

"Transforming agricultural practices with innovations in bioinoculants to enhance soil health and pave the way for sustainable agri-food systems"



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Didier Lesueur earned his PhD in Plant-Soil-Microorganism interaction from the University of Paris VI (Pierre & Marie Curie) in 1992. He has held various positions since then, including working at the BSFT laboratory, CIRAD in France (1992-1996), IRD-Dakar in Senegal for eight years (1996-2004), CIAT-TSBF in Nairobi, Kenya, for six years (2004-2010), LDD-Bangkok in Thailand for five years (2011-2016), and currently at the Asia Hub of the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT in Hanoi, Vietnam, where he has been working since August 2016.

Throughout his career, he has led research in soil microbiology, focusing on biological nitrogen fixation and utilising beneficial microorganisms to inoculate legumes and other crops in agroecological systems related to nutrient cycles. He has extensive field experience in Africa (15 years) and Southeast Asia (13 years and counting). He is currently coordinating the CMBP Asia-Pacific network on microbial biotechnologies, aiming to develop soil biological indicators that improve soil health management for farmers. His field experiences are primarily in Africa (14 years) and Southeast Asia (over 13 years now). He has co-authored over 130 refereed journal articles and book chapters, and has trained more than 15 PhD students and 50 MSc students from Europe, Asia, and Africa.