



Survey and Identification of cassava diseases in Lao PDR

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I. Background

Total area for grown cassava in Lao PDR around 194,900 ha,

Resource: Statistic of DOA, 2021.

- **The province grown cassava including Champasack, Salavan, Xekong, Bolikhhamxay, Xayabouly, Laungnumtha, Vientiane attapue and etc.,`**
- **Variety: KU50, Rayong 11....**



I. Background Cont.

- The survey and monitoring of CMD and CWBD from 2014 reported only CWBD in Laos (6 Provinces) but no CMD

Ignazio Graziosi et al., 2016. Emerging pests and diseases of South-east Asian cassava: a comprehensive evaluation of geographic priorities, management options and research needs

- In 2020-2022 continue for survey CMD and CWBD supported by CIAT-ACIAR project: Laungnumtha, Xayabouly, Vientiane, Bolikhhamxay, Xiengkhoung, Xaysomboun, Champasak, Salavan and Attapue
- Found and report CMD in Champasak, Salava, Attapue, Savanaket and Vientiane capital

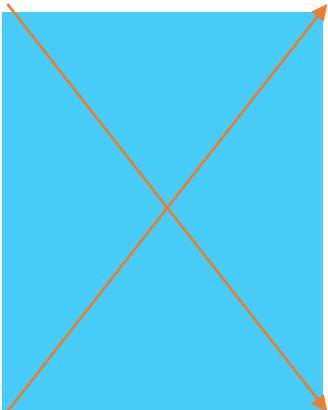
Chittarath et al., 2021. First report of CMD and SLCMV in Laos. Plant Disease.

II. Survey and Identification of cassava diseases

- 1. Survey of CMD and CWBD
- -The determination of the survey area for cassava is based on the pest risk analysis of farmers fields and the companies that imported planting material from Thailand, Vietnam, China, and Cambodia in 2018 and 2019.
- -The determination survey area of cassava at the border, such as Thailand, Vietnam, China, and Cambodia, by asking and interviewing the farmer within these areas.



II. Survey, Identification, and Monitoring of cassava disease cont.



2.1. Survey of CMD and CWBD (Cont.)



Survey and collection information is based on ISPM6;
By surveying the age of the cassava from 2 to 4
months by observing the signs of damage and
collecting samples that show symptoms and
asymptoms in 60 samples per hectare.

