Control Of Leaf-Eating Caterpillar Pests in Oil Palm and Coconut Using The Trunk Injection Method

Nettle caterpillars and bagworms are major pests. They consume and destroy the foliage of palms. Depending on the severity of the pest outbreaks and if left unchecked, could lead to yield reductions over a period of two years before the crop fully recovers.

2 systemic insecticides, Krotos 60 (monocrotophos 55% w/w) and Multiphos 60 (methamidophos 50% w/w), are suitable and effective in controlling these pests by a simple way commonly known as the “trunk injection method”. (Refer back page)

This method is recommended only for mature oil palm.

The systemic insecticide is transported within hours to the foliage where the caterpillars pests are feeding, eventually leading to their death.