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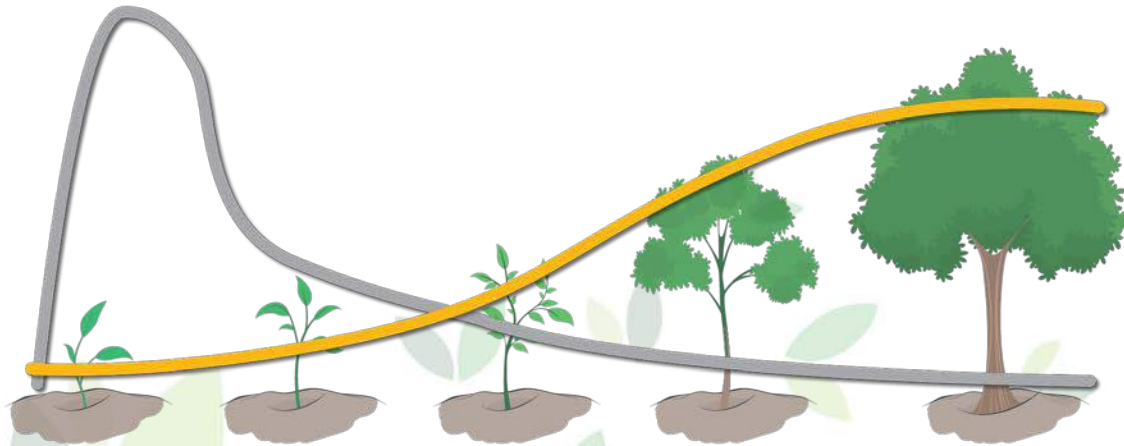
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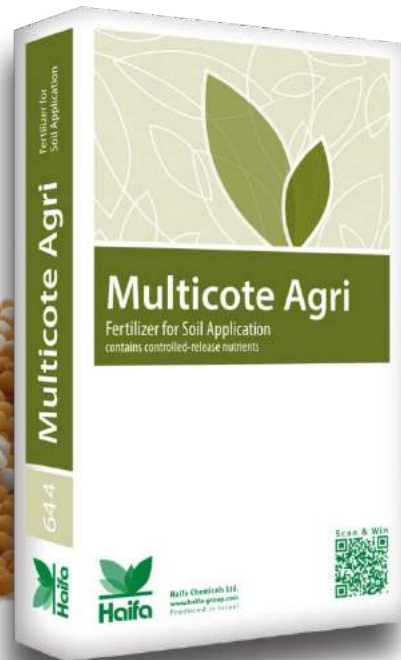
- ✦ The most **efficient** nutrition
- ✦ On-demand nutritional composition, and release profile: **ultimate flexibility** for best results
- ✦ **Optimal growth** at the nursery
- ✦ Outstanding plant establishment, ensuring a **high survival rate**
- ✦ **Single application** with up to 16 months of fertilization: significant saving on labor, and application recourses

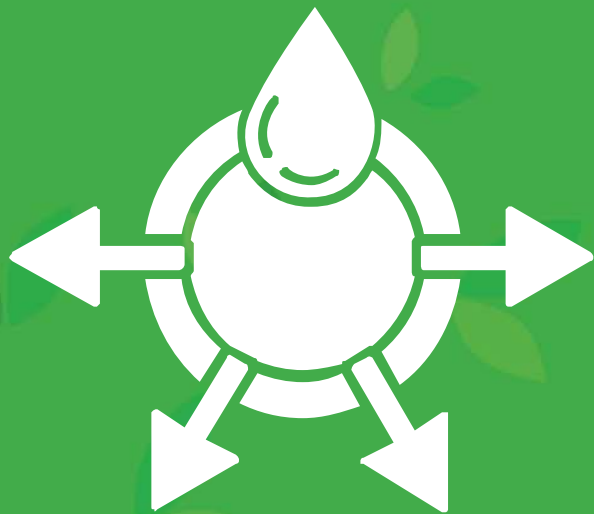
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Multicote™ Agri provides optimal nutrition that follows the plant's growth needs over time.

