

Host Range of *Cercospora piaropi* and *Acremonium zonatum*, Potential Fungal Biocontrol Agents for Waterhyacinth in Mexico

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The host ranges of *Cercospora piaropi* and *Acremonium zonatum*, fungi native to Mexico and pathogens of waterhyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*), were evaluated using 31 plant species (some with several cultivars tested) representing 22 families of economic and ecological importance. The results showed that only waterlettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*), another abundant weed in Mexico, was infected by *C. piaropi*. The use of those pathogens in the biological control of waterhyacinth would not be expected to affect plants of economic and ecological importance in Mexico.

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