

Improving the Efficiency of Low- Solubility Organic and Mineral Phosphate Fertilizers through the Inoculation of PGPB

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Phosphorus



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P
Phosphorus
30.97

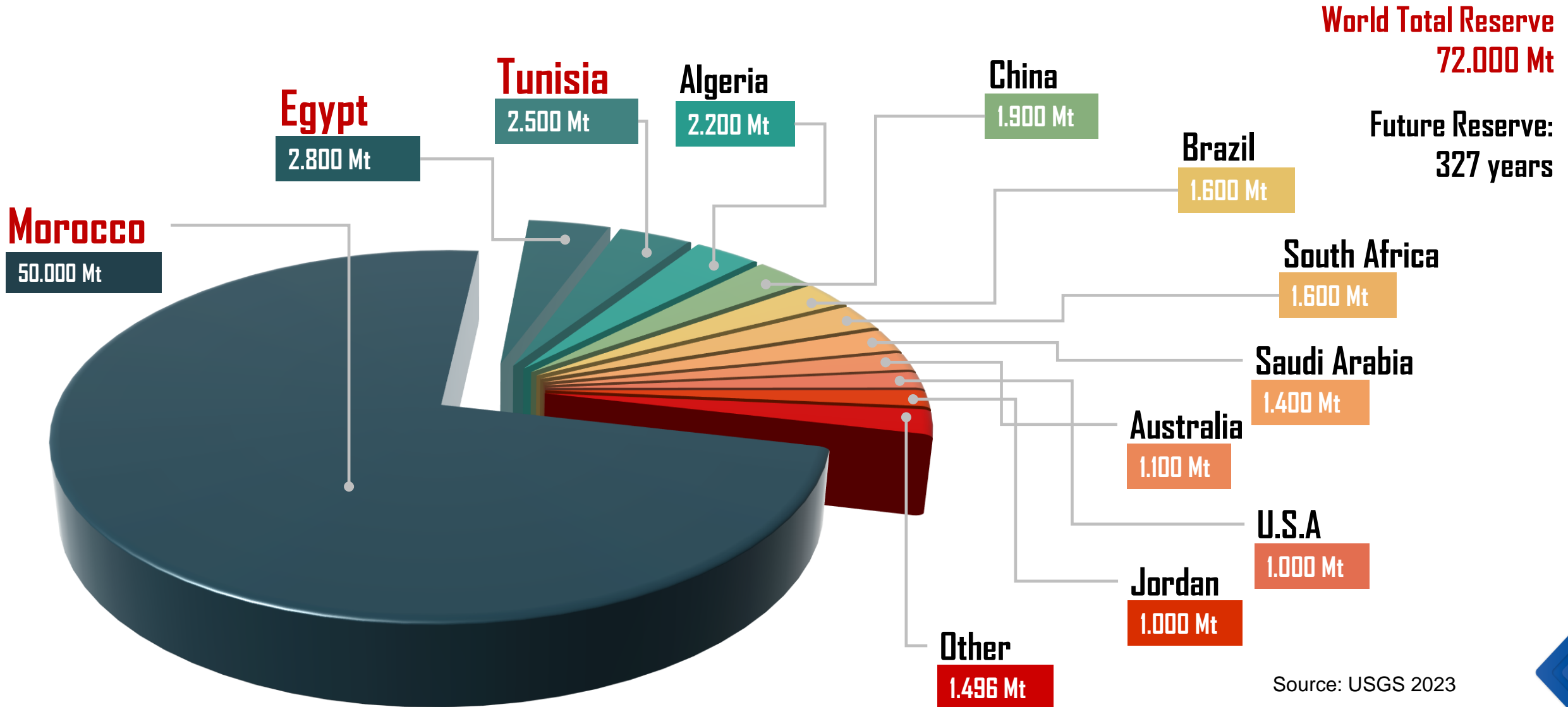
Dependence on the use of soluble phosphate fertilizers.



Low short-term efficiency. Requires higher application doses.

Phosphorus reserves are finite, and 85% of its production is concentrated in countries facing geopolitical conflicts.

