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Patterns of Mineral Ion and Nitrogen Metabolism and Growth response of 4 Legume Plants under Saline Condition.

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To ascertain whether N-fixing legume plants have species-specific ion and N metabolism under saline conditions, we selected 4 well-known legume plants (Glycine max. Phaseolus angularis. Cassia tora. Albizzia julibrissin), treated them with 0, 10, 40 and 100 mM NaCl at the presense of N supply (0 and 2.5 mM NH4NO3, and measured quantiatively inorganic ions, amino acids and total N. G. max, P. angularis and A. julibrissin showed remarkable growth reduction above 40 mM NaCl treatments, but C. tora did not exhibit any visible injury symptom up to 100 mM NaCl treatments. Na and Cl contents of G. max, P. angularis and A. julibrissin progressively increased with increasing external salinity and thus represented low K'Na ratios in leaves, while C. tora which does not form root nodules excluded Na more efficiently and maintained rather constant ionic contents. With a few exception, these 4 legume plants exhibited better growth by the external N supply rather than the full N fixation. Total N contents of G. max and P. angularis decreased by high salinity level but their amino acid contents increased with the increase of salt gradients, thereby indicated high soluble-/insoluble-N ratios. In contrast to G. max and P. angularis, C. tora and A. julibrissin contained little amino acids but their total N (esp. insoluble N fraction) increased with increasing salt levels in medium. Asn is the main amino acid especially in G. max and P. angularis and can be seen as potential N-storage form in this plants. Meanwhile, to investgate what kinds of N sources are effective for overcoming salt stress, various N forms (NH4NO3-N, NO3-N, NH4-N; 2.5 mM & 5 mM, respectively) were additionally supplied to the salt gradient medium. Soybeans treated with NH4NO3-N showed the best growth up to 40mM NaCl and NO3-fed plants indicated well growth even at 80mM NaCl treatments, while NH4-fed plants showed remarkable growth reduction and died at 40 and 80 mM NaCl treatment after 15 days: In conclusion, salt excluding and resistant capacities of soybean

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Studies on the Growth Analysis for Species of *Bidens* along the Environmental Gradient

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The response to the gradients of soil moisture, light intensity and soil nutrient of native plants, B. tripartita, B. bipinnata, and of naturalized plants, B. frondosa, B. pilosa var. minor was examined. Growth analysis was carried out on data obtained from two harvests during the growing season. In total dry weight, naturalized plants demonstrated generally higher than native plants in gradients, light intensity, and soil moisture showed that the more gradient increased, the more total dry weight did. Net assimilation rate(NAR) of B. bipinnata and B. pilosa var. minor had a great velocity in line with increasing of the light intensity and moisture. Relative growth rate(RGR) of B. tripartita, B. bipinnata, B. frondosa, and B. pilosa var. minor with increasing light intensity in order diminished, and in the response to the gradient of soil moisture, B. bipinnata and B. pilosa var. minor had rather a increased trend. But in the response to the gradient of soil nutrient, it of B. pilosa var. minor and B. tripartita had a diminishing trend. Shoot/root ratio had no significant change among species on environmental factors but B. tripartita, native plant, it showed a significant reduction on them. In the response to the gradient of light intensity and soil moisture, Niche breadth of B. bipinnata had the widest range of 0.875, 0.845 and it of soil nutrient, B. pilosa var. minor had 0.933, widely.