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Pheromone lures for the Red Palm Weevil *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*

Traps

RHYFER 220 pheromone dispensers for the Red Palm Weevil RPW generally come without traps. Suitable traps are usually produced locally or home made. Different types are used in different countries and all of them with success. Examples are shown below.

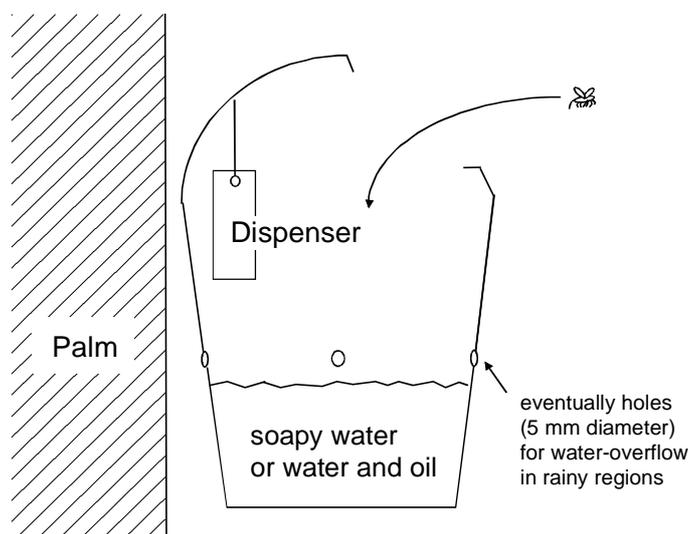
One general aspect is that the weevil is not a very precise flyer so it seems that the trap has to offer either a large opening "for landing" or the possibility to walk on/into the trap (surface covered sackcloth). Trials have shown that the red colour increases attractivity.



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Directions for use

- Select a palm which is exposed to the free flowing air around it, trees hidden inside other trees are not suitable.
- Fix the trap at a height of about 1.50 – 2.50 m to the trunk of the palm or a pole outside the palm plantation. Preferably choose the north side of the tree to reduce warming of the trap. Use either an insecticide (Dichlorfos, etc.) to kill the weevils or fill the trap with soapy water (approx. 1/3 of the bucket) to drown the caught insects. Oil (plant oil without strong odour) may possibly be used instead of water. An oil-layer of approx. 3 cm may be sufficient.



- Place the pheromone dispenser inside the trap above the water level using a wire or thread. DO NOT OPEN or damage the dispenser-sachets!
- Try to keep the trap undisturbed. After a short waiting period (0-10 days) red palm weevils will appear inside the trap. Check the traps in regular intervals of about one week.
- Replace the dispenser (or add a new dispenser) after 10 - 15 weeks (Temperature 25-35°C) to obtain optimum results.
- Store the dispensers in their original Plastic/Aluminium-bag at less than -10°C to preserve the attractivity of the dispensers. Keep the PE/Al-bag closed until usage.