

Isolation, characterization and screening of rhizospheric bacteria of *Pittosferum resiniferum* Hemsl.

Abstract

The bacterial rhizosphere species of host plant, Petroleum Nut (*Pittosferum resiniferum*) were isolated and characterized morphologically. The isolates were designated as, TSArp-Cr2, TSArp-Cr3, TSArp-Cr4, TSArp-Cr5, TSArp-Cr6 and TSArp-Cr7. All of the species were tested on three different concentration of phenol (1mM, 3mM and 5mM). Only species TSArp-Cr4 and TSArp-Cr6 growth were detected. The highest growth is 6Log₁₀CFU/ml in 1mM by TSA-Cr4. The lowest reading was 3.6 Log₁₀CFU/ml in 3mM by TSA-Cr6. Species TSArp-Cr4 has higher tolerance on phenol compared to TSArp-Cr6