Plant Pathology Training Program

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Modules

Module - I: Detection and Diagnosis

1. **Conventional PCR:**
   - DNA Extraction: Isolating DNA from plant tissues using CTAB or commercial kits.
   - DNA Quantification: Estimating DNA concentration using spectrophotometry or fluorometry.
   - Primer Designing: Creating specific primers targeting the pathogen s DNA sequence using software tools like Primer3.
2. **Quantitative Real-Time PCR (qPCR):**
   - cDNA Synthesis: Converting RNA to cDNA using reverse transcriptase for RNA targets.
   - Probe Design: Developing fluorescent probes specific to the target DNA sequence.
   - Standard Curve Preparation: For quantification, preparing a standard curve using known concentrations of target DNA.
3. **Reverse Transcription PCR (RT-PCR):**
   - RNA Extraction: Extracting RNA from plant tissues using TRIzol reagent or similar kits.
   - cDNA Synthesis: Using reverse transcriptase to convert RNA into cDNA.

- RNA Quality Assessment: Verifying the integrity and purity of extracted RNA via gel electrophoresis or spectrophotometry.

4. **Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP):**
   - DNA Extraction: Similar to PCR, extracting DNA from samples.
   - Primer Set Design: Designing two sets of primers (inner and outer) specific to the target DNA regions.
   - LAMP Reaction Setup: Preparing the reaction mixture with Bst DNA polymerase, primers, and target DNA.
5. **ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay):**
   - Antigen Extraction: Extracting plant sap or tissues where the pathogen s antigens are present.
   - Antibody Labeling: Labeling detection antibodies with an enzyme to produce a colorimetric readout upon substrate addition.
   - Plate Coating: Coating microtiter plates with capture antibodies specific to the pathogen antigen.
6. **Immunofluorescence Microscopy:**
   - Sample Fixation: Fixing plant tissue samples to preserve structure and antigens.
   - Antibody Incubation: Incubating samples with fluorescently labeled antibodies against the pathogen.
   - Mounting: Preparing samples on slides with a mounting medium for fluorescence microscopy.
7. **Fluorescent in situ Hybridization (FISH):**
   - Probe Labeling: Labeling DNA or RNA probes with fluorescent dyes.
   - Hybridization: Denaturing the plant DNA and incubating with labeled probes to allow hybridization.
   - Washing: Removing excess probes to reduce background signal.
8. **Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS):**
   - Library Preparation: Preparing DNA/RNA libraries including fragmentation, end repair, and adapter ligation.
   - Sequencing Run: Performing the sequencing using platforms like Illumina or Ion Torrent.
   - Data Analysis: Processing sequencing data for pathogen identification using bioinformatics tools.
9. **Metagenomic Analysis:**
   - DNA Extraction: Extracting total DNA from plant samples.
   - Metagenomic Library Preparation: Similar to NGS, but with the aim of capturing a wide array of microbial DNA.
   - Bioinformatics Analysis: Analyzing metagenomic data to characterize the microbial community.
10. **Mass Spectrometry-based Proteomics:**
    - Protein Extraction: Isolating proteins from plant tissues.
    - Protein Digestion: Digesting proteins into peptides using enzymes like trypsin.
    - LC-MS/MS Analysis: Separating peptides by liquid chromatography and analyzing them by tandem mass spectrometry.

