

1 **Glomeromycota associations with bamboos**  
2 **(Bambusoideae) worldwide, a qualitative systematic**  
3 **review of a promising symbiosis**  
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16 **Abstract**

17 **Background.** Around the world, bamboos are ecologically, economically, and culturally important  
18 plants, particularly in tropical regions of Asia, America, and Africa. The association of this plant group  
19 with arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi belonging to the phylum Glomeromycota is still a poorly studied field,  
20 which limits understanding of the reported ecological and physiological benefits for the plant, fungus,  
21 soil, and ecosystems under this symbiosis relationship.  
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23 **Methods.** Through a qualitative systematic review following the PRISMA framework for the collection,  
24 synthesis, and reporting of evidence, this paper presents a compilation of the research conducted on the  
25 biology and ecology of the symbiotic relationship between Glomeromycota and Bambusoideae from  
26 around the world. This review is based on academic databases enriched with documents retrieved using  
27 different online databases and the Google Scholar search engine.  
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29 **Results.** The literature search yielded over 6,000 publications, from which 18 studies were included in the  
30 present review after a process of selection and validation. The information gathered from the publications  
31 included over 25 bamboo species and nine Glomeromycota genera from eight families, distributed across  
32 five countries on two continents.  
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34 **Conclusion.** This review presents the current state of knowledge regarding the symbiosis between  
35 Glomeromycota and Bambusoideae, while reflecting on the challenges and scarcity of research on this  
36 promising association found [across the worldwide](#).  
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38 **Subjects.** Mycology, Plant Science  
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40 **Keywords.** Glomeromycota, Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi, Bambusoideae, Bamboo, Symbiosis

41 **Introduction**

42 Bamboos belong to the subfamily Bambusoideae within the Poaceae family (commonly known  
43 as grasses) (Clark et al., 2015) and tend to be evergreen plants ~~with an~~ non-seasonal flowering,  
44 ~~after which some species die~~ (Clarck, 1990; Banik, 2015; Liu et al., 2017) ~~that flower at~~  
45 ~~prolonged intervals~~ (modificar lo de intervalos prolongados para que se entienda qué es eso),  
46 ~~after which some species die~~ (Banik, 2015). They are a highly versatile group of fast-growing  
47 plants for which more than 4000 traditional uses and 1500 commercial applications have been  
48 reported (Hsiung, 1988) and are currently used as fuel, building material, raw material for the  
49 paper industry, and even as a resource for creating artisanal crafts (Singh et al., 2020). These  
50 reasons, along with the resistance properties of their fibers, have earned them the nickname  
51 "vegetable steel" (Amada et al., 1997).

52 Furthermore, due to their phenotypic plasticity, bamboo plants are extensively cultivated  
53 in numerous regions around the world — in 2007, 36.8 million hectares were counted across  
54 temperate, tropical, and subtropical regions (Lobovikov et al., 2007). ~~Although~~ They have also  
55 ~~come to be considered invasive plants in some temperate and tropical regions, such as China and~~  
56 ~~Japan, since some several of them~~ species have leptomorphic or monopodial rhizomes commonly  
57 called "corridors" that have a high capacity for underground expansion (e.g., *Phyllostachys*  
58 ~~genus~~ spp.). ~~Unlike~~ On the other hand, pachymorphic or sympodial bamboos, ~~which~~ are more  
59 common in tropical and subtropical regions and have a limited expansion capacity (e.g., *Guadua*  
60 ~~spp. or Bambusa genera~~ spp.) (Buziquia et al., 2019; Xu et al., 2020).

61 Most cultivation areas are concentrated in Asia, America, and Africa (Bystriakova et al.,  
62 2004), coinciding with the areas of the world that most utilize these plants (de Moura et al.,  
63 2019), as well as where their centers of diversity are found (considerer modificar esta oración por  
64 algo así: The areas where ~~these plants~~ bamboo species are most cultivated and consumed are  
65 concentrated in Asia, Africa, and America (Bystriakova et al., 2004; de Moura et al., 2019)  
66 (eites), where there is also ~~the~~ greater diversity (de Moura et al., 2019(eite)). According to  
67 Soreng et al. (2022), there are around 136 genera and 1698 species of bamboo distributed in the  
68 aforementioned zones, with tropical Asia considered the center of bamboo diversity, harboring  
69 around 53 genera and 550 species (Bystriakova et al., 2003). ~~(sería útil añadir detalles sobre los~~  
70 ~~sistemas de rizomas de los bambues, relacionado particularmente en que son consideradas~~  
71 ~~incluso como invasoras en algunas partes)~~

72 Plants do not exist as isolated entities but as complex communities where their organs and  
73 tissues constitute niches for diverse microorganisms (Kothe & Turnau, 2018). ~~Among the~~  
74 ~~multiple interactions between plants and organisms, those established in the phylum~~  
75 ~~Glomeromycota stand out~~ Among the multiple interactions between plants and organisms, stand  
76 ~~out the ones established with the phylum Glomeromyeota~~ (Gehring & Johnson, 2017). ~~(la frase~~  
77 ~~anterior se dejó en vez de: One of the central themes surrounding the organisms associated with~~  
78 ~~plants are is the interactions (not always beneficial) generated with fungi, for which those~~  
79 ~~established with the phylum Glomeromycota stand out)~~ This phylum comprises a monophyletic  
80 clade of fungi whose members (with the exception of except for the species *Geosiphon pyriformis*

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81 (Kütz). F. West.) are all obligate mutualistic symbionts of plants, better known as arbuscular  
82 mycorrhizal fungi or AMF (Smith & Read, 2008).

