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# First report of *Phytophthora cactorum*- a pathogen can be an endophytic biocontrol agent

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*Phytophthora cactorum* a pathogen is found to be associated as endophytic fungus in nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*) and exhibited its biocontrol potential against various foliar diseases of nutmeg such as Leaf spot and die back caused by *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*, Seedling blight of nutmeg caused by *Rhizoctonia solani* and Leaf spot of nutmeg caused by *Pestalotia palmarum*. Antifungal activity of the endophytic *Phytophthora cactorum* has also been determined

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