ESTIMATED ROCK PHOSPHATE RESERVES IN THE WORLD



Colombia's situation



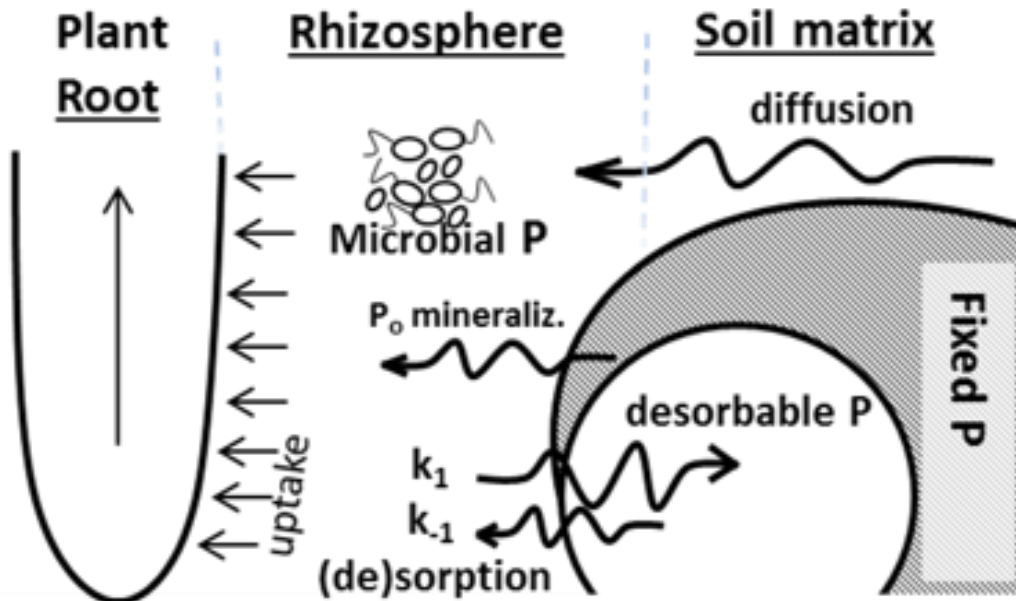
20 Mt
0,027%

**World
reserve**

0,041 Mt

**World
production**

Soil P dynamic



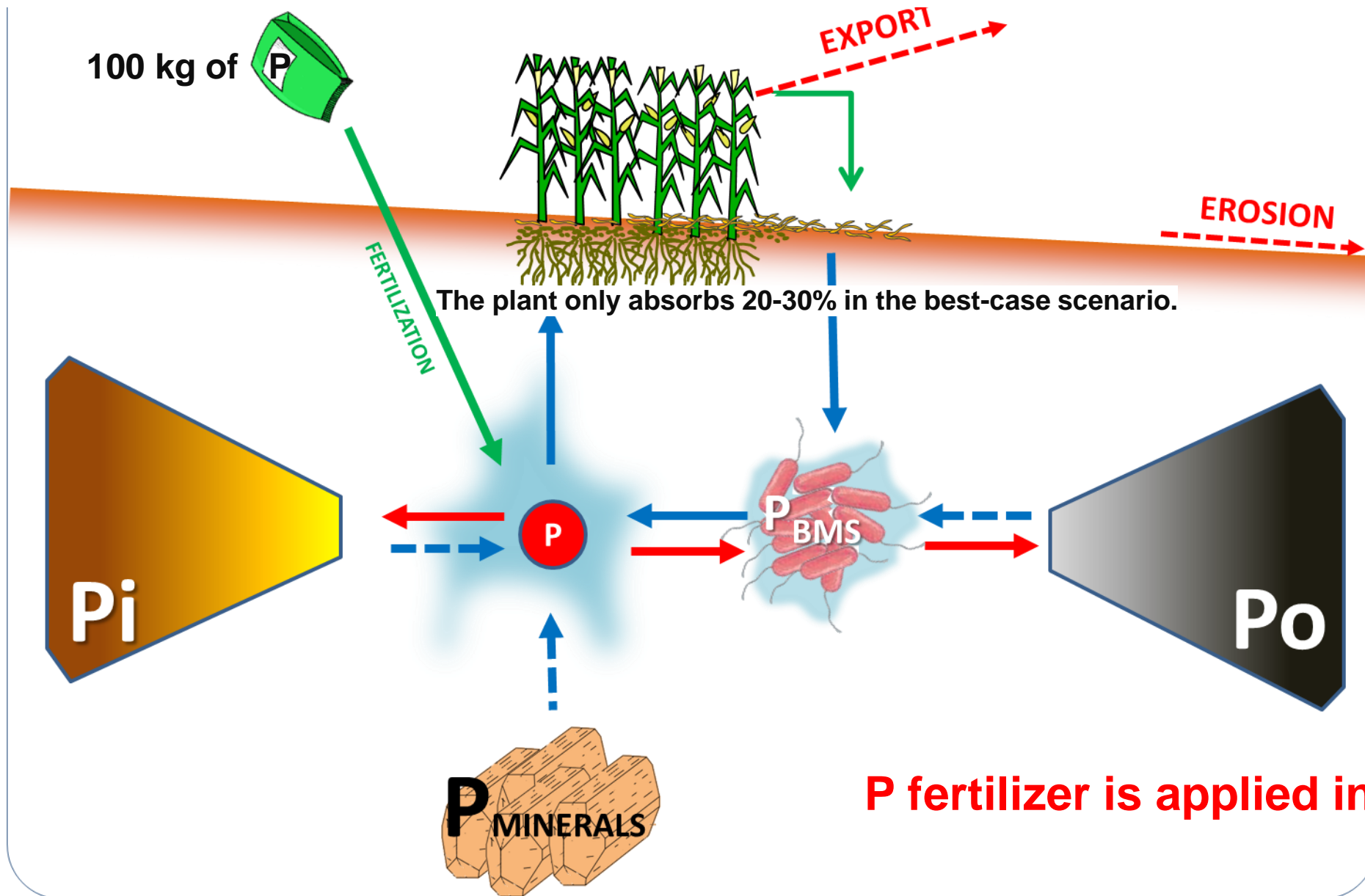
1 Highly reactive element (Ehrlich et al., 2016)

2 Low concentration of the element in the soil solution (Behera et al., 2014)

3 Transport by diffusion in the soil (Chapin, 1980)

4 Low availability for plants (Schachtman et al., 1998)

Soil P dynamic

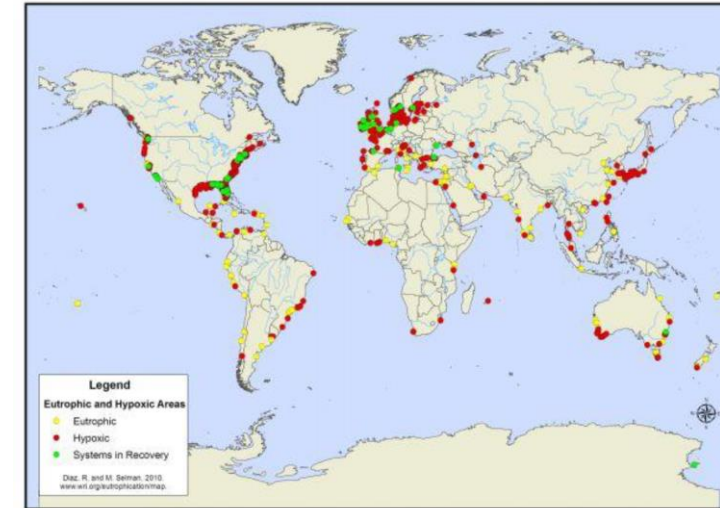


P fertilizer is applied in excess

Optimizing P utilization is essential

- Excessive application of P fertilizers is related with eutrophication and soil degradation
- Importance of implementing sustainable agriculture practices
- Enhance soil quality and productivity
- Low fertility of tropical soils

World Hypoxic and Eutrophic Coastal Areas



Environmental Implications of Excess Fertilizer and Manure on Water Quality

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Un total de 140 investigadores y técnicos de empresas han analizado en la Universidad los métodos para mejorar la alimentación y minimizar el impacto ambiental.