Module - II: Genetic and Genomic Analysis

1. **Whole Genome Sequencing:**
    - Sample Preparation: Isolating high-quality DNA from the pathogen or plant.
    - Library Construction: Preparing sequencing libraries, including shearing DNA, size selection, and adapter ligation.
    - Sequencing: Utilizing platforms like Illumina or Nanopore for high-throughput sequencing.
    - Data Analysis: Employing bioinformatics tools for sequence assembly, annotation, and comparative genomics.
2. **RNA-Seq (RNA Sequencing):**
    - RNA Extraction: Isolating total RNA from infected plant tissues.
    - cDNA Synthesis: Converting RNA into cDNA using reverse transcriptase.
    - Library Preparation: Generating RNA-Seq libraries by fragmenting cDNA and adding sequencing adapters.
    - Sequencing and Analysis: Sequencing cDNA fragments and analyzing gene expression data.
3. **sRNA Sequencing:**
    - sRNA Isolation: Extracting small RNAs using size selection techniques.
    - Library Preparation: Constructing sRNA libraries with adaptors specific to small RNAs.
    - Sequencing: High-throughput sequencing of small RNA libraries.
    - Data Analysis: Identifying and quantifying small RNAs and their targets using bioinformatics tools.
4. **CRISPR-Cas9 Genome Editing:**
    - Target Identification: Selecting gene targets for editing based on disease resistance studies.
    - Guide RNA Design: Designing gRNAs specific to the target gene sequences.
    - Vector Construction: Cloning gRNAs and Cas9 into vectors suitable for plant transformation.
    - Plant Transformation and Screening: Transforming plants with CRISPR constructs and identifying successful edits.
5. **GWAS (Genome-Wide Association Studies):**
    - Phenotyping: Accurately measuring disease resistance traits in a plant population.
    - Genotyping: Using SNP arrays or sequencing to genotype the population.
    - Statistical Analysis: Associating genetic variants with phenotypic traits to identify resistance loci.
    - Validation: Confirming the role of identified loci in disease resistance through further genetic studies.
6. **Comparative Genomics:**
    - Genome Sequencing: Sequencing genomes of multiple pathogen strains or plant varieties.
    - Alignment and Analysis: Aligning genomes to identify conserved and variable regions.
    - Phylogenetic Studies: Constructing phylogenetic trees to infer evolutionary

relationships.
    - Pathogenicity Gene Identification: Identifying genes associated with virulence and host specificity.
7. **Transcriptome Profiling under Stress:**
    - Stress Treatment: Exposing plants to pathogens or abiotic stress conditions.
    - RNA Extraction and Sequencing: Isolating RNA from stressed and control plants for sequencing.
    - Differential Expression Analysis: Identifying genes that are upregulated or downregulated in response to stress.
    - Functional Annotation: Annotating the roles of differentially expressed genes in stress response.
8. **Metabolomic Profiling:**
    - Metabolite Extraction: Extracting metabolites from plant tissues using solvent extraction methods.
    - LC-MS/MS Analysis: Separating and identifying metabolites using liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry.
    - Data Processing: Analyzing metabolomic data to identify changes in metabolite profiles.
    - Pathway Mapping: Mapping metabolites to biochemical pathways to understand their roles in disease response.
9. **Protein Interaction Mapping:**
    - Protein Extraction: Isolating proteins from plant tissues or pathogen cultures.
    - Yeast Two-Hybrid Screening: Identifying protein-protein interactions relevant to disease resistance or pathogenicity.
    - Co-immunoprecipitation (Co-IP): Confirming protein interactions identified by yeast two-hybrid.
    - Mass Spectrometry: Analyzing protein complexes to identify component proteins.
10. **Epigenetic Modifications Analysis:**
    - DNA Methylation Analysis: Using bisulfite sequencing to study changes in DNA methylation patterns associated with disease.
    - Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP): Studying histone modifications and chromatin accessibility changes in response to pathogen attack.
    - ATAC-Seq: Assessing genome-wide chromatin accessibility to identify regulatory elements involved in disease response.
    - RNA Immunoprecipitation (RIP): Investigating interactions between RNA molecules and proteins to study post-transcriptional regulation.

Module - III: Epigenetic and Environmental Interactions

1. **Bisulfite Sequencing:**
    - DNA Extraction: Isolating genomic DNA from plant samples.
    - Bisulfite Treatment: Converting unmethylated cytosines to uracils while leaving methylated cytosines unchanged.
    - PCR Amplification: Amplifying the treated DNA to prepare for sequencing.
    - Sequencing and Methylation Analysis: Determining methylation patterns across the genome.

