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**MELOIDOGYNE SPECIES IN MIXED CROPPING SYSTEMS IN
THE RAINFOREST AND SAVANNAH ZONES OF NIGERIA¹**

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Abstract

Identification of *Meloidogyne* species infecting cowpea roots under mixed cropping systems in Nigeria showed that *M. javanica* was the predominant species in the savannah zone, and *M. incognita* races 1 and 2 were the dominant biotypes encountered in the mangrove and rainforest zones. Mixed cropping systems *per se* had little quantifiable effect on incidence or population density of given species.