Our objective: Adding value to agricultural waste by increasing the efficiency of low-solubility phosphate fertilizers

1. Organo-mineral fertilizer development



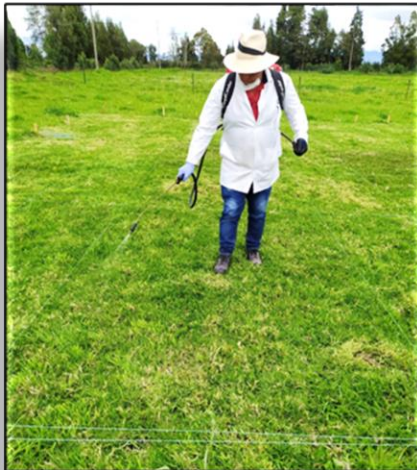
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2. Biofertilizers to increase the agronomic potential of organo-mineral fertilizer (OMF)



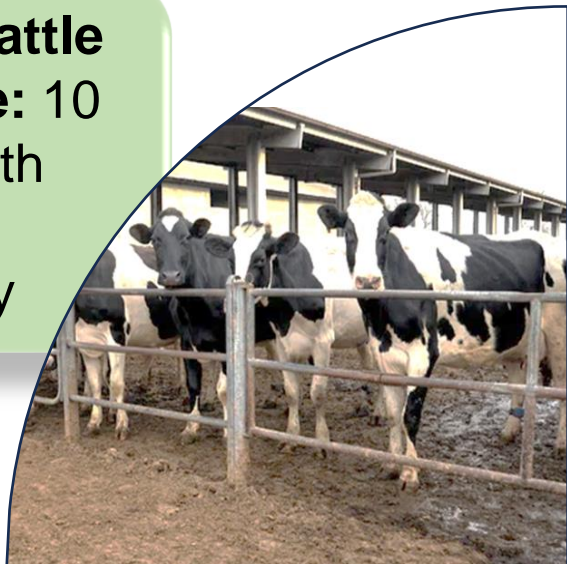
Pilot plant for the development of a 'smart fertilizer' at the C.I. Tibaitatá.



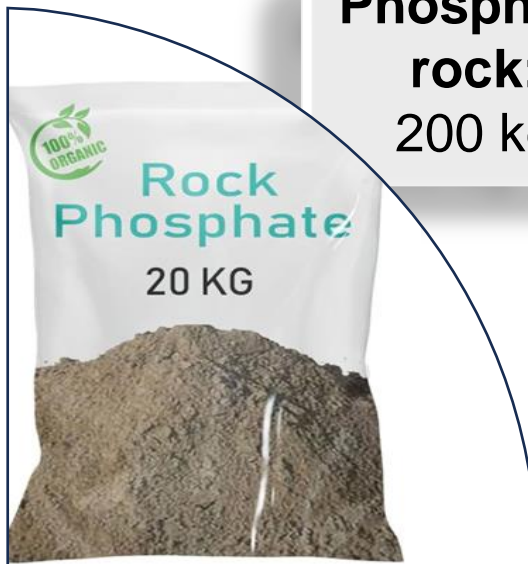
Fertilizer application in C.I. Tibaitatá

1. Organo-mineral fertilizer (OMF) production process

Dairy cattle manure: 10 parts with 60% of humidity



Phosphate rock: 200 kg



Grass pruning: 20 parts



Initial C:N ratio of 25-30:1
Duration of composting process: 90 days
Composting Piles:
Turning every week
Temperature monitoring every day

OMF production process : monitoring

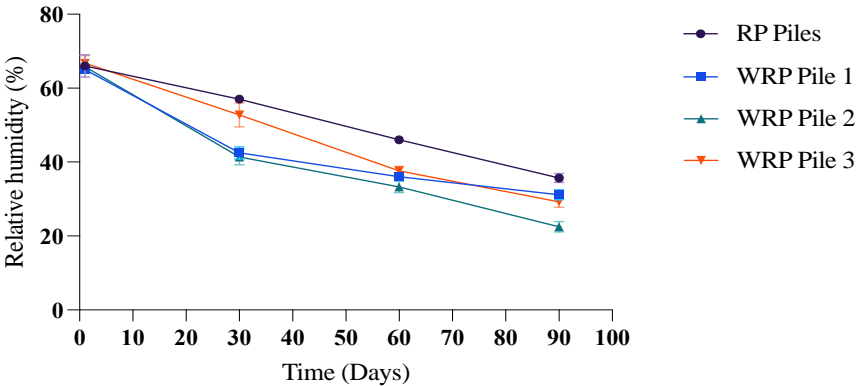


Figure 1. Behavior of relative humidity over 90 days. The RP piles correspond to an average of seven experimental units. The WRP piles correspond to three experimental units.

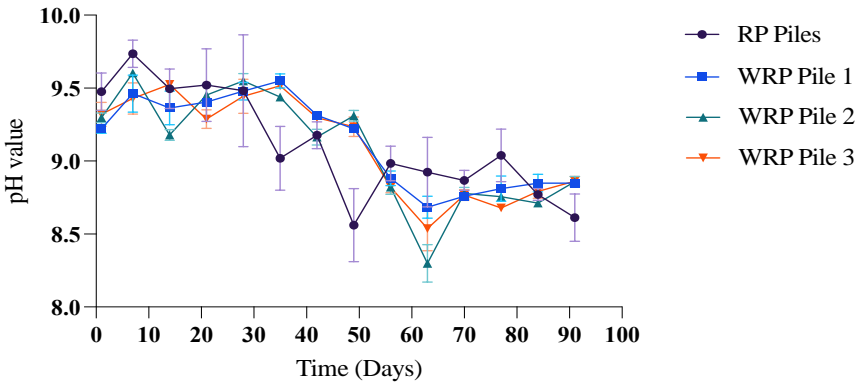


Figure 2 . Behavior of pH over 90 days The RP piles correspond to an average of seven experimental units. The WRP piles correspond to three experimental units.

