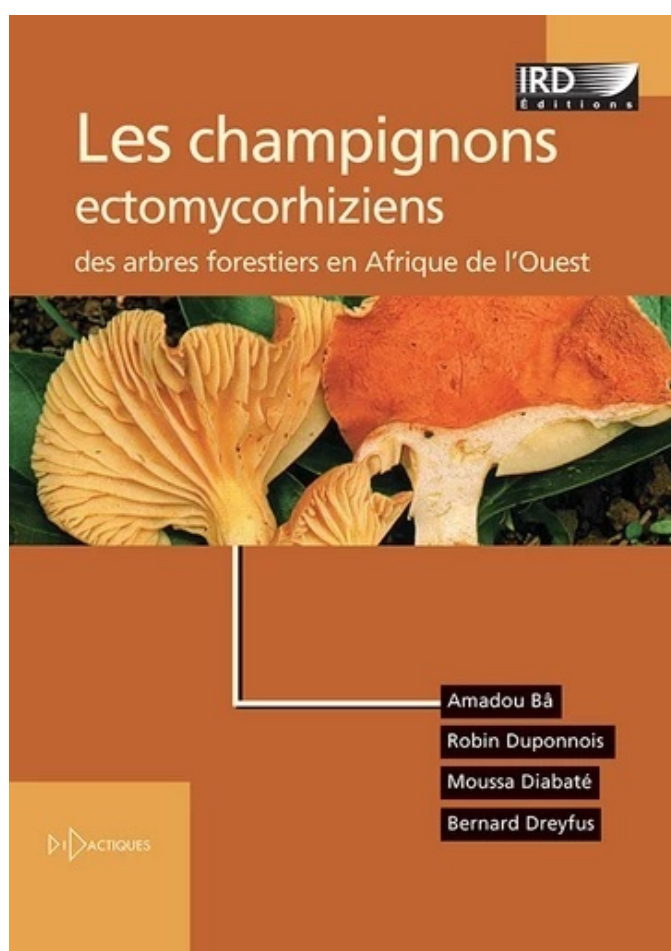


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Ectomycorrhizal symbiosis, a natural phenomenon dating back some 250 million years, results from a mutualistic association between the mycelium of a soil fungus and the roots of a host plant. In this partnership, the fungus mobilizes nutrients from the soil—particularly phosphorus—for the benefit of the host plant. In return, the fungus receives carbon from the host plant that it is unable to produce itself. The symbiosis provides undeniable added value to both partners. It is thus at the heart of research aimed at optimizing reforestation and the

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