White fly 30 samples

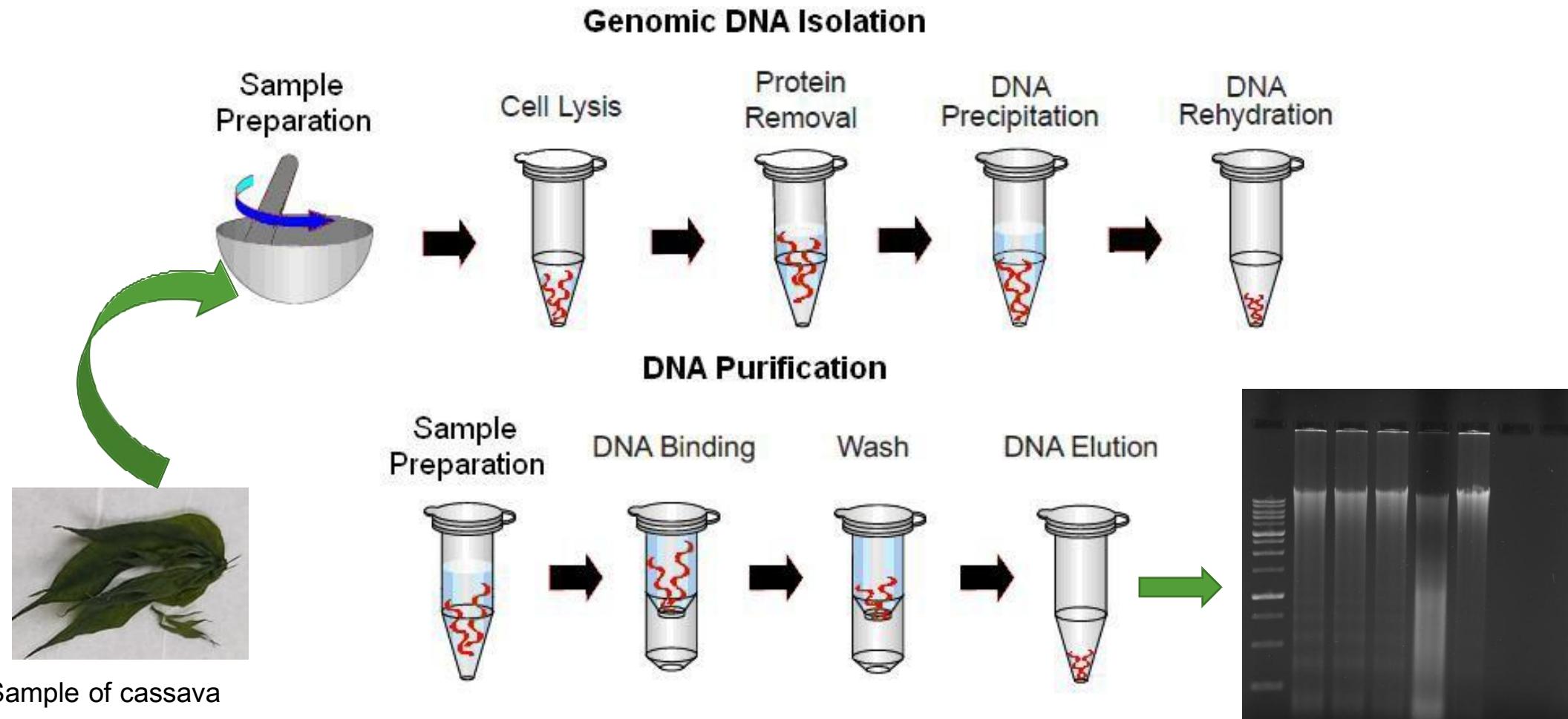


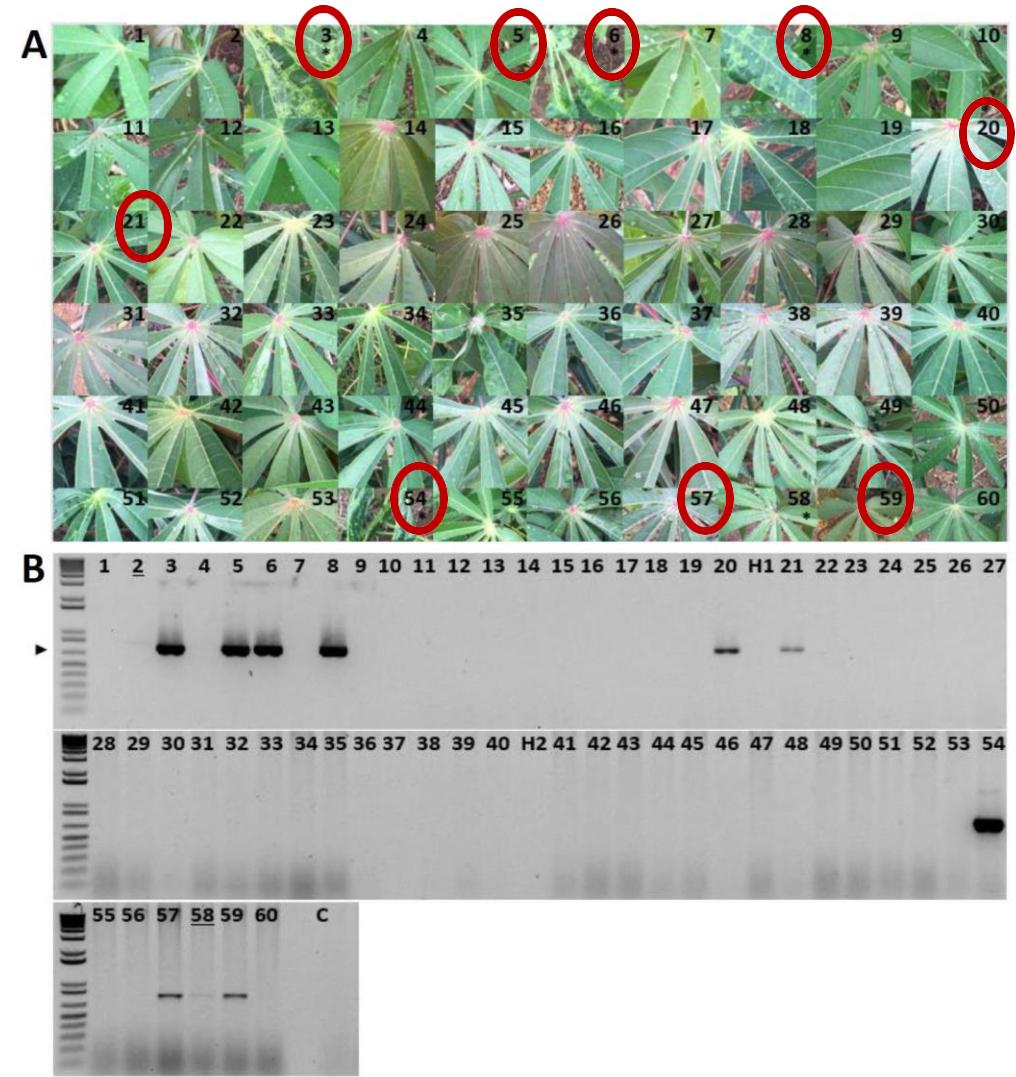
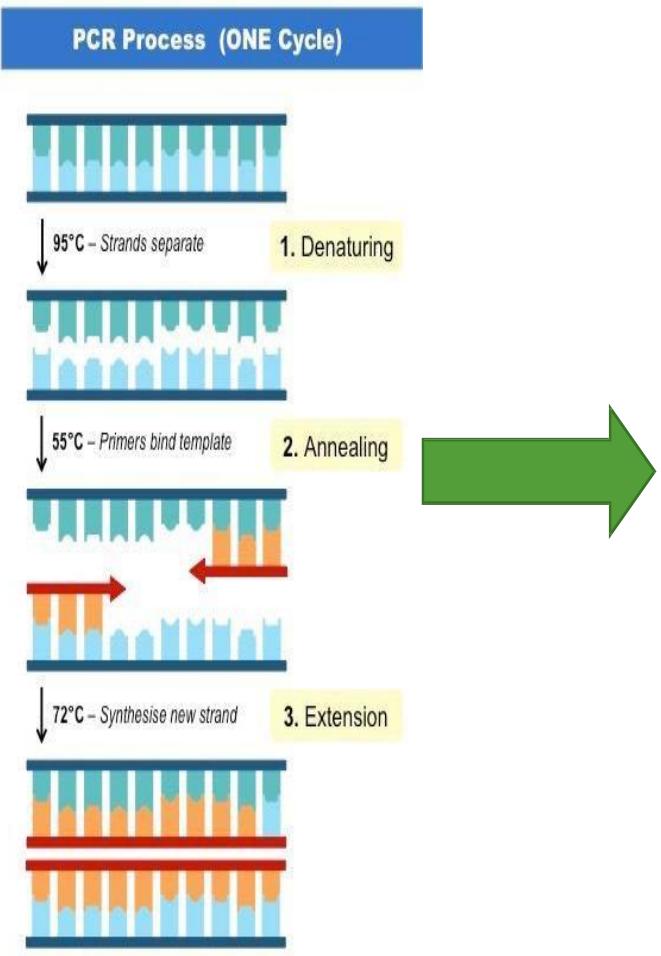
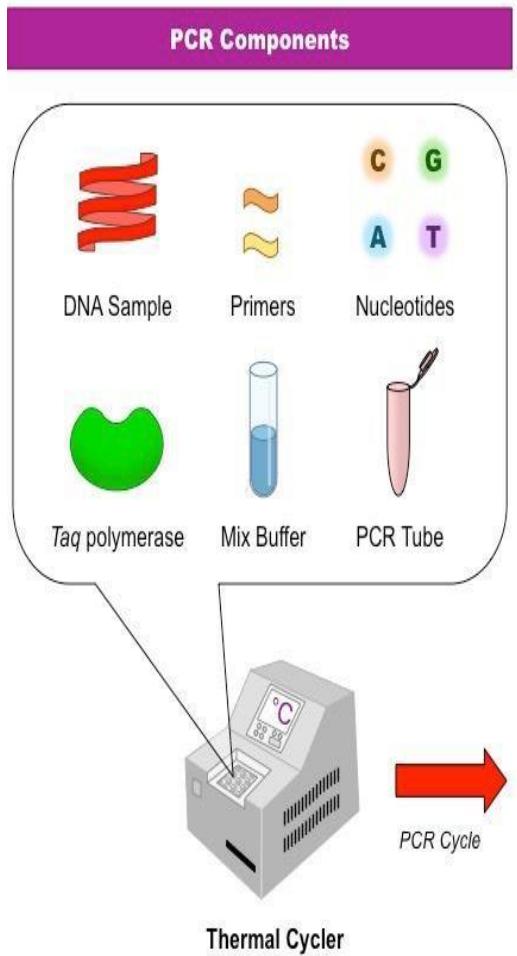
Sample collection is to collect leaves from 1-4 leaves
wrapped in tissue paper, put them in a plastic bag
with silica gel to dry them, and take them to the lab
for identification.

