Objective
Develop and test efficient and cost-effective biological methods to control the pod borer (Helicoverpa armigera) in pulses based on the introduction of specific entomopathogenic fungi, which are natural enemies of the pest insects. In the current programme phase, the project is supported to establish the conditions to be financed in the frame of SBIRI. The Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI) is a funding scheme introduced by DBT created to boost public-private-partnership efforts in India. A SBIRI project was approved and launched in 2011. The project will be further monitored and supported by ISCB.

Project
- Transferring mycoinsecticide technology to the private sector and launching a SBIRI project.

Project Partners
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- HiTech Bioscience India Ltd. (HTBS), Pune, India (private partner)