

# IPB, CAFS, UPLB Research Mandate

- By virtue of PD 729 (June 5, 1975), IPB under CAFS, UPLB was established and mandated...
- To undertake development of new and improved varieties of important agricultural crops like fruit crops.
- Another is to conduct investigations on allied disciplines related to plant breeding such as crop biotechnology.
- 1992 under RA 7308 of the Seed Industry Development Act, IPB was identified as the lead agency in crop biotech research.



This is line with one of UPLB's major banner programs on food security, and SEARCA on rural development, hence this lecture.

# Classical Breeding and Biotechnology Approaches for Improvement of Selected Fruit Crops for Rural Development\*

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# Rationale of the Lecture

- **World's population will exceed 9 billion by the 2040s & in 2050, half of the world's population will reside in the tropics.**
- **The problem is already with us, with many of world's poorest people live in tropics. Changes are necessary in our priorities for development, research and education to ensure a safe, adequate & secure food supply.**
- **Breeders & horticulturists need to work together to exploit the potential of tropical crops to meet the needs of our growing population.**
- **There have been some real success stories in production of tropical horticulture crops. China and Vietnam produce large quantities of fruits and vegetables to feed their populations and export horticultural produce to other countries.**
- **Thailand is well known for its production and export of tropical fruits.**

# Rationale of the Lecture

- **There have been many recent advances in tropical plant breeding in countries such as India and Brazil. More than 3,000 good varieties of fruit species grow in the Brazilian rainforest.**
- **In the Asia Pacific region, more than 400 species of tropical fruits and nuts are grown commercially (ISTTH, 2016, Nocker & Gardiner 2014).**
- **The Philippines has 3,600 identified native trees, 67% of which are endemic or found only in our archipelago.**
- **In terms of fruit-bearing species, there are 2,500 tropical fruits worldwide and of this, more than 300 edible fruit species have been reported.**
- **However, only 5 are considered major such as banana, pineapple, mango, papaya and citrus.**

# Rationale of the Lecture

- Recent advances in the breeding of papaya include: resistant to PRSV, blemish-free skin, gynodioecious types and those with high-yield have been done in Malaysia, India, Brazil & Thailand (Dinesh 2010, Chan 2015).
- Breeding of bananas have been focused on developing disease resistant varieties to *Fusarium* and viruses, drought tolerance and short-statured types in Taiwan & Central America (Dantas et al. 1995, Molina 2017).
- Further, the improvement of durian, guava and rambutan was focused on developing superior trees that are high-yielding, early fruiting, off-season & and disease resistant types (Magdalita et al. 2011, Ogata et al. 2016).
- This lecture aims to inform the public and discuss the utilization of conventional breeding and biotechnology for breeding selected fruits for rural development.

# Classical breeding methodology

- Acquisition of selected germplasm
- Evaluation, selection & purification
- F<sub>1</sub> hybrid breeding
  - inbred line development (F8)
  - diallel crossing
  - preliminary evaluation
  - replicated field trial
  - on-farm trials
  - seed production
  - variety release
  - registration of variety

## **Important qualities of improved fruit varieties:**

- **High-yielding or prolific bearers of fruits**
  - **Non-biennial bearing**
  - **Sweet and juicy**
  - **Attractive flesh color**
  - **Thick and firm flesh**
  - **Non-fibrous**
  - **Pleasant flavor and aroma**
  - **High edible portion**
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- **Since perennials fruit after 5-7 years, selected and proven true-to-type varieties should be grown only.**
  - **These qualities will make fruit growing a profitable enterprise for commercial growers and orchardists.**



# **F<sub>1</sub> Hybrid Breeding for Tolerance to PRSV)**



**Chlorosis on the leaves**



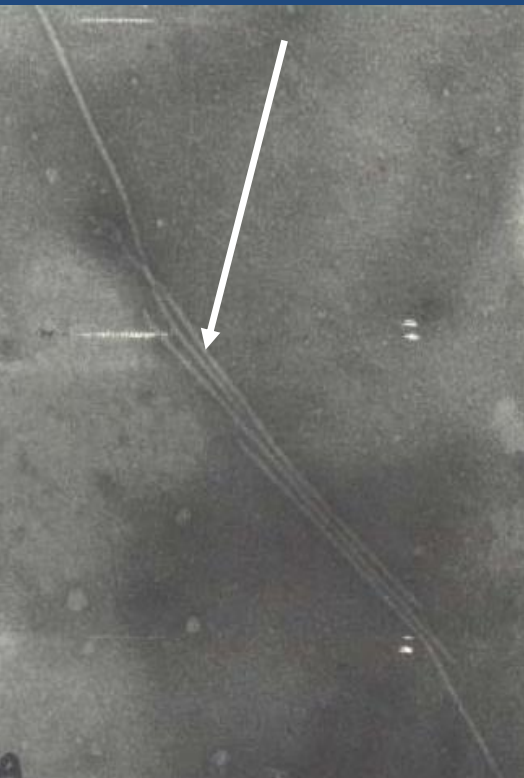
**Concentric rings of the fruit**

**Symptoms of PRSV**



# Transmission Electron Microscopy of PRSV

long flexuous  
rod 780 to 800 nm  
(potyvirus)



Cytoplasmic inclusion  
bodies  
(Pin wheel & circular  
structures)



**Vector of PRSV  
(non-persistent)**



Source: Opina 1986



- Loja area in Peru: important centre for diversity of *Carica*
- *Vasconcellea* species has 20% x higher amount of papain than *Carica papaya*





***Vasconcellea x  
heilbornii cv. Babaco***



***Vasconcellea  
microcarpa***



***Vasconcellea  
monoica***

## **Sources of resistance to PRSV**





*Vasconcellea pubescens*

*Vasconcellea parviflora*  
• Ornamental type with pink flowers



*Carica cauliflora* now  
*Vasconcellea cauliflora*



*Vasconcellea guodotiana*  
• Resistance to *Phytophthora* root rot  
• Pickling type

Wednesday, April 11, 2018





A



B



C

**Tainung (A), Legaspi Special (B), Morado (C)**





**Papaya amerikano-232 (A), Pineras-232 (B), Semi-dwarf Cavite Special-243 (C)**





***Carica papaya* ('Cariflora') x *C. papaya* ('Cavite Special')**

**'Sinta' is the first Philippine-bred F<sub>1</sub> hybrid papaya.**

- **Tree is gynodioecious, semi-dwarf & prolific.**
- **Fruit is sweet (11.5°Brix), & firm that weigh 0.5 to 3.5 kg/fruit**
- **High edible portion (78%), juicy**
- **Marketable yield of 17-50 fruits per tree per year, or 48 t/ha**
- **Moderately tolerant to papaya ringspot virus (PRSV), the most devastating disease of papaya worldwide.**
- **Registered with the National Seed Industry Council (NSIC)**





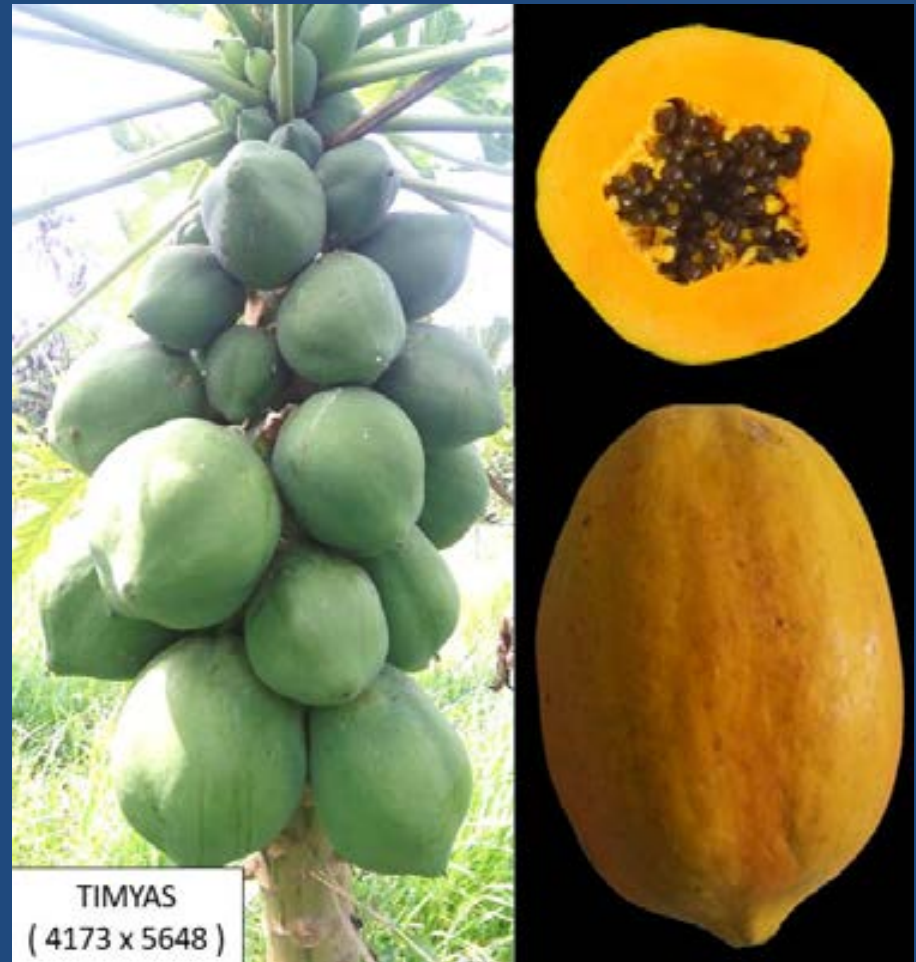
# F<sub>1</sub> Hybrid Breeding for Tolerance to PRSV in New Papaya Varieties

- 'Hirang' F<sub>1</sub> hybrid
- Tree is gynodioecious, semi-dwarf & prolific bearer
- Fruit is red, sweet (9-15°Brix), firm, weighs an average of 1.5 kg/fruit
- EP is 85%, flesh is 1.72-3.36 cm thick, juicy



- Moderately tolerant to papaya ringspot virus
- Marketable yield of 18 fruits per tree per year or 45 t/ha

- **'Timyas' F<sub>1</sub> hybrid**
- **Tree is gynodioecious, semi-dwarf & prolific**
- **Fruit is yellow, sweet (8-14°Brix), firm & juicy**
- **EP is 87%, flesh 1.9-3.1 cm thick, weighs an average of 1 kg/fruit**
- **Moderately tolerant to papaya ringspot virus (PRSV)**



- **Marketable yield of 25 fruits per tree per year or 42 t/ha**

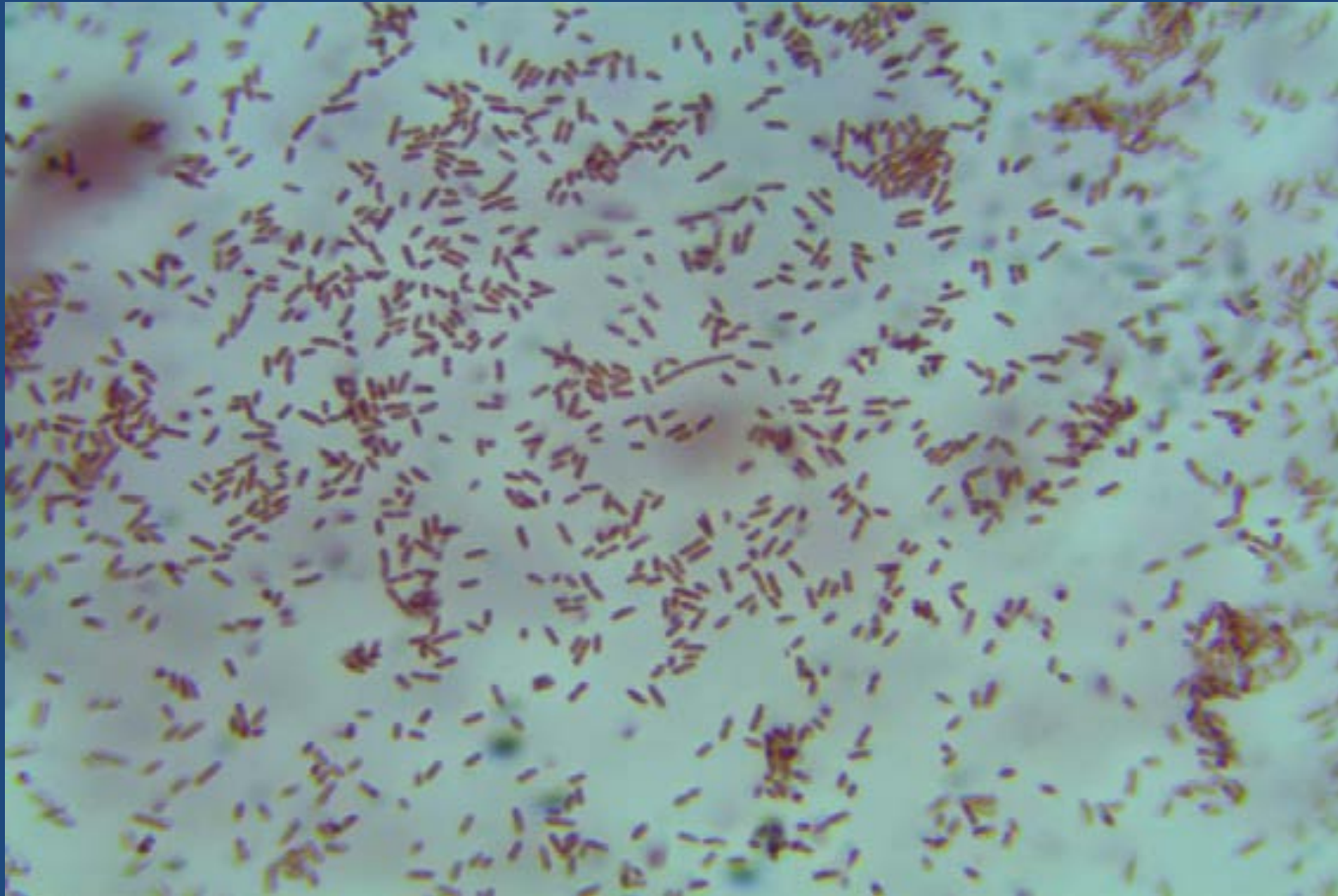
# Breeding & Selection for Tolerance to Bacterial Crown Rot in Papaya



**The unproductive papaya tree infected with Bacterial Crown Rot (A) and the regrowth tree previously infected with the BCR (B).**