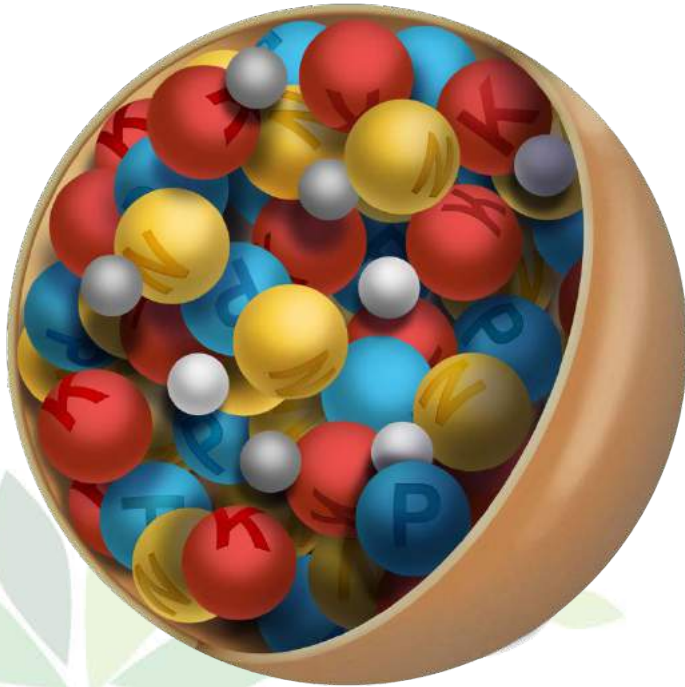
Conventional fertilizer deliver nutrients in excess at the beginning of the season, followed by deficiency towards its end





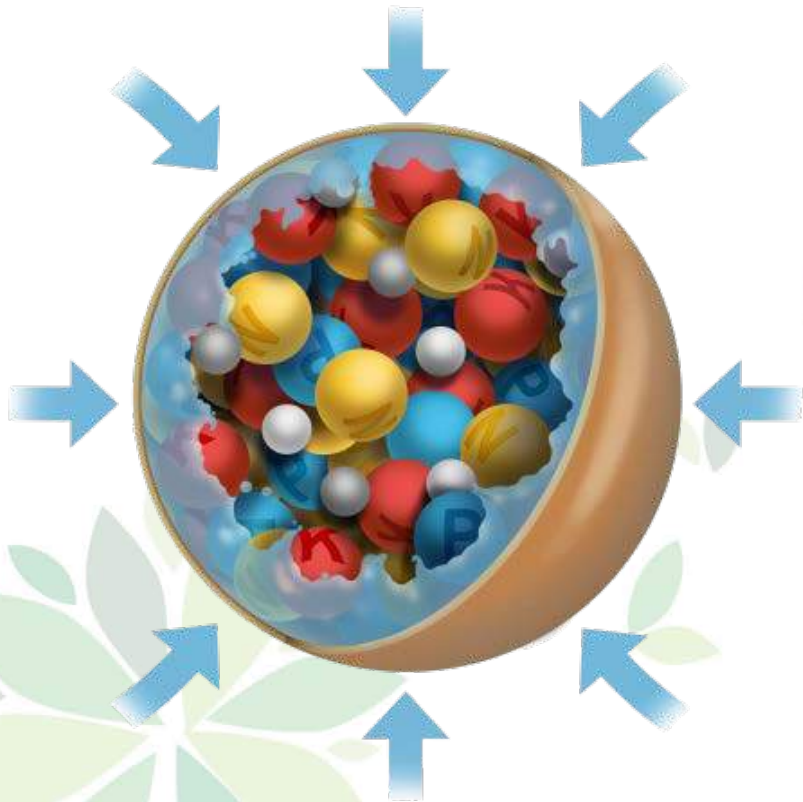
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During the production process, fertilizer granules consist of soluble nutrients, are encapsulated in a polymeric shell coating.

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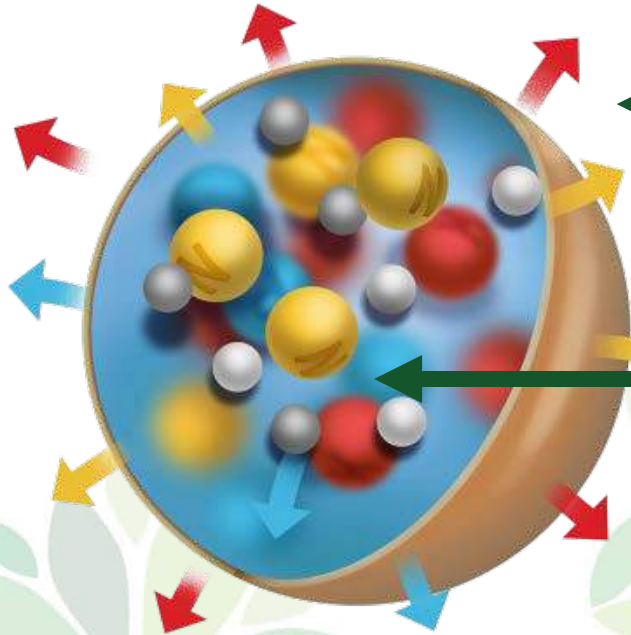


## After application in the soil:

- Water penetration
- Gradual dissolution of the nutrients

This *lag period* takes 7-10 days, depending on the thickness of the coating.