2. Identification of cassava diseases and White fly

- Molecular (PCR)
- LAMP-based field diagnostics for Detect CMD

2.1.Extraction DNA by CTAB

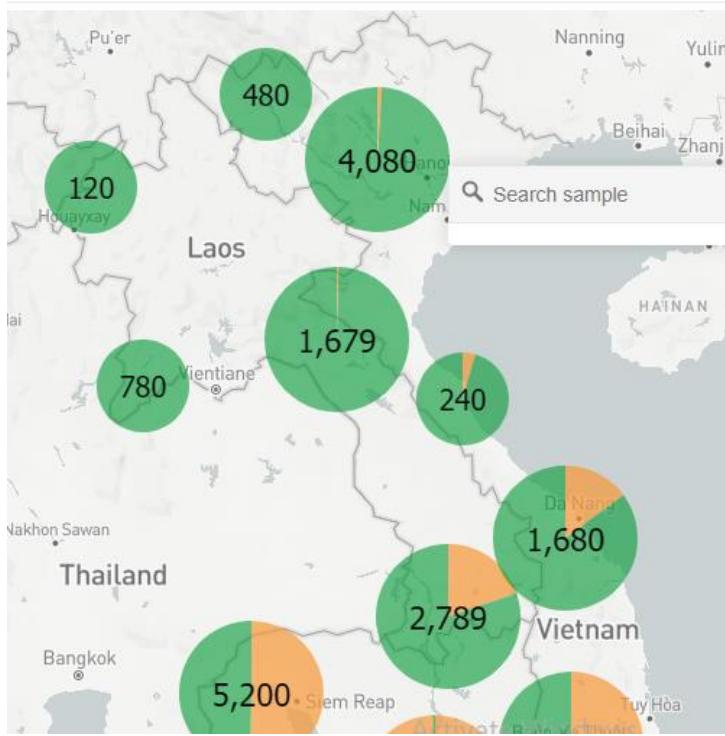




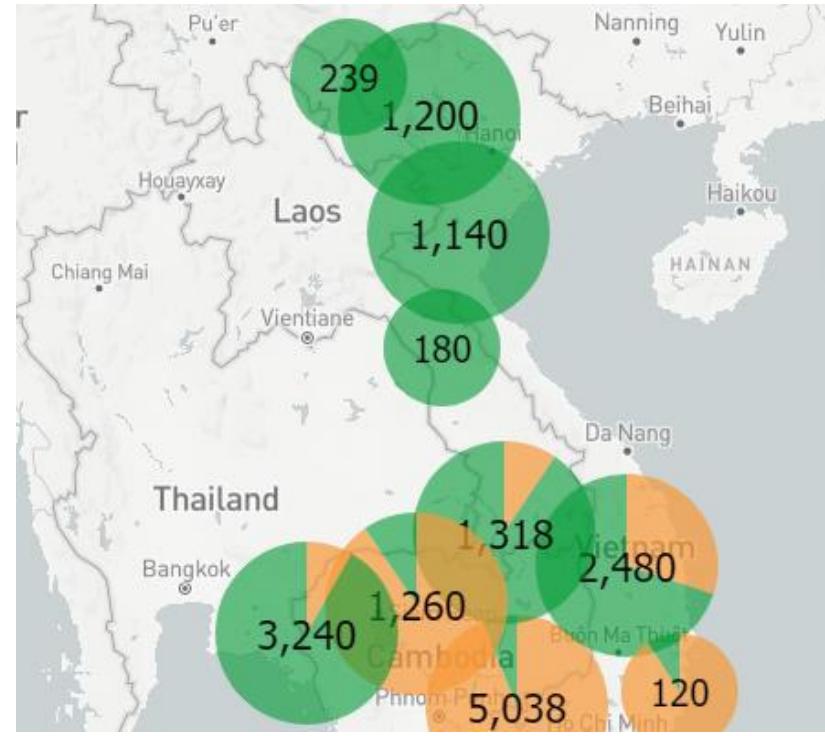
The results of the survey in Champasak province, Khong district, show that 60 samples showed positive results for SLCMV disease, which is similar to the Cambodian strain in Rattanakyli province at 99.78% (GenBank id KT861468, KT861469).