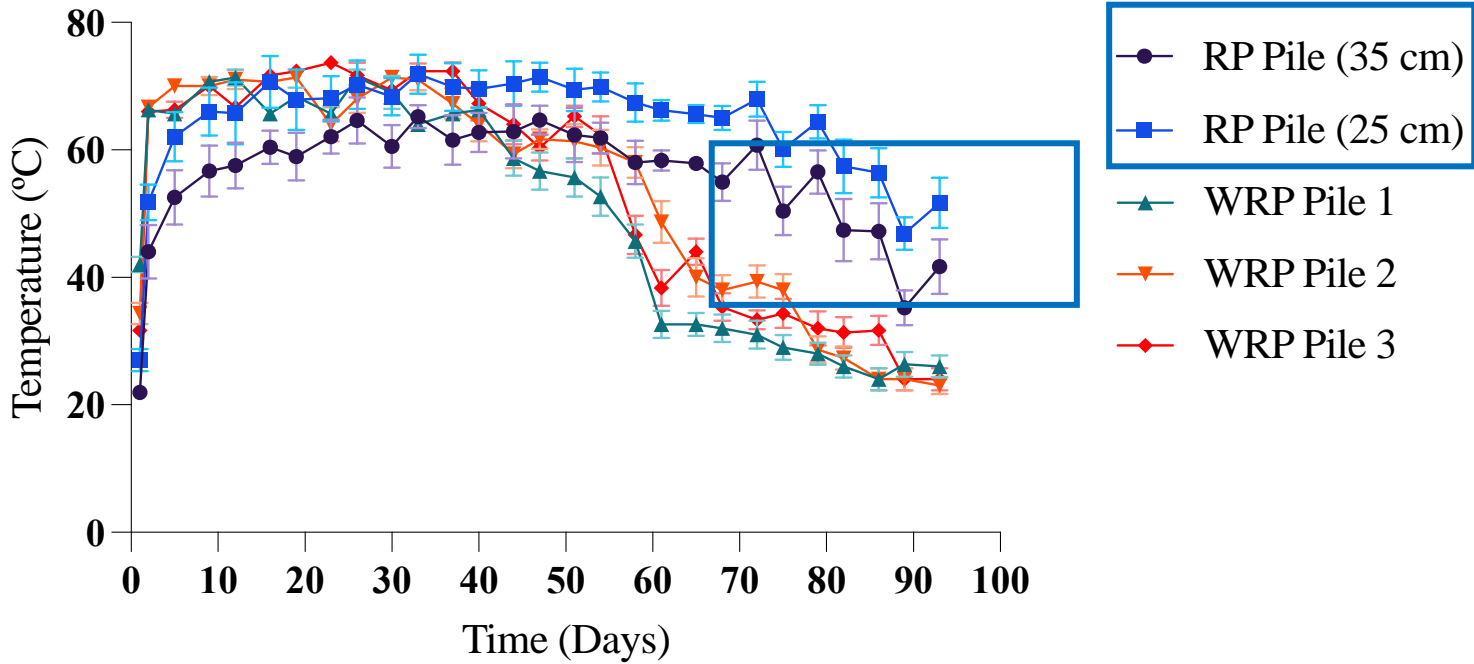
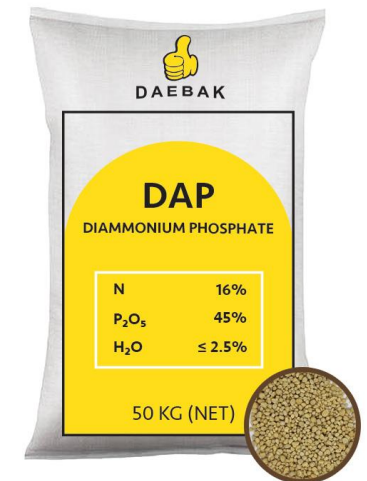


Figure 3. Behavior temperature over 90 days. The RP piles correspond to an average of seven experimental units. The WRP piles correspond to three experimental units

