

# Bean stem maggot / bean fly

*Ophiomyia spp.*; local name: Funza wa inzi wa maharage (Swahili)

	Prevention	Monitoring	Direct Control	Direct Control	Restrictions
<p>____ (Photo: Willis Ochilo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Use resistant varieties Mwezi moja</li> <li>◆ Early planting: plant at the onset of rains (bean fly numbers tend to be low during the early stages of growing season and increase with time)</li> <li>◆ Use of mulch (e.g. rice straw or cut grasses) and earthing up the soil around the stem base which enhances adventitious root formation and recovery tolerance to damage</li> <li>◆ Uproot volunteer crops to break the BSM cycle</li> <li>◆ Avoid overlapping bean crop especially when there is enough rain</li> <li>◆ Seed dressing (see direct control column)</li> <li>◆ Avoid planting beans near alternative host plants such as cowpea, soybean and other leguminous crops</li> <li>◆ Field sanitation such as removing crop residues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Assess after germination (2-3 weeks)</li> <li>◆ Inspect the leaves and the stem base for symptoms</li> <li>◆ Look for oviposition marks on the leaves; swelling and cracking; larvae and pupae in the stem base (root collar)</li> <li>◆ Institute control measures when 5-10% of the plant population has been infested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Use botanical insecticides such as neem (100 g of dried leaves in 1 litre warm water (30°C) and kept for 12 hours. Filter and spray)</li> <li>◆ Uproot infested plants from the field and destroy by burning.</li> </ul>	◆ Diazinon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Moderately hazardous (WHO II)</li> <li>◆ Mode of action: Organophosphate</li> </ul>
				◆ Acephate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ WHO II</li> <li>◆ Mode of action: Organophosphate</li> </ul>
				◆ Imidacloprid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ WHO II</li> <li>◆ Mode of action: Neonicotinoid</li> <li>◆ Apply as seed dressing</li> </ul>
				◆ General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Wear protective clothing when handling chemicals</li> <li>◆ Follow instruction on the product label such as dosage, pre-harvest interval and appropriate time of application</li> </ul>



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