# Bacterial cells of *Erwinia mallotivora*, causal organism of bacterial crown rot of papaya through light microscopy



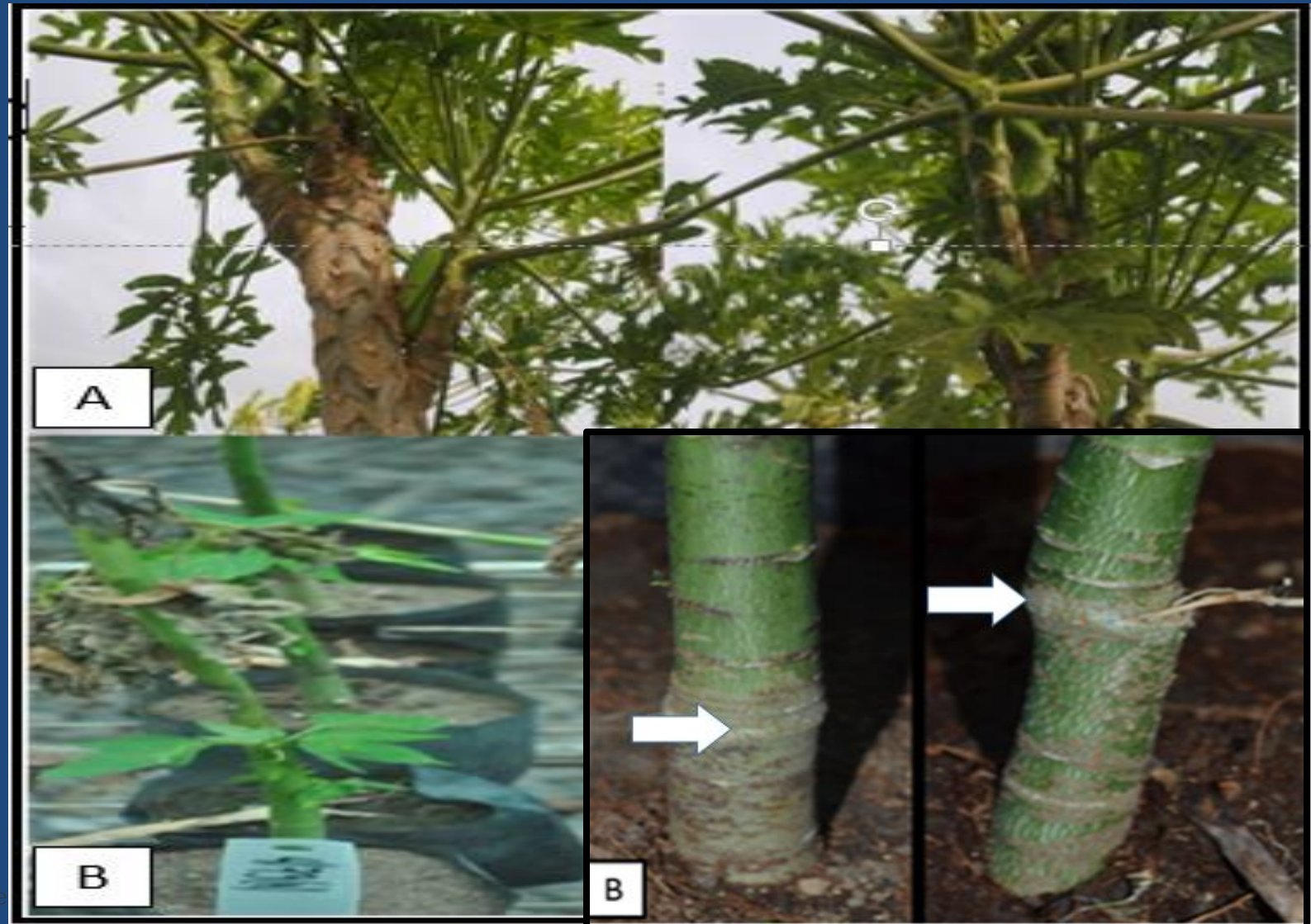
**Gram staining reaction of bacillus-shaped *Erwinia mallotivora* cells.**



The experimental set-up for the evaluation of different papaya genotypes and the artificial rain system that provided the conditions for bacterial infection of the test plants (A), and the state of the test plants 2 weeks after inoculation (B).



The regrowth in BCR naturally infected adult trees in the field (A), and the regrowth in seedlings that were artificially inoculated with BCR (B).

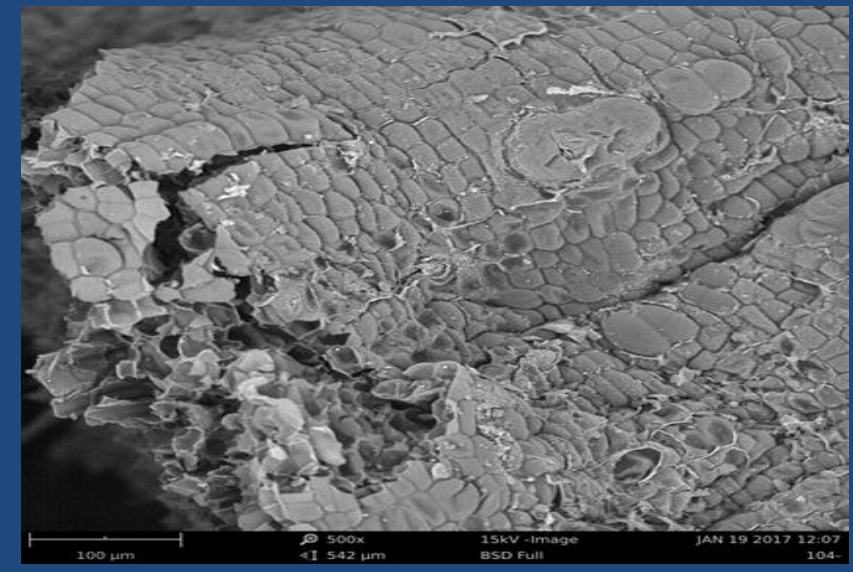
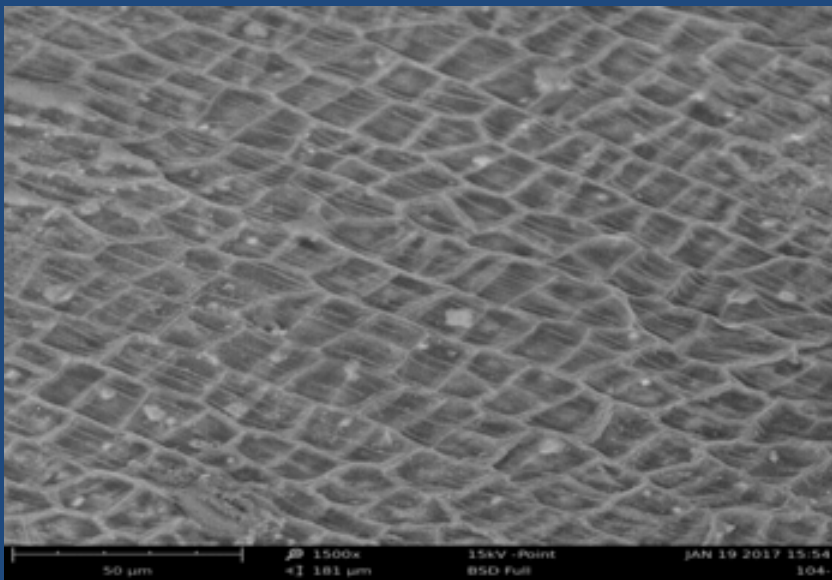
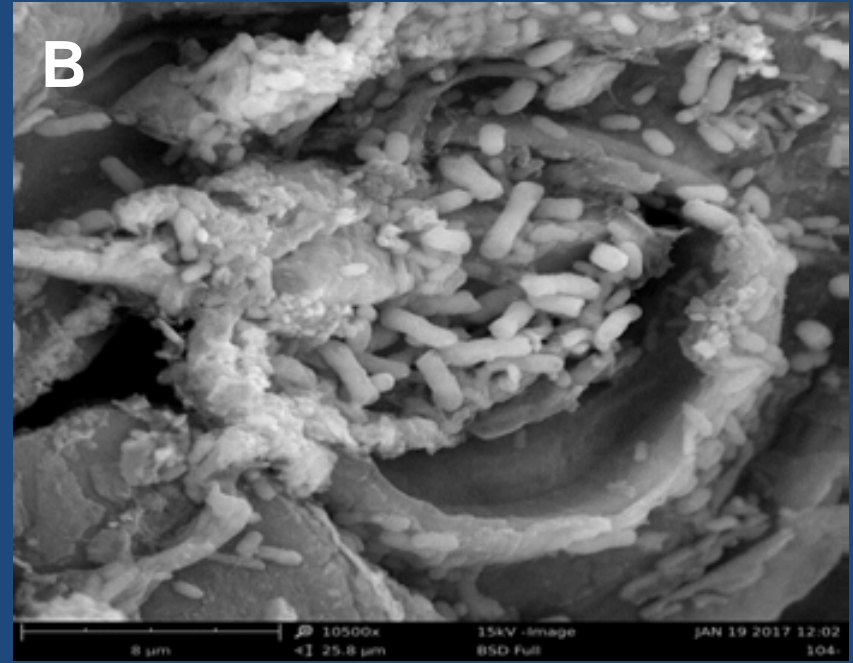
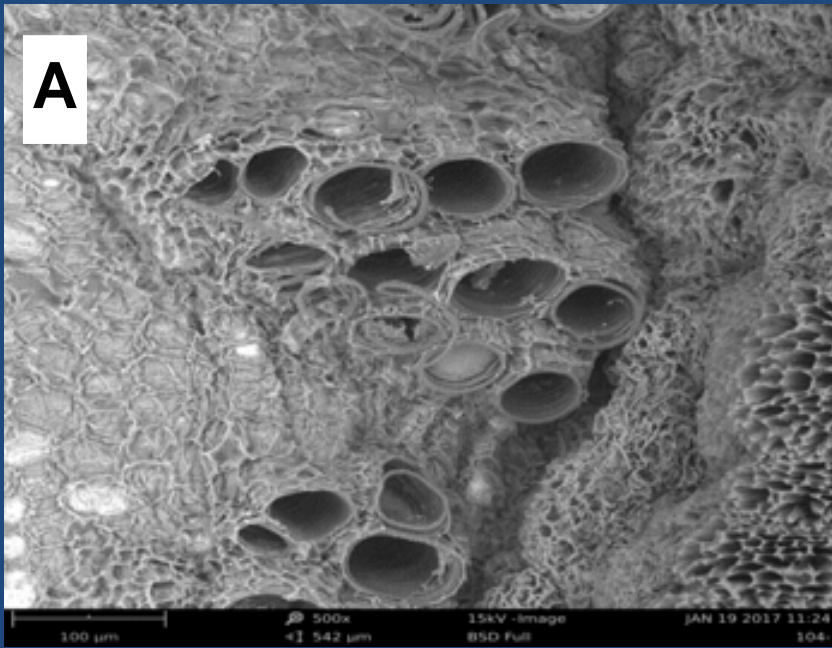




**BCR-tolerant regrowth selections growing inside the screenhouse, their prolific fruiting habit of F<sub>1</sub> hybrids 5893x234, 5648x336, and the ripe fruits of 234x5648, 4174x5648 and 382-S<sub>1</sub>.**

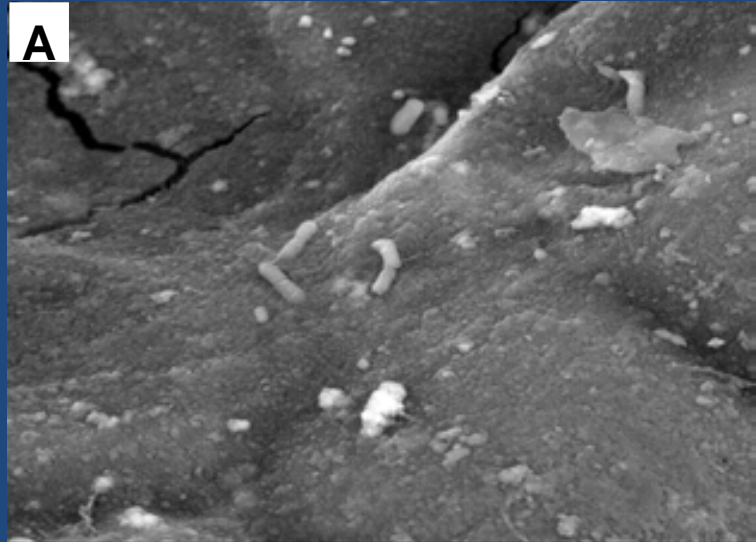


# Scanning electron microscopy of the conducting tissues of papaya BCR tolerant selection (A) and susceptible genotype (B).

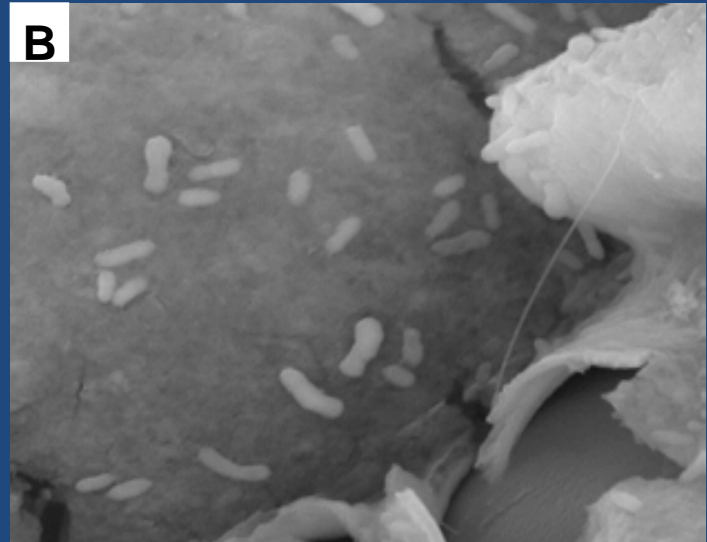




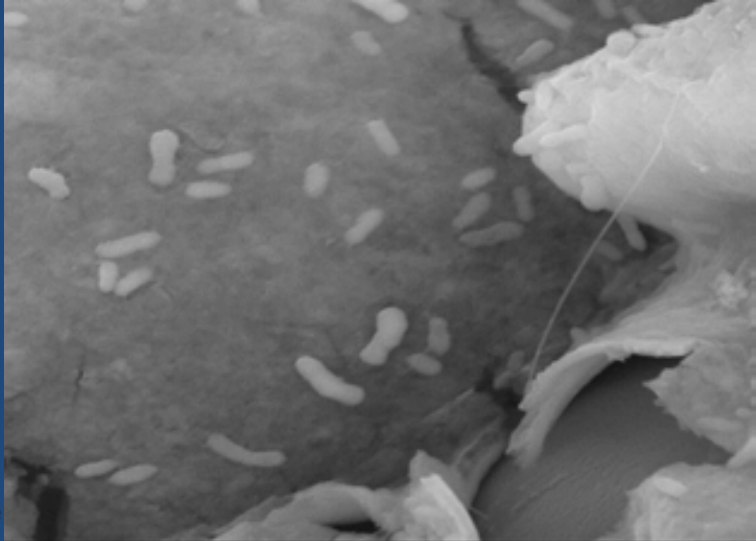
**Scanning electron microscopy of susceptible genotype showing surface adherence and ingress of bacterial cells via wound (A) and cuticular layer degradation plus exopolysaccharide production on surface of bacterial cells on the host tissues (B).**



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# Replicated field trial of regrowth selections and hybrids between BCR- and PRSV-tolerant lines in Tranca, Bay, Laguna.