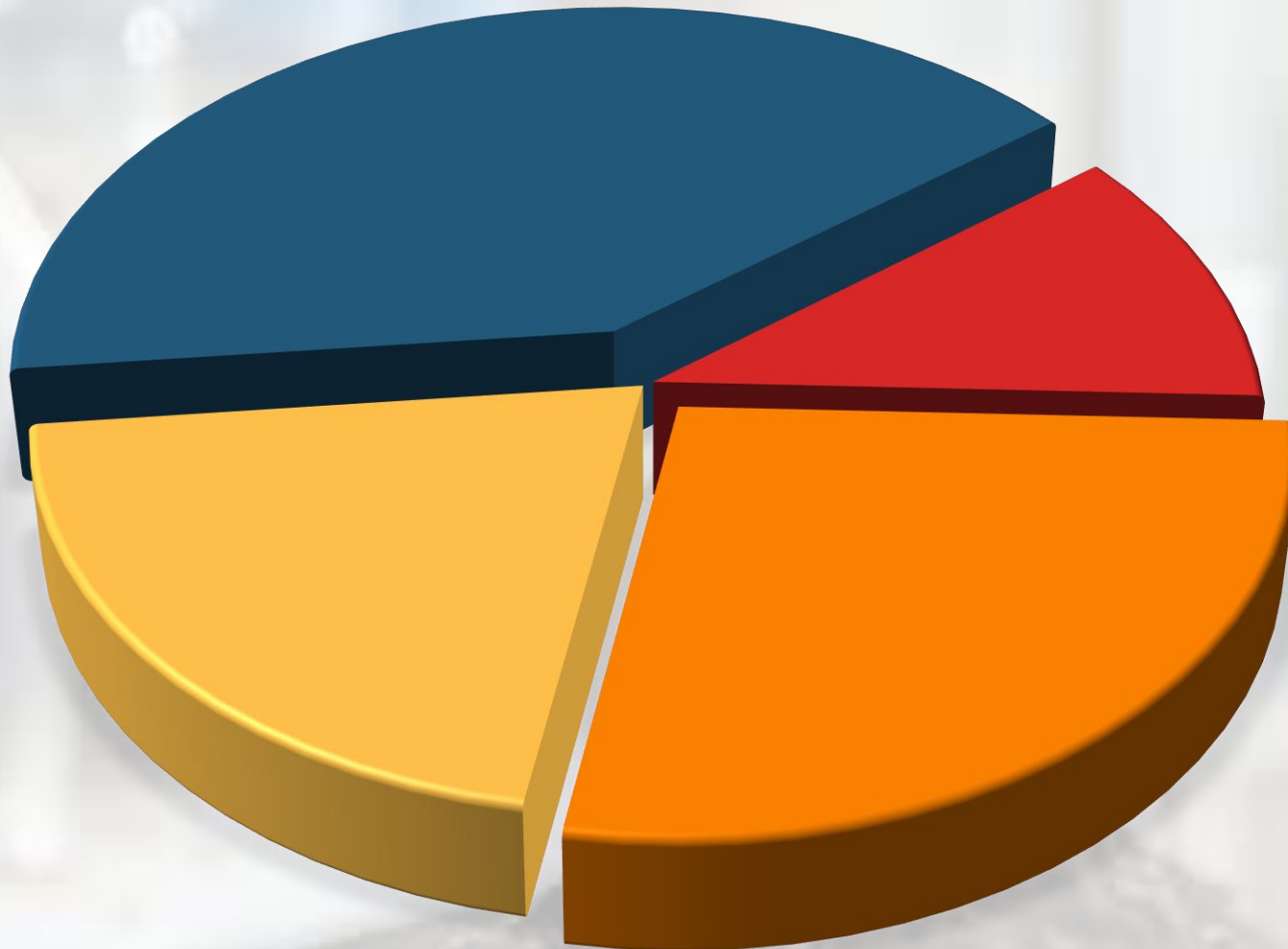
OMF – chemical characterization

Variable	Units	Weight	Dry weight	kg/ Ton Wet Basis
Moisture Percentage	% (V/ w)	34,18 (±)2,52		
Bulk Density	g/cm ³	0,73 (±)0,05		
Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC)	cmol+ /kg	42,3 (±)2,22	64,53 (±)5,22	
Organic Carbon	% (w/w)	11,87 (±)0,8	18,08 (±)1,29	
Organic Matter	% (w/w)	25,75 (±)1,73	39,24 (±)2,79	
Carbon Ratio	p:p	8,26 (±)0,98	8,26 (±)1,79	
pH (Acidity Reaction) (1:2)	_log H+	8,23 (±)0,2		
Electrical Conductivity	dS/m	34,56 (±)4,89		
Total Nitrogen (N)	% (w/w)	1,49 (±)0,15	2,29 (±)0,45	14,9 (±)2,5
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH ₄)	% (w/w)	0,02 (±)0	0,03 (±)0,01	0,18 (±)0,04
Nitrate Nitrogen (NO ₃)	% (w/w)	0,12 (±)0,02	0,18 (±)0,03	1,21 (±)0,3
Phosphorus (P)	% (w/w)	1,84 (±)0,26	2,79 (±)0,33	18,42 (±)3,1
Potassium (K)	% (w/w)	1,87 (±)0,1	2,86 (±)0,2	18,74 (±)0,93
Calcium (Ca)	% (w/w)	7,22 (±)0,9	10,92 (±)1,56	72,17 (±)13,34
Magnesium (Mg)	% (w/w)	0,39 (±)0,03	0,59 (±)0,06	3,84 (±)0,36
Sulfur (S)	% (w/w)	0,47 (±)0,12	0,71 (±)0,16	4,72 (±)1,1
Iron (Fe)	mg /kg	3901,63 (±)137,9	5944,43 (±)345,85	3,9 (±)0,16
Manganese (Mn)	mg /kg	248,2 (±)23,82	377,29 (±)30,27	0,25 (±)0,02
Copper (Cu)	mg /kg	9,93 (±)1,54	15,17 (±)2,66	0,01 (±)0
Zinc (Zn)	mg /kg	119,69 (±)18,98	182,57 (±)30,65	0,12 (±)0,02
Boron (B)	mg /kg	19,57 (±)1,99	29,81 (±)3,37	0,02 (±)0

**1 ton OMF = 18,4 kg
P or 91,7 kg of DAP**



OMF - sequential P fractionation (P Dynamic)



Available

Labile - P

20,6 (%)

Low liberation

Moderately Labile - P

41 (%)

Low liberation

Organic - P

11,2 (%)

Non Labile - P

27,2 (%)

2. A consortium to optimize the use of nutrients in low-solubility fertilizers



Benefits

- Consortium for Pastures, Forages, and Vegetables (Bejarano-Herrera et al., 2024; Torres-Cuesta et al., 2023)
- Capability to reduce chemical fertilization of both phosphorus and nitrogen by up to 50% (Pardo-Díaz et al., 2021)
- Biofertilizer with the ability to mitigate drought in grasses and legumes used in animal feed (Cortés-Patiño et al., 2022 and 2021)
- First Biofertilizer that includes the potential new *Herbaspirillum* species (Santos-Torres et al., 2021)

Biofertilizer formulated as a concentrated suspension (1×10^8 CFU/mL) based on the PGPB consortium of three bacterial strains: *Herbaspirillum* sp. AP21, *Azospirillum brasilense* D7, and *Rhizobium leguminosarum* T88, designed to promote plant development under environmental stress.



