Leveraging legumes to combat poverty, hunger, malnutrition and environmental degradation

Product line 2 – Heat tolerant chickpea, common bean, faba bean and lentil

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Product Line Description

- Due to climate change, the target environments are becoming hotter, specially in dry areas
- Increase in temperature during the reproductive phase affects legumes productivity through: drop of flowers, drop of pods, seed number and seed size
Product Line Description  

- Pollen viability is the most affected trait under heat stress.
- Heat tolerant varieties provide ample opportunities for adaptation of common bean, chickpea, faba bean and lentils to heat prone environments.
Proposed outputs

Five-year outputs

- Understanding physiological mechanism of heat tolerance
- Protocols for heat tolerance screening developed for different crops.
- Development of breeding lines/varieties with tolerance to heat during reproductive phase

Ten-year outputs

- Improved cultivars with heat tolerance developed and evaluated
- At least 10% of crop area in heat prone regions brought under the improved varieties
RESULTS

Managing productivity: Understanding physiological mechanisms of heat tolerance (FP 1)

The elevated levels of CO₂ had positive effects on growth and yield of chickpea.

Significant yield improvement was observed in desi varieties compared to kabuli varieties due to increased CO₂.
Field screening for heat tolerance in Chickpea (FP1)

Long term weather data for Patancheru

e.g. Screening for heat tolerance in chickpea at ICRISAT-Patancheru
Pollen viability under controlled environments in chickpea (FP1)

**Genotypes:** ICCV 92944 (heat-tolerant) and ICC 5912 (heat-sensitive)

**Treatments:** High temperature stress (29/16°C to 40/25°C) and non-stress control (27/16°C)

**Results:**
- ICCV 92944 pollens were viable at 35/20°C (41% fertile) and at 40/25°C (13% fertile), whereas ICC 5912 pollens were completely sterile at 35/20°C.
- The stigma of ICC 5912 remained receptive at 35/20°C and non-stressed pollen (27/16°C) germinated on it during reciprocal crossing.

Response of Reproductive biology of lentil genotypes under high temperature (FP1)

- ILL1734, ILL4258 and ILL2507 showed pollen germination and pollen tube growth above 35°C & 40°C.
- ILL3973 and ILL7264 showed the maximum cell membrane thermostability (CT),
- No correlation between pollen germination and CT at high temperature.
### Pollen viability under heat stress in Faba bean (FP1)

Among 132 accessions 9 lines were the most heat tolerant with pollen viability under 35 degrees.

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Wide range of Genetic variability of Pollen Viability under heat stress (35 degree Celsius) (FP1)

Faba bean

Lentils
Large genetic variation for heat tolerance identified in chickpea (FP1)

The same was observed in Lentils and Faba beans
Correlation between Heat Tolerance Index (HTI) and seed yield in lentil (FP1)

\[ y = 1.765x - 1.510 \]

\[ R^2 = 0.739 \]

-4 -2 0 2 4 6 8

-6 -4 -2 0 2 4 6

Heat tolerance index

Seed yield (g/plant)

ILL4902
ILL729
ILL7833
LL6338
Relationship of grain yield and pollen viability in common bean (FP1)

Heat pollen viability (%) 

Heat grain yield (kg ha⁻¹)

Mean: 407
LSD: 480

Mean: 46.2
LSD: 23.9

r = 0.74***
Effects of high temperatures on grain legumes (FP2)

- Reduction in germination percentage and increase in occurrence of abnormal seedlings.
- Reduction in plant biomass.
- Early flowering.
- Degeneration of nodules affecting the nitrogen fixation efficiency.
- Reduction in membrane stability
- Reduction in photosynthetic/mitochondrial activity.
- Reduction in pollen viability, pollen germination and pollen tube growth.
- Reduction in pod set.
- Reduction in harvest index and grain yield.
# Identification of heat tolerant genotypes in chickpea (FP3)

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Performance of Heat Tolerant Lentil Lines (FP3)
Improved lines for heat tolerance-Sudan (FP3)

532 breeding lines screened and evaluated for 3 years 2013-2015, among them 8 were identified tolerant to heat

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Molecular mapping of genes/QTLs controlling heat tolerance (FP7)

Two key genomic regions harbouring several QTLs for heat tolerance associated traits identified on CaLG05 and CaLG06 based on ICC 4567 × ICC 15614 RILs
Two major QTLs for heat tolerance in chickpea identified

Stressed environments conserved heat tolerance QTL

These QTLs are located on linkage group 3 and 4.
Tertiary gene pool in common bean: introgression by congruity BC (FP2)

(P. vulgaris x P. acutifolius)

P.v. x P.a.