83 These fungal symbionts, which include over 350 described and accepted morphological  
84 species, establish associations with the roots of the vast majority of terrestrial plants around the  
85 world. According to recent estimates, this value surpasses 60% or even 80% of plant species on  
86 the planet (Heijden et al., 2015; Smith & Read, 2008; Prasad et al., 2017; Brundrett & Tedersoo,  
87 2018), with the exceptions being a few plant families that do not exhibit any type of association,  
88 such as Amaranthaceae, Brassicaceae, Chenopodiaceae, Caryophyllaceae, Juncaceae,  
89 Cyperaceae, and Polygonaceae (Brundrett, 2009).

90 Once they colonize the roots of the host plant, AMF ~~have the ability to~~ can develop  
91 extensive extraradical networks of mycelium that grow three-dimensionally in the soil matrix and  
92 specialize in capturing mineral nutrients and water. These nutrients and water are subsequently  
93 transported and translocated to the interior of the plant symbiont in exchange for an energy  
94 reward for the AMF, mainly- in the form of carbohydrates, which are produced through  
95 photosynthesis (Smith & Read, 2008).

96 Of all the microorganisms present in soils, Glomeromycota fungi are fundamental to the  
97 maintenance and functionality of numerous ecosystem processes. Their symbiotic establishment  
98 is related to the development and growth of the plants with which they associate, the  
99 maintenance of plant diversity, nutrient cycling, phosphorus solubilization, the facilitation of  
100 water and nutrient capture, and soil aggregation, among other ecosystem contributions  
101 (Marulanda et al., 2003; Silva-Flores et al., 2019; [van der Heijden et al., 2015](#); [Fall et al., 2022](#)).  
102 [The importance of the association between AMF with Bambusoideae, specifically, has been](#)  
103 [highlighted through](#) ~~(The properties and effects that have also been described in the association~~  
104 ~~established between AMF and Bambusoideae in terms of contributions to growth and nutrient~~  
105 ~~capture, or and even as an important component of soil respiration in the C cycling of the~~  
106 ~~bamboo forest ecosystem, among others, highlight its importance~~ (Babu & Redy, 2010;  
107 [Muthukumar & Udaiyan, 2006](#); [Jha et al., 2011](#); [Jin et al., 2022](#)).

108 ~~El revisor 1 sugiere incluir por acá la descripción de la importancia de los HMA en el~~  
109 ~~crecimiento del bambú y otras funciones ecológicas ara que quede más claro por qué queremos~~  
110 ~~revelarlas.~~

111 ~~The objective of this systematic review is to provide a summary of the current state of~~  
112 ~~qualitative knowledge reported in the global scientific literature regarding the symbiosis between~~  
113 ~~Glomeromycota fungi and bamboo plants of the Bambusoideae subfamily with which they~~  
114 ~~associate worldwide.~~ This group of plants, once considered the "wood of the poor," is now  
115 recognized as "green gold" and presents particularly promising perspectives for environmental  
116 issues and a rapidly growing market (Sandhu et al., 2017). Thus, ~~it is required~~ the development  
117 of strategies ~~is required~~ to propagate bamboo species quickly and economically, and the  
118 stimulation of their growth and development can be achieved through the use of beneficial  
119 microorganisms such as AMF (Zamora-Chacón et al., 2019; de Moura et al., 2019). ~~Therefore,~~  
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121 ~~qualitative knowledge reported in the global scientific literature regarding the symbiosis between~~

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122 Glomeromycota fungi and bamboo plants of the Bambusoideae subfamily with which they  
123 associate worldwide.

## 124 **Materials & Methods**

125 The present study utilizes a literature search and review process that is summarized in the  
126 PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses) flowchart,  
127 adapted from Page et al. (2021) and Moher et al. (2009). This flowchart follows a clear  
128 separation of the stages of identification, screening, eligibility, and inclusion of literature (*Fig.*  
129 *1*). An updated PRISMA checklist (Page et al., 2021) with a guide specific to this review is  
130 presented in the supplementary material (Table S1).

### 131 **Search strategies and inclusion criteria**

132 To gather relevant literature on the symbiotic association between Glomeromycota and  
133 bamboo plants (Bambusoideae) worldwide, academic and bibliographic databases including  
134 Scopus, Web of Science, Wiley Online Library, Taylor and Francis Online, Elsevier Science  
135 Direct, and Springer Link, as well as the search engine Google Scholar, were utilized.  
136 Documents published up until the search date of February 2023 were recovered using the  
137 following search equation with keywords and Boolean operators: (Glomeromycota OR  
138 “arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi” OR arbuscular OR mycorrhiza OR AMF) AND (Bambusoideae  
139 OR Bamboo) AND (Association OR symbiosis).

