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ABSTRACT

Coffee is a perennial plant grown in the highest range of soil and climatic conditions in the tropics and subtropics. Being grown in poly-culture, it provides habitat for number of insect pests in different parts and in different season with variety of damage patterns. A study was done at Madanpokhara VDC of Palpa district in the year 2006 for studying the insect pests of coffee plant and their management practices followed by the farmers. The investigation followed the Key Informant Survey and Focused Group Discussion to know over all situation of coffee. The Field Visits revealed that the white stem borer was the main threat to the coffee plant followed by various sapsuckers like brown scale, mealy bug, aphids and defoliators like *Catantops sp*, *Calasposoma sp*, *Ophrida sp*. The crop loss due to insect other than white stem borer is yet not estimated. For the control of pests, botanical pesticides are applied. Except Bordeaux mixture, no other chemical pesticides are used the botanical pesticides are made by farmers themselves from locally available plants having pesticides properties. The plants that were used for the preparation of pesticides consists neem (*Azedirecta indica*), china berry (*Melia azadirach*), siam weed (*Eupatorium odoratum*), mint (*Mentha arvensis*), marigold (*Tagetes sp*), Mug wart (*Artemesia vulgaris*), tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*). Regular monitoring of the borer during time of egg laying and emergence was the best prevention from the infestation of borer.

Key words: Insect pests, Coffee, Management practice, Madanpokhara, Palpa,

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

CCRI	Central Coffee Research Institute
CPMV	Cow Pea Mosaic Virus
CTV	Citrus Tristeza Virus
DCPA	District Coffee Producers Association
Dept.	Department
FNCCI	Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
kg	kilogram
m	Meter
mm	Millimeter
ml	Milliliter
mt	Metric ton
NARC	National Agricultural Research Centre
NCPA	Nepal Coffee Producers Association
NRs	Nepalese Rupees
NTCBD	National Tea and Coffee Development Board
sq. km.	Square Kilometer
VDC	Village Development Committee
FGD	Focused Group Discussion
KIS	Key Informant Survey