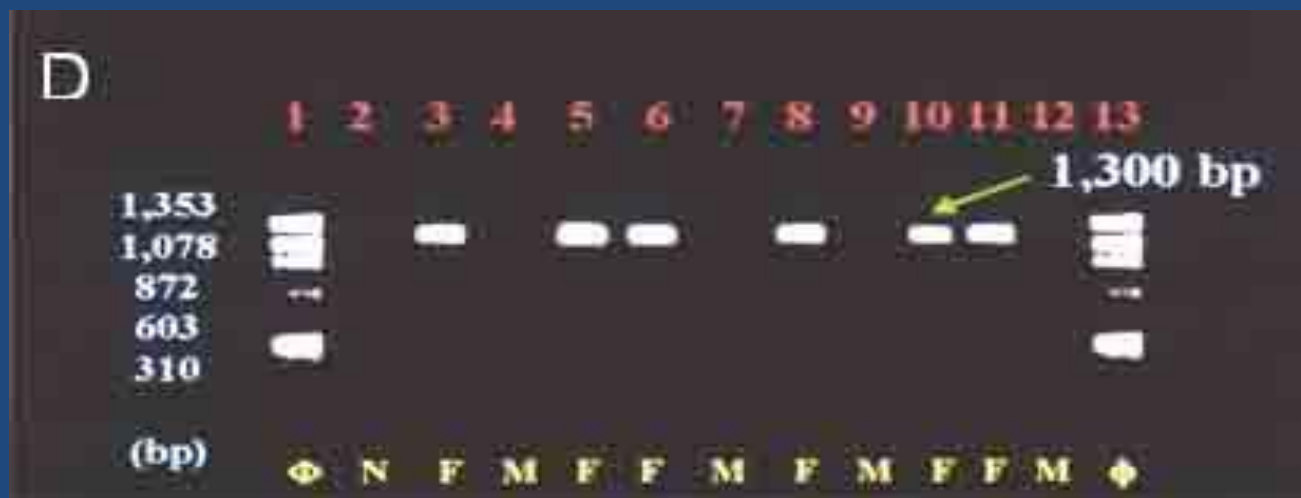
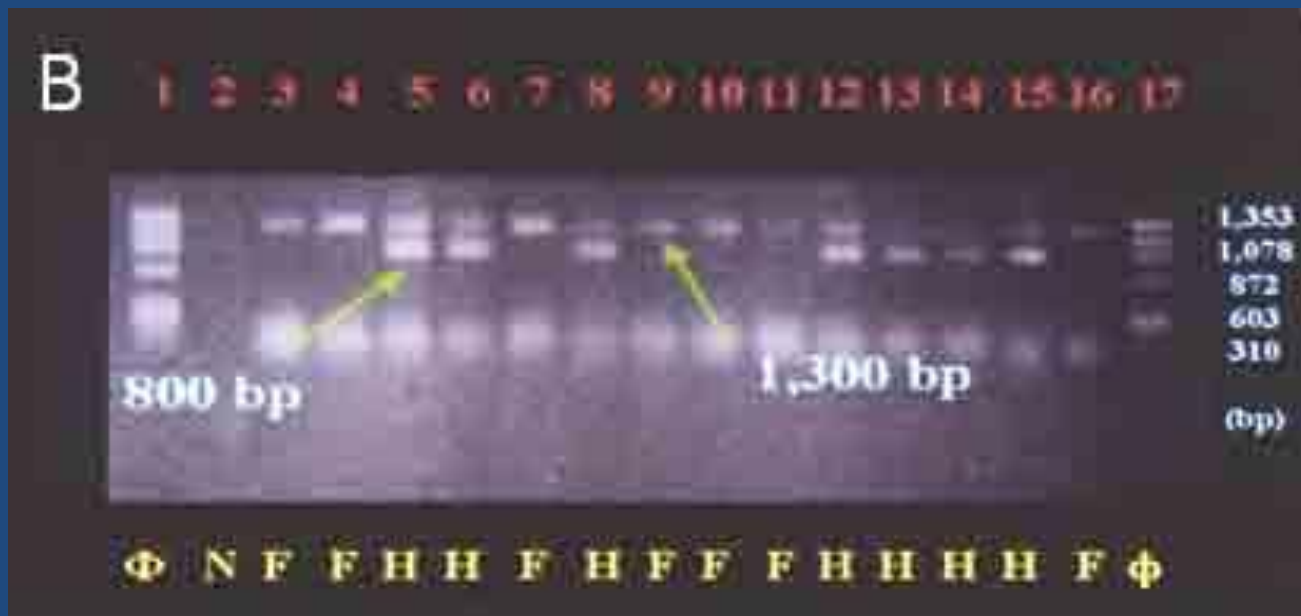


**BCR-tolerant x PRSV-tolerant hybrids with semi-dwarf nature and the prolific fruiting habit of the trees.**





**Male or pistillate (A), female and hermaphrodite or bisexual/perfect (B) and sexually ambivalent male (SAM) (D).**



The PCR markers for female, male and hermaphrodite papaya plants generated by primers T1-F, T1-R, W11-F and W11-R.



# Protocol for Micropropagation of Papaya



Identify proven trees



Transfer plants in benches in the screenhouse. After 1-2 months, plants are ready for field planting



Induce side shoots or select trees with natural side shoots



Remove cover and expose plants to partial sunlight

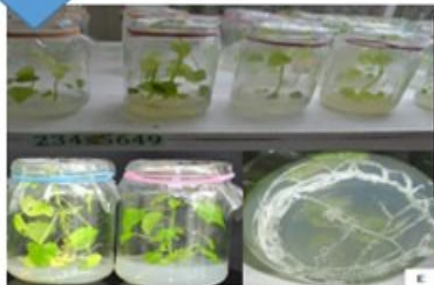


Culture side shoots and allow to grow.

Pot out. Plant in sterilized medium. Put in a chamber or put plastic cups on top to prevent moisture loss



Cut into single nodal cuttings

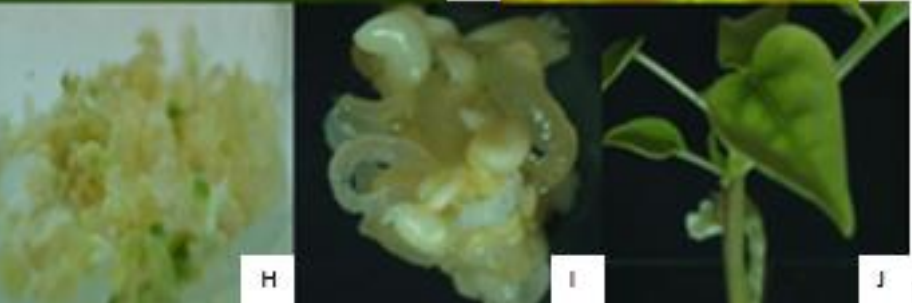
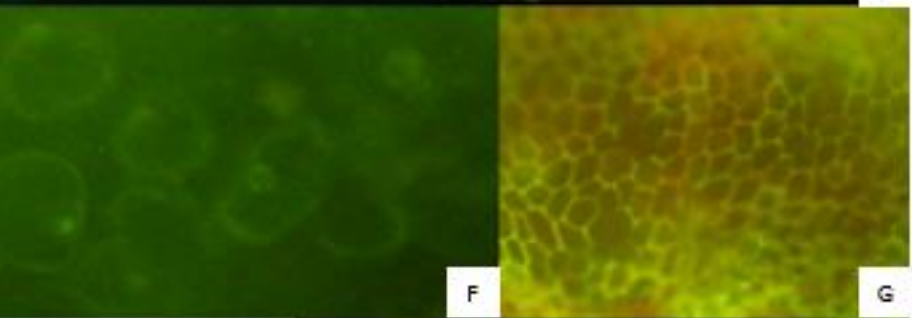
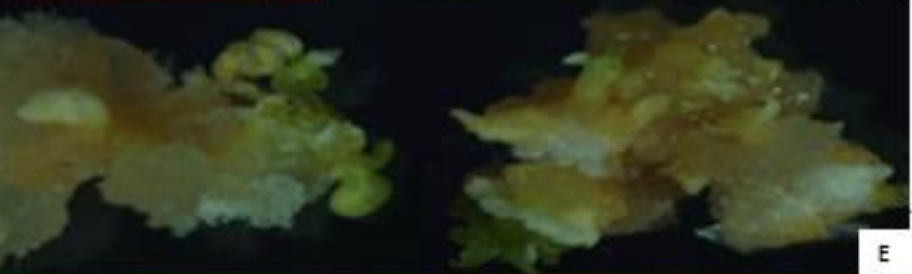
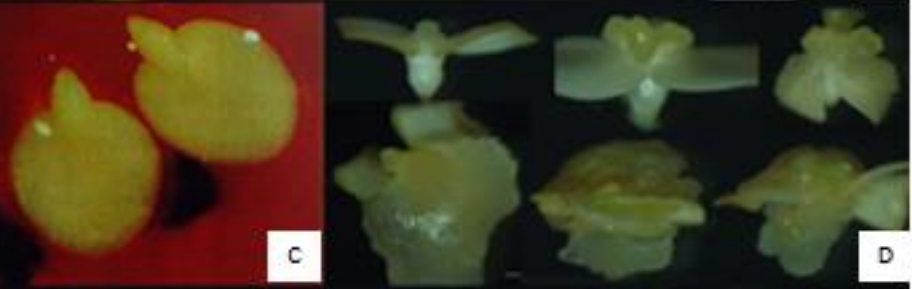


Allow cuttings to fully developed shoot and root before potting out.



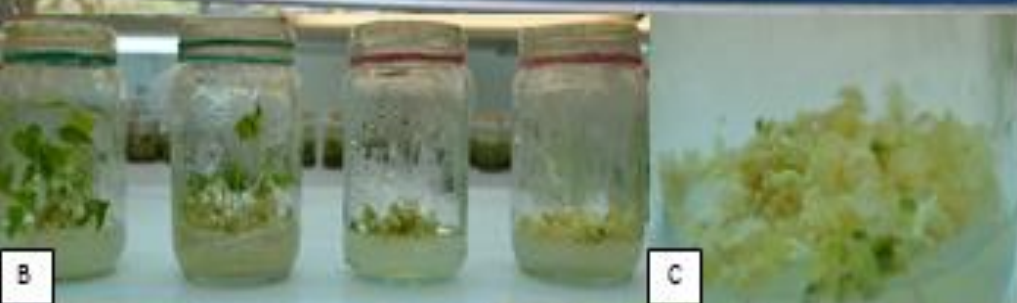
Harden plants before potting out

## Protocol for Tissue Culture of Papaya F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids



- Immature fruit (A)
- Ivory-colored seeds (B)
- Zygotic embryos (C)
- Somatic embryos and callus (D)
- Embryogenic callus and somatic embryos (E)
- Globular cells (100x) (F)
- Normal cells (100x) (G)
- Highly embryogenic callus (H)
- Torpedo embryos (I)
- Plantlet (J)





- Regenerated plants from somatic embryos and calli (A)
- Somatic embryo-derived plants (B)
- Germinating somatic embryos (C)
- Back-up cultures (D)
- Newly potted-out plants (E)
- Further acclimatization inside the humidity box (F & G).





**Field trial of micropropagated papaya F<sub>1</sub> hybrids in UPLB Experiment Station, Tranca, Bay, Laguna.**



# Adoption of Sinta F1 hybrid by farmers in Mayor Federico's Farm, Sto. Tomas, Batangas





# Fruiting habit of some varieties in a farmer's field trial (ACS Farm, Batangas)





# On-farm trial in Montealegre's Farm in Silang, Cavite





# Fruiting hermaphrodite trees of F<sub>1</sub> papaya hybrids growing in Montealegre's Farm in Silang, Cavite





# Fruiting female trees of F<sub>1</sub> papaya hybrids growing in Montealegre's Farm in Silang, Cavite





**Fruiting papaya F<sub>1</sub> hybrids intercrop to banana and pineapple in Magdalita's Farm in Boac, Marinduque**





# Fruiting F<sub>1</sub> papaya hybrids growing in Magdalita's Farm in Boac, Marinduque





# Protected cultivation (netting) of papayas for seed F<sub>1</sub> hybrid seed production in Ilocos Norte trial



# Fruiting habit of dwarfed papayas (done by bending) inside the nethouse in Ilocos Norte trial





# Fruiting habit of dwarfed papayas inside the nethouse in Ilocos Norte trial





# Technology Piloting of New Papaya F1 hybrid in Laguna trial 2015



# Fruits harvested from Laguna trial (C&D) and Batangas trial (E&F)





# Fruits harvested from Laguna trial





# Fruit colors of harvest from Laguna trial





# Breeding for Fruit Qualities of Selected Fruit Crops

- On-site selection and evaluation of promising trees
  - preliminary assessment on-site
  - evaluation of fruit characters in the laboratory
  - selection of best 3 genotypes out of 100 trees
  - re-evaluation for 3 seasons to assess stability
  - propagation
  - registration



**‘Roja’ rambutan has attractive bright red leathery peel.**

**•Fruits weigh 45.85 g/fruit and are sweet (21°Brix), juicy &, thick flesh.**

**•The fruit has 56% edible portion.**

**•Strong and semi-erect tree produces 70-80 kg of fresh fruits (44 tons/ha/season).**



**Registered with NSIC**



**Named after its attractive golden yellow peel, 'Amarillo' is the first yellow known variety of rambutan.**

**•Oblong fruit, weighs 34 g, long spines, & smooth flesh.**

**Edible portion is 84%, juicy & sweet (22°Brix).**

**•Tree produces about 50-60 kg of fresh fruits (31 t/ha/season).**



**Registered with NSIC**

**‘Aguinaldo’ guayabano is for processing.**

- **Fruit is well-formed**
- **Weighs about 1.2 kg**
- **It has less seeds, less fibrous & juicy**
- **TA is 65 meq/100 ml juice, TSS is 17°Brix**
- **High edible portion (78%)**
- **Tree produces 20-26 fruits/tree (1.9 t/ha/season)**
- **Tree is a regular bearer**



**Registered  
with NSIC**



## **‘Juan Luna Supersweet’ guayabano**

- **Well-formed, weighs 0.8 kg & has less seeds**
- **Very sweet (20 °Brix), juicy & less fibrous**
- **Mild aroma & fine texture**
- **High edible portion (80%)**
- **Regular bearer (18-22 fruits/tree or 5.8 tons/ha/season)**



# 'Mapino' Chico



- **Very fine flesh, very sweet (21°Brix) & very juicy**
- **Very high edible portion (90%), thick flesh (3.0 cm)**
- **Fruit weighs 122 g**
- **Pleasant flavor & mild aroma**
- **Tree is very prolific, has semi-erect growth habit, strong**
- **High-yielding (500 fruits/tree or 4.3 tons/ha/season)**
- **Registered with NSIC**



## **'Mahitik' chico**

- **Very prolific tree & regular bearer**
- **Fruit weighs 150 g**
- **Very sweet (22 °Brix), no gritty taste & juicy**
- **Very high edible portion (92%)**
- **Very high-yielding (700 fruits/tree or 11 tons/ha)**



## **‘Primera’ avocado**

- **Prolific tree & regular bearer**
- **Sweet (10°Brix), nutty & buttery**
- **Fruit weighs 400 g**
- **Fine texture & non-fibrous**
- **High edible portion (82%)**
- **High-yielding (200 fruits/tree or 12.5 tons/ha/season)**





## **‘Quezon’ pummelo**

- Prolific tree & regular bearer
- Fruit weighs 1.2 kg
- Sweet (9.6°Brix), sub-acid & juicy
- Seedless & attractive red color
- Edible portion is 60%
- No astringent taste
- High-yielding  
(70 fruits/tree or  
13 tons/ha/season)



## **‘Jacinto’ pummelo**

- **Prolific tree & regular bearer**
- **Fruit weighs 1.4 kg**
- **Very sweet (10 °Brix) & juicy**
- **Edible portion is 62%**
- **Fine texture**
- **Less seeds**
- **No astringent taste**
- **High-yielding**  
(65 fruits/tree or  
14.2 tons/ha/season)





# Selection of Climate Change Resilient Hardy Fruits (Drought tolerant selections)



**Sg-41**



**Mc-41**



**Sn-47**



**Cm-18**

Different fruit varieties and their quantities that were propagated and disseminated to the fruit growers.