Pastures

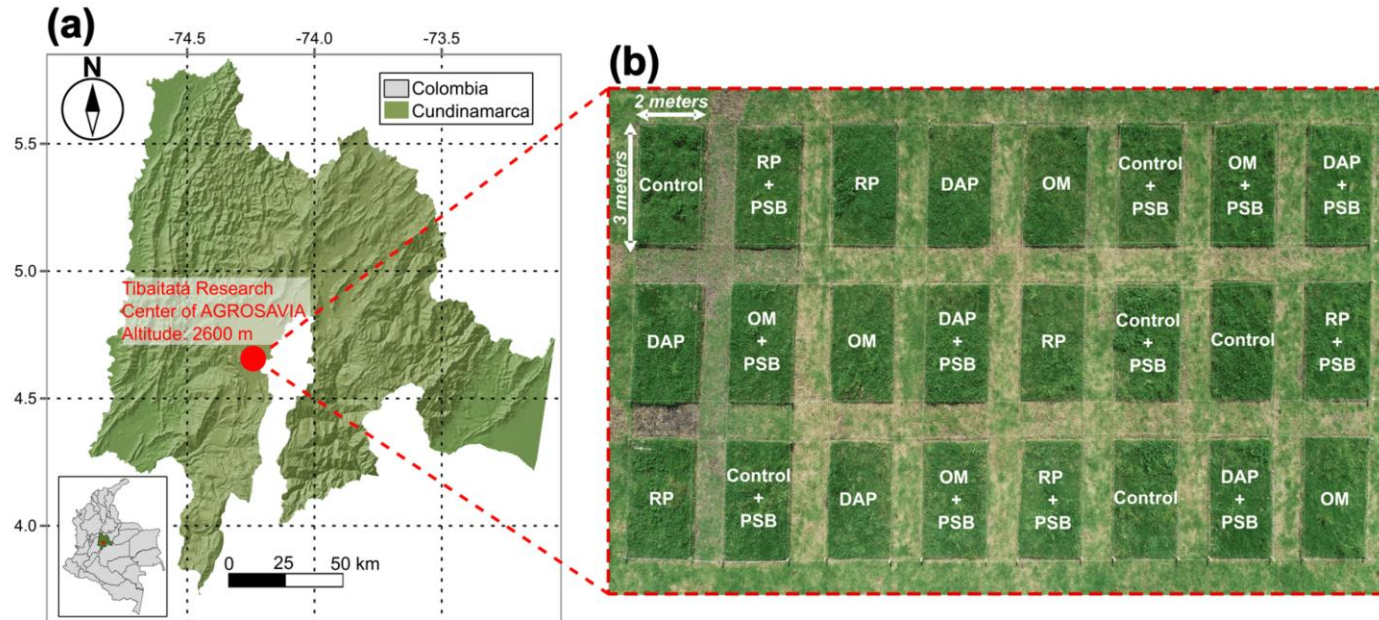


Cabbage



Corn

Biofertilizer to optimize the use of nutrients in low-solubility fertilizers



The experiment was evaluated for 18 months



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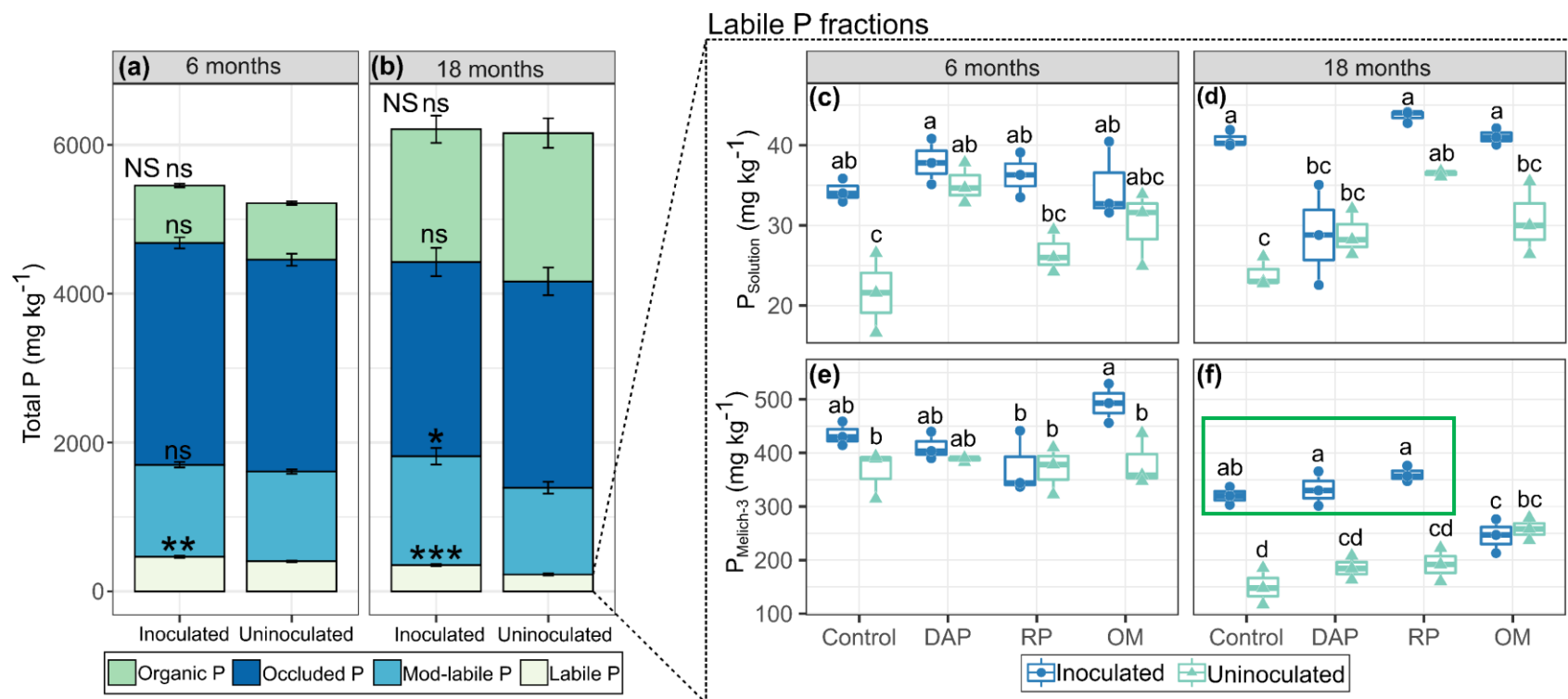
Herbaspirillum sp. AP2
Azospirillum brasilense D7
Rhizobium leguminosarum T88