# The release mechanism



Water penetration

Diffusion of nutrients through the coating to the soil

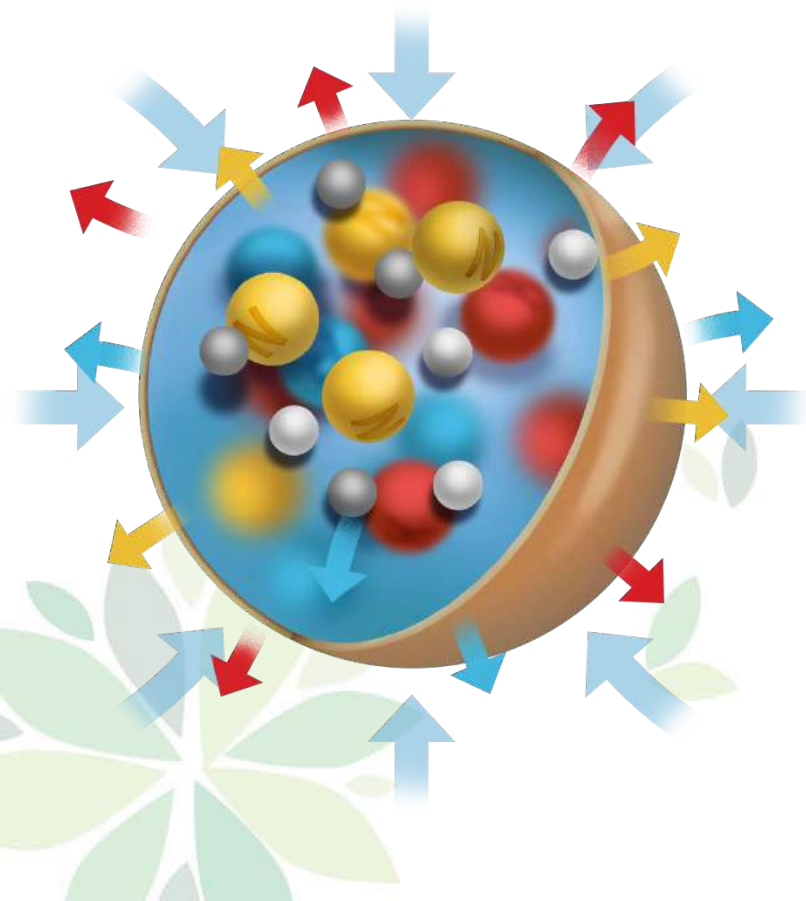
Further dissolution of nutrients

**At this stage, the release rate is constant.**

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# The release mechanism



The diffusion equation (Fick's 2<sup>nd</sup> law):