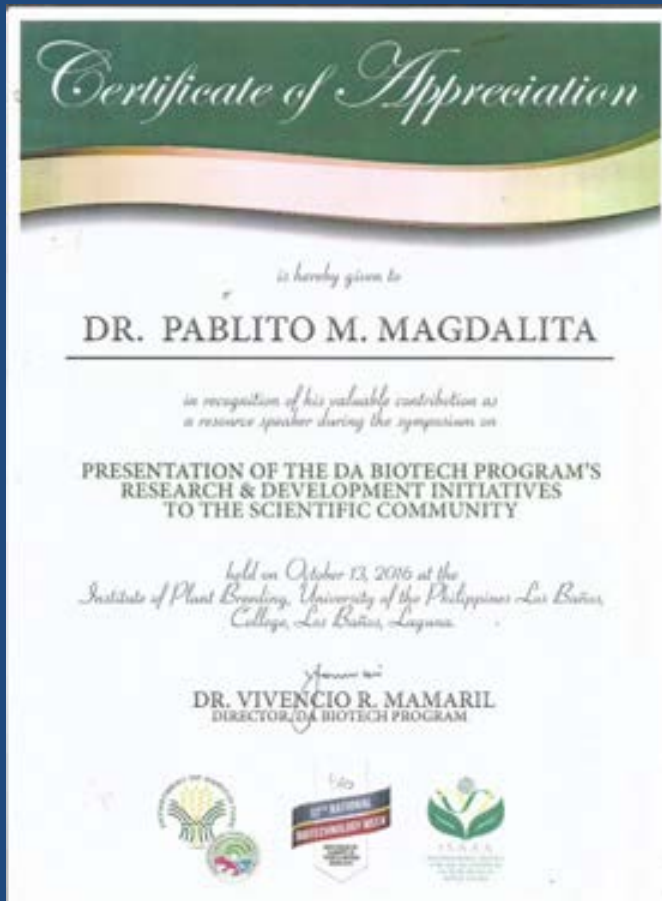
<b>Drought Tolerant Fruit Species</b>	<b>Quantity Disseminated to Growers</b>
<b>Magallanes pummelo</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Aguinaldo guayabano</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Seedless duhat</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Hongkong Pink guava</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Primera avocado</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Sweet tamarind</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Mapino chico</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Lobo atis</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Lipote</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Bignay</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Surinam cherry</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Pomogranete or granada</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Papaya hybrids (PRSV-tolerant)</b>	<b>1,430</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,050</b>





**Recognition for Techno-Innovations on Papaya F<sub>1</sub> Hybrid Production in the Countryside**

**Recognition for presenting to the Community DA Biotech's Promising Technology on Papaya F<sub>1</sub> Hybrid Tissue Culture Propagation**



# Support to Agricultural Development in Sto. Tomas, Batangas



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Batangas

*The Municipal Government of Sto. Tomas*

Awards this

## **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**


to

**Dr. Pablito M. Magdalita**

*In gratitude of a long standing partnership, support and commitment to the advancement of agricultural development and for unselfishly devoting the time, resources and knowledge to the FARMERS of Sto. Tomas throughout these years*

*Given this 18th day of September 2015 at the Municipal Hall Grounds,  
Sto. Tomas, Batangas in the celebration of **STO.TOMAS FARMERS WEEK 2015***

  
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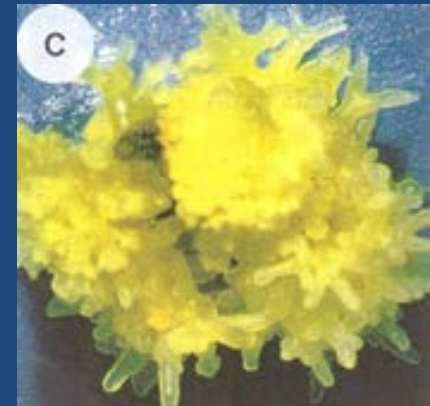
  
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Municipal Administrator

  
**HON. EDNA P. SANCHEZ**  
Municipal Mayor



# Biotechnology-assisted breeding methods

- **Gene discovery and cloning**
  - RNA extraction and cDNA synthesis
  - RT-PCR
  - Sequencing
  - Cloning of viral gene/s and development of gene construct
    - Amplify viral gene using specific primers
    - Clone the gene into a plasmid vector
    - Transform the gene construct into *Agrobacterium*
- **Plant transformation and regeneration**
  - Embryo isolation
  - Somatic embryogenesis
- **Transformation of somatic embryos**
  - Prepare bacterial suspension and OD reading
  - Co-cultivate somatic embryos in *Agrobacterium*
  - Incubate tissues in plasmolysis medium
  - Incubate tissues in selection medium
- **Regeneration of transformed tissues**
  - Proliferation of tissues
  - Rooting
  - Acclimatization & potting-out in soil



## Breeding for Disease Resistance

- Intergeneric hybridization & embryo rescue to develop PRSV resistant papaya



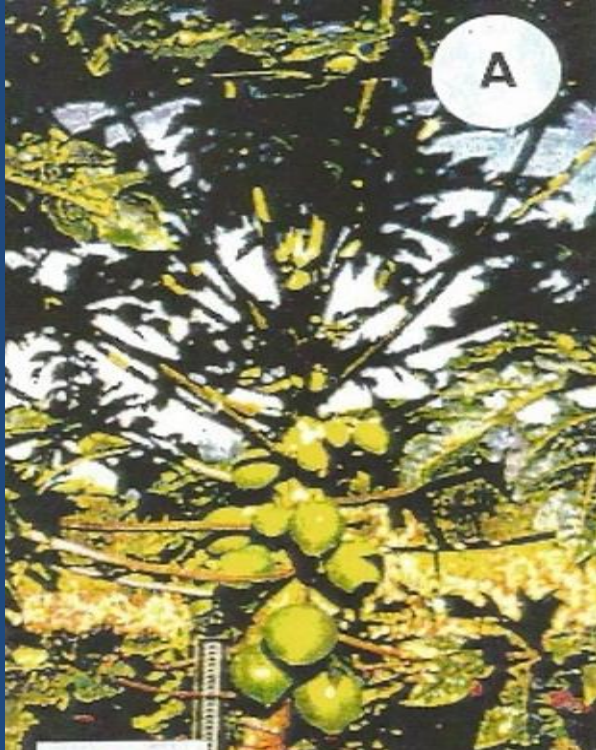
Chlorosis on the leaves



Concentric rings of the fruit

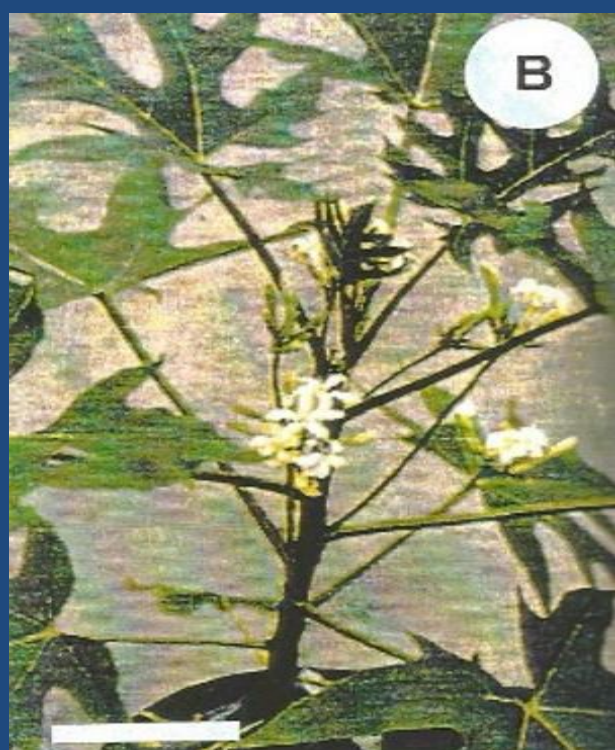
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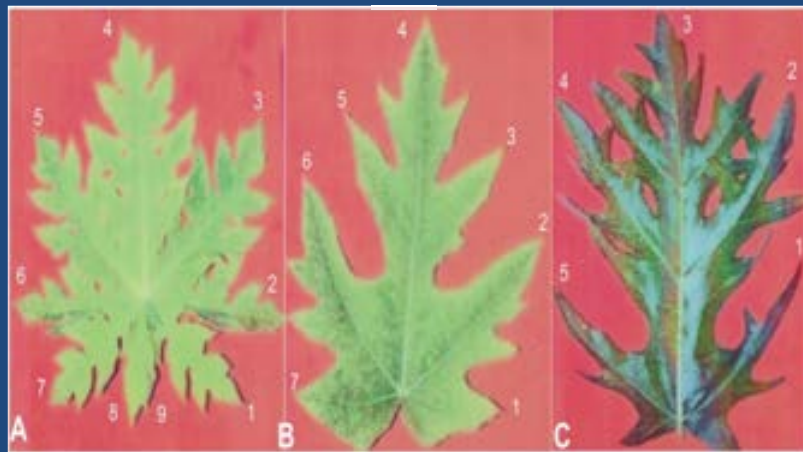


*Carica papaya* L.

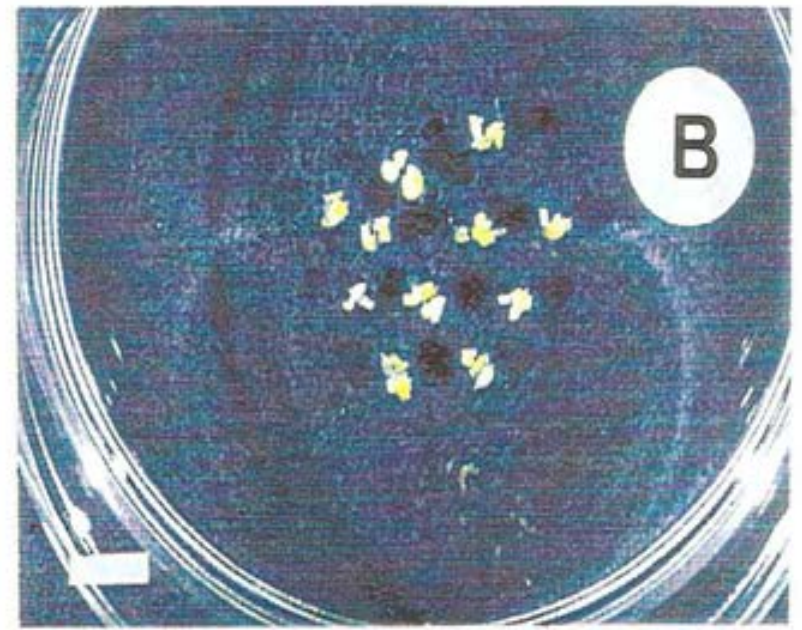
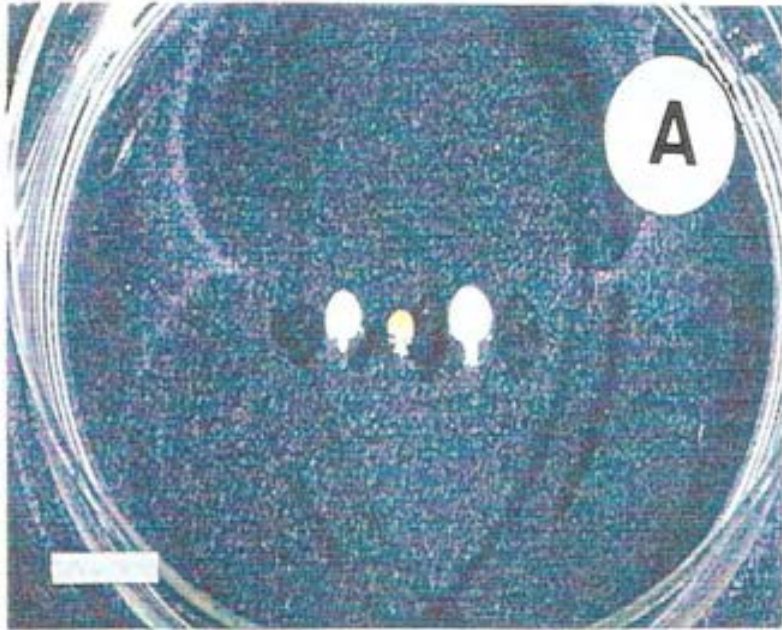
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*Vasconcellea cauliflora*