140 The search was conducted and assessed by both authors using both English and Spanish  
141 terms, without imposing language restrictions or applying time restrictions in terms of the date of  
142 publication to avoid potential bias. This initial search resulted in over 6300 publications, from  
143 which scientific articles published in peer-reviewed and indexed journals were selected, while  
144 books, book chapters, and reviews were excluded. The reference list of the selected literature was  
145 used to ~~exclude~~ include additional articles, resulting in a total of 18 scientific articles included in  
146 the final review (*Fig. 1*).

### 147 **Data extraction, compilation, and exclusion criteria**

148 The following information related to the focal association was extracted from the  
149 compiled selected articles: (1) the country where the study was conducted, (2) the compartment  
150 used to perform the taxonomic identification of Glomeromycota specimens, whether it was the  
151 soil associated with bamboo plants, bamboo roots, or both; (3) the taxonomic genus of the  
152 bamboo host of the AMF, (4) the species (and, if known, variety) of bamboo hosting the AMF;  
153 (5) the family, (6) genus, and (7) species (if identified) of the Glomeromycota fungi associated  
154 with bamboo, as well as (8) the type of identification used to determine the taxonomic categories  
155 of the AMF found, whether it was morphological or molecular (i.e. based on phylogenetic  
156 markers).

157 From these documents, secondary information related to the symbiosis established  
158 between Glomeromycota and Bambusoideae was also extracted and discussed, particularly  
159 information that referred to the effects of the establishment of symbiosis between these groups of  
160 fungi and plants. As such, out of the total number of publications found and selected, those that  
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162 did not explicitly state the taxonomic identity (at any level) of the plant and its associated  
163 arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus, beyond the generic classifications of "bamboos" and  
164 "Glomeromycota," were excluded from the meta-synthesis, as well as publications classified as  
165 "grey literature".

166 Lastly, while the taxonomic information extracted from the mentioned documents was  
167 not modified, it was verified according to the latest updates in the mycological databases Index  
168 Fungorum (<http://www.indexfungorum.org/>) and MycoBank (<http://www.mycobank.org/>) for the  
169 Glomeromycota fungi, and according to the freely accessible book "World Checklist of Bamboos  
170 and Rattans" for the bamboo plants (Vorontsova et al., 2016).

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172 **Figure 1. Workflow displaying the search, selection, and eligibility criteria applied to the**  
173 **literature, adapted from the PRISMA 2020 guidelines for reporting new systematic reviews**  
174 **(Page et al., 2021).**  
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## 176 RESULTS

### 177 Worldwide studies on AMF-bamboo association

178 In the field of mycorrhizal symbiosis established between Glomeromycota and  
179 Bambusoideae, most studies have been carried out in Asia, particularly in India (Bhattacharya et  
180 al., 2002; Debnath et al., 2015; Jamaluddin & Turvedi, 1997; S. Das et al., 2021; Das & Kayang,  
181 2010; Jha et al., 2011; Parkash et al., 2019; Babu & Reddy, 2010; Ravikumar et al., 1997; Verma  
182 & Arya, 1998; Muthukumar & Udaiyan, 2006; Singh et al., 2020) and China (Guo et al., 2023;  
183 Xing et al., 2021; Qin, et al., 2017a; Qin, et al., 2017b; Jin et al., 2022; M. Zhang et al., 2022; X.  
184 Zhang et al., 2019; Weixin et al., 2013). There are also some studies from Indonesia (Mansir et  
185 al., 2021; Kramadibrata et al., 2007; Kramadibrata, 2011) and one each from Sri Lanka and  
186 Japan (Mafaziya et al., 2019; Fukuchi et al., 2011). However, from the Americas, only one report  
187 has been published by an indexed journal, a study carried out in Brazil (de Moura et al., 2019),  
188 ~~while no studies have been reported in other countries or regions where bamboo is currently~~  
189 ~~cultivated and develops naturally, as in the case of the genus *Guadua*, whose distribution and~~  
190 ~~usage cover areas spans from Mexico to Argentina in Neotropical America (Long et al.,~~  
191 ~~2023) while no studies were reported from other continents or areas where bamboos may~~  
192 ~~establish and develop (revisar esta frase porque hace entender que hoy en otros continentes y~~  
193 ~~queremos es dar el ejemplo de américa, en donde por ejemplo se cultiva Guadua desde mexico a~~  
194 ~~argentina pero estudios solo en brasil). Nevertheless, not all the studies mentioned were included~~  
195 in the review for the reasons previously described, leading to a reduced number of publications  
196 presented in Fig. 2, which summarizes how many publications were carried out in each country.  
197 Bambusoideae taxa reported from each country and the literature references are presented in  
198 Table 1, and the taxonomic groups of Glomeromycota reported in the selected studies from each  
199 country are presented in Table 2.