Map of distribution of CMD

Year 2020



Year 2021



Year 2022



 Diseases

Diagnostic Results:

Collected Samples



Suspected



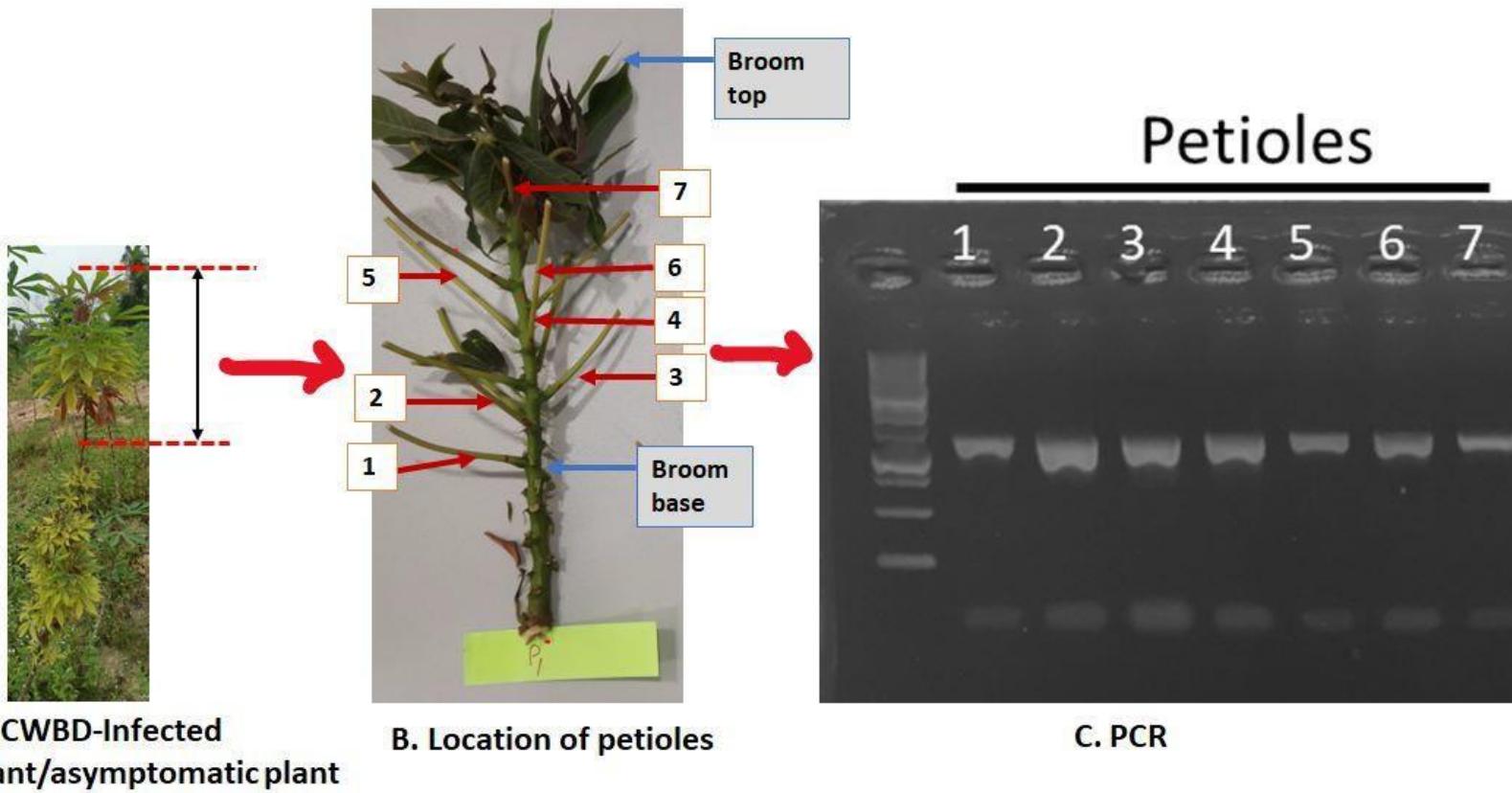