2. **ChIP-Seq (Chromatin Immunoprecipitation Sequencing):**
    - Cross-linking: Treating plant cells to cross-link DNA and proteins.
    - Chromatin Shearing: Fragmenting cross-linked chromatin using sonication or enzymatic digestion.
    - Immunoprecipitation: Isolating DNA-protein complexes using antibodies against specific histone modifications or transcription factors.
    - Sequencing: Sequencing the purified DNA to identify regions of the genome associated with the target protein.
3. **ATAC-Seq (Assay for Transposase-Accessible Chromatin using Sequencing):**
    - Nuclei Isolation: Extracting nuclei from plant tissues.
    - Transposase Treatment: Tagging accessible chromatin with sequencing adapters using a transposase.
    - PCR Amplification: Amplifying tagged DNA fragments.
    - Sequencing and Analysis: Identifying open chromatin regions across the genome.
4. **RNA Immunoprecipitation (RIP):**
    - Cell Lysis and RNA Extraction: Breaking down cells to extract RNA and associated proteins.
    - Immunoprecipitation: Capturing RNA-binding proteins with specific antibodies.
    - RNA Extraction: Isolating RNA from RNA-protein complexes.
    - RT-PCR or Sequencing: Analyzing the associated RNA to identify targets of RNA-binding proteins.
5. **Environmental RNAi:**
    - dsRNA Synthesis: Creating double-stranded RNA molecules targeting specific genes of interest.
    - Plant Treatment: Delivering dsRNA to plants via spraying, root absorption, or transgenic expression.
    - Monitoring Gene Silencing: Assessing the knockdown of target gene expression in treated plants.
    - Pathogen Challenge: Evaluating the disease resistance of RNAi-treated plants.
6. **MeDIP-Seq (Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation Sequencing):**
    - DNA Extraction and Fragmentation: Isolating and shearing genomic DNA.
    - Methyl-DNA Immunoprecipitation: Enriching methylated DNA fragments using antibodies against 5-methylcytosine.
    - Library Preparation: Preparing sequencing libraries from enriched DNA.
    - Sequencing and Methylation Profiling: Identifying genome-wide DNA methylation patterns.
7. **Chromatin Conformation Capture (3C) and Hi-C:**
    - Cross-linking DNA and Proteins: Stabilizing chromatin structure with formaldehyde treatment.
    - Chromatin Digestion and Ligation: Cutting chromatin with restriction enzymes and ligating proximal DNA ends.
    - De-crosslinking and DNA Purification: Reversing cross-links to purify the DNA.
    - Sequencing: Sequencing ligated DNA fragments to analyze 3D chromatin organization.
8. **Environmental Stress Profiling:**
    - Stress Treatment: Exposing plants to various abiotic stresses like drought, salinity,

or heat.
    - RNA Extraction and Sequencing: Analyzing changes in gene expression in response to stress.
    - Metabolomic Analysis: Profiling changes in metabolite concentrations under stress conditions.
    - Physiological Measurements: Assessing plant growth, photosynthesis rates, and other physiological parameters in response to stress.
9. **Microbiome Analysis by 16S rRNA Sequencing:**
    - Microbial DNA Extraction: Isolating DNA from plant rhizosphere or phyllosphere samples.
    - PCR Amplification of 16S rRNA Genes: Targeting the V4 region or other hypervariable regions specific to bacteria.
    - Library Preparation and Sequencing: Creating sequencing libraries and performing high-throughput sequencing.
    - Data Analysis: Identifying microbial taxa and assessing community structure using bioinformatics tools.
10. **Phenotyping for Epigenetic Variants (Epialleles):**
    - Plant Growth and Treatment: Growing plants under controlled conditions and applying treatments that may induce epigenetic changes.
    - High-Throughput Phenotyping: Using imaging and sensor technologies to measure plant traits.
    - Epigenetic Marker Identification: Using bisulfite sequencing or MeDIP-seq to identify epigenetic changes correlated with phenotypic traits.
    - Statistical Analysis: Associating epigenetic markers with observed phenotypes to identify epialleles.

Module - IV: Proteomics, Metabolomics, and Chemical Analysis

1. **Proteomic Analysis by Mass Spectrometry:**
    - Protein Extraction: Extracting proteins from plant tissues or cells.
    - Protein Digestion: Treating proteins with trypsin or other proteases to generate peptides.
    - LC-MS/MS Analysis: Separating peptides by liquid chromatography and analyzing by tandem mass spectrometry.
    - Data Analysis: Identifying and quantifying proteins using bioinformatics tools.
2. **Metabolomic Profiling by GC-MS:**
    - Metabolite Extraction: Extracting small molecules from plant samples using solvents.
    - Derivatization: Chemically modifying metabolites to make them volatile and amenable to GC-MS analysis.
    - GC-MS Analysis: Separating and identifying metabolites using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry.
    - Data Processing: Analyzing metabolomic data to identify metabolic pathways affected by disease.