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201 **Figure 2. Map showing the number of studies from each country that include symbiotic**  
202 **associations between Glomeromycota and bamboos and identify both symbionts at least to**  
203 **the taxonomic level of the family.**

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205 **Table 1. Countries from which bamboo genera and/or species associated with**  
206 **Glomeromycota have been reported.** 1 (Jamaluddin & Turvedi, 1997), 2 (Jha et al., 2011), 3  
207 (Mafaziya et al., 2019), 4 (Parkash et al., 2019), 5 (Kramadibrata, 2011), 6 (Weixin et al., 2013),  
208 7 (Das & Kayang, 2010), 8 (deMoura et al., 2019), 9 (Kramadibrata et al., 2007), 10 (Husein et  
209 al., 2022), 11 (Verma & Arya, 1998), 12 (Ravikumar et al., 1997), 13 (Muthukumar & Udaiyan,  
210 2006), 14 (Bhattacharya et al., 2002), 15 (Babu & Reddy, 2010), 16 (Mansir et al., 2021), 17  
211 (Qin, et al., 2017a), 18 (Qin, et al., 2017b).

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213 **Table 2. Countries from which Glomeromycota families and/or genera associated with**  
214 **bamboo (Bambusoideae) have been reported, along with the specific reference of the report**  
215 **of each fungal taxa. Ni (Not identified)**

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217 **Categorization and description of the general framework of the studies**

218 In these studies, some of the most common approaches involved analyzing rhizospheric  
219 and non-rhizospheric soils in search of AMF spores. Ffrom which this a morphological  
220 evaluations is-were carried out that -in most cases- resulteds in genus-level resolution-in most  
221 eases-, with some studies being able to identify further to the species level. A considerably small  
222 percentage of studies have applied molecular approaches. These-Such studies used BLAST and  
223 specific fungal sequence databases to search for genetic similarities with previously described  
224 species.In the studies, some of the most common approaches involve analyzing rhizospheric and  
225 non-rhizospheric soils in search of AMF spores, from which a morphological evaluation is  
226 carried out that in most cases results in genus level resolution, with some being able to identify  
227 further to species level. A considerably smaller percentage of studies were found to apply  
228 molecular approaches. These use BLAST and specific fungal sequence databases to search for  
229 genetic resemblances with previously described and reported species. Other studies that included  
230 an analysis of host bamboo roots that often calculated the percentage of mycorrhization or root  
231 colonization by AMF and related it-this to edaphic or biotic variables such as soil fertility and  
232 seedling dry weight in bamboo experiments, respectively.Other studies that include an analysis of  
233 the host bamboo roots often calculate the percentage of mycorrhization or root colonization by  
234 AMF and relate it to edaphic or biotic variables of the bamboo. For exampleIn another study,  
235 through an analysis of rhizospheric soils from several species of bamboo and their microbial  
236 communities, Xing et al. (2021) found that at the phylum level, the relative abundance of  
237 Glomeromycota was higher in *Phyllostachys edulis* than in other species of bamboo such as  
238 *Phyllostachys sulphurea*, *Phyllostachys bambusoides*, *Sinobambusa tootsik*, and *Sasa*  
239 *auricoma*. Meanwhile, Jamaluddin & Turvedi (1997) planted a bambusetum in boreholes with  
240 sand, FYM, and silt soil under natural conditions in a basaltic landscape of India with thirteen  
241 different bamboo species, corresponding to *Bambusa vulgaris* var. *vittata* and var. *striata*,

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242 *Bambusa nutans*, *Bambusa nana*, *Bambusa bambos*, *Bambusa arundinacea*, *Bambusa*  
243 *burmanica*, *Bambusa polymorpha*, *Cephalostachyum pergracile*, *Dendrocalamus asper*,  
244 *Dendrocalamus strictus*, *Dendrocalamus membranaceus* and *Melocanna baccifera*, and after a  
245 subsequent evaluation of their roots, reported that all of them established associations with AMF.  
246 Another study included *Bambusa bambos* from [three tropical moist evergreen forests from Sri](#)  
247 [Lanka](#) ~~three different sampling sites (qué sitios de muestreo, de donde proceden)~~, and all  
248 presented the presence of AMF in their rhizospheric soils (Mafaziya et al., 2019). Kramadibrata  
249 et al. (2007) studied soil samples from several species of bamboo in Java, Indonesia, and  
250 Kramadibrata (2011) described AMF from soils associated with eight species of bamboo on the  
251 island of Sumba, Indonesia. More recently, de Moura et al. (2019) characterized the AMF  
252 community associated with the bamboo species *Actinocladum verticillatum* and *Bambusa*  
253 *vulgaris* var. *vittata* in Brazil, which showed no significant differences in colonization rates  
254 among the two plant species. Also, ~~(se añadió eso)~~ Das & Kayang (2010) described that  
255 *Bambusa tulda* exhibits an Arum-type AMF colonization, while other bamboo species  
256 (*Dendrocalamus hookeri*, *Dendrocalamus hamiltonii*, and *Phyllostachys mannii*) present Paris  
257 type colonization, [indicating a difference in the way the plant and its fungal symbionts interact at](#)  
258 [the genetic level \(Dickson, 2004; Arteaga et al., 2020\)](#).

