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Assaeed AM. 2007. Seed production and dispersal of *Rhazya stricta*. The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium of the International Association for Vegetation Science, Swansea, UK, 23-27 July 2007.

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### Thesis, Dissertation:

Sugiyarto. 2004. Soil Macro-invertebrates Diversity and Inter-cropping Plants Productivity in Agroforestry System based on Sengon. [Dissertation]. Brawijaya University, Malang. [Indonesian]

### Online document:

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