P.v. x P.a. x P.a.

Commercial Check
Genes of *Phaseolus acutifolious* introduced into *P. vulgaris* (FP7)
Estimates of Bean Adaptability with Heat Tolerant Beans with 3°C advantage (FP7)

Current adaptability

The “do-nothing” scenario - 2050

Plus 3 degrees adaptation - 2050

(Julian Ramirez)
Performance of heat tolerant variety JG 14 at farmers’ fields under late sown conditions in India (FP4)

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<th>State</th>
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<th>Local cultivar (kg/ha)</th>
<th>JG 14 (kg/ha)</th>
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Adoption of heat tolerant variety ICCV 92944 (Yezin 6 in Myanmar and JG 14 in India) by farmers

**Myanmar:** Yezin 6 was grown in about 60,000 ha (about 19% of the chickpea area) in Myanmar during 2014-15.

**India:** JG 14 ranked 5th among 74 varieties for the Indian indent of chickpea breeder seed during 2015-16.

ICCV 92944 performed well in rice-fallows and other late-sown conditions of Eastern India (Bihar, Jharkhand, Eastern Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Orissa) and Bangladesh and its adoption by farmers is increasing rapidly.
Impacts of Faba bean heat tolerance in Sudan (FP4)

- Faba bean production increased from ~40,000 t in nineties to 150,000 t at present.
- Increase in area (~20000 ha in nineties to ~70000 ha)
- Productivity from 1500 kg to 2120 kg per ha.
Capacity Building and Partnership (FP 5)

**Students:** Two students (PhD) at ICRISAT from India and six students (3 PhD and 3 MSc) at ICARDA from Syria, Sudan and Ethiopia conducted/conducting research relevant to this product line.

**Training courses**

- Pre-breeding and breeding of legumes at ICRISAT: 25 participants from Asia (India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Philippines, Laos and Myanmar) and Africa (Senegal, Ghana, Niger, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Uganda).
- Variety identification and variety maintenance at ICARDA: 26 participants from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia and Turkey.
- Training course on food legume improvement techniques in Lebanon: Participants from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Sudan, Lebanon, Morocco, Egypt and Jordan.
- Management of diseases and pests, pesticide uses and safety in Algeria: 20 participants from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Sudan, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan.

**Field days**
Areas suggested for continued R4D

- Dissection of heat tolerance into its components and their genetic mechanism
- Understanding the confounding effect of drought stress on heat stress
- Incorporating resistance to biotic, nutritional and grain quality traits in heat tolerant varieties
- Adaptation studies in different geographies and cropping systems
- Development of QTLs and their use in screening of the germplasm of cultivated and wild species for inducing/identifying enhanced levels of heat tolerance.
- Identify candidate genes and diagnostic markers for heat tolerance for use in breeding programs.
Summary.

- Screening protocols were established (related to reproductive development)
- Tools for screening for heat tolerance developed
- Sources for heat tolerance identified from naturally occurring genetic variability in the germplasm.
- Common bean crosses with *P. parvifolius* were advanced.
- Introgression of segment of *P. parvifolius* in common that are responsible for heat tolerance.
- Several QTLs associated with heat tolerance in chickpea were identified and mapped
- Capacity development enhanced
Contributing Bilateral Projects

- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Govt. of India
- Tropical Legumes II & III
- OCP-Morocco, India Project for food legumes
- EU-IFAD project
- ACIAR
- GRDC-Chickpea project
- USAID
List of Posters

Breeding heat tolerant varieties of chickpea
Anita Babbar, Sushil K Chaturvedi, V. Jayalakshmi and Pooran M Gaur

Effects of heat stress on physiology and reproductive biology of chickpea and lentil"
Neeru Kaushal, Kalpna Bhandari, Rashmi Awasthi, P.Gaur, Vincent Vadez, Shiv Kumar, Neil Turner, Kadambot Siddique, and Harsh Nayyar

Heat tolerance in common bean derived from interspecific crosses
Jose Polania, Nestor Chaves, Juan Lobaton, Cesar Cajiao, Idupulapati Rao, Bodo Raatz, Stephen Beebe
Partners

- Agriculture Research Center, Sudan
- ANGAU Regional Agril. Res. Station, Nandyal, AP, India
- Department of Agricultural Research, Yezin, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
- Ethiopian Agriculture Research Institute, Ethiopia
- ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR), Kanpur, India
- Panjab University, Chandigarh, India
- Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, Punjab, India
- University of Sydney, Cobbitty, Australia.
- Washington State University, Pullman, USA
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