F1 intergeneric hybrid

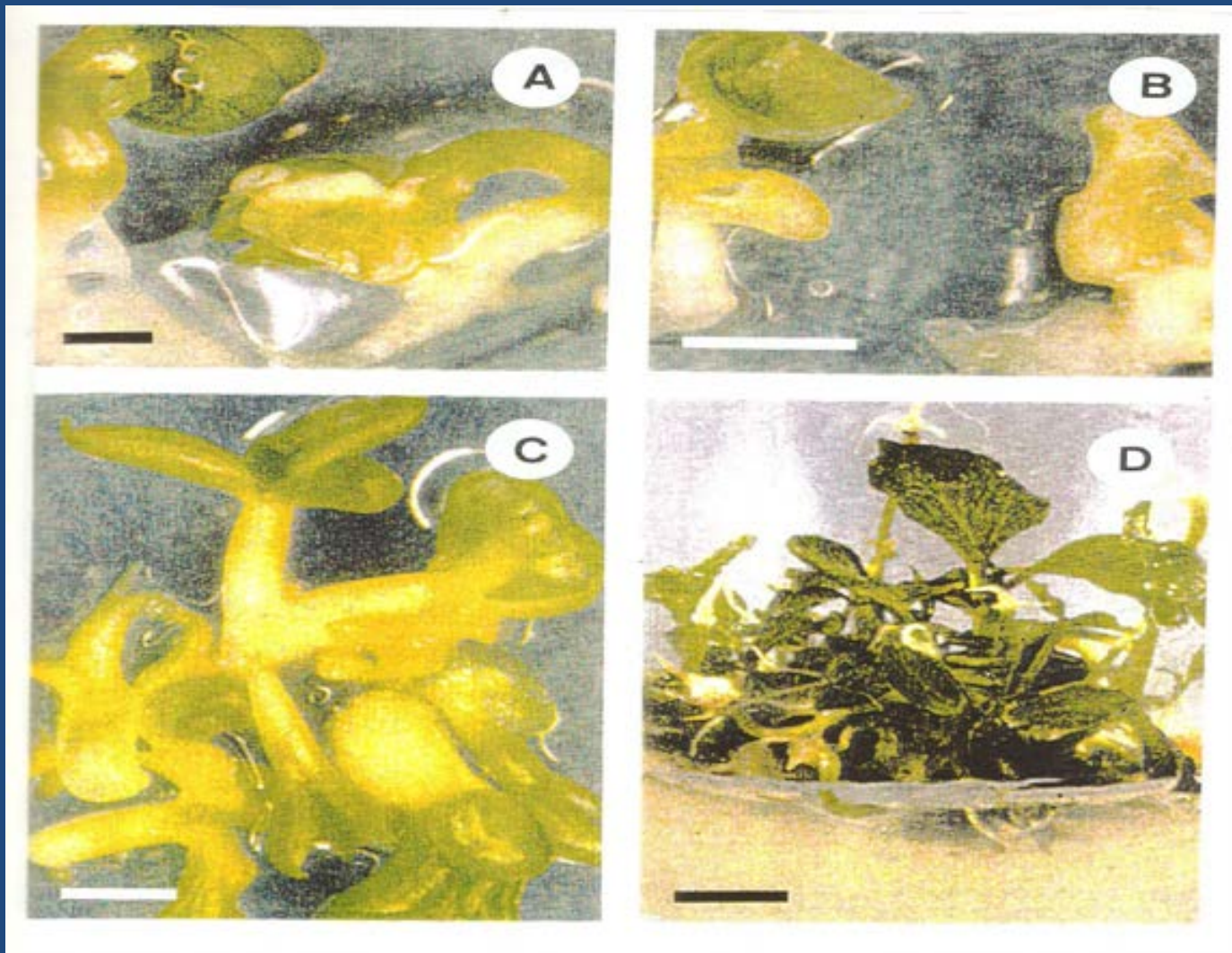


***Carica papaya* x *Vasconcella cauliflora* intergeneric hybrid embryos**

**Single embryos of *V. cauliflora*, intergeneric hybrid & *C. papaya* (A)**

**Multiple embryos of *C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora* intergeneric hybrid (B)**





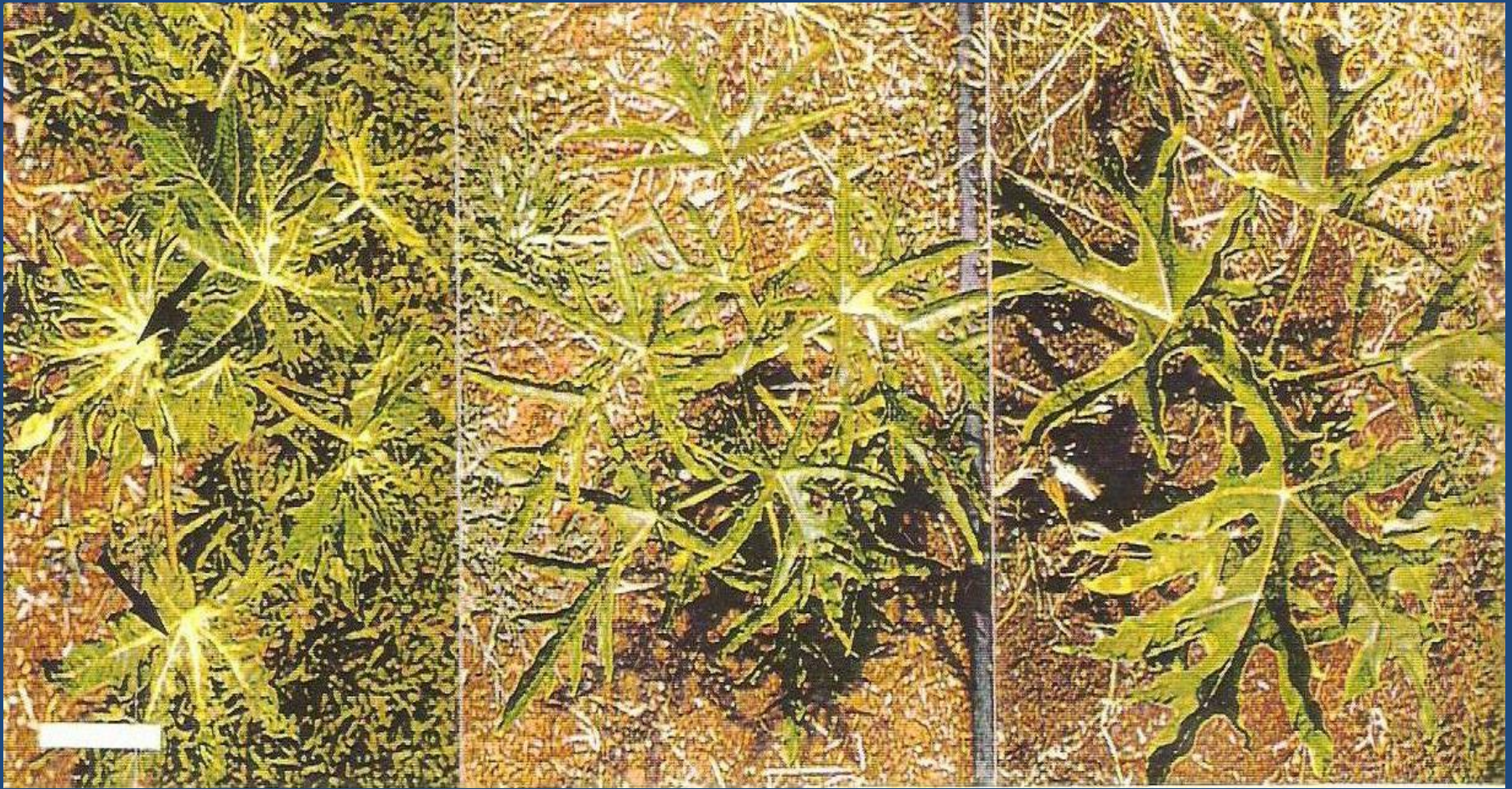
**Germinating embryos of *C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora* intergeneric hybrid**  
**Single embryo 5 days after germination on DF+BAP, NAA & GA<sub>3</sub> (liquid & solid)**  
**(A&B)**  
**Multiple embryos germinating on liquid DF+BAP, NAA & GA<sub>3</sub> (C)**  
**Intergeneric hybrid seedlings 30 days after germination (D)**





***C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora* intergeneric hybrid plants growing in the glasshouse**





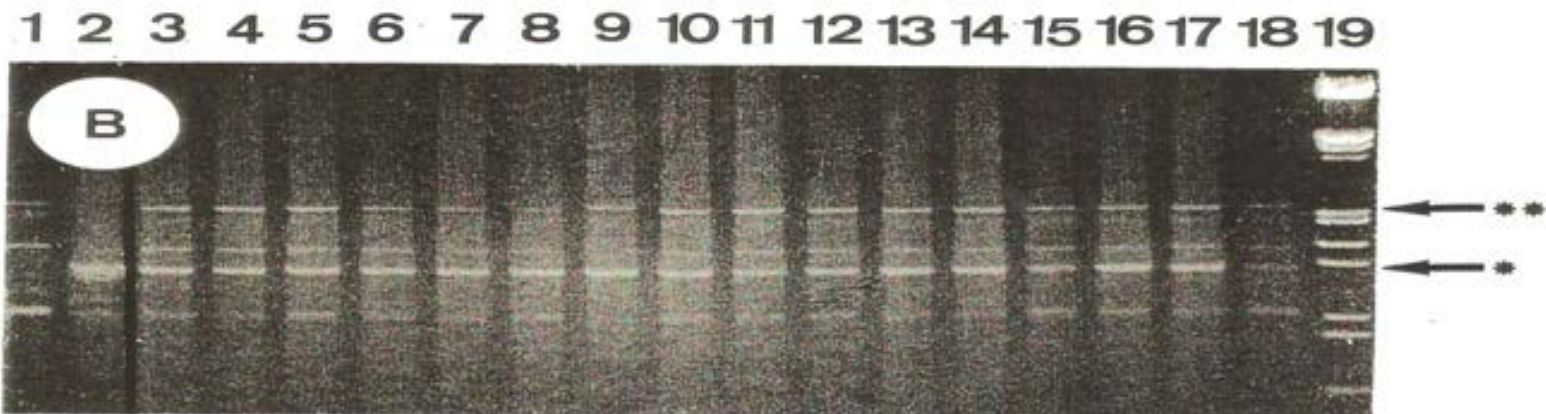
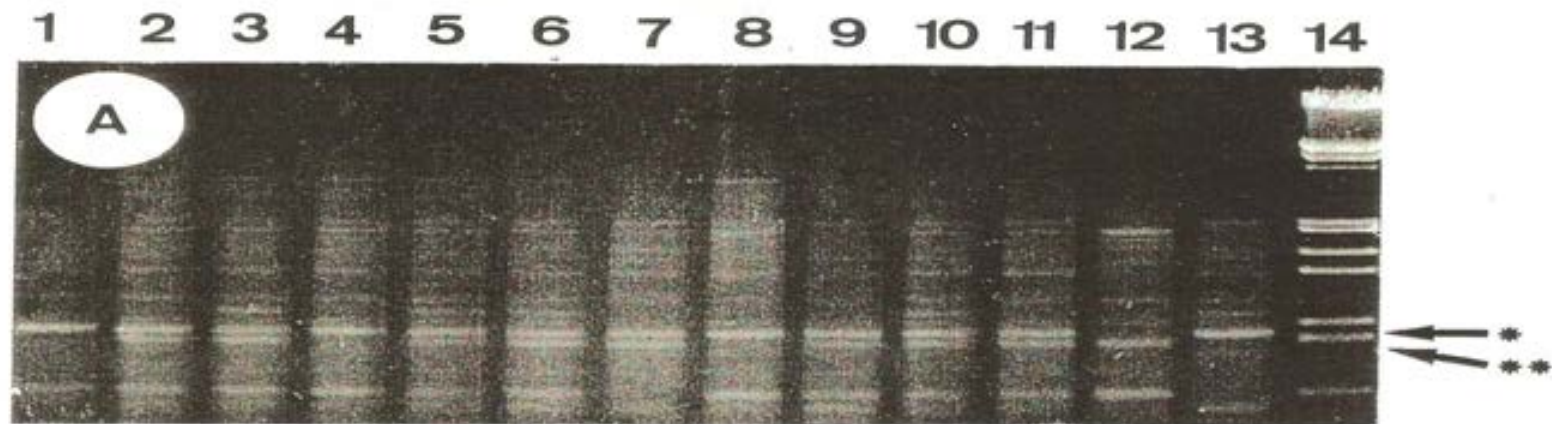
***C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora* intergeneric hybrid undergoing screening for resistance to PRSV in the field. The plants have been previously inoculated with the virus 33 days earlier.**

***C. papaya* exhibits typical PRSV symptoms like chlorosis and leaf distortion (A)**

***C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora* intergeneric hybrid without PRSV symptoms (B)**

***V. Cauliflora* with no PRSV symptoms (C)**





Band profiles of *C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora* intergeneric hybrids generated by RAPD primers OPA-09 and OPA-07 resolved in 1.2% agarose gel and stained with ethidium bromide.

A) OPA-09: Lanes 1-12: *C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora* (Lanes 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11)

Lane 12: *V. cauliflora* (800 bp\*\*)

Lane 13: *C. papaya* (850 bp\*)

Lane 14: MW marker

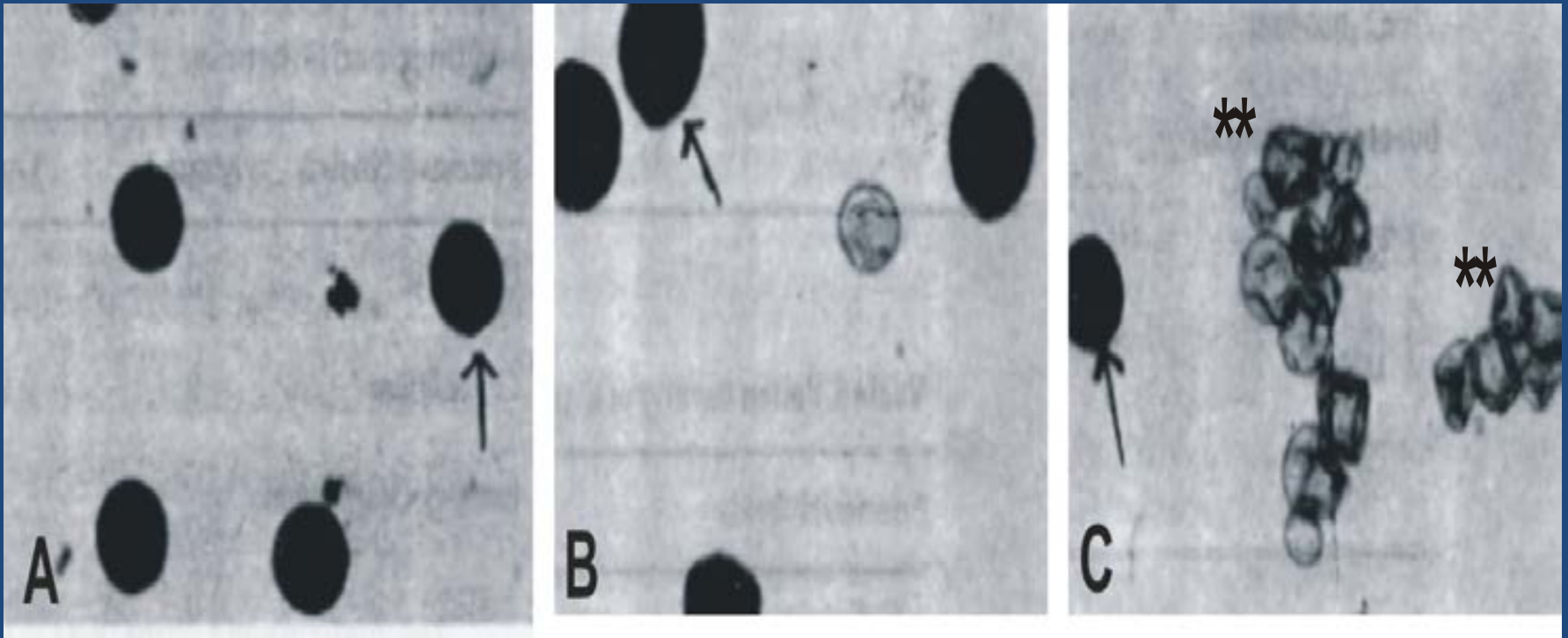
B) OPA-07: Lane 1: *V. cauliflora* (1600bp\*\*)