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = D \frac{d^2 C}{dX^2}$$

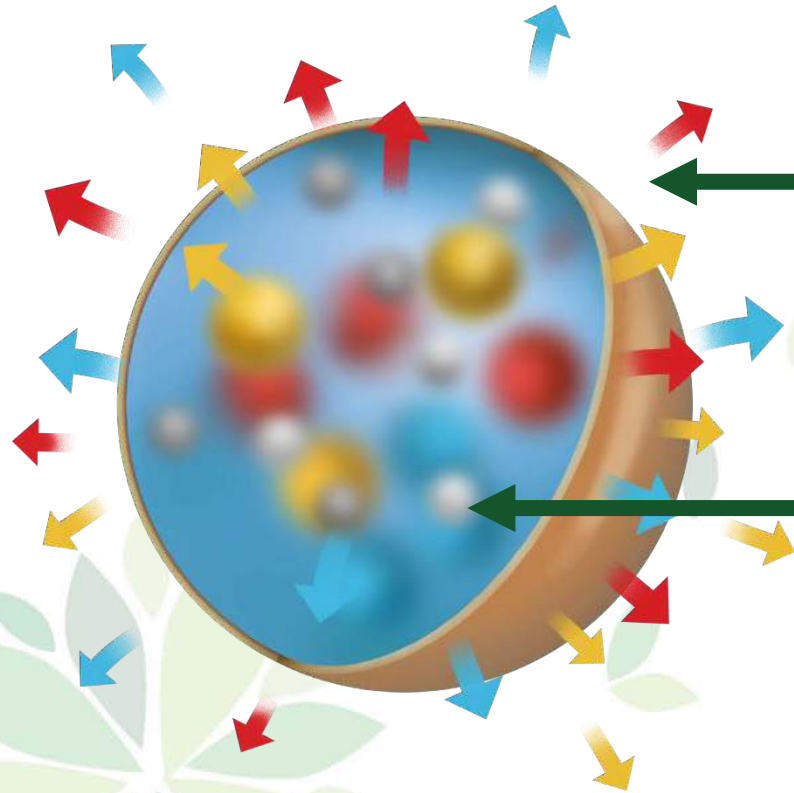
C = concentration

t = time

D = diffusion coefficient

$$D = D_0 e^{-\frac{Q}{RT}}$$

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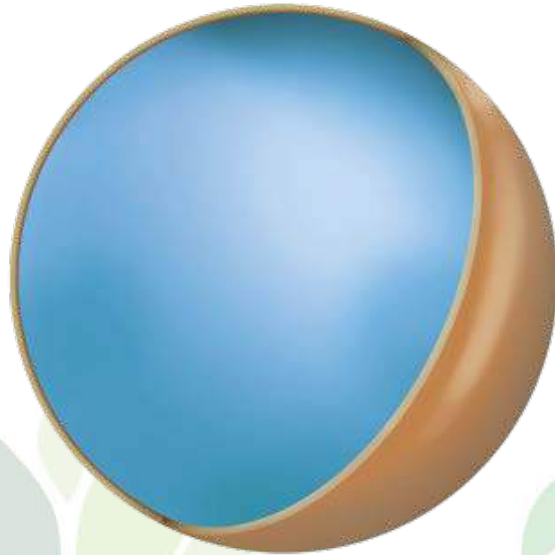
Diffusion of nutrients through the coating to the soil

Complete dissolution of nutrients

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At this stage the release rate decays.