Confirmed Diagnostics



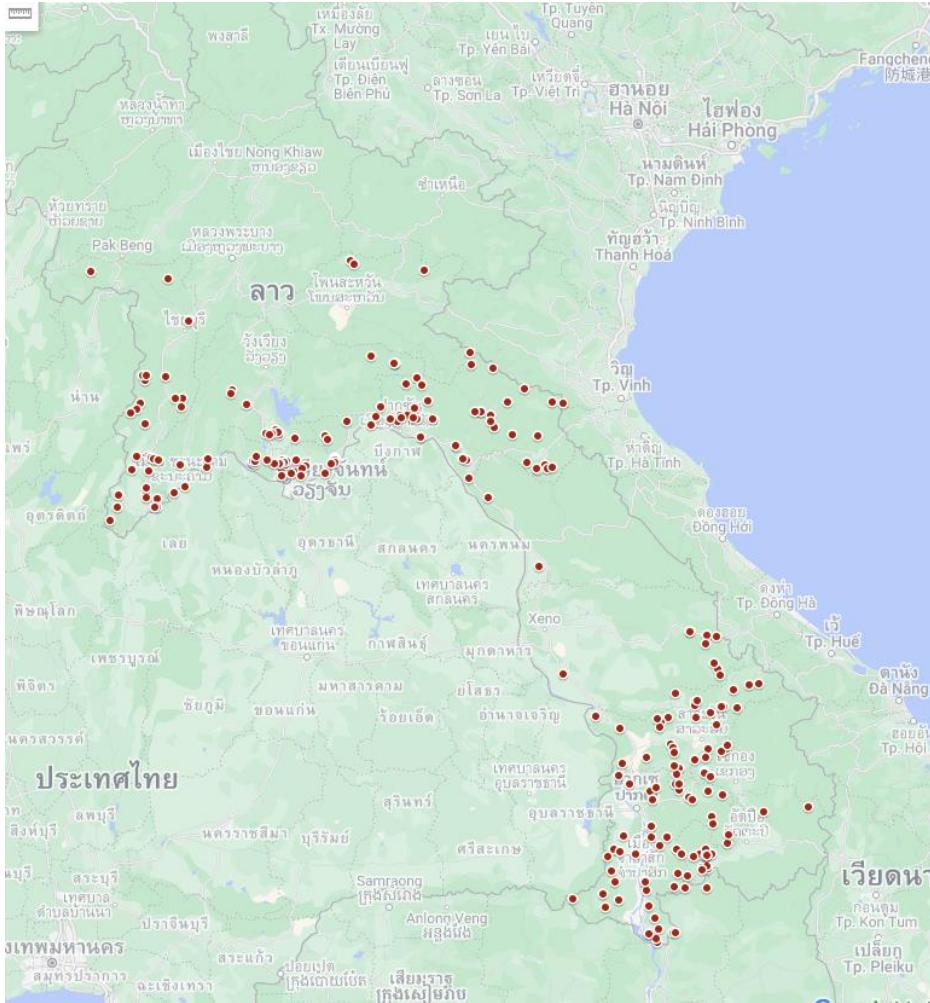
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2.3. Identification of Witche's broom

Which petioles to collect?