Treatments

Treatment	Description
T1	Without fertilization
T2	Soluble P source (DAP) (46% P ₂ O ₅)
T3	Co-inoculation
T4	Rock phosphate (RP) (26 % P ₂ O ₅)
T5	Organo-mineral fertilizer (OM) (1,8 % P₂O₅)
T6	Co-inoculation + DAP
T7	Co-inoculation + MO
T8	Co-inoculation + RP

TriEstimul biofertilizer to improve kikuyo grass productivity and phosphorus availability - Results

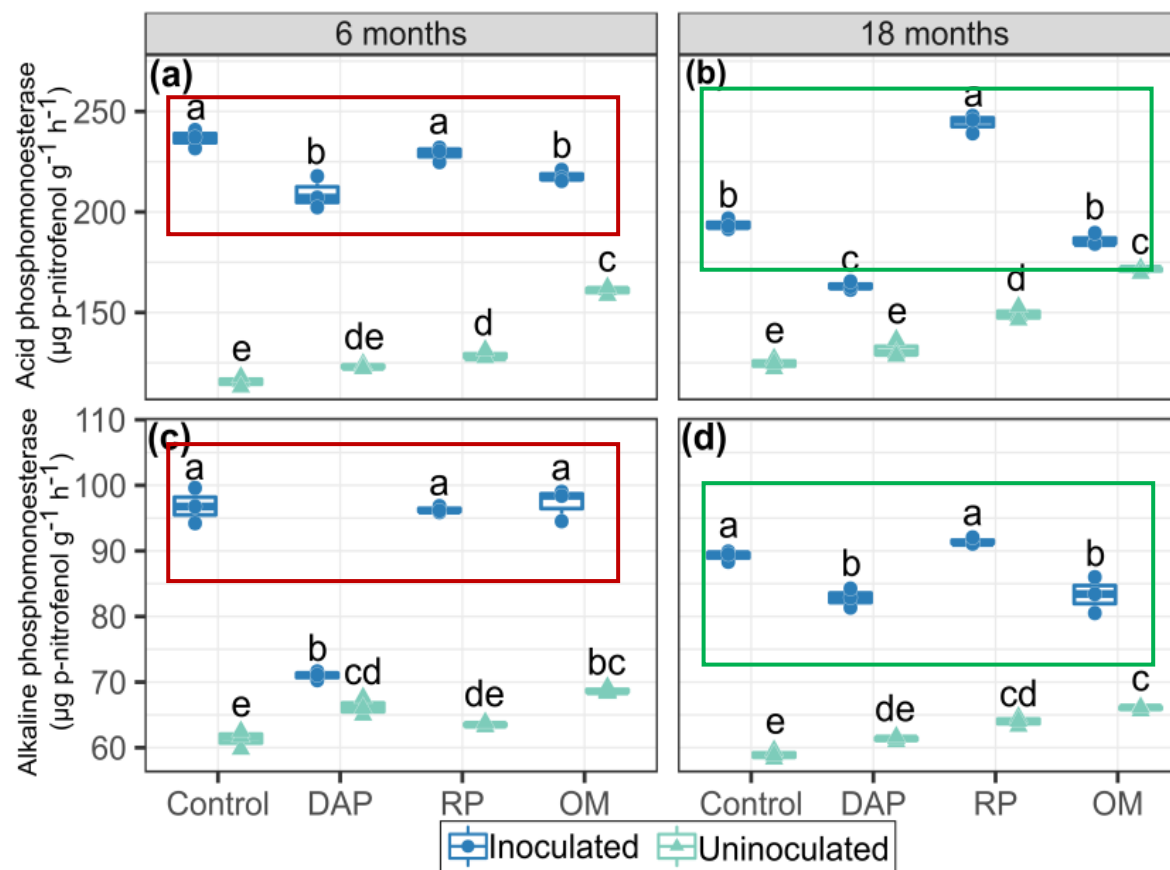
Soil Phosphorus dynamic



- The inoculation improves soil phosphorus availability.
- The main effect observed 18 months after implementation.

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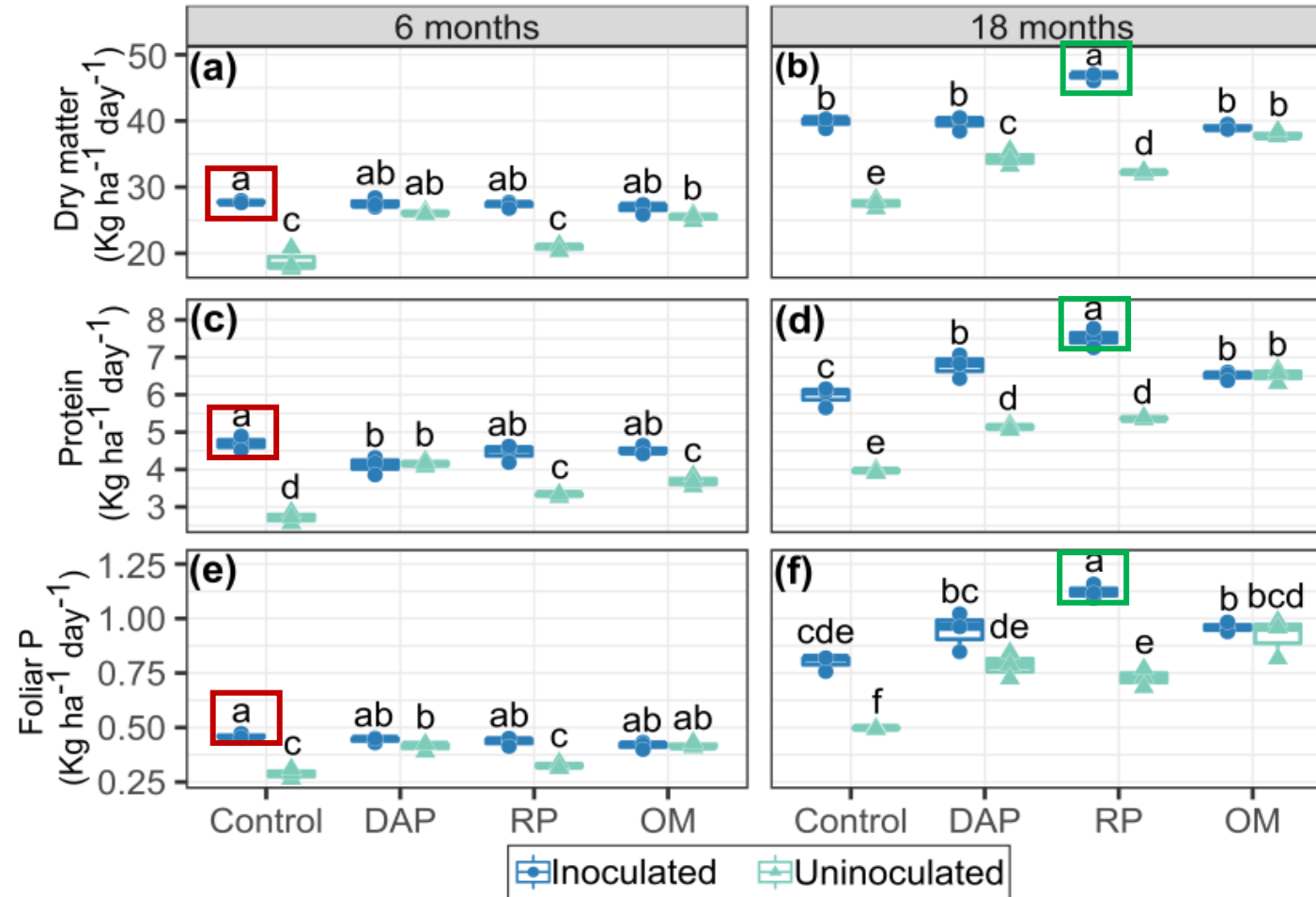
Enzyme activity



