

First report of papaya mealybug *Paracoccus marginatus* (Hemiptera:Pseudococcidae) from Malaysia.

ABSTRACT

Paracoccus marginatus, Williams and Granara de Willink 1992 (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae) commonly known as papaya mealybug (PMB) is reported for the first time in Malaysia on papaya, cassava, eggplant, *Jatropha* and hibiscus plants. Four species of chalcidoid parasitoids were observed parasitizing the PMB. *Acerophagus papayae* was the major parasitoid of PMB. Two common predators namely *Apertochrysa* sp. and *Cryptolaemus montouzieri* were also found feeding on PMB.

Keyword: Papaya mealybug; *Paracoccus marginatus*; *Acerophagus papayae*; Malaysia.