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Lane 3-18: *C. papaya* x *V. cauliflora*

Lane 19: MW marker





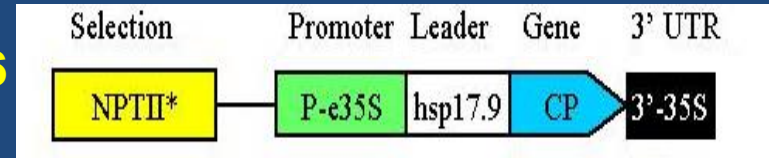
**Pollen fertility of *C. papaya* (A), *V. cauliflora* (B), and integeneric hybrid (C).**

**Papaya chromosome number  $2n=18$**

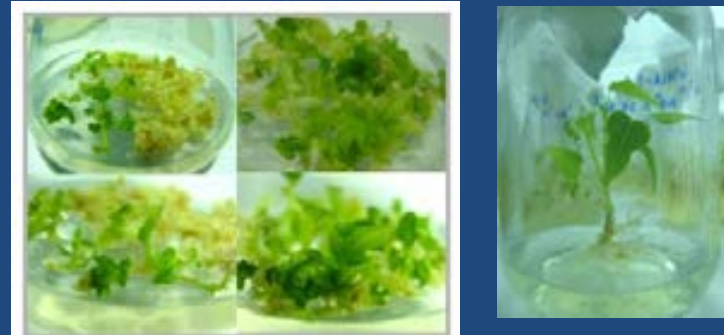
# Methodology

Gene cloning

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Transformation and regeneration



Greenhouse contained trial



Limited field trial



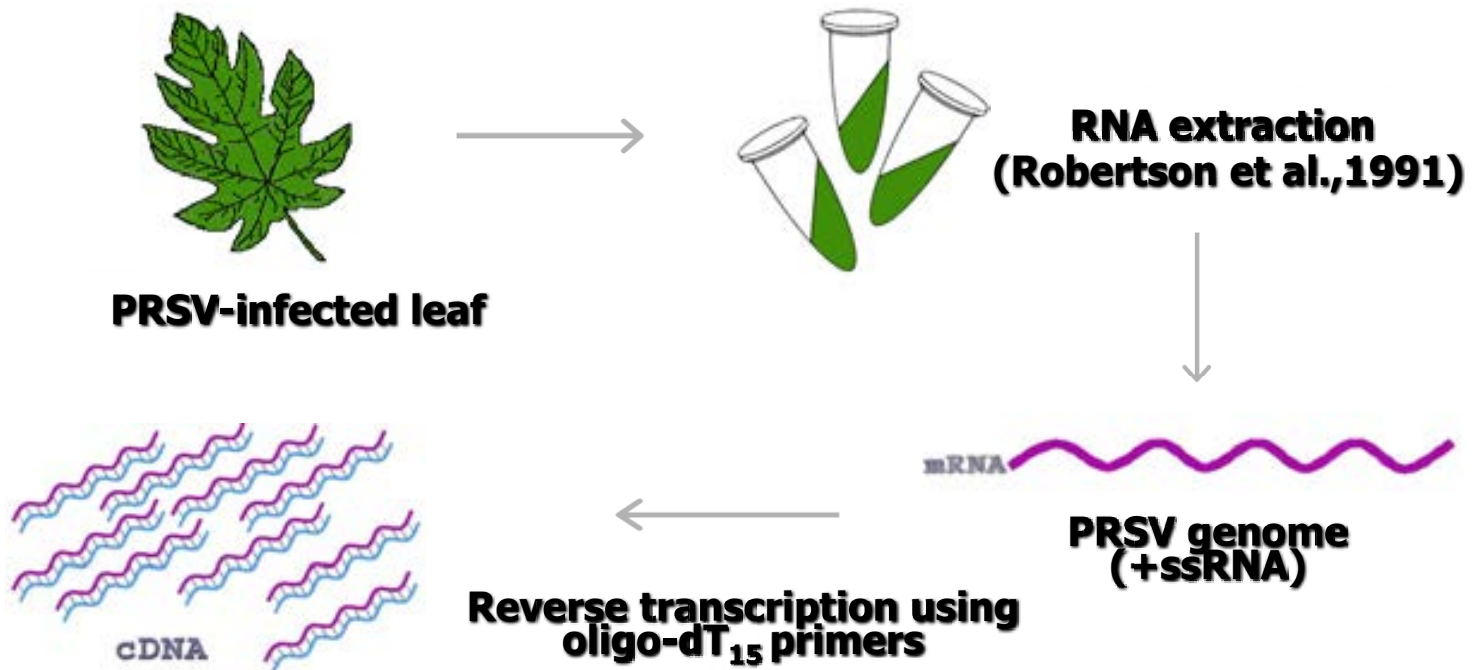
Multi-location trial

Coat Protein Gene-mediated Protection via *Agrobacterium* Transformation to Develop PRSV-Resistant Papaya

