



Installing pheromone traps for *Maruca vitrata*

1. Adult *Maruca* are attracted to the traps by pheromone lures suspended inside the trap. The lures carry the scent of the female *Maruca*.



2. Place a stick into the ground so that the trap can hang freely. Suspend the trap using wire or string and set it 1.2 m above the ground. Begin to place traps in the fields 3 – 4 weeks after sowing.

3. The traps are made from white, plastic 5-litre plastic cans. Suspend a pheromone lure inside using wire or a paper-clip.



4. Place water in the traps to a depth of 5 cm to trap the moths. A little soap added to the water aids capture of moths.

5. Check the traps at least 3 times each week. On each occasion, record numbers of *Maruca* caught in each trap. Remove the dead moths and any other debris.



6. Replenish the water and soap regularly – replace them completely if the water becomes dirty. Replace the lures every 4 weeks.

