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#### Assessing the Potential of Six Common Brazilian Crops for Gold Phytoextraction from Mine Tailings

PP Env Tech #19

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In recent years, the ever-growing price of rare and valuable elements, the inability of conventional mining to extract the totality of metals from mineral ores, and the build-up of billions of tons of mine waste worldwide [1], have emphasized the importance of alternative solutions like phytotechnologies. These inexpensive and environment-friendly plant-based techniques have demonstrated their competence to not only mitigate pollution (phytoremediation), but also to recover critical metals (phytomining/ agromining) and generate carbon-neutral energy from harvested biomass [2–4]. In this study, six naturalized crops that can be extensively found in Brazil, were assessed for their capacity to uptake Au from the tailings of a gold mine.

Seeds of *Pennisetum glaucum* (pearl millet), *Sorghum bicolor* (sorghum), *Sinapsis arvensis* (wild mustard), *Medicago sativa* (alfalfa), *Cajanus cajan* (pigeon pea), and *Leucaena leucocephala* (white leadtree), were sown on a 2:1 perlite:sand mixture (2:1 v/v), and allowed to germinate and grow till two fully expanded leaves. Seedlings were then transferred to pots at the rate of 1 per pot, following uniform criteria. The pots were filled with equal volume of mine tailings (Mina do Morro, Campo Largo, PR-Brazil), presenting 2.15 mg of Au kg<sup>-1</sup>. One week before harvesting, the pots were treated with a solution of ammonium thiocyanate (NH<sub>4</sub>SCN), at a rate of 1 g kg<sup>-1</sup>. Plants, 3 replicates per species, were harvested 60 days after sowing. Plants were divided into root and shoot, and their dry weights were measured. Metal contents in plant tissue and tailings (pseudo-total and bioavailable fractions) were assessed by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was carried out to determine significant differences (p<0.05) between plant species.

The biomass yield and metal levels of the shoots are critical for phytomining because they control the quantity of metal to be harvested from each plant (henceforth referred to as harvestable amount). Thus, although the dry weight of the aboveground parts was significantly lower in alfalfa than in the other species, it presented the highest Au levels (24.08 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>), followed by wild mustard (7.82 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>), and white leadtree (1.91 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>). The remaining crops exhibited shoot Au concentrations below 1 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>. These results translate into maximum harvestable amounts of 27.32<sup>a</sup>, 15.17<sup>b</sup>, 2.59°, 2.34°, 1.28°, and 0.34°  $\mu$ g of Au plant<sup>-1</sup> in alfalfa, wild mustard, white leadtree, sorghum, pigeon pea, and pearl millet, respectively (different letters indicate significant differences between crops)

Further analysis to the results obtained in this study include an economic assessment to determine the process profitability.

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