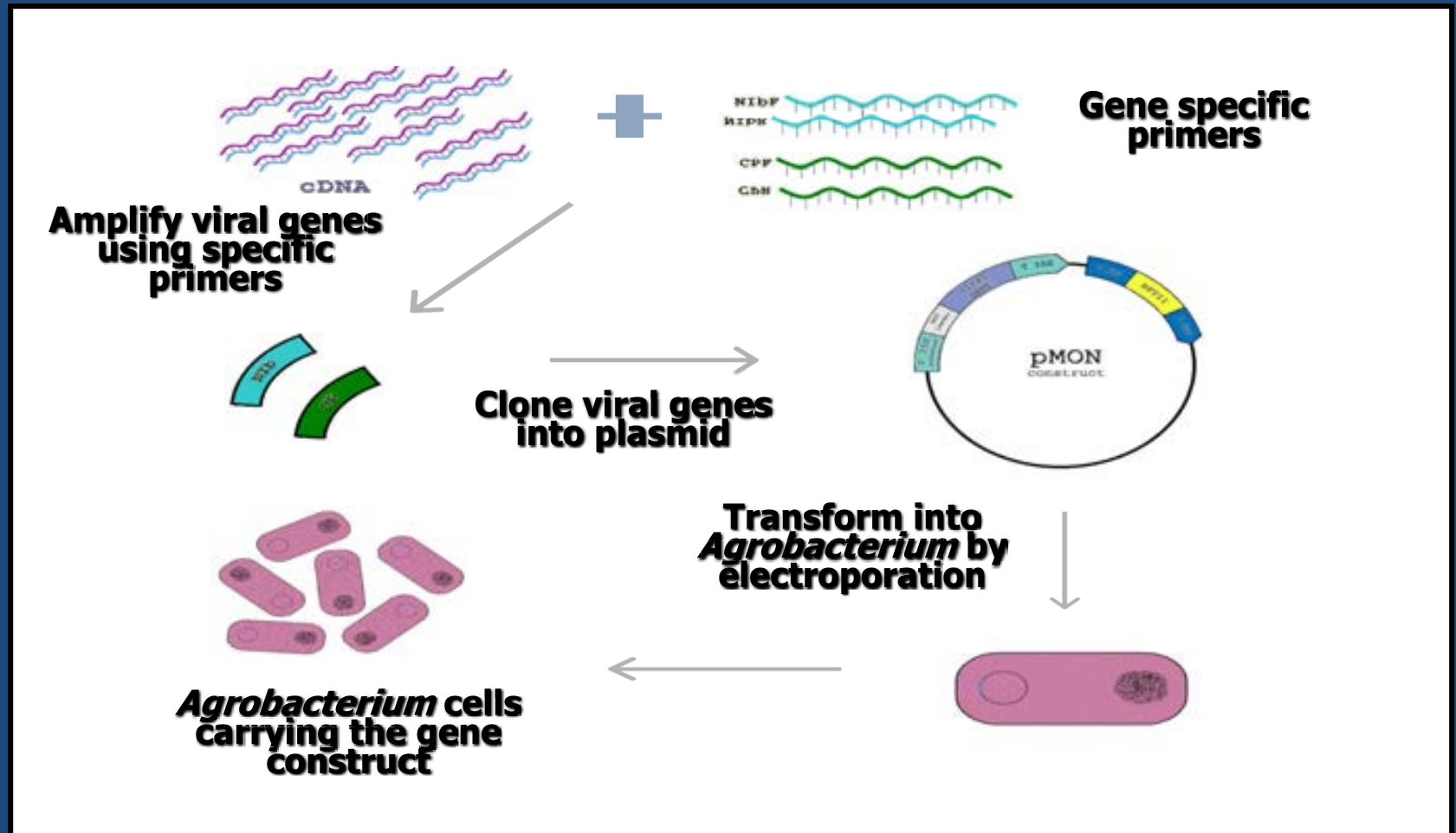


# Cloning of Coat Protein Gene

## RNA extraction and cDNA synthesis

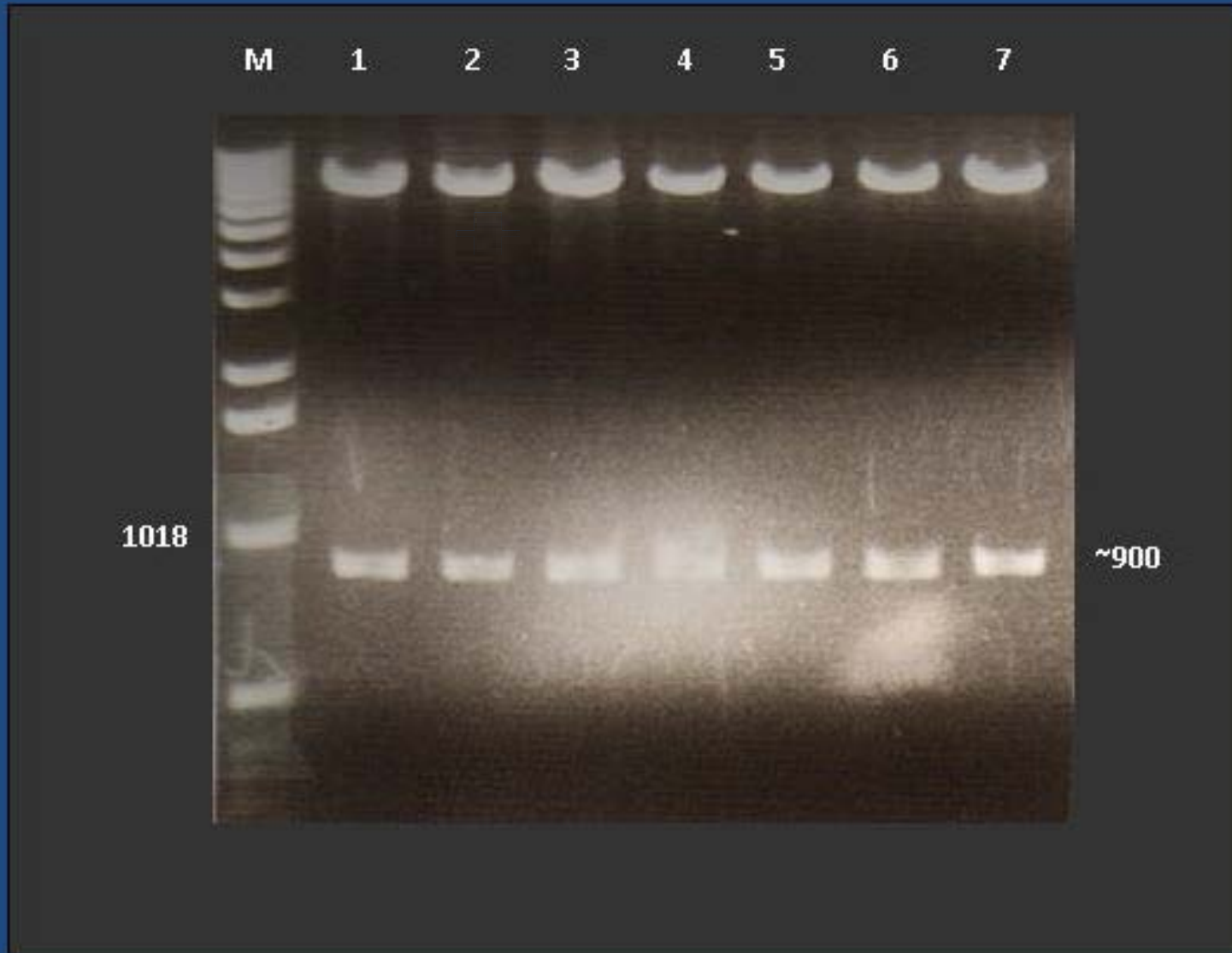


# Cloning of viral genes and generation of constructs





# Cloning of PRSV-PH Coat Protein clones 1-7



# Sequence of the cDNA of PRSV coat protein gene provided by Monsanto Co., St Louis, Missouri, USA

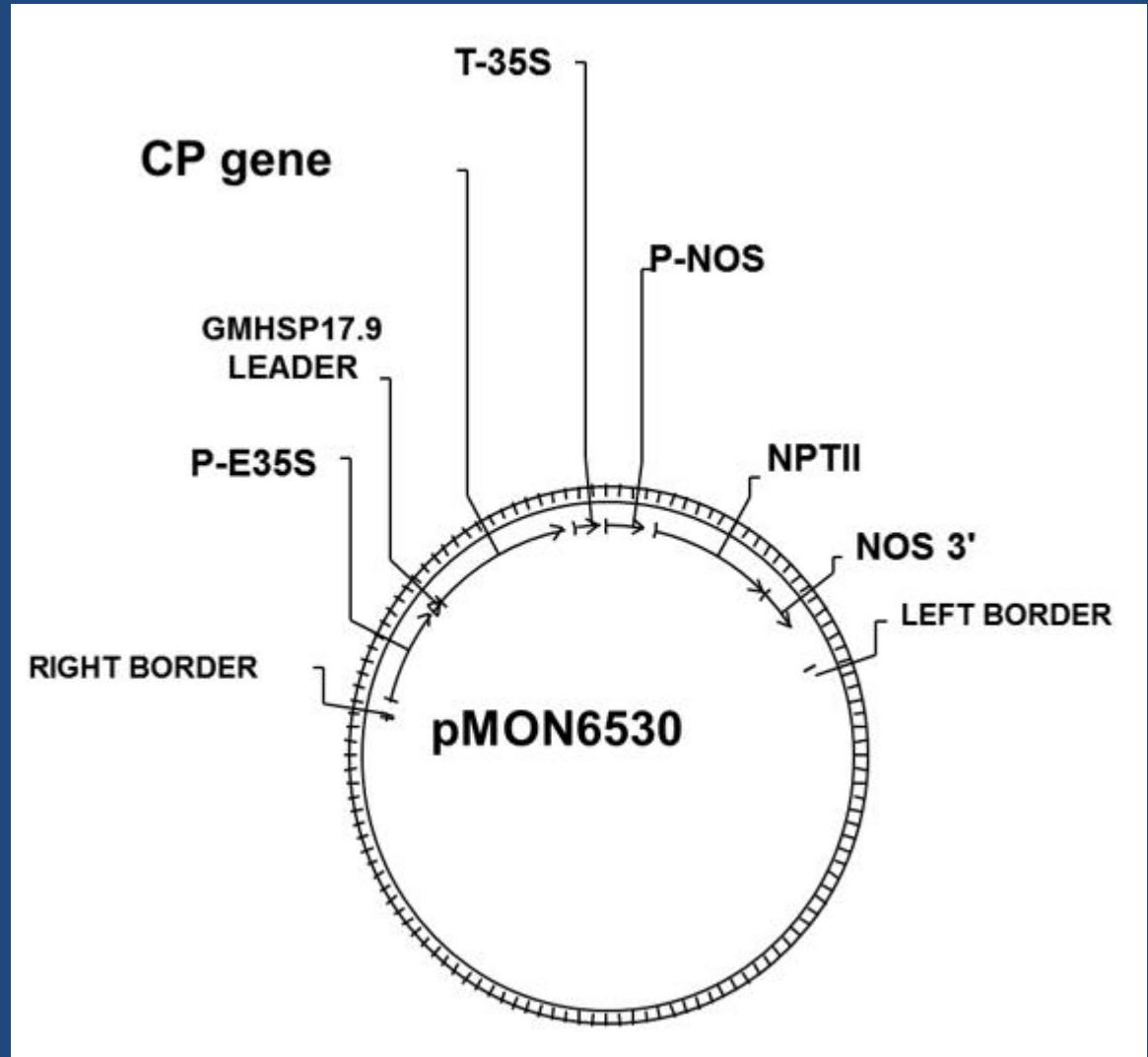
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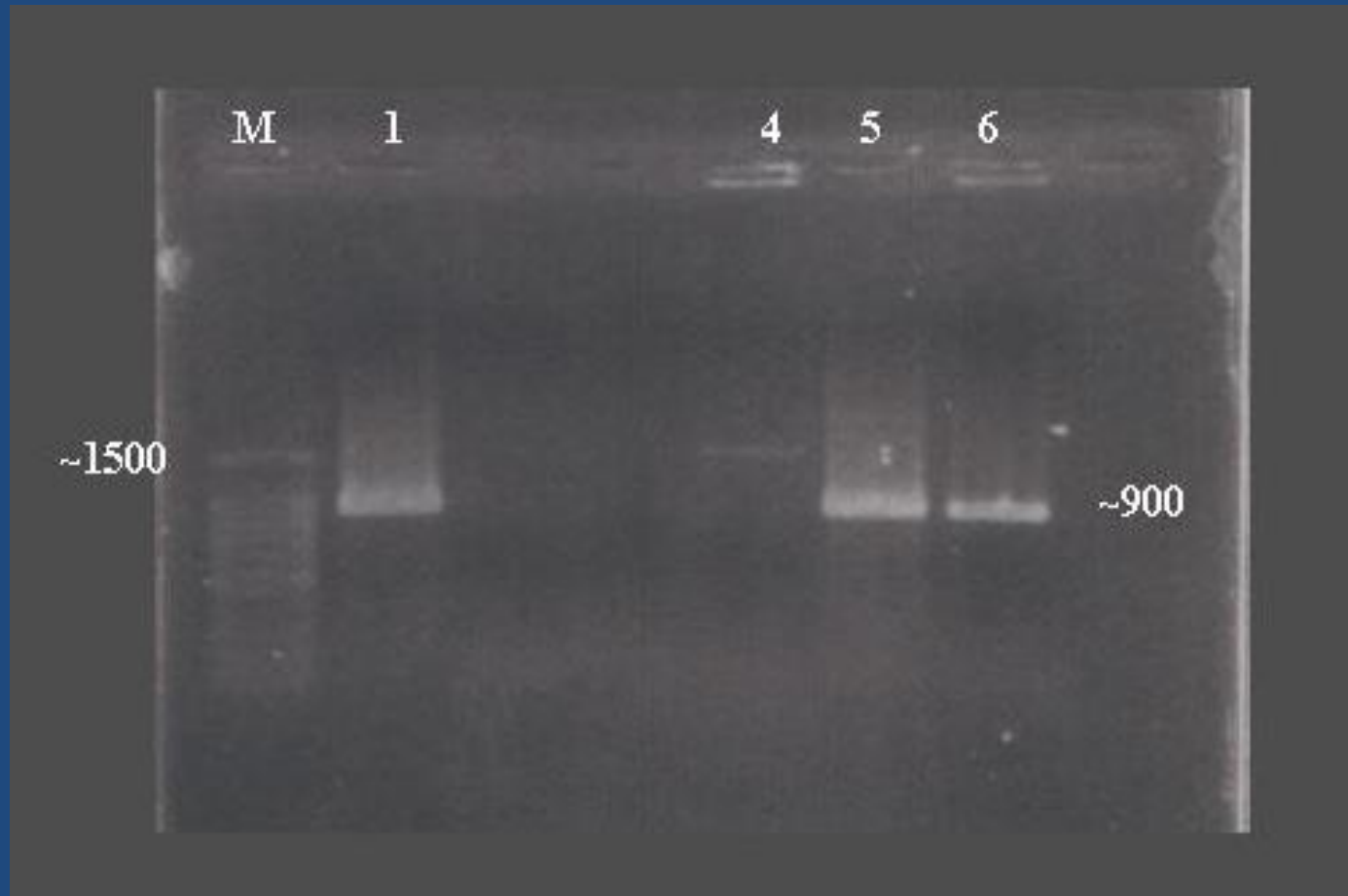
# Development of PRSV coat protein (cp) gene construct

CP

clone



# Electroporation of gene construct into *Agrobacterium*



PCR on *Agrobacterium* confirming the presence of gene inserts (lane 1=strain 65306 and lanes 5 & 6=strain 65310 for CP gene; lane 4=strain 65307 for the replicase gene).



# Fruiting habit of T<sub>0</sub> transgenic plants (~F<sub>1</sub>)



# Harvested fruits from T<sub>0</sub> transgenic plants (~F<sub>1</sub>)

- 172 fruits were harvested
- Most are sweet (TSS 11-13°B)
- Average fruit weight: 337.5 gms



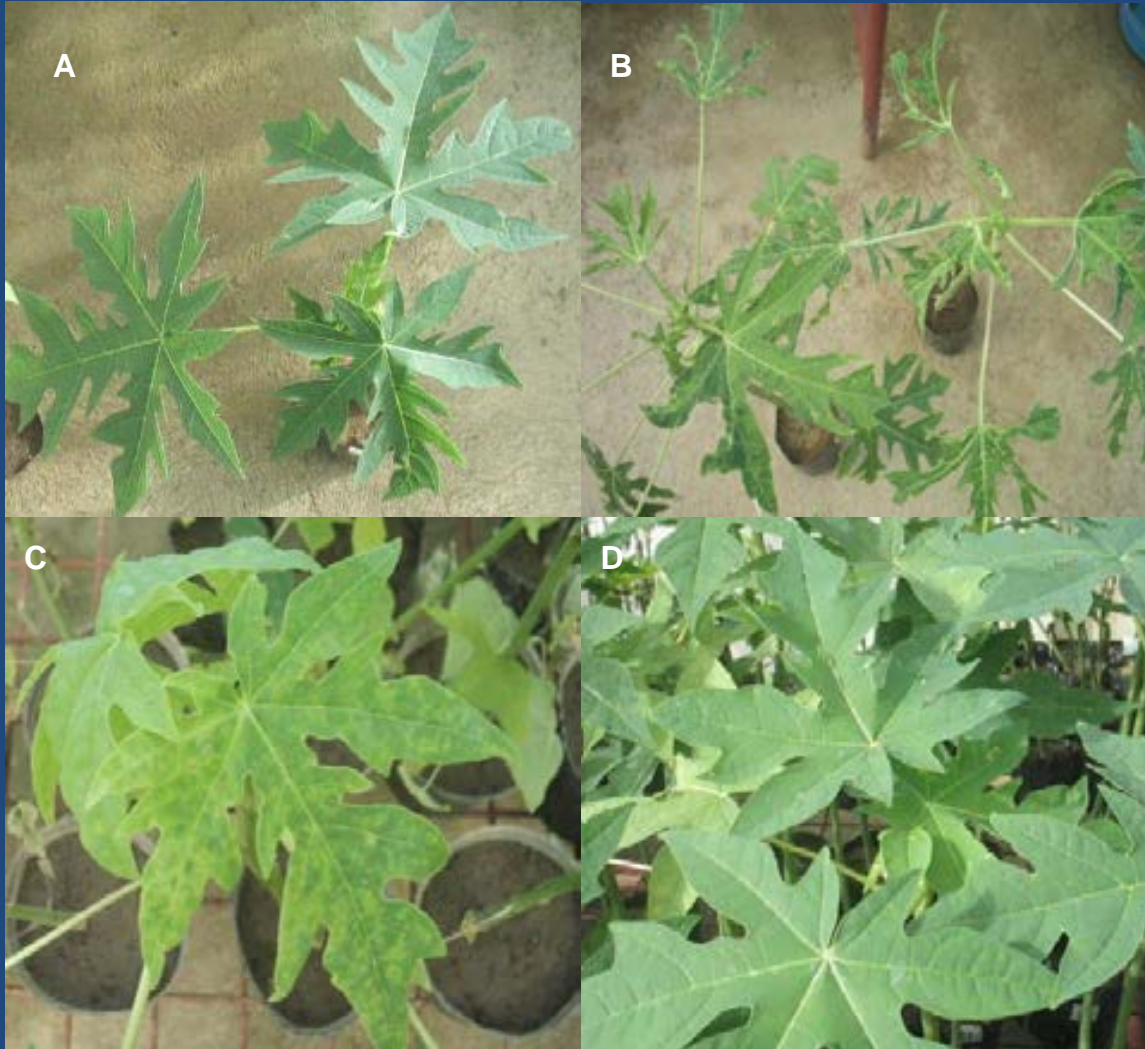




- $T_1$  fruiting trees ( $\sim F_2$ ) inside the BL2

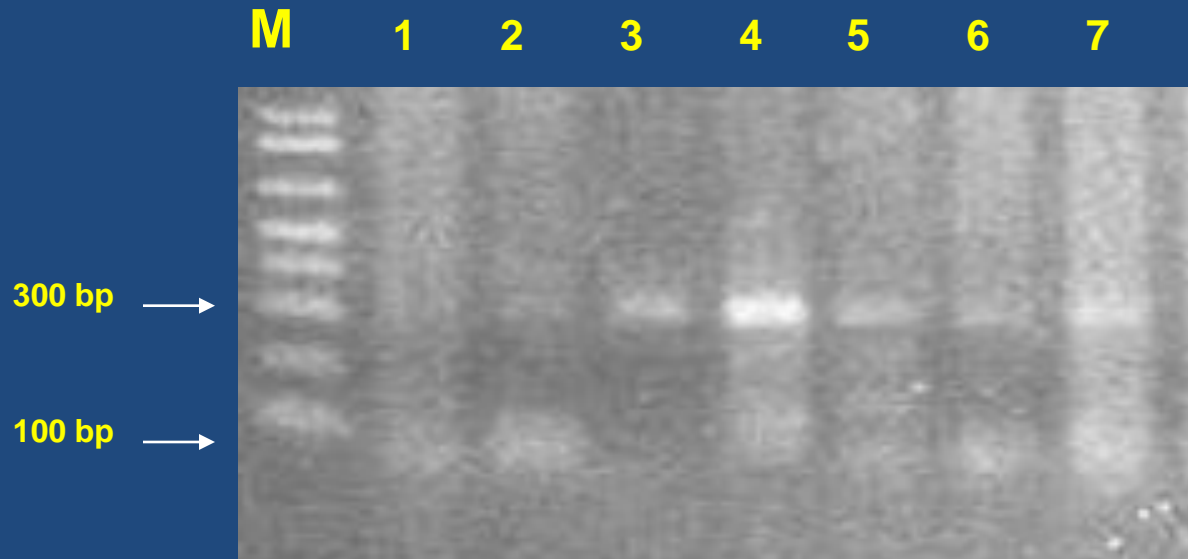


# Reaction of T1 lines ( $\sim F_2$ ) to virus challenge



- **A. Uninoculated T1 plants;**
- **B. Inoculated untransformed control plants showing severe leaf deformation and mottling;**
- **C. Inoculated T<sub>1</sub> plant showing mosaic and mottling (susceptible);**
- **D. Inoculated T<sub>1</sub> plants, healthy and without symptoms (resistant)**





**Touch down PCR analysis of DNA samples.  
Lanes 1 & 2 = untransformed 'Davao Solo'; 3 =  
Plasmid; 4 to 7 = T<sub>1</sub> lines.**

**PCR detection of cp gene inserted to papaya genome  
in the T<sub>1</sub> generation (~F<sub>2</sub>).**



**124-3.9-21.17**



**132-2.17-12.37**



**132-2.9-13.27**



**Inoculated Davao Solo**



**Uninoculated Davao Solo**

**The selected transgenic lines (T2 generation ~F3) and non-transgenic 'Davao Solo' control plants at flowering stage growing in the confined trial site.**



# Concept

## Antisense ACC Oxidase Gene Technology to Develop Papaya with Extended Shelf-life Using *Agrobacterium* System

- Papaya, a climacteric fruit contains the ACC oxidase (1-amino acid cyclopropane carboxylic acid) gene.
- This gene is responsible for the formation of ACC oxidase enzyme, which is the precursor of ethylene, the hormone responsible for the ripening of papaya.
- Hence, ACC oxidase gene was targeted for genetic engineering to delay the ripening process.

# Concept

- If the ACC oxidase gene is isolated from the papaya peel and cloned in a vector or carrier and placed in antisense or reverse orientation (mis-hybridization of antisense RNA and normal mRNA), hence no ACO enzyme produced for ethylene production).
- If this antisense construct is then inserted into the papaya genome via *Agrobacterium*, the resulting transgenic papaya will produce reduced amount of ethylene, hence delaying the ripening.
- Before this happens, the ACC oxidase gene must be first isolated and cloned from the donor organism, the papaya.