3. **Targeted Metabolite Analysis by HPLC:**
    - Sample Preparation: Preparing plant extracts for analysis.
    - HPLC Setup: Setting up high-performance liquid chromatography with appropriate columns and detectors.
    - Quantification: Quantifying specific metabolites of interest, such as phytohormones or secondary metabolites.
    - Data Interpretation: Interpreting chromatograms to understand metabolite dynamics in response to pathogens.
4. **Enzyme Activity Assays:**
    - Enzyme Extraction: Isolating enzymes from plant tissues.
    - Substrate Incubation: Incubating enzymes with their specific substrates under controlled conditions.
    - Product Quantification: Measuring the amount of product formed using spectrophotometry or fluorescence.
    - Activity Analysis: Calculating enzyme activity levels and comparing them across different treatments or conditions.
5. **Lipidomics by LC-MS:**
    - Lipid Extraction: Extracting lipids from plant samples using a mixture of organic solvents.
    - Lipid Separation: Separating lipids by liquid chromatography.
    - Mass Spectrometry: Identifying and quantifying lipids using mass spectrometry.
    - Data Analysis: Interpreting lipidomic data to identify changes in lipid profiles associated with plant diseases.
6. **Phytohormone Analysis by LC-MS/MS:**
    - Phytohormone Extraction: Isolating phytohormones from plant tissues using solvent extraction.
    - Sample Preparation: Preparing extracts for LC-MS/MS analysis, including purification and concentration steps.
    - LC-MS/MS Analysis: Quantifying phytohormones using tandem mass spectrometry with specific ionization techniques.
    - Data Interpretation: Analyzing changes in phytohormone levels in response to pathogen infection.
7. **Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy for Metabolites:**
    - Sample Preparation: Preparing plant extracts for NMR analysis.
    - NMR Spectroscopy: Acquiring NMR spectra to identify and quantify metabolites present in the sample.
    - Data Processing: Using software tools to analyze NMR data and identify metabolite structures.
    - Metabolic Profiling: Profiling the comprehensive metabolite composition of plant samples under various conditions.
8. **Chemical Profiling of Secondary Metabolites:**
    - Extraction and Purification: Using solvents and chromatography to extract and purify secondary metabolites from plant tissues.
    - Characterization: Utilizing techniques such as LC-MS, GC-MS, and NMR to characterize the chemical structures of secondary metabolites.
    - Quantification: Determining the concentration of secondary metabolites using

calibration curves and analytical techniques.
    - Functional Studies: Investigating the role of specific secondary metabolites in plant defense mechanisms.
9. **Antimicrobial Activity Assays:**
    - Microorganism Culturing: Growing pathogenic bacteria or fungi for testing.
    - Compound Application: Applying plant extracts or isolated compounds to microbial cultures.
    - Inhibition Zone Measurement: Measuring the area of growth inhibition around the applied compound on agar plates.
    - Activity Analysis: Analyzing the antimicrobial activity of plant compounds against various pathogens.
10. **Fungicide Resistance Monitoring:**
    - Pathogen Isolation: Isolating pathogens from infected plant tissues.
    - Fungicide Application: Exposing isolated pathogens to various concentrations of fungicides.
    - Growth Assessment: Measuring pathogen growth in the presence of fungicides to assess resistance levels.
    - Molecular Analysis: Using PCR and sequencing to identify genetic mutations associated with fungicide resistance.

Module - V: Functional Genomics and Pathogen Interaction

1. **Virus-Induced Gene Silencing (VIGS):**
    - Vector Construction: Cloning a fragment of the target gene into a VIGS vector.
    - Agrobacterium Transformation: Transforming Agrobacterium tumefaciens with the VIGS construct.
    - Plant Inoculation: Infiltrating plant leaves with the Agrobacterium carrying the VIGS construct.
    - Phenotypic Observation: Monitoring for silencing effects and disease resistance phenotypes.
2. **Yeast Two-Hybrid (Y2H) Screening:**
    - Bait and Prey Construction: Cloning target genes into bait and prey vectors.
    - Yeast Transformation: Introducing bait and prey constructs into yeast strains.
    - Interaction Screening: Growing yeast on selective media to identify protein-protein interactions.
    - Validation: Confirming interactions with additional assays like co-immunoprecipitation.
3. **Co-immunoprecipitation (Co-IP):**
    - Protein Extraction: Isolating proteins from plant tissues or cells expressing both bait and prey proteins.
    - Antibody Binding: Incubating the protein mixture with antibodies against the bait protein.
    - Precipitation and Washing: Capturing the antibody-protein complex and washing to remove non-specific binders.
    - Western Blot: Detecting the prey protein in the precipitated complex to confirm interaction.