- The effect is observed 6 months after implementation, regardless of the phosphorus source

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Forage production and quality



Assessment of soil health and nutrient dynamics in crops of interest

Control-conventional

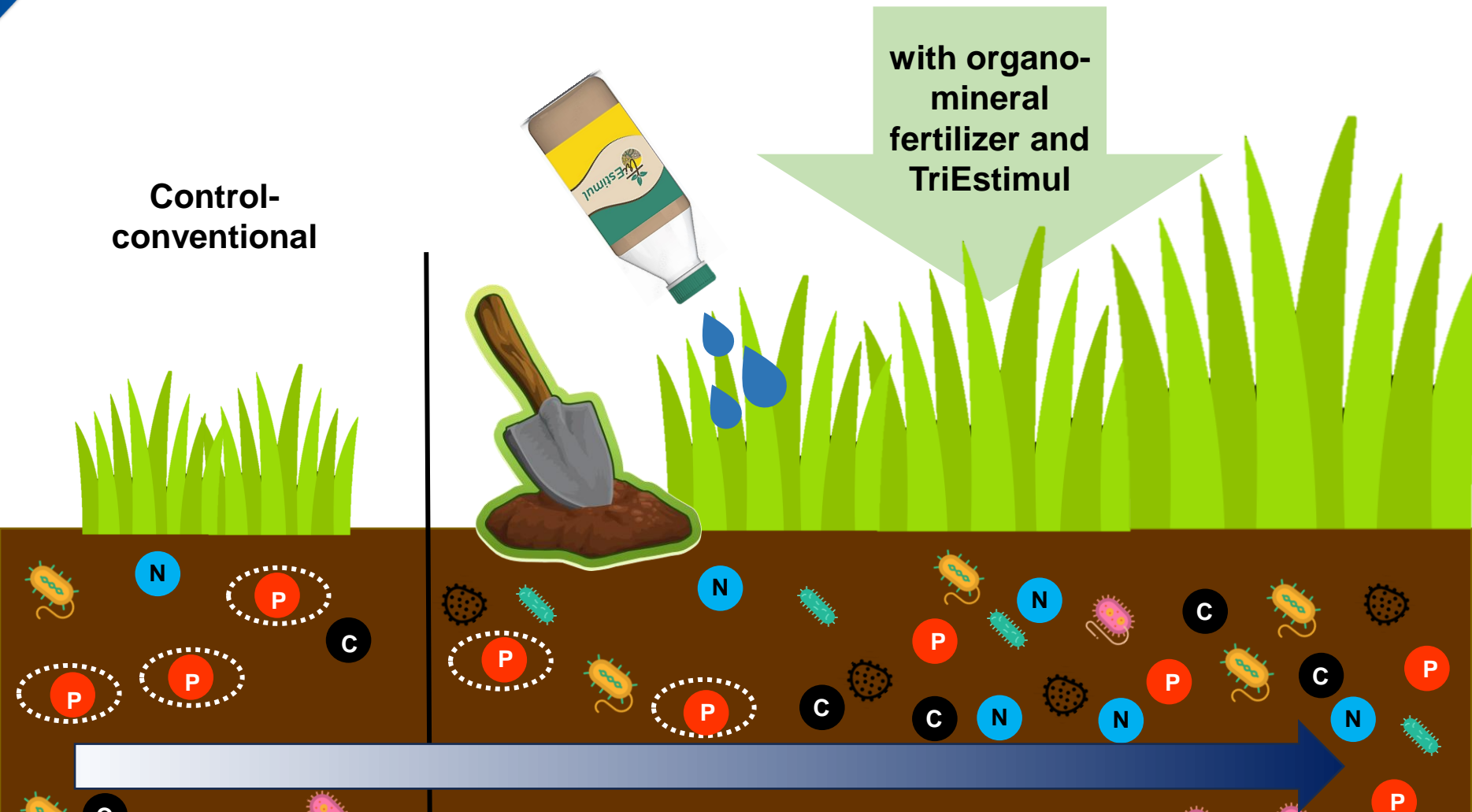
with organo-mineral fertilizer and TriEstimul

▲ Increase in crop productivity

▲ Higher nutritional quality

Legacy of organic fertilizer and TriEstimul inoculation

▲ Greater availability of nutrients



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Phosphate-Solubilizing Bacteria with Low-Solubility Fertilizer Improve Soil P Availability and Yield of Kikuyu Grass

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Thank you for your attention...

