

## Scientific name

*Microtermes obesi*

## What it does

- Termite feeds on the roots and cause yellowing of older leaves followed by wilting and finally collapsing of the plant.
- At night, termites move above the ground and cut seedlings at ground level irregularly and also cover them with soil for consumption afterwards.

## How to identify

- Damaged plants can easily be pulled out by hand.
- Termite attack on the germinating seeds render to loss of plant stand.

## How to manage

- Practice deep ploughing and harrowing to expose termites buried in the ground
- Uproot plants that are suspected of termite attack and burn
- Allow free flow of water in the peripheral drainage to prevent termites entering rice plots



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