# The release mechanism

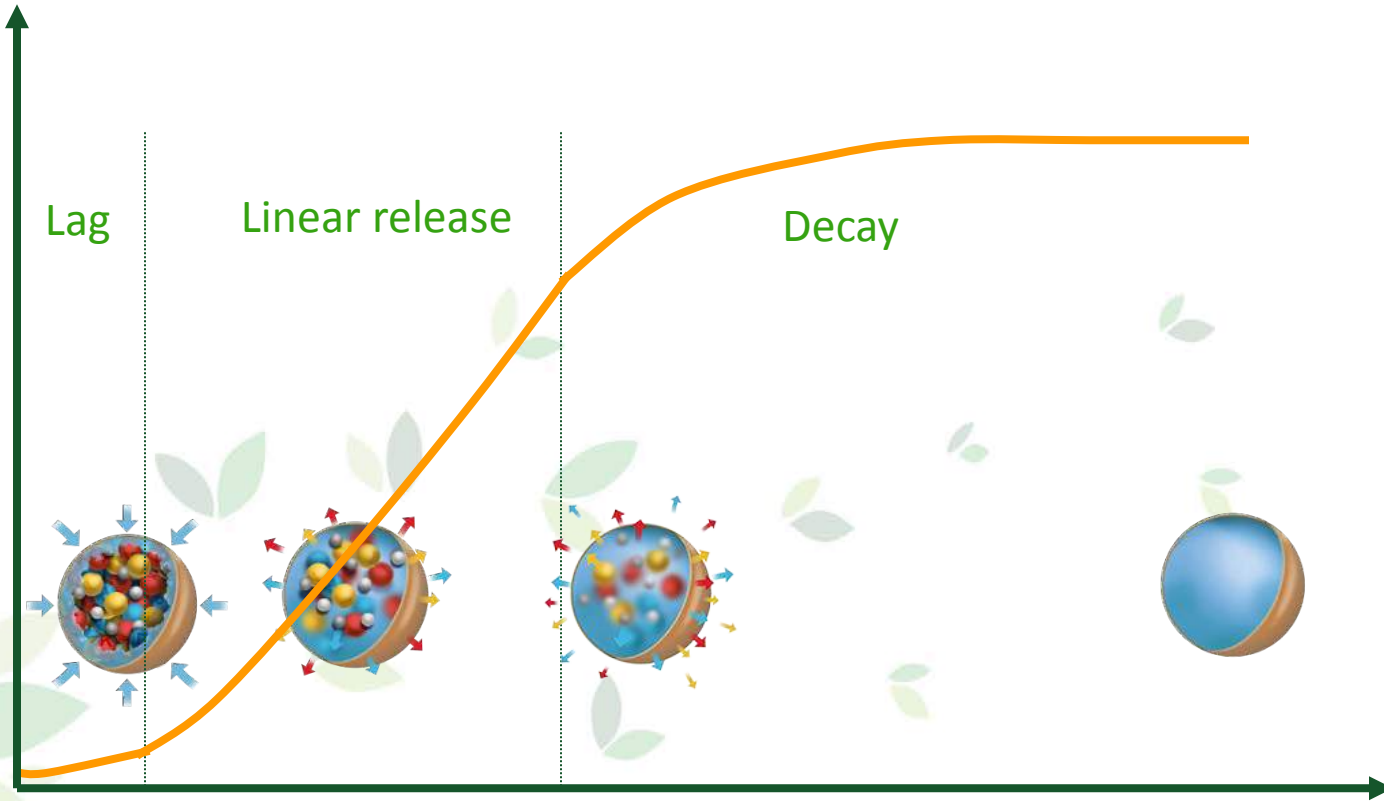


After the release is complete,  
the coating will degrade gradually,  
leaving no residues in the soil.

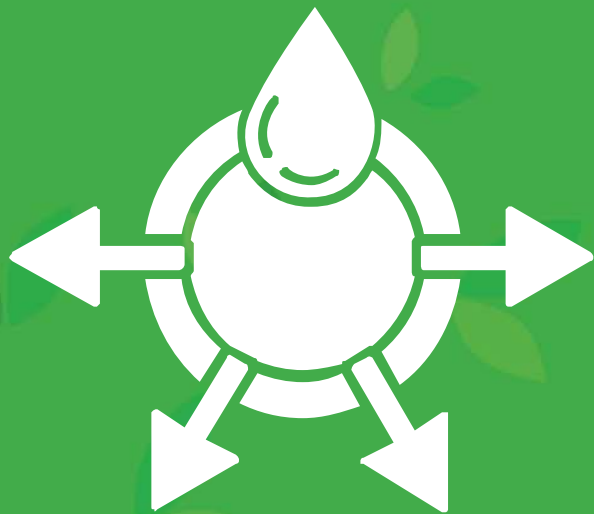
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# Overall release course

