

Project Title: "Sifting of the accessions of cowpea for resistance to *Striga* in Togo / Assessment of cowpea varieties resistant to *Striga* using farmer participatory research in Togo"

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Summary: The ITRA/CRASS project, led by PI, Dr Béré Tchabana, ran for over 11 years. The initial phase of the project consisted of testing the local varieties for *Striga* resistance. They then trialled varieties from INERA, Burkina Faso and IITA, Nigeria. The *Striga* resistant varieties were then presented to farmers who showed a preference for K VX771-10G from INERA and the IITA line, IT97-499-35. These showed resistance to *Striga* in the three areas of the trials (Maritime, Kara and Savanes).



Farmers viewing trials of the cowpea varieties

The ITRA / CRASS seed dissemination project began in June 2015 and ended in March 2020. KT provided support for the production and dissemination of improved cowpea seed for farmers in Togo.

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