SEASONAL POPULATION FLUCTUATIONS OF HEMICRICONEMOIDES MANGIFERAE AND OTHER NEMATODES ASSOCIATED WITH SAPODILLA (ACHRAS ZAPOTA) IN KARACHI

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Abstract

Hemicriconemoides mangiferae and other nematodes associated with sapodilla (Achras zapota) showed two population peaks, one in March-April and the other in October-November. A soil temperature of 19-22° C and moisture of 12-16 % appeared favourable for population changes of these nematodes in Karachi. H. mangiferae also affected the population of concomitant nematodes species.