# THE TECHNOLOGY

- Good quality total RNA from fully ripe samples was used in cloning the *ACC oxidase* gene using RT-PCR.
- A 800 bp partial cDNA sequence of the *ACC oxidase* gene of the yellow 'Solo' papaya was obtained.

The 800 bp amplicons generated by RT-PCR using primers VF01 and VF02.

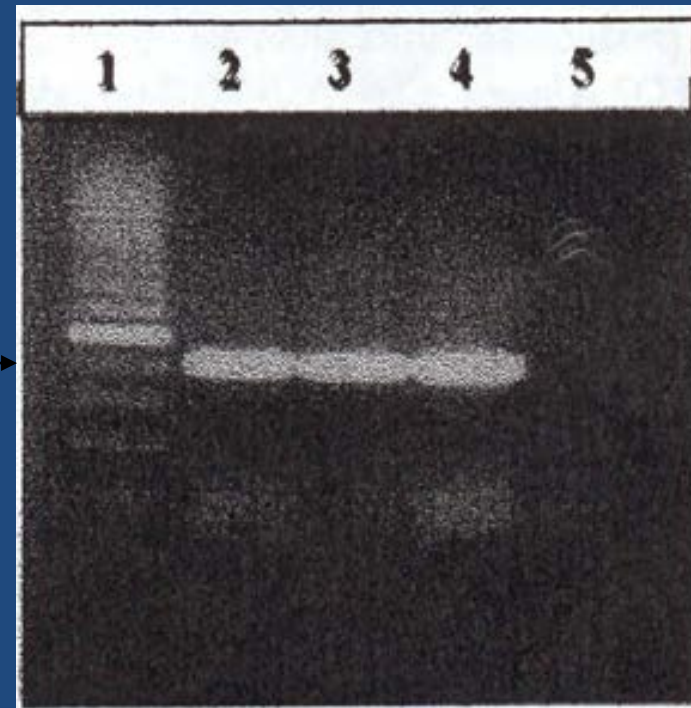
(1) 200 bp DNA ladder

(2-3) *ACC oxidase* gene of 'Solo' at full ripe stage

(4) *ACC oxidase* gene of 'Ekstotika'

(5) no DNA template

800bp



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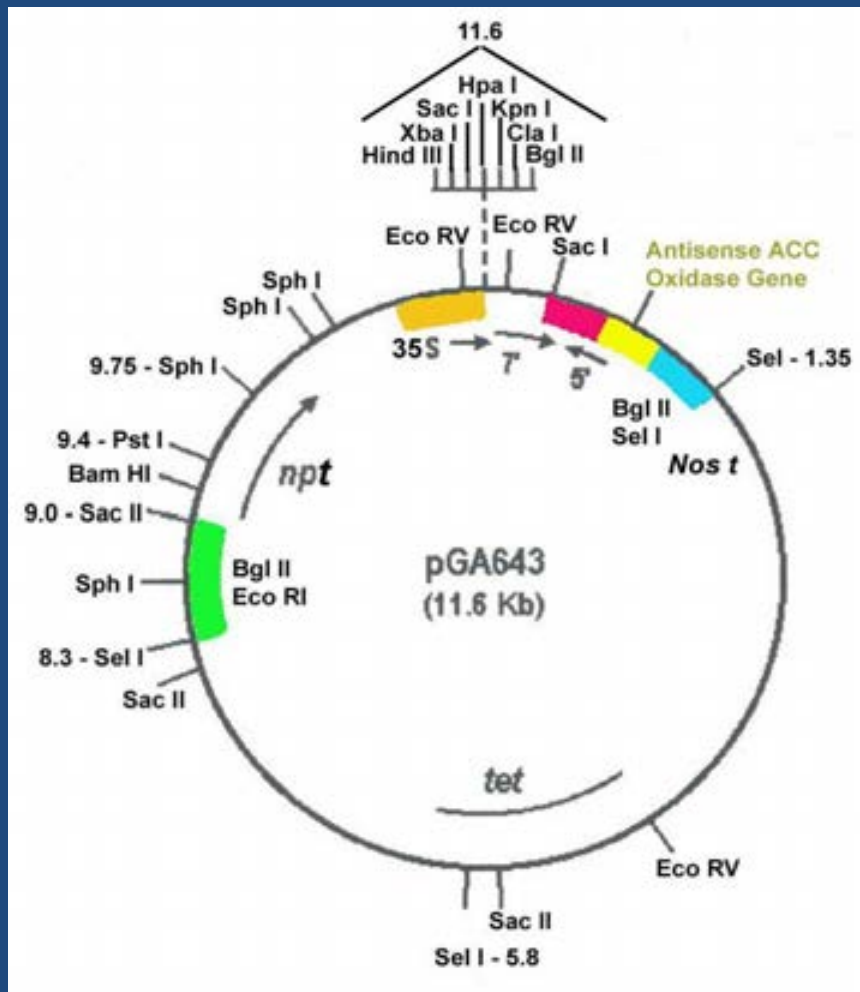
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**ACC oxidase cDNA gene sequence deposited to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), part of the US National Library of Medicine, a branch of the National Institute of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland, USA.**

**The 834 bp cDNA of ACC oxidase gene of Solo papaya represents a partial sequence of the entire ACC oxidase gene which is >1 kb.**

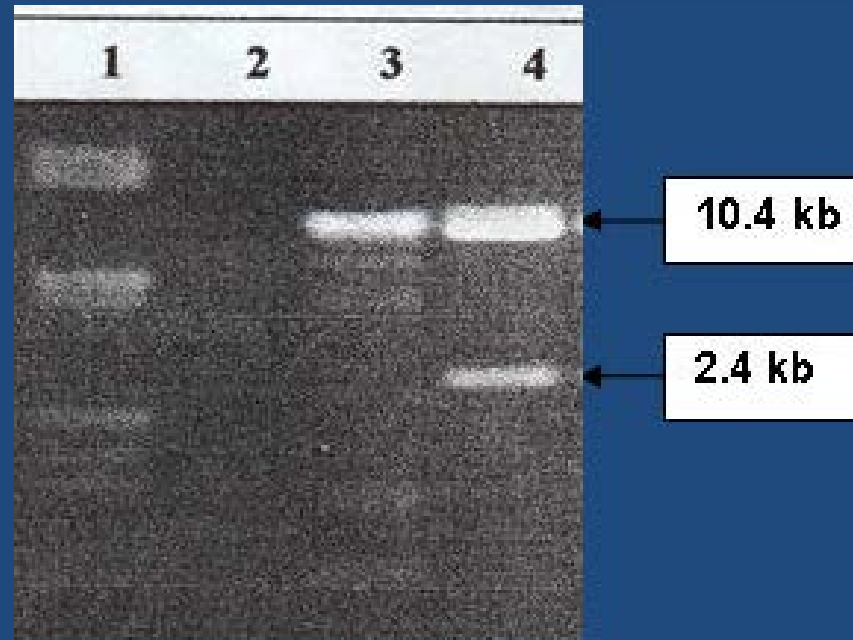


# The construction of *pGA643* with antisense ACC oxidase and *Agrobacterium* transformation



- Plasmid map of expression vector *pGA643* transformed with the antisense ACC oxidase gene
- The left and right borders, *npt II* and tetracycline resistance genes, CaMV 35s promoter, nos terminator, and the different restriction sites.
- Source: An et al., 1990, plasmid provided by MARDI, Malaysia

- The construct *pGA01* containing the insert obtained from *pDvSI-15*, has two major fragments namely, 10.4 kb and 2.4 kb in size.
- Hence the insert fragment in the construct is in the antisense orientation.



Restriction digests of *pGA643* antisense *ACC oxidase* positive clones showing the fragments generated by the different restriction enzymes namely:

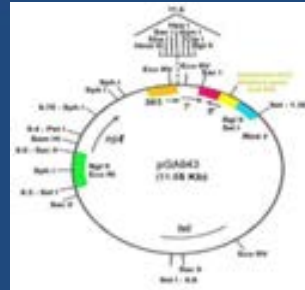
- (1) *Hind III/Eco RI*
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- (3) *pGA01 Hind III/Eco RI* and
- (4) *pGA01 Xba I/Bam HI*



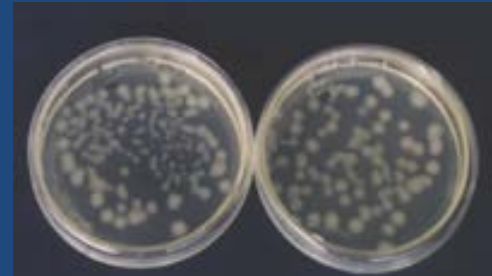
# Agrobacterium transformation



Transgenic papaya



pGA643 w/ ACO2



Agrobacterium w/ pGA643 w/ ACO2



Somatic embryos



Agrobacterium suspension (w/ ACO2)



Transformed somatic embryos undergoing selection



Regenerated plantlets

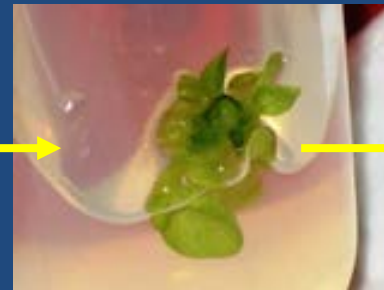
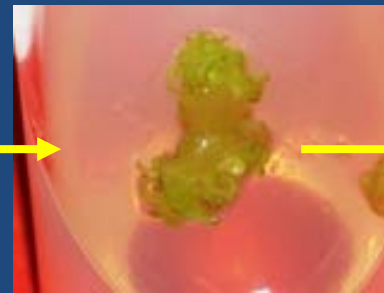
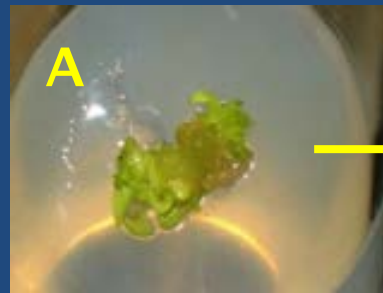


180 days after transformation

205 days after transformation

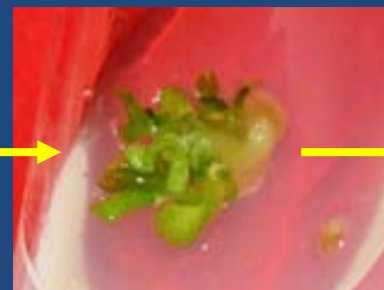
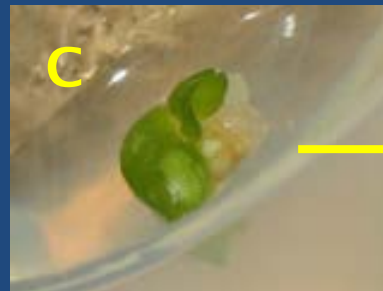
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DFH + BL LOW  
2 weeks old transformed tissues



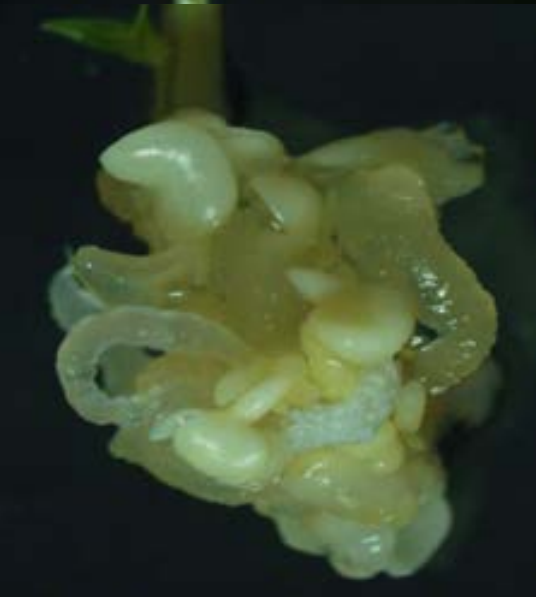
Regeneration using  
brassinolide

DFH + BL LOW  
3 weeks old transformed tissues





# Transgenic plants containing the antisense ACC oxidase gene



# Transgenic papayas with antisense ACC oxidase gene under BL2 Greenhouse conditions





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# Application of Antisense ACC Oxidase Gene Technology to Extend Shelf-Life of Export Winner Fruits





# **FUTURE TECHNOLOGY FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY-ASSISTED BREEDING OF FRUIT CROPS**

**New Breeding Techniques (e.g. Gene Editing) for Developing Insect Resistant Papaya**

**Example: Developing papaya resistant to fruit fly, aphids and mites using Crispr-Cas 9 technology**

# SUMMARY

- **Development of fruit varieties with good fruit qualities can be hastened by on-site selection and evaluation.**
- **Papaya F<sub>1</sub> hybrids tolerant to PRSV can be developed by conventional hybridization.**
- **Genetic markers can be used for early detection of sex forms in papaya in the seedling stage.**
- **Micropropagation is used to multiply proven papaya F<sub>1</sub> hybrid trees.**
- **Direct conduct of on-farm trials and technology piloting of PRSV-tolerant papaya F<sub>1</sub> hybrids in farmer cooperators' fields can showcase performance of a variety in the rural areas.**



# SUMMARY

- **Intergeneric papaya hybrid resistant to PRSV is difficult to develop due to pollen infertility.**
- **Transgenic papaya resistant to PRSV and with extended shelf-life is difficult to develop due to regulatory problems associated with GMOs.**
- **Papaya hybrids with double resistance to PRSV and BCR can be developed.**
- **Because of problems associated with GMO's, new breeding techniques like gene editing can be used to develop insect resistant papaya varieties in the future.**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Classical Breeding Projects:

- Papaya variety development for climate change adaptation (2013-2018)
- Field trial of new papaya ringspot virus tolerant papaya F<sub>1</sub> hybrids (2016-2019)
- Sinta Technology: Further Improvements for Commercial Seed Production (2008-date)
- Breeding and selection of hardy fruit crops for climate change adaptation (2013-2018)
- Selection of drought- and disease-resistant species for climate change adaptation (2012-2015)
- Development of Bacterial Crown Rot Tolerant Papayas (Part of ACIAR Project) (2014-2018)
- European Union-SEA Partnering: Regional Network for Research and development (2016-2017)

### Biotechnology-assisted Breeding Projects:

- Development of PRSV-resistant papaya by interspecific hybridization and embryo rescue (2000-date)
- *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation of papaya for papaya ringspot virus resistance (2004-2008)
- Development of papaya with delayed ripening characteristics containing the antisense ACC oxidase gene via *Agrobacterium* system (2002-2008)
- Micropropagation and artificial seed production of PRSV-tolerant papaya F<sub>1</sub> hybrids for field trials (2012-2018)



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