

# Phomopsis sclerotioides in cucumber - Belgium

## the Challenge

Production losses and quality issues due to black-root spots on cucumber.

## the Results



The owner of a horticulture company, located in West Flanders (Belgium), grows cucumber on coconut substrate, and watering of the plants is done by drip irrigation.

The water is filtered naturally by a sand bed and it will be reused afterwards. The major problem with this technique is that *Phomopsis sclerotioides* can pass through the sand filters, resulting in contamination of the irrigation water, causing black-root spots on cucumber. Therefore disinfection o the irrigation water is necessary. Addition of a Huwa-San TR50 AGRO solution at a concentration of minimum 20 ppm (20 ml Huwa-San TR50 AGRO per 1000l water) to the recirculation water is sufficient to eliminate *Phomopsis* contamination, producing in cucumbers of better quality and higher yields.



# <sup>the</sup> Primary Benefit

By introducing Huwa-San, contamination of *Phomopsis* sclerotioides is completely eliminated, resulting in higher cucumber yields and improved product quality.

## the Return on Investment

Huwa-San eliminates *Phomopsis sclerotioides* contamination completely, resulting in higher cucumber yields and improved product quality.

Illustrations of cucumber plants grown on coconut substrate (left). Watering of the plants is done with drip irrigation (right).

#### the Secondary Benefit

Huwa-San is easy to be applied, safe for the end-user and very eco-friendly due to its harmless breakdown products (water and oxygen).

Huwa-San is also a colourless, tasteless and odourless disinfectant, thus it has no impact on the properties of the end-product.

## the Return on Environment

Huwa-San is highly eco-friendly as it decomposes into water and oxygen, two harmless breakdown products. It also provides waste reduction.

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