Cumulative release

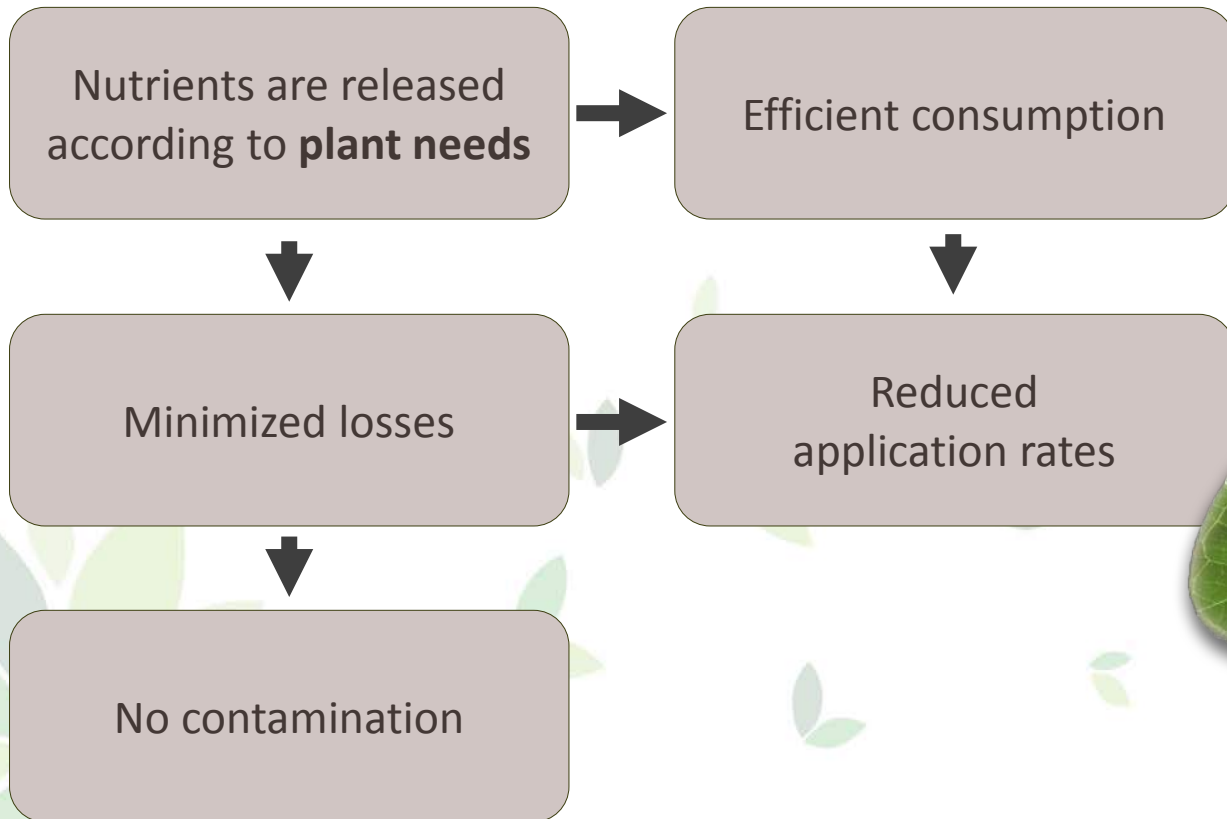


Time

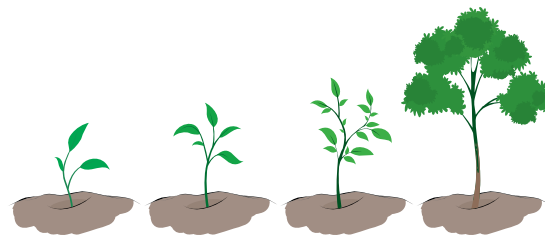
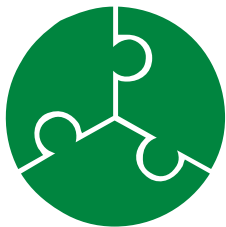


## The special benefits

# Highly efficient nutrition



# Balanced nutrition → Optimal growth



All plant essential nutrients

Timely supply

Optimal development



- Better establishment
- Higher survival rate

# Balanced nutrition → Optimal growth

- ❖ Adequate and balanced nutrition in the 1<sup>st</sup> year is crucial for the trees establishment.
- ❖ In case of mortality, the grower will replace the tree too late (in the following year), the tree won't catch up with the rest of the forest.



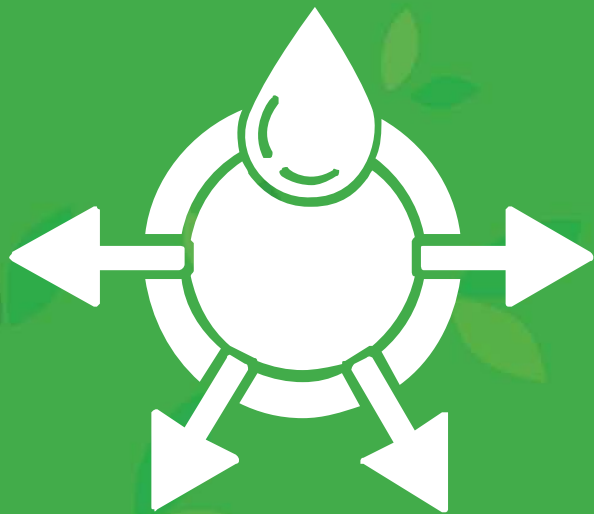


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**Single application**



**Labor saving**



## Haifa's flexible solutions

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Multicote™ Agri formulae can be blended to meet any desirable composition and release profile.

We consider parameters of:

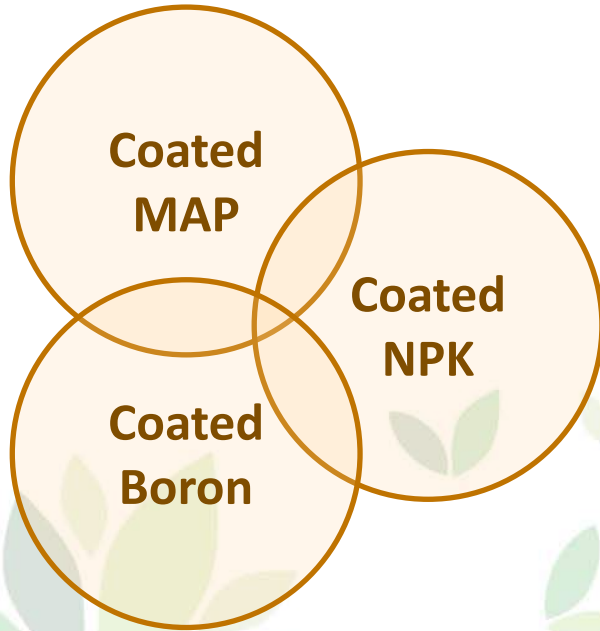
- 🌱 Longevity
- 🌱 Required NPK ratio
- 🌱 Special care (e.g. Boron enrichment)