4. **Bimolecular Fluorescence Complementation (BiFC):**
    - Vector Construction: Splitting a fluorescent protein into two halves and fusing each to a protein of interest.
    - Agrobacterium Transformation: Transforming Agrobacterium with BiFC constructs.
    - Plant Transient Expression: Infiltrating plant leaves with Agrobacterium to express the fusion proteins.
    - Fluorescence Microscopy: Observing the reconstituted fluorescence signal in cells where the proteins interact.
5. **RNA Interference (RNAi) for Gene Knockdown:**
    - dsRNA Synthesis: Designing and synthesizing double-stranded RNA corresponding to the target gene.
    - Plant Transformation: Delivering dsRNA into plants through Agrobacterium or particle bombardment.
    - Gene Expression Analysis: Quantifying the knockdown of target gene expression by qPCR.
    - Disease Challenge: Assessing the altered susceptibility or resistance to pathogens.
6. **CRISPR-Cas9 for Gene Knockout:**
    - Guide RNA Design: Designing guide RNAs targeting specific loci in the plant genome.
    - Vector Construction: Cloning guide RNAs into vectors expressing Cas9 nuclease.
    - Plant Transformation: Introducing the CRISPR construct into plants via Agrobacterium-mediated transformation or biolistics.
    - Genotypic and Phenotypic Analysis: Screening for mutations at the target site and evaluating disease resistance outcomes.
7. **Transient Expression Assays:**
    - Construct Preparation: Cloning genes of interest into expression vectors.
    - Agrobacterium Infiltration: Introducing the constructs into plant leaves via Agrobacterium infiltration.
    - Protein Expression Analysis: Verifying the expression of the introduced genes by Western blot or ELISA.
    - Pathogen Challenge: Testing for changes in plant defense response post-transient expression.
8. **Pathogen Host Range Testing:**
    - Pathogen Isolation: Culturing different strains or species of pathogens.
    - Inoculation on Different Hosts: Inoculating a range of plant species or varieties with each pathogen.
    - Disease Evaluation: Assessing symptom development and disease progression on different hosts.
    - Molecular Analysis: Using PCR or ELISA to confirm the presence of the pathogen in symptomatic tissues.
9. **Site-Directed Mutagenesis for Protein Function Analysis:**
    - Primer Design: Designing primers for mutagenesis to introduce specific mutations into the DNA sequence of the protein of interest.
    - PCR Amplification: Amplifying the target gene with the mutagenic primers.
    - Clone Selection: Selecting and verifying mutated clones through sequencing.

- Functional Assays: Assessing the impact of mutations on protein function through enzymatic assays or phenotypic analysis in plants.

10. **Protein Localization Studies:**
    - Fusion Protein Construction: Fusing the gene of interest with a reporter gene (e.g., GFP).
    - Transient Expression: Introducing the fusion construct into plant cells via Agrobacterium infiltration or particle bombardment.
    - Confocal Microscopy: Observing the subcellular localization of the fusion protein.
    - Co-localization Studies: Introducing markers for specific organelles to study co-localization with the protein of interest.
11. **Pathogen Effector Function Characterization:**
    - Effector Gene Cloning: Isolating and cloning effector genes from pathogens.
    - Plant Infiltration: Expressing effector genes in plants using Agrobacterium-mediated infiltration.
    - Phenotype Monitoring: Observing for disease symptoms or defense responses in infiltrated plants.
    - Interaction Studies: Identifying plant targets of pathogen effectors through Y2H screens or co-immunoprecipitation.
12. **Chemical Induction of Plant Defenses:**
    - Chemical Treatment: Applying elicitors or defense-inducing chemicals to plants.
    - Gene Expression Analysis: Monitoring changes in expression of defense-related genes post-treatment using qPCR or RNA-Seq.
    - Metabolite Profiling: Analyzing changes in secondary metabolite production using LC-MS or GC-MS.
    - Disease Challenge: Assessing enhanced resistance to pathogens following chemical treatment.
13. **Dual RNA-Seq for Host-Pathogen Interaction:**
    - Co-extraction: Isolating both plant and pathogen RNA from infected tissues.
    - Library Preparation and Sequencing: Preparing and sequencing libraries that include both host and pathogen RNA.
    - Data Analysis: Separating and analyzing host and pathogen transcriptomes to study interaction dynamics.
    - Functional Interpretation: Identifying key regulatory genes and pathways involved in the interaction.

Module - VI: Computational Biology and Systems Analysis

1. **Genome Assembly and Annotation:**
    - High-throughput Sequencing: Generating raw sequencing data from plant or pathogen samples.
    - Assembly: Using computational tools to assemble the sequencing reads into complete genomes.
    - Annotation: Identifying gene locations and functions within the assembled genomes using bioinformatics software.
    - Database Submission: Uploading annotated sequences to public databases for community access.