Map of distribution of CWBD



CWBD in Vientiane capital

Survey distribution of CWBD for 2020-2022

2.2. LAMP-based field diagnostics for Detect CMD



Sample from the field



Dipsticks



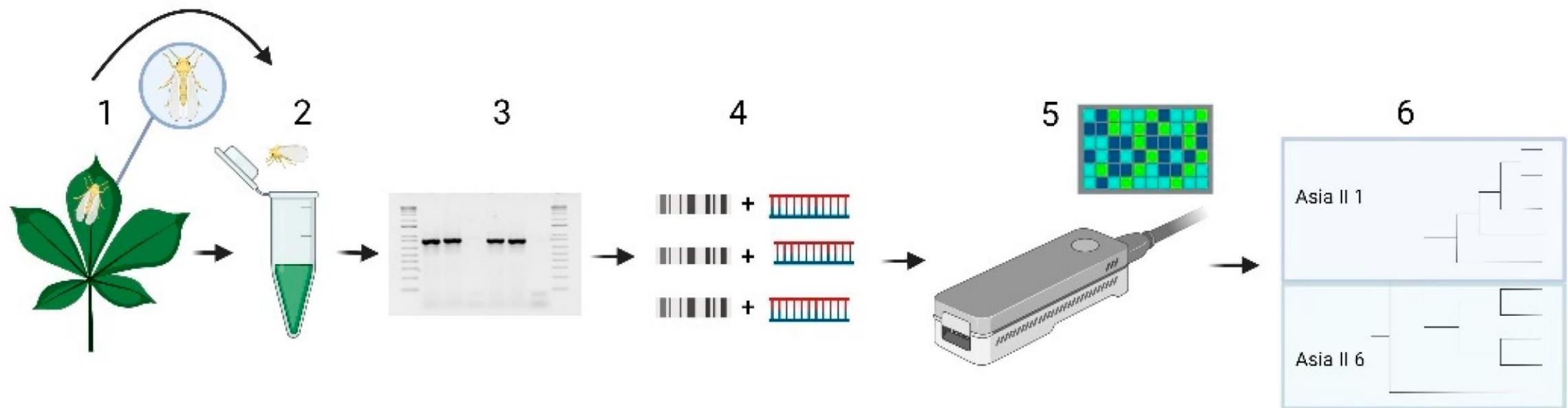
LAMP reaction mix



Incubated into the Droid (8 samples each time)

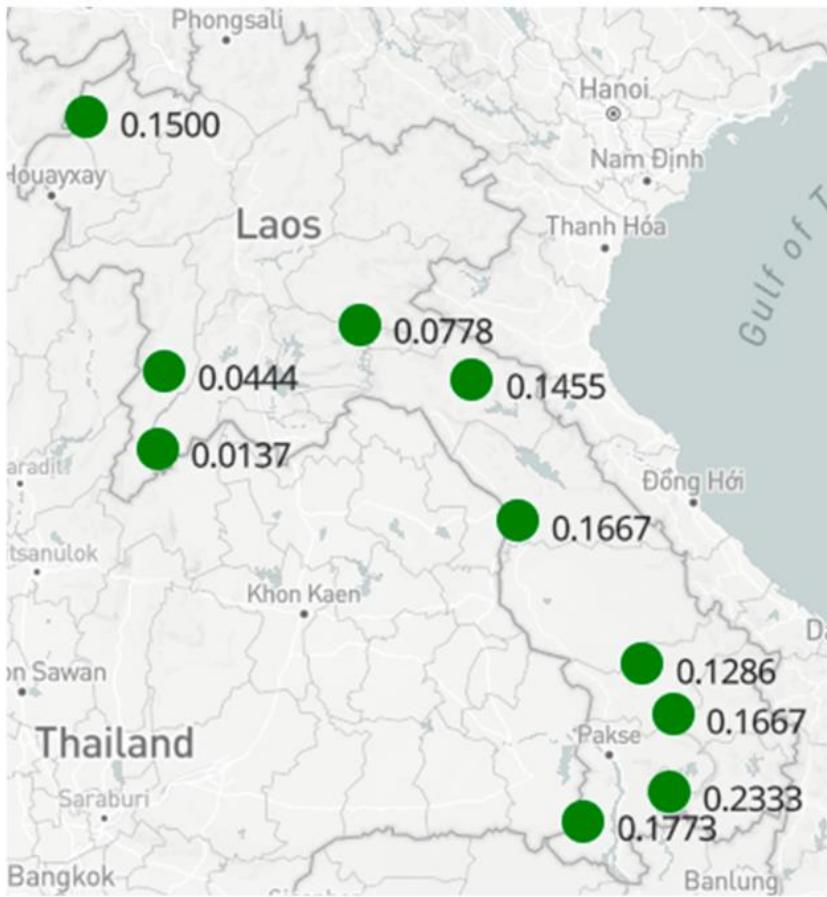


Identification White fly



Workflow employed in this work. 1—collected sample, 2—direct PCR using the whole whitefly, 3—confirm the PCR by electrophoresis, 4—library preparation, 5—sequencing using Nanopore Tech, 6—data analysis.
Created with Biorender.com (Toronto, ON, Canada).

Map of distribution of White fly



Country	Province	No. of Fields	Abundance (Per Leaf)	Cryptic Species
Lao PDR	LaoungNamTha	2	0.150	Asia II 1
	Sayabouly	9	0.041	Asia II 1
	Vientiane	5	0.014	Asia II 1/Asia II 6
	Xaysomboun	3	0.078	Asia II 1
	Bolikhamxay	11	0.145	Asia II 1/Asia II 6
	Khammoun	1	0.166	Asia II 1
	Salavan	7	0.129	Asia II 1/Asia II 6
	Sekong	1	0.167	Asia II 6
	Champasack*	25	0.177	Asia II 1/Asia II 6
Tanzania			2.35-71.99	SSA1-SG1-SG2-SG3
Nigeria		24	2.34-265.5	SSA1-SG5,SSA1-SG1-Bemisia after, Med-ASL

Table 1. List of surveyed provinces and abundance data for whiteflies associated to cassava in Lao PDR. Comparative whitefly abundance data from Tanzania and Nigeria is included. The asterisks indicate provinces where CMD was observed.