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259 Another case (Fukuchi et al. 2011); ~~(described how the Japanese bamboo species~~ *Sasa*  
260 *senanensis* establishes arbuscular mycorrhizal associations with Glomeromycota; however, they  
261 did not report the fungal taxonomy. Debnath et al. (2015) evaluated the presence of AMF in the  
262 roots of several bamboo species from two sampling sites in India. The first sampling site  
263 included the species *Bambusa balcooa*, *B. tulda*, *B. bambos*, *B. cacherensis*, *B. tuldoides*,  
264 *Dendrocalamus hamiltonii*, *D. asper*, and *Oxytenanthera nigrociliata*, while the second  
265 contained only two species, *Bambusa vulgaris*, and *Bambusa polymorpha*. All species from both  
266 sites presented roots colonized by AMF. It has also been noted that the bamboo species  
267 *Dendrocalamus strictus* is moderately sensitive to AMF colonization, with the presence of such  
268 association being restricted to lateral roots, particularly those of the third and second order,  
269 respectively, but rarely in the first order roots (Bhattacharya et al., 2002).

270 Based on the aforementioned considerations and information available from each study,  
271 the primary factor in categorizing these studies was the type of tools used for the identification of  
272 Glomeromycota species or taxonomic groups associated with each bamboo species or group,  
273 whether through molecular tools, morphological tools, or both (an event that was not observed).  
274 The secondary categorization of these studies involved the compartment type used for such  
275 taxonomic identification, which could vary depending on the identification technique, since  
276 molecular techniques are not restricted by the type of compartment (roots or soil), while  
277 morphological techniques can only explore spores extracted from the soil given that exact  
278 identification within the roots is practically impossible (Smith & Read, 2008). This  
279 categorization allows for an assessment of tools used and compartments analyzed per  
280 Bambusoideae species or groups, as shown in *Table 3*, where it is evident that the only  
281 compartment analyzed ~~(studied)~~ in all studies, regardless of the AMF identification technique,

282 was soil. It is also apparent that the molecular identification of groups within Glomeromycota  
283 was only performed in two studies, both on the same bamboo species, *Phyllostachys edulis*.

#### 284 **AMF composition associated with bamboos**

285 In terms of the Glomeromycota diversity associated with bamboo species, only richness  
286 approximations, such as the number of reported species, and composition, such as the assignment  
287 of taxonomic identity to the group, were considered in the selected studies. Most studies  
288 taxonomically resolved the isolated morphological species from the soils associated with  
289 bamboo species to the genus level, with some cases reaching a finer resolution to the  
290 species level. In some studies, although the presence of several morphological species within a  
291 given genera-genus was recognized, the species was not reported, as in Mafaziya et al. (2019).

292 *Table 3* summarizes the genera and families of Glomeromycota fungi identified in soils  
293 associated with every bamboo species reported (grouped by genus), as well as the type of  
294 identification and the compartment from which the specimens were obtained. *Figure 3* presents  
295 the bamboo genera and species associated with the Glomeromycota genera described in the  
296 selected documents, showing that *Glomus* and *Acaulospora* are the AMF genera associated with  
297 most of the bamboo genera ~~(the most bamboo genera)~~ (eight each) and species (25 and 23,  
298 respectively). *Gigaspora* followed with associations with six genera and 14 bamboo species,  
299 while *Sclerocystis* and *Scutellospora* recorded five genera and 12 bamboo species each, and  
300 *Ambispora*, *Claroideoglomus*, and *Diversispora* associated with two genera and two bamboo  
301 species each. *Entrophospora* and an unidentified Glomeromycota genus were reported to  
302 associate with only one bamboo species within a single bamboo genus-

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304 **Table 3. Identification method and compartment type from which Glomeromycota have**  
305 **been reported in different bamboo species, as well as the fungal groups described for each**  
306 **bamboo at the genus and family levels.** Ac (Acaulosporaceae), Am (Ambisporaceae), Ar  
307 (Archaeosporaceae), Cl (Claroideoglomeraceae), Di (Diversisporaceae), Gi (Gigasporaceae), Gl  
308 (Glomeraceae), Pa (Paraglomeraceae), *Aca* (*Acaulospora*), *Ent* (*Entrophospora*), Ni (Not  
309 identified), *Amb* (*Ambispora*), *Cl* (*Claroideoglomus*), *Div* (*Diversispora*), *Gig* (*Gigaspora*), *Scu*  
310 (*Scutellospora*), *Glo* (*Glomus*) and *Scl* (*Sclerocystis*); 1 (Jamaluddin & Turvedi, 1997), 2 (Jha et  
311 al., 2011), 3 (Mafaziya et al., 2019), 4 (Parkash et al., 2019), 5 (Kramadibrata, 2011), 6 (Weixin  
312 et al., 2013), 7 (Das & Kayang, 2010), 8 (deMoura et al., 2019), 9 (Kramadibrata et al., 2007),  
313 10 (Husein et al., 2022), 11 (Verma & Arya, 1998), 12 (Ravikumar et al., 1997), 13  
314 (Muthukumar & Udaiyan, 2006), 14 (Bhattacharya et al., 2002), 15 (Babu & Reddy, 2010), 16  
315 (Mansir et al., 2021), 17 (Qin, et al., 2017a), 18 (Qin, et al., 2017b).

