- Big questions:
 - Where is SLCMD now?
 - How is it spreading?

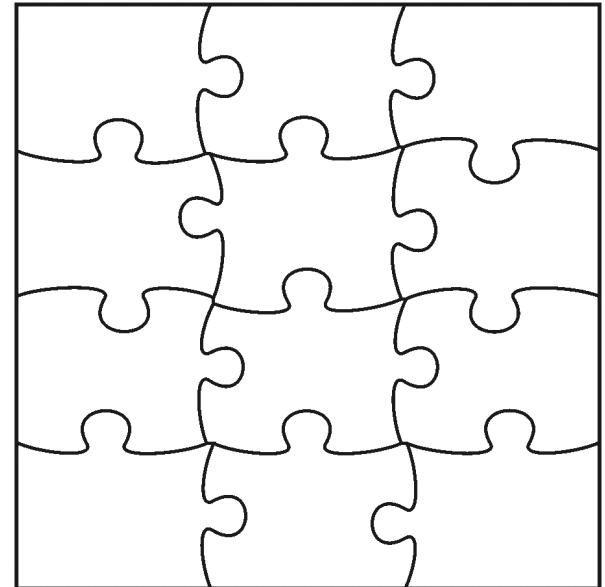


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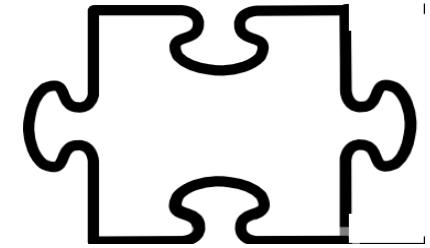
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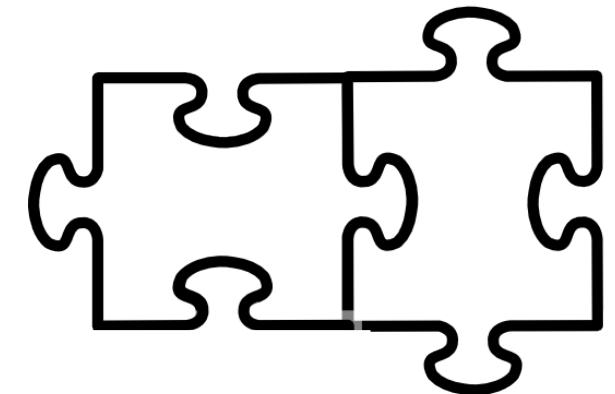
1. Systematic baseline SLCMD diagnosis in Cambodia and Vietnam

- Geographical incidence of the disease
- PCR on leaf samples from a range of fields across production area for positive diagnosis
- Backed up with visual confirmation of symptoms



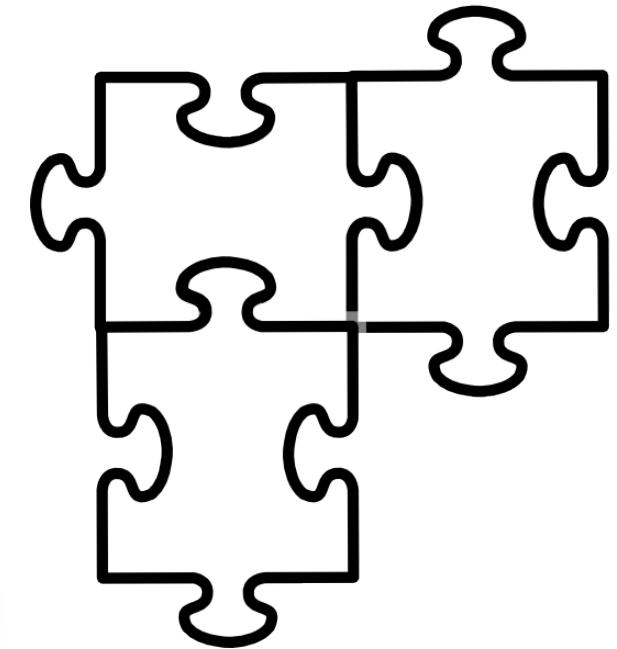
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- Geographical population measures
- First step towards understanding the role of this pest in the spread of SLCMD in Cambodia and Vietnam



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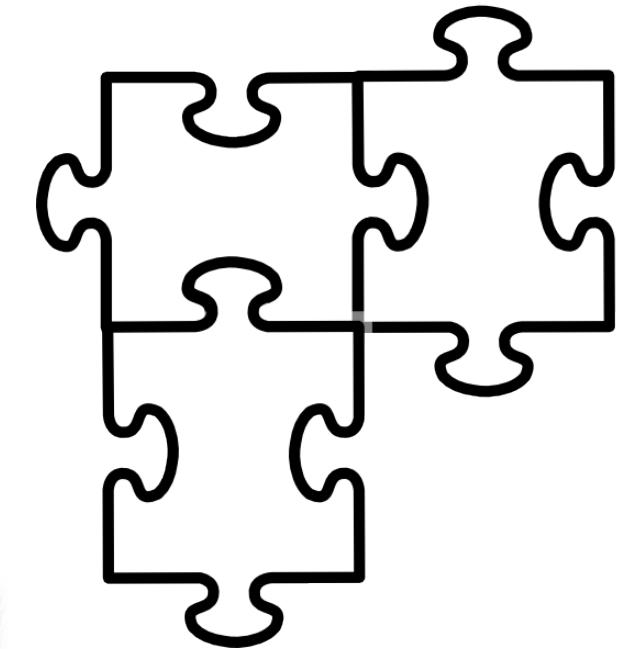
- Tablet-based surveys examining stake supply and exchange
- Questions evaluating sources of stakes, quality, sale and purchase
- Will also evaluate trader interactions with growers



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- 3 components:

- Large-scale nationwide survey
- In-depth 'zoom-in' surveys in 2 small areas per country
- Trader interviews



Taken together

- **First steps** in addressing current outbreak
- **Prevention** of future threats
- Targeting needs for future studies on disease spread
- Better understanding of regional seed systems generally



A photograph of a man with a warm smile, wearing a light-colored lab coat over a dark shirt. He is holding a tray containing several small, clear containers, each holding a different type of plant seedling. The background is a blurred laboratory or greenhouse setting with more plants and equipment.

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