2. **Phylogenetic Analysis:**
    - Sequence Alignment: Aligning DNA or protein sequences from multiple species or strains.
    - Tree Construction: Employing algorithms to construct phylogenetic trees based on sequence similarities and differences.
    - Evolutionary Inference: Interpreting phylogenetic trees to infer evolutionary relationships and histories.
    - Software Utilization: Using software like MEGA, PhyML, or BEAST for analysis.
3. **Pathway Analysis:**
    - Data Gathering: Collecting gene expression data or metabolomic profiles from experiments.
    - Pathway Mapping: Using databases like KEGG to map genes or metabolites to biological pathways.
    - Enrichment Analysis: Identifying significantly impacted pathways using statistical methods.
    - Visualization: Creating diagrams to visualize affected pathways and their components.
4. **Transcriptome Analysis (RNA-Seq Data):**
    - Quality Control: Assessing the quality of RNA-Seq reads using tools like FastQC.
    - Read Mapping: Aligning reads to a reference genome or transcriptome with software like STAR or HISAT2.
    - Expression Quantification: Calculating gene expression levels using tools like Cufflinks or HTSeq.
    - Differential Expression Analysis: Comparing expression levels across conditions using DESeq2 or edgeR.
5. **Protein-Protein Interaction Networks:**
    - Interaction Data Collection: Compiling known and predicted protein-protein interactions from databases and literature.
    - Network Construction: Using software like Cytoscape to visualize interaction networks.
    - Topological Analysis: Analyzing network properties such as connectivity and centrality measures.
    - Functional Module Identification: Detecting clusters within networks that may represent functional complexes.
6. **SNP and Variant Analysis:**
    - Variant Calling: Identifying SNPs and other genetic variants from sequencing data using tools like GATK or Samtools.
    - Annotation: Predicting the effects of variants on genes and proteins using ANNOVAR or SnpEff.
    - Association Studies: Correlating genetic variants with phenotypic traits or disease resistance.
    - Population Genetics Analysis: Examining the distribution and frequency of variants within and across populations.
7. **Metagenomic Analysis:**
    - Sequencing Data Processing: Applying quality control and assembly to metagenomic sequencing reads.

- Microbial Community Profiling: Using tools like QIIME or Mothur to classify microbes and assess community structure.
- Functional Prediction: Predicting the metabolic capabilities of microbial communities from metagenomic data.
- Comparative Metagenomics: Comparing microbial communities across different samples or conditions.

8. **Single-Cell RNA-Seq Analysis:**
   - Single-Cell Library Preparation: Isolating individual cells and preparing sequencing libraries.
   - Clustering and Cell Type Identification: Analyzing expression data to identify distinct cell populations.
   - Marker Gene Identification: Finding genes that define cell types or states.
   - Pseudotime Analysis: Inferring the developmental trajectory of cells based on gene expression changes.
9. **Machine Learning in Pathogen Prediction:**
   - Feature Selection: Identifying relevant features from genomic, transcriptomic, or metabolomic datasets.
   - Model Training: Using machine learning algorithms to build predictive models for disease resistance or pathogen identification.
   - Validation and Testing: Evaluating the model s performance on unseen data to ensure accuracy and reliability.
   - Implementation: Deploying machine learning models for practical applications in pathogen prediction and plant disease management.
10. **Geospatial Analysis for Disease Spread:**
    - Data Collection: Gathering geospatial data on disease occurrence and environmental factors.
    - Geospatial Modeling: Using GIS software to model the spatial distribution and spread of plant diseases.
    - Risk Mapping: Creating maps that visualize disease risk levels across different areas.
    - Impact Assessment: Analyzing the potential impact of environmental changes on disease spread and plant health.