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317 **Figure 3. Chord diagram of the genera of the phylum Glomeromycota associated with**  
318 **Bambusoideae. Chord The chord diagram of the bamboos was reported to associate with**  
319 **Glomeromyeota.** On the left, the genera of Bambusoideae (on top) and the Glomeromycota  
320 genera with which they have been reported to associate. On the right, the genera of  
321 Glomeromycota (bottom) and the species of bamboo with which they have been reported to

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322 associate (top). Aca (*Acaulospora*), Ent (*Entrophospora*), Ni (Not identified), Amb (*Ambispora*),  
 323 Cla (*Claroideoglomus*), Div (*Diversispora*), Gig (*Gigaspora*), Scu (*Scutellospora*), Glo  
 324 (*Glomus*) and Scl (*Sclerocystis*). Bamboo genera: Phyll (*Phyllostachys*), Acti (*Actinocladum*),  
 325 Bamb (*Bambusa*), Ceph (*Cephalostachyum*), Dend (*Dendrocalamus*), Dino (*Dinochloa*), Giga  
 326 (*Gigantochloa*), Melo (*Melocanna*), Nast (*Nastus*), Schy (*Schizostachyum*). Bamboo species:  
 327 A\_ve (*Actinocladum verticillatum*), B\_ar (*Bambusa arundinacea*), B\_ba (*Bambusa bambos*),  
 328 B\_bl (*Bambusa blumeana*), B\_bu (*Bambusa burmanica*), B\_gr (*Bambusa grandis*), B\_na  
 329 (*Bambusa nana*), B\_nu (*Bambusa nutans*), B\_pa (*Bambusa pallida*), B\_pe (*Bambusa*  
 330 *pervariabilis*), B\_po (*Bambusa polymorpha*), B\_sp (*Bambusa sp.*), B\_tu (*Bambusa tulda*), B\_vu  
 331 (*Bambusa vulgaris*), C\_pe (*Cephalostachyum pergracile*), D\_as (*Dendrocalamus asper*), D\_ha  
 332 (*Dendrocalamus hamiltonii*), D\_ho (*Dendrocalamus hookeri*), D\_me (*Dendrocalamus*  
 333 *membranaceus*), D\_st (*Dendrocalamus strictus*), D\_sp (*Dinochloa sp.*), G\_ap (*Gigantochloa*  
 334 *apus*), G\_at (*Gigantochloa atter*), G\_ma (*Gigantochloa manggong*), M\_ba (*Melocanna*  
 335 *baccifera*), N\_re (*Nastus reholttumianus*), P\_ed (*Phyllostachys edulis*), P\_ma (*Phyllostachys*  
 336 *mannii*), S\_br (*Schizostachyum brachycladum*), S\_li (*Schizostachyum lima*), S\_zo  
 337 (*Schizostachyum zollingeri*).  
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### 339 Discussion

340 In addition to the collection and extraction of information related to the symbiotic  
 341 association between Glomeromycota fungal taxa and Bambusoideae plants (which are described  
 342 and gathered in the results), discoveries and descriptions of the relationships between symbionts  
 343 in this association were also identified within the framework of this review from both the  
 344 selected articles and those that were not necessarily included in the first part of this document.  
 345 The central results of this review are summarized and discussed below, as well as the reported  
 346 effects derived from the establishment of such arbuscular mycorrhizal symbiosis between fungi  
 347 and bamboos from around the world.

#### 348 AMF assemblages in soils associated with bamboos

349 ~~Recent studies suggest that there are specific systems, such as those subject to high-~~  
 350 ~~impact management (e.g., inorganic fertilization, soil tillage, and understory removal); that~~  
 351 ~~induce alterations in the abundance and community composition of the AMF assemblage~~  
 352 ~~associated with bamboo, particularly *Phyllostachys edulis*; there are specific systems, such as~~  
 353 ~~those subject to high impact management, where the composition of the AMF assemblage~~  
 354 ~~associated with *Phyllostachys edulis* was dominated by the Glomeraceae family in terms of~~  
 355 ~~abundance in sequence numbers (Qin et al., 2017a). However Moreover, the same study~~  
 356 ~~Quin et al., (2017a) also found that such management did not significantly affect the relative abundance~~  
 357 ~~of the AMF family; this Glomeraceae; that which was described to be the dominant group, which~~  
 358 ~~is consistent with reported communities in different ecosystems; such as grasslands (Li et al.,~~  
 359 ~~2015), following the assertion that Glomeraceae is a disturbance-tolerant group (Chagnon et al.,~~  
 360 ~~2013). Acaulosporaceae, on the other hand, is not considered as such, and therefore it can be~~  
 361 ~~concluded that under these conditions, *P. edulis* is not an ideal host for this AMF family (en vez~~  
 362 ~~de: Acaulosporaceae) (Chagnon et al., 2013; Qin et al., 2017a). Although The most common~~

