

PROPAGATION OF THE FUNGUS *Trichoderma harzianum* UPN 16 ON VARIOUS MEDIA FOR CONTROLLING *Fusarium* sp. ON CHILI SEEDS

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to test the suitable media for the growth and multiplication of *Trichoderma harzianum* UPN 16 for the control of *Fusarium* sp. on chili seedlings. The research was conducted at the Plant Protection Laboratory of UPN Veteran Yogyakarta. The method used consisted of 2 stages, namely: *T. harzianum* UPN 16 propagation test on various media (rice, corn, cocopeat, and bran) and *T. harzianum* UPN 16 isolate test against *Fusarium* sp. on chili seedlings using a completely randomized design (RAL). Quantitative parameters were tested using ANOVA followed by DMRT test if the results were significant. The results showed that in the propagation test method of *T. harzianum* UPN 16 the best rice media in the parameters of visual observation, weight loss, humidity and equivalent in the parameters of incubation period and spore density, followed by corn, bran, and cocopeat. Test of *T. harzianum* UPN 16 isolate against *Fusarium* sp. on chili seedlings showed that the use of *T. harzianum* UPN 16 on rice and corn media could not suppress the emergence of the disease.

Key words: *Trichoderma harzianum* UPN16, *Fusarium* sp., propagation media, chili seedlings.