

## **Technical Bulletin for: Coffee Berry Borer**

Hypothenemus hampei (Ferrari) • Coleoptera: Scolytidae • HYPHAM



DISTRIBUTION	In all places where coffee is grown, except Papua New Guinea
HOSTS	Coffee (Arabica and Robusta), and Brazil Nut.
DESCRIPTION	
ADULT MOTH	Males are apterous, stunted and deformed. Females with body 1.4-1.6 mm long and 2.3 times as long as wide, entirely black.
LARVAE	White, legless, fine but sparse hairs. Up to 2 instars with second instar larvae growing to 2.2 mm long.
EGGS	Elliptical or ovoid in shape, milky-white and shiny when first laid, 0.5-0.8 mm long, 0.25-0.35 mm wide
LIFE HISTORY	The maturation of the insect (from egg to adult) lasts between 24 and 45 days, varying according to the weather. Usually, the female drills the berry through the central disc, although it can enter through the side walls if the fruit is dry. Two days after the access, the beetle lays 35–50 eggs, which produce 13 females for each male. The lifespan for females is 35–190 days and for males 40 days. The new insects mate inside the seed. Some females lay the eggs in the same coffee plant, others colonize new ones. The males never leave the fruit. The same plant can host three to five generations of beetles. Up to 100 beetles can be found in a single fruit. The insect is very sensitive to desiccation and waits for the rains to leave the fruit. The most affected areas in the crops are the shady and moist ones.

## MONITORING INFORMATION