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363 families of AMF associated with bamboo were *Acaulosporaceae* and *Glomeraceae*, as compiled  
364 in *Table 3* and *Fig. 3*. ~~(El revisor 2 también pregunta ¿podría decirse que las especies de bambú~~  
365 ~~cultivadas en manejos de alto impacto están relacionadas con las familias *Glomeraceae*, o es *P.*~~  
366 ~~*edulis* el único caso observado?, considerarlo).~~

367 Regarding systems derived from plantations, Jamaluddin & Turvedi (1997) reported the  
368 presence of five AMF genera (*Glomus*, *Gigaspora*, *Acaulospora*, *Scutellospora*, and  
369 *Sclerocystis*) in a bambusetum containing 13 bamboo species; however, despite mentioning some  
370 particular morphological species, they did not distinguish which bamboo sample was isolated.  
371 They also found that *Bambusa nana* presented the highest AMF colonization, followed by  
372 *Bambusa vulgaris* var. *vittata*, while the lowest colonization was obtained by *Bambusa bambos*,  
373 generating a gradient ranging from 80% to 33% in terms of mycorrhizal percentage (Jamaluddin  
374 & Turvedi, 1997). ~~These results suggest which allows observation of different degrees of~~  
375 ~~affinity between the plant and Glomeromycota symbionts. despite the fact that although~~  
376 ~~mycorrhizal symbiosis is well established in all cases.~~

377 Similarly, studies such as Parkash et al. (2019) confirmed that *Bambusa tulda*, *Bambusa*  
378 *pallida*, *Bambusa nutans*, and *Bambusa bambos* form mycorrhizal associations with AMF after  
379 quantifying the percentage of root colonization by these fungal symbionts, with values in all  
380 cases exceeding 70%. In specific, within the rhizosphere of *Bambusa bambos*, they identified  
381 five morphological species of the genus *Acaulospora* (*A. laevis*, *A. scrobiculata*, *A. lacunosa*, *A.*  
382 *mellea*, and *Acaulospora* sp.), seven belonging to *Glomus* (*G. clavisporum*, *G. reticulatum*, *G.*  
383 *macrocarpum*, *G. claroideum*, *G. pansihalos*, *G. geosporum*), two in the genus *Gigaspora* (*G.*  
384 *gigantea* and *Gigaspora* sp.), and one *Entrophospora* sp. In the rhizosphere of *B. tulda*, they  
385 identified a total of four morphological species: *Acaulospora foveata*, *Glomus clavisporum*, *G.*  
386 *albidum*, and *Scutellospora* sp. Meanwhile, in *Bambusa pallida*, they reported eight  
387 morphological species, two *Acaulospora* (*A. laevis* and *Acaulospora* sp.) and six *Glomus* (*G.*  
388 *macrocarpum*, *G. monosporum*, *G. geosporum*, *G. epigaeum*, *G. fasciculatum*, and *Glomus* sp.);  
389 and in *Bambusa nutans*, they only recorded one species: *Glomus epigaeum*. Jha et al. (2011)  
390 found six species of Glomeromycota (*Acaulospora scrobiculata*, *Glomus aggregatum*, *G.*  
391 *arboreense*, *G. diaphanum*, *G. intraradices*, and *G. invermayanum*) in the rhizospheric soil of  
392 *Dendrocalamus strictus*. Mansir et al. (2021) described the presence of three genera inside the  
393 roots of *Gigantochloa atter*, specifically *Glomus*, *Gigaspora*, and *Acaulospora*. In the  
394 rhizosphere of *Bambusa* sp., Husein et al. (2022) identified the presence of spores ~~pertaining to~~  
395 ~~of~~ the genera *Glomus*, *Gigasporaceae*, and *Acaulospora*, with several morphological species each,  
396 but their specific identities were not able to be determined. Additionally, in a study on  
397 populations of *Bambusa bambos*, Mafaziya et al. (2019) found 14 AMF morphotypes associated  
398 with the rhizospheric soil of the genera *Glomus*, *Scutellospora*, *Gigaspora*, and *Acaulospora*,  
399 with *Glomus* being the dominant genus and *Acaulospora* the least represented in terms of  
400 abundance.

