

THE PLANT PROTECTION ACT  
(CAP.133)

RULES

Made under section 3

THE PLANT PROTECTION (DECLARATION AND CONTROL OF STRIGA)  
RULES

- Citation                    1. These Rules may be cited as the Plant Protection (Declaration and Control of *Striga*) Rules, 2010.
- Interpretation  
Cap. 133                    2. In these Rules unless the context requires otherwise-  
“Act” means the Plant Protection Act;  
“authorized officer” means agricultural officer, agricultural extension officer or any other administrative officer at the Local Government Authority;  
“inspector” means a Plant Protection Inspector appointed under section 33 of the Act;  
“*striga*” means a plant of the family *scrophulariaceae* that is parasitic on the roots of the plants.
- Declaration  
of *striga*                    3. *Striga* commonly called “witchweed” or “kiduha” is hereby declared to be a pest for the purposes of the Act.
- Declaration  
of *striga*  
infested area                4.-(1) Areas listed in the Schedule to these Rules are hereby declared to be *striga* infested areas.  
(2) The Minister may by notice published in the *Gazette* amend the Schedule.
- Duties of  
Inspector and  
authorized  
Officers in  
respect to the  
*striga*  
management                5. Where an inspector or an authorized officer has established that any land or plant is infested with *striga*, he may issue a notice that traditional measures be undertaken by the occupier or, in the absence of the occupier, the owner or a person having the charge or management of the land as he may deem fit.

Obligation to  
report *striga*  
infestation

6.-(1) On receipt of a notice, signed by him directing the owner or occupier or a person having the charge or management of any land shall forthwith uproot and destroy the *striga* and all plants affected in accordance with the directions given by the inspector or authorized officer.

(2) Where, following a direction by an inspector or an authorised officer no action or measures prescribed under these Rules is undertaken, the inspector or authorized officer shall undertake necessary measures, or order the measures be carried out in his presence, at the cost of the owner or occupier.

(3) Any owner or occupier or a person having the charge or management of any land shall not move the *striga* from infested to non infested land.

(4) For the purposes of controlling *striga*, the owner or occupier or a person having the charge or management of any land shall apply the following measures:

- (a) hand pulling and hoe weeding for the prevention of *striga* production;
- (b) use of *striga* free seeds for the prevention of new infestations;
- (c) ensure early warning planting;
- (d) undertake intercropping farming of cereals and legume;
- (e) use of trap crops in rotation with cereals;
- (f) use of inorganic fertilizers and animal manures to suppress *striga* germination;
- (g) use of host plant resistance;
- (h) use of green manure;
- (i) use of tied ridges and mulch to delay *striga* emergence;
- (j) use of catch crops and appropriate herbicides as recommended by the agricultural Officers;
- (k) use of crop rotation with non-host legumes; and
- (l) use of Herbicides e.g. 2, 4D at a rate of 2 kg a 1/ha.

Offences and  
penalty

7. Any person who fails to comply with any direction issued by the inspector or an authorised officer pursuant to these Rules, commits an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine of not less than two hundred thousand shilling or imprisonment for a term of not less than one month but not more than one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

Made under Rules 4(1)

STRIGA INFESTED AREAS

S/O	Regions
1.	Mwanza
2.	Shinyanga
3.	Tabora
4.	Singida
5.	Dodoma
6.	Morogoro
7.	Tanga
8.	Coastal Region
9.	Dar es Salaam
10.	Lindi
11.	Mtwara
12.	Ruvuma
13.	Mbeya
14.	Rukwa

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