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Effects of Soil Amendments with Bio-inoculants on Biomass Production of *Flemingia semialata* Seedlings

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Abstract: Multi-location trials of containerised seedlings with of *Flemingia semialata* Roxb. developed in the nurseries of Department of forestry, Mizoram University and College of Forestry, OUAT to study the effect of *bio-inoculants* on root and shoot fresh biomass at various stages. Both the locations recorded similar trend, thus pooled together. At one month age though bio-inoculation had no remarkable response to root fresh biomass but had response to shoot fresh biomass, the latter acquired maximum value (0.185 g) in Rhizobium + Mycorrhizae with low fertilisation (125 mg N₂, 125 mg P₂O₅ and 125 mg K₂O per polypot). At 2, 4 and 6 months both the parameters had significant response to bio-inoculation. At 2 months *Rhizobium* + Mycorrhizae with medium fertilisation (250 mg N₂, 250 mg P₂O₅ and 125 mg K₂O per pot) recorded maximum root fresh biomass (0.214 g) and shoot fresh biomass (0.421 g) accumulation. Of course, at 4 months highest fresh root biomass (2.388 g) was with Rhizobium + Mycorrhizae with high fertilisation (375 mg N₂, 250 mg P₂O₅ and 250 mg K₂O per polypot) the treatment Rhizobium + Mycorrhizae with low fertilisation gave highest fresh biomass accumulation of root at 6 months (6.452 g) and of shoot at both 4 months (7.583 g) and 6 months (27.325 g).

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