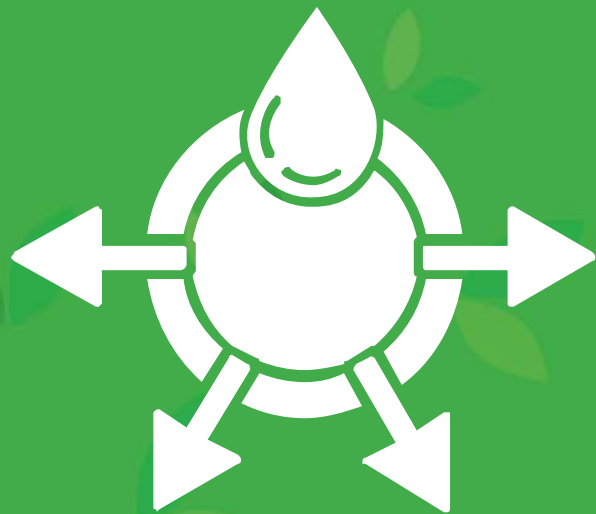
# Multicote™ Agri ingredients

Fertilizer	Longevity (21°C)							
	UC*	2	3	4	6	8	12	16
MAP								
MAP mini								
KNO <sub>3</sub> prills								
KNO <sub>3</sub> mini								
UREA granular								
UREA prills mini & regular								
MgSO <sub>4</sub>								
Boron								
Zinc Sulfate								
NPK 15-7-15 +2MgO+ ME								
NPK 14-14-14								
NPK 12-12-15+2MgO+ME								

\* Uncoated nutrients, available for immediate uptake

# Haifa solution for good establishment





## Controlled release Boron

# Boron deficiencies

A common problem in eucalyptus plantations, resulting in :

- ✦ Impaired growth and broken stems
- ✦ Death of shoot tips, leading to multiple lateral branches (bush-like shape)
- ✦ Reduced lignification of the wood that may cause weeping of branches