Module - VII: Plant Physiology and Stress Responses

1. **Photosynthesis Measurement:**
   - Chlorophyll Fluorescence: Using PAM fluorometry to assess the efficiency of photosystem II.
   - Gas Exchange Analysis: Measuring CO2 uptake and transpiration rates using a portable photosynthesis system.
   - Leaf Area and Chlorophyll Content: Estimating photosynthetic capacity through leaf area measurements and chlorophyll extraction.
   - Stress Impact Assessment: Comparing photosynthetic parameters under stress vs. control conditions.
2. **Stomatal Conductance Measurement:**
   - Porometer Use: Employing a porometer to measure stomatal conductance directly

on leaf surfaces.
    - Water Use Efficiency: Calculating water use efficiency from stomatal conductance and photosynthesis data.
    - Drought Stress Evaluation: Assessing the effect of drought on stomatal behavior and plant water relations.
    - Data Interpretation: Understanding the physiological responses to various stressors through stomatal conductance changes.
3. **Root Growth and Function Analysis:**
    - Root Architecture Study: Analyzing root structure and growth patterns using rhizotrons or transparent growth media.
    - Root Exudate Collection: Collecting and analyzing root exudates to study root-microbe interactions.
    - Water and Nutrient Uptake: Measuring uptake rates to assess root function under stress conditions.
    - Mycorrhizal Association Assessment: Evaluating the impact of mycorrhizal fungi on root health and stress resilience.
4. **Plant Hormone Analysis:**
    - Hormone Extraction: Isolating hormones from plant tissues using solvent extraction.
    - LC-MS/MS Quantification: Identifying and quantifying phytohormones with liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry.
    - Hormone Profiling: Comparing hormone levels across different treatments or developmental stages.
    - Functional Studies: Correlating hormone levels with physiological responses or stress tolerance.
5. **Osmotic and Salinity Stress Assays:**
    - Electrolyte Leakage Measurement: Assessing cell membrane integrity under stress conditions.
    - Osmolyte Quantification: Measuring levels of proline, glycine betaine, and other osmolytes that contribute to osmotic adjustment.
    - Ion Content Analysis: Determining Na+ and K+ concentrations in tissues to assess ion homeostasis under salinity stress.
    - Growth and Yield Analysis: Evaluating the impact of osmotic and salinity stress on plant growth and productivity.
6. **Heat and Cold Stress Response Evaluation:**
    - Thermotolerance Assays: Assessing plant survival and recovery after exposure to high or low temperature shocks.
    - Heat Shock Protein (HSP) Analysis: Measuring the expression of HSPs as indicators of heat stress response.
    - Chilling Injury Assessment: Evaluating symptoms and physiological markers of cold stress in plants.
    - Molecular Markers of Cold Acclimation: Identifying gene expression changes associated with cold tolerance.
7. **Heavy Metal Stress Analysis:**
    - Heavy Metal Accumulation: Measuring metal concentrations in plant tissues using atomic absorption spectroscopy or ICP-MS.

- Antioxidant Enzyme Activity: Assessing the activity of enzymes like superoxide dismutase and catalase in response to metal stress.
- Phytoremediation Potential: Evaluating the ability of plants to tolerate and accumulate heavy metals from contaminated soils.
- Gene Expression Studies: Analyzing the expression of metal transporters and chelators involved in metal detoxification.

8. **Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) Detection:**
   - ROS Staining: Using fluorescent dyes like DCFH-DA to visualize ROS accumulation in plant tissues.
   - Enzyme Activity Assays: Measuring activities of ROS-scavenging enzymes such as catalase and peroxidase.
   - Lipid Peroxidation Measurement: Estimating cell membrane damage through malondialdehyde (MDA) content.
   - Antioxidant Capacity: Assessing the total antioxidant capacity of plant extracts using assays like FRAP or DPPH.
9. **Abiotic Stress Tolerance Screening:**
   - Germination Tests: Evaluating seed germination rates under various abiotic stress conditions.
   - Stress Tolerance Indices: Calculating indices based on growth, yield, and physiological parameters under stress vs. control conditions.
   - Molecular Breeding: Using markers associated with stress tolerance for breeding more resilient plant varieties.
   - Transgenic Approaches: Developing and testing transgenic lines with enhanced stress tolerance traits.
10. **Signal Transduction Pathway Elucidation:**
    - Pathway Inhibitor Studies: Using specific chemical inhibitors to dissect signaling pathways involved in stress responses.
    - Reporter Gene Assays: Employing transgenic plants with reporter genes under the control of stress-responsive promoters to monitor signaling activity.
    - Protein Kinase Activity: Measuring the activity of kinases involved in signal transduction during stress.
    - Calcium Signaling Studies: Investigating the role of calcium as a second messenger in stress-induced signaling pathways.

