

Biocontrol of Legume Pod Borer (*Maruca vitrata*)

Bio control

As larvae develop into pupa in 2-4 weeks after hatching and into adult in 5-12 days, adults are active during at night and rest on leaves during the day. Adults are smaller moths with white-yellow smaller wings and for push pull methods of controlling moths, one should use natural enemies to feed on pests for example allowing parasitic wasps to attack stem borers.

Similarly, plant specific plants around maize that repel moths and also plant maize first and then desmodium in between the rows as these produce chemicals that repel moths.

Finally, plant elephant grass on the boundaries of field to attract or pull out moths out of maize.