IV. Management of cassava disease

- **Monitoring:**

1. It is necessary to monitor the plantation every 2 weeks to observe if any plants are showing symptoms or if there are any whiteflies.
2. If you find leaf mosaic symptoms, please notify the district, provincial, and Plant Protection Center staff or send a sample to the Plant Protection Center for more confirmation

- **Management:**

1. Do not bring infected planting material into the new planting area.
2. Do not move any infected planting material and all plant part of cassava out of the field



- **Management cont.:**

3. Destroy the infected plants by putting them in black bags to dry in the sun or burning them; spray the herbicide Ametryn at 80% WG at a rate of 500 grams per 60–80 liters, and plow the soil to cover. at least 0.5 meters deep.

If you want to sell the cassava product, you must cut the fresh cassava tuber and slice it into small pieces. Dry before transporting outside the plantation.



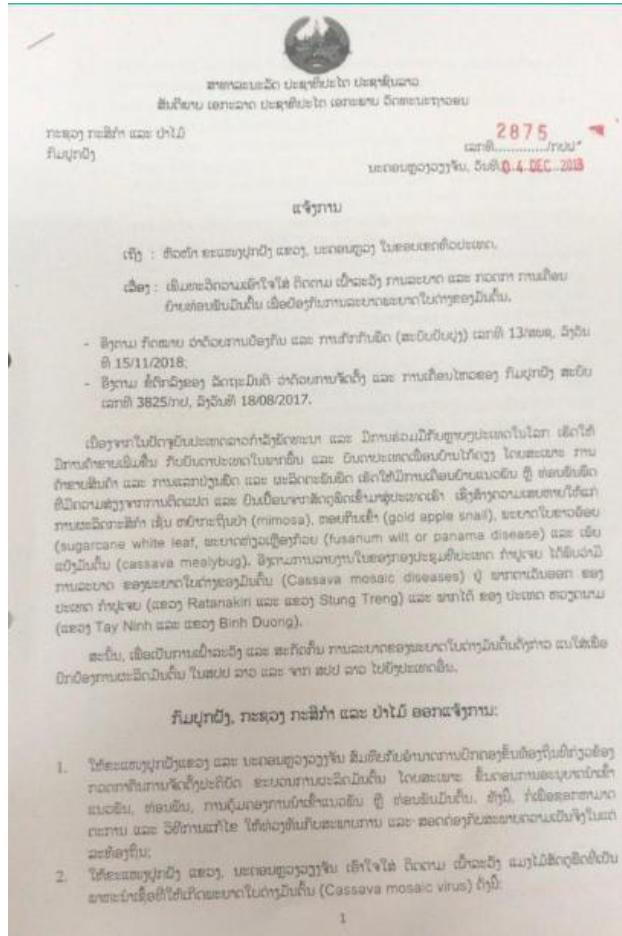
- **Management cont. :**

4. Avoid planting host ranges of viruses and insect vectors.
5. Crop rotation for at least 1 year: corn, sugarcane
6. Management for insect vector white fly
 - Using biological and herbal extracts such as neem seed extract, heart-leaved moonseed, and custard apple seeds at a rate of 20 cc per 10 liters within the garden and surrounding areas
 - Chemical control: Imidacloprid 70% WG at a rate of 12 grams per 20 liters of water; alternate with thiamethoxam 25% WG at a rate of 12 grams per 20 liters of water.

1. Create a group to exchange pest information between the Plant Protection Center, provincial technical staff, and the district.



2. Modify orders and notices on moving planting material for cassava and importing from vulnerable countries.



3. Organize a consultation meeting with local people and farmers to determine measures to prevent the outbreak of cassava mosaic disease.



4. Workshop and exchange knowledge with farmers



5. Workshop and exchange knowledge with farmers



Good points

- There was a networked exchange of information on pest research with an international professor (CIAT)
- There has been notification and initial information about the outbreak of the cassava disease.
- There has been a network for exchanging information on the status of pests with various provinces.
- The local staff has advised the farmers to prevent and manage cassava mosaic disease.

Weak points

- Distribution information on cassava diseases to provinces limited

Next steps:

- Focus on CWBD
- Continue with the optimization of CWBD transmission
- Diversity of fungus across regions, different crops including weeds
- Chemical and biocontrol
- Check for resistant varieties.
- Farmer sensitization

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