Module - VIII: Ecological and Evolutionary Dynamics

1. **Plant-Pathogen Co-evolution Studies:**
   - Comparative Genomics: Analyzing the genomes of plants and their pathogens to identify co-evolutionary patterns.
   - Cross-Infection Experiments: Testing pathogen infectivity across a range of host species to study adaptation and host specificity.
   - Molecular Evolution Analysis: Assessing the evolutionary rates and selection pressures on genes involved in host-pathogen interactions.
   - Phylogenetic Reconstruction: Constructing phylogenies to elucidate the co-divergence between pathogens and their hosts.
2. **Microbial Community Dynamics in Rhizosphere:**

- Soil DNA Extraction: Isolating microbial DNA from the rhizosphere for metagenomic analysis.
- 16S rRNA Sequencing: Profiling bacterial communities to understand the composition and diversity of the rhizosphere microbiome.
- Functional Metagenomics: Sequencing the total DNA to predict functional capabilities of the rhizosphere microbiome.
- Plant Growth Promotion Assays: Testing the effect of specific microbial communities on plant growth and health.

3. **Soil Health and Plant Disease Suppression:**
   - Soil Physicochemical Analysis: Measuring soil properties like pH, organic matter content, and nutrient levels.
   - Suppressiveness Assays: Evaluating soil s ability to suppress plant diseases through bioassays.
   - Microbial Inoculation Studies: Investigating the effect of adding beneficial microbes to soil on disease suppression.
   - Molecular Markers for Soil Health: Developing markers to assess the biological quality and health of soil.
4. **Invasive Species and Pathogen Spread:**
   - Geographic Mapping: Tracking the spread of invasive species and pathogens using GIS tools.
   - Population Genetics: Analyzing genetic diversity and population structure of invasive species to understand their spread.
   - Biological Control Strategies: Assessing the effectiveness of biological control agents against invasive species.
   - Policy and Management: Developing strategies and policies for managing invasive species and preventing further spread.
5. **Climate Change Effects on Plant Diseases:**
   - Climate Modeling: Predicting changes in disease distribution and severity under future climate scenarios.
   - Phenology Studies: Observing changes in plant and pathogen life cycles in response to climate variables.
   - Host Range and Virulence: Studying how changing climates affect pathogen host range and virulence.
   - Adaptation Strategies: Developing plant breeding and management strategies to cope with climate-induced disease challenges.
6. **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Agriculture:**
   - Agroecosystem Analysis: Evaluating the role of biodiversity in supporting ecosystem services like pollination and pest control.
   - Conservation Agriculture Practices: Implementing farming practices that enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services.
   - Ecosystem Service Valuation: Assessing the economic value of ecosystem services provided by biodiversity in agricultural landscapes.
   - Policy and Conservation Measures: Developing policies to protect and enhance biodiversity in agricultural ecosystems.
7. **Herbivore-Plant Interactions:**
   - Herbivory Impact Studies: Measuring the effects of herbivore damage on plant

growth, reproduction, and susceptibility to pathogens.
    - Induced Defense Mechanisms: Investigating plant responses to herbivory, such as the production of defensive chemicals.
    - Trophic Interactions: Understanding the interactions between plants, herbivores, and predators in the context of plant disease dynamics.
    - Chemical Ecology: Studying the chemical signals involved in plant-herbivore and herbivore-predator interactions.
8. **Endophytic and Epiphytic Microbes in Plant Health:**
    - Isolation and Characterization: Identifying endophytic and epiphytic microbes associated with healthy plants.
    - Functional Studies: Assessing the roles of these microbes in enhancing plant growth and disease resistance.
    - Symbiosis Mechanisms: Elucidating the molecular and biochemical mechanisms underlying plant-microbe symbioses.
    - Application in Agriculture: Exploring the use of beneficial microbes as biofertilizers or biopesticides.
9. **Genetic Resources for Disease Resistance:**
    - Gene Bank Utilization: Accessing genetic resources from gene banks for breeding disease-resistant varieties.
    - Wild Relatives: Exploring the disease resistance traits of wild relatives of crop plants.
    - Molecular Breeding: Incorporating resistance genes from diverse genetic sources into cultivars using marker-assisted selection.
    - Conservation Strategies: Developing strategies for the conservation of genetic diversity important for disease resistance.
10. **Integrated Disease Management:**
    - Cultural Practices: Implementing crop rotation, intercropping, and other practices to reduce disease incidence.
    - Biological Control: Utilizing beneficial microbes or natural enemies to manage plant pathogens.
    - Chemical Control: Applying fungicides or other chemical controls judiciously as part of an integrated disease management strategy.
    - Resistance Breeding: Developing and deploying disease-resistant plant varieties as a foundational component of disease management.

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