**Be careful! excessive boron in is toxic and may harm plants.**

# Boron deficiency

**In heavily washed soils, under acidic conditions**





# Boron deficiency

## Weak stems



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## Bush-like trees

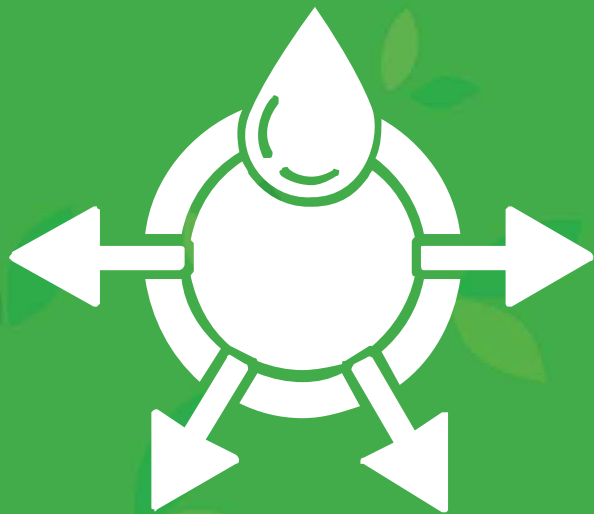


# Haifa's solution: controlled release Boron

## Recommended application rates

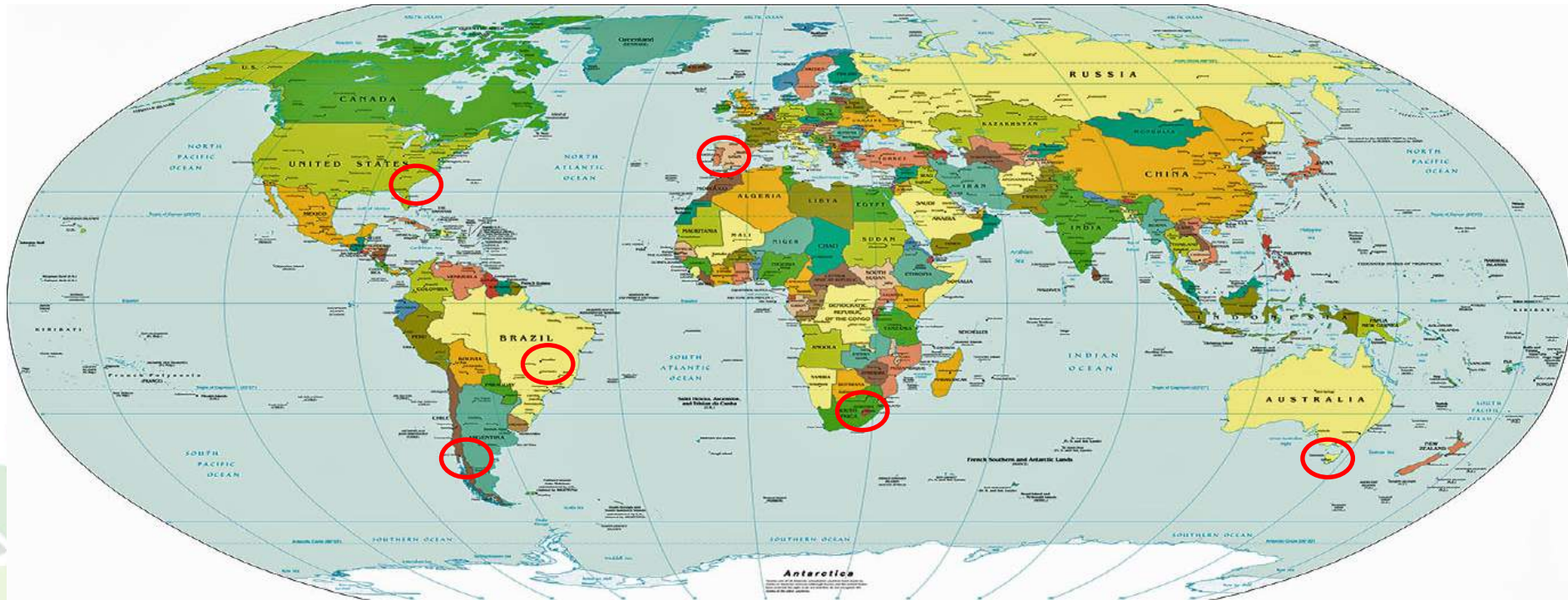
<b>B concentration in the soil</b> (mg/l, hot extraction)	< 0.2	0.2-0.4	0.4-0.6	0.6 <
<b>B application rate (kg/ha)</b>	4.0	3.0	1.0	-

Apply coated boron at planting.  
Additional application is required only if deficiency is noted.



## Haifa's expertise

# Haifa's global experience in Forestry

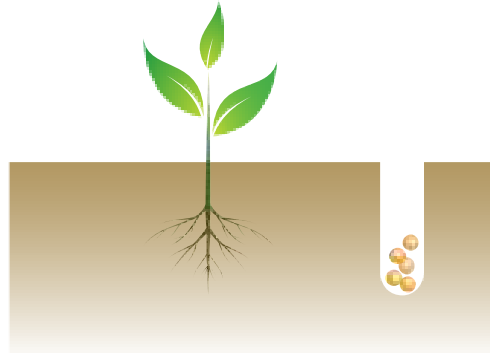


# Application methods

In the planting hole



In a band, next to the planting line

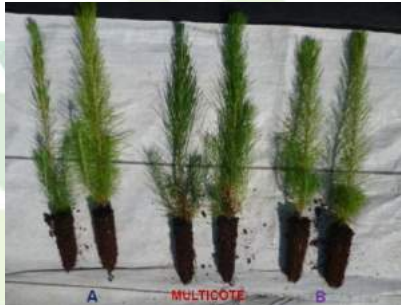


**Note: for efficient performance, Multicote™ Agri granules must be incorporated in the soil.**



# Suggested formulae for tree nurseries

Formula	Recommended application rate(kg/M <sup>3</sup> )
Multicote™ Agri (4) 12-25-12	4-5
Multicote™ Agri (6) 12-25-12	5-6
Multicote™ (4) 10-26-10	4-5
Multicote™ (6) 10-26-10	5-6
Multicote™ (4,6,8) 15-7-15+2MgO+ME	4-7
Multicote™ (16) 14-7-14+2MgO+ME	7-11



# Boron-enriched formulae

Formula	Recommended application rate (gr/tree)
Multicote Agri(4)9-32-4+3MgO+ <b>2B</b>	30-50
Multicote Agri(4)9-36-4+ <b>2B</b>	30-50
Multicote Agri(12)9-36-7+ <b>1B</b>	40-70
Multicote Agri(8)11-22-9+4MgO+ <b>0.15B</b>	40-70





Precise  
nutrition

Less  
applications,  
labor saving

**Multicote™ Agri**  
Controlled Release  
fertilizers

Reduced  
mortality

Reduced  
Application  
rates



**Thank You**

