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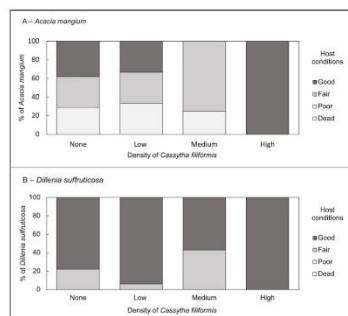
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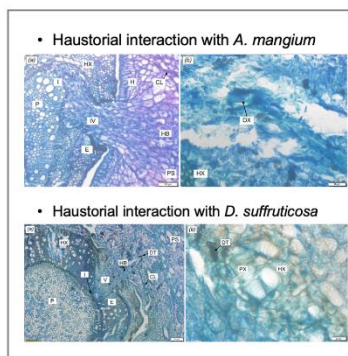


Sixteen shrubs and tree species in the coastal Bornean heath forests were infected by *Cassytha filiformis*: Native *Dillenia suffruticosa* and exotic *Acacia mangium* are the most preferred and common hosts



A trend of higher parasite vigour when infecting native hosts than in exotic hosts.

A trend of higher parasite density when infecting *A. mangium*, regardless of the host conditions.



C. filiformis established a true haustorial endophytic connection with studied hosts.