# Harmful organisms in Philippine rice fields MAJOR







YELLOW STEM BORER Scirpophaga incertulas (Walker)

Filipino name: dilaw na aksip Damaging stage: larval stage Plant part attacked: stem Vulnerable crop stages: from tillering to reproductive Damage characteristics: larvae bore into the rice stems and hollow out the stem completely; in young plants, the central leaf whorl does not unfold, turns brownish, and dries up (deadheart); in older plants, the panicle dries up with unfilled grains and turns white (whitehead)

WHITE STEM BORER Scirpophaga innotata (Walker) Filipino names: puting aksip, puting bagumbong Damaging stage: larval stage Plant part attacked: stem Vulnerable crop stages: tillering to reproductive Damage characteristics: from tillering to reproductive Damage characteristics: larvae bore into the rice stems and hollow out the stem completely; in young plants, the central leaf whorl does not unfold, turns brownish, and dries up (deadheart); in older plants, the panicle dries up with unfilled grains and turns white (whitehead)

**BROWN PLANTHOPPER** *Nilaparvata lugens* (Stal)

Filipino names: kayumangging hanip, kayumangging ngusong kabayo Damaging stage: nymph and adult stages Plant part attacked: leaf sheaths and blades Vulnerable crop stages: all stages Damage characteristics: plants turn yellow and dry up rapidly; hopperburn symptoms; transmits viral diseases causing ragged stunt, grassy stunt, and wilted stunt

## WHITE-BACKED PLANTHOPPER Sogatella furcifera (Horvath)

Filipino name: puting likod ngusong kabayo Damaging stage: nymph and adult stages Plant part attacked: leaf sheaths and blades Vulnerable crop stages: from tillering to reproductive Damage characteristics: heavy infestations make leaves dry and show burn symptoms (hopperburn)



**GREEN LEAFHOPPER** Nephotettix spp. Filipino name: berdeng ngusong kabayo Damaging stage: nymph and adult stages Plant part attacked: leaf sheaths and blades Vulnerable crop stages: from tillering to panicle initiation Damage characteristics: transistor of tungro virus; yellow dwarf; heavy infestations may cause withering or wilting



**RICE BLACK BUG** Scotinophara coarctata (Fabricius) Filipino name: itim na atangya Damaging stage: nymph and adult stages Plant part attacked: stems, tillers, and panicles Vulnerable crop stages: from seeding to flowering Damage characteristics: deadheart; reddish brown leaves; reduced tillers; in severe infestation young plants die and the whole field appears burnt (bug burn)



**GOLDEN APPLE SNAIL** *Pomacea canaliculata* (Lamarck) Filipino name: golden kuhol Damaging stage: young and adult snails Plant part attacked: base of young seedlings Vulnerable crop stages: 2-3 weeks after transplanting Damage characteristics: severely damaged rice fields have missing hills and floating fragments of rice plants



**RAT** *Rattus argentiventer* (Robinson and Kloss) Filipino name: daga Plant part attacked: whole plant Vulnerable crop stages: all stages Damage characteristics: more damage occurs in the center of the rice field, resulting in eat-outs; cut stems or panicles

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WHORL MAGGOT Hydrellia philippina (Ferino) Filipino names: langaw palay, langaw bukid Damaging stage: larval stage Plant part attacked: leaves Vulnerable crop stages: tillering Damage characteristics: pinhole feeding areas on the leaves with white and yellowish linear patches near the edges of leaves; stunted plants with few



SHORT-HORNED GRASSHOPPER Oxya hyla intricata (Stal) Filipino names: balang, lukton Damaging stage: nymph and adult stages Plant part attacked: leaves Vulnerable crop stages: all stages

Damage characteristics: nymphs eat newly-germinated rice seedlings; if emerging flowers are attacked, the grains become chaffy; damaged leaves with holes, leaf margins intact and appear ragged; may cause defoliation at high infestation

**LEAFFOLDER/LEAF ROLLER** Cnaphalocrosis medinalis (Guen.) Filipino names: magbibilot, maniniklop Damaging stage: larval stage Plant part attacked: leaves Vulnerable crop stages: from seeding to flowering Damage characteristics: rolled leaf; heavy infestation makes the plant look

burnt; longitudinal white and transparent streaks on leaf blades

**CASEWORM/CASE BEARER** Nymphula depunctalis (Guen.) Filipino names: mambibilot, uod na nasa supot Damaging stage: larval stage Plant part attacked: leaves Vulnerable crop stages: from seeding to flowering Damage characteristics: tips of leaves appear as if cut by scissors; loss of photosynthetic tissue can be critical and seedlings may die; ladder-like

appearance of removed tissues or green portions; presence of larval cases where larva dwells





**ARMYWORM** Mythimna unipuncta (Haworth) Filipino names: arabas, harabas, tagustos Damaging stage: larval stage Plant part attacked: leaves Vulnerable crop stages: from seedling to ripening Damage characteristics: young plants are cut at ground level while older plants are defoliated

PINK/PURPLE STEM BORER Sesamia inferens (Walker) Filipino name: mala rosa na aksip Damaging stage: larval stage Plant part attacked: stem Vulnerable crop stages: from tillering to reproductive Damage characteristics: larvae bore into the rice stems and hollow out the stem completely; in young plants, the central leaf whorl does not unfold, turns brownish, and dries up (deadheart); in older plants, the panicle dries up with unfilled grains and turns white (whitehead)



STRIPED STEM BORER Chilo suppressalis (Walker)
Filipino name: guhitang aksip
Damaging stage: larval stage
Plant part attacked: stem
Vulnerable crop stages: from tillering to ripening
Damage characteristics: larvae bore into the rice stems and hollow out the
stem completely; in young plants, the central leaf whorl does not unfold,
turns brownish, and dries up (deadheart); in older plants, the panicle dries
up with unfilled grains and turns white (whitehead)

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