

MAURITIUS SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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CONTROL OF PAEDERIA FOETIDA (liane lingue) AND HELIOTROPIUM AMPLEXICAULE (herbe bleue, verveine sauvage)

These two weeds are perennials found in most areas of the island. P. foetida is a vine which is found creeping on stone walls and heaps, and in sugar cane where it twines around the shoots; it reproduces by seeds and also vegetatively by rhizomes.

H. amplexicable may be found in waste land and in sugar cane fields. It produces a large amount of fertile seeds and is also readily propagated vegetatively by fragments of roots, especially during mechanical cultivation.

CONTROL MEASURES

Whether in plant or ration cane or in non-crop areas, two herbicide treatments are available to effectively control these two weed species:

The rates of Tordon 101 and of Garlon 4 can be reduced by half if these weeds issue from seeds and are still fairly young.