401 Kramadibrata et al. (2007) found that *Acaulospora foveata* and *A. scrobiculata* associated  
402 with *Dendrocalamus asper* and *Gigantochloa apus*, while *Acaulospora tuberculata* established  
403 associations with *Bambusa vulgaris*, *Dendrocalamus asper*, *Schizostachyum zollingeri*,

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404 *Gigantochloa manggong*, and *Gigantochloa apus*. In addition, *Glomus etunicatum* was  
405 associated with *Bambusa vulgaris*, *Dendrocalamus asper*, *Gigantochloa manggong*, and  
406 *Gigantochloa apus*; while *Glomus fuegianum* associated with *B. vulgaris*, *D. asper*, and  
407 *Schizostachyum zollingeri*. *Glomus* cf. *formosanum* and *Glomus geosporum* were associated with  
408 *D. asper* and *G. apus*. *Glomus mosseae* established associations with *S. zollingeri* and *G. apus*,  
409 and finally, *Scutellospora calospora* was associated with *G. manggong*. From the island of  
410 Sumba, Indonesia, Kramadibrata (2011) reported that *Acaulospora foveata* associated with  
411 *Bambusa blumeana*, *Dinochloa* sp., and *Nastus reholtumianus*, while *Acaulospora scrobiculata*  
412 associated with *Bambusa blumeana*, *Schizostachyum brachycladum* (green variety), and *Nastus*  
413 *reholtumianus*. *Acaulospora tuberculata* was found with *Gigantochloa atter*, *Schizostachyum*  
414 *brachycladum* (yellow variety), and *Schizostachyum lima*. Furthermore, *Glomus etunicatum* was  
415 associated with *Gigantochloa atter*, and finally, *Glomus rubiforme* with *Gigantochloa atter*.

416 In other studies, inoculants were prepared with isolated AMF identified as *Glomus rosea*,  
417 *G. magnicaule*, *G. etunicatum*, *G. heterogama*, *G. maculosum*, *G. multicaule*, *Scutellospora*  
418 *nigra*, and *S. heterogama* for application to bamboo. Babu and Reddy (2010) applied the  
419 inoculants to *Dendrocalamus strictus* and confirmed fungal colonization. Ravikumar et al.  
420 (1997) worked with independent inoculations and all possible combinations of *Glomus*  
421 *aggregatum*, *G. fasciculatum*, and *G. mosseae* on *Dendrocalamus strictus*. Under all  
422 circumstances, their roots were colonized with a colonization percentage ranging from 30% to  
423 60%. This finding is similar to that of Verma and Arya (1998), in which five morphological  
424 species were isolated, including *Acaulospora scrobiculata*, *Glomus intraradices*, *G. aggregatum*,  
425 *G. mosseae*, and *Scutellospora heterogama*, from the rhizosphere of *Dendrocalamus asper* ~~in~~  
426 ~~order~~ to develop two inoculants: one with the first species (I1) and the other with the remaining  
427 four (I2). Furthermore, they tested another inoculant (I3) from isolated teak spores, which  
428 contained *Acaulospora scrobiculata*, *A. delicata*, *Gigaspora* sp., *G. ramisporophora*, *Glomus*  
429 *intraradices*, *G. geosporum*, *G. mosseae*, *G. etunicatum*, and *Scutellospora pellucida*. These  
430 fungi established symbiotic associations with the bamboo species, which was confirmed by  
431 quantifying the percentage of colonization within the roots of *D. asper*. The statistical analyses  
432 showed that the maximum percentage of colonization was found in I3, followed by I1 and I2,  
433 respectively (Verma & Arya, 1998). In 2002, *Dendrocalamus strictus* was inoculated with three  
434 species of AMF, namely *Glomus mosseae*, *G. fasciculatum*, and *Gigaspora margarita*  
435 (Bhattacharya et al., 2002). Later, in 2011, Jha et al. (2011) inoculated *Bambusa bambos* and  
436 *Dendrocalamus strictus* with *Acaulospora scrobiculata*, *A. mellea*, *Glomus aggregatum*, *G.*  
437 *cerebriforme*, *G. arborensis*, *G. diaphanum*, *G. intraradices*, *G. etunicatum*, *G. fasciculatum*, *G.*  
438 *hoi*, *G. occultum*, and *Glomus* sp., and all the fungi established an association with the roots of  
439 both bamboo species. Considering that the current veracity of ~~the~~ fungal identity of spores  
440 present in commercial bio-inoculants is compromised (Vahter et al., 2023), the fact that most of  
441 the studies mentioned resorted to the use of trap cultures or direct isolation of Glomeromycota  
442 species to be inoculated provides some certainty regarding the accuracy of their results. It was  
443 frequently observed that *Acaulospora* and *Glomus* were among the most commonly isolated  
444 strains or fungal genera inoculated to different bamboo species, as these AMF genera are

445 commonly found worldwide in a wide range of natural ecosystems including those altered by  
446 humans, such as agricultural systems (Davison et al., 2015; Oehl et al., 2017).

447  
448 **Effects of Glomeromycota on host bamboo plants** (~~sugiere condensar ambas temáticas en 1~~  
449 ~~sola ya que la discusión es muy larga y en esta parte es difícil diferenciar de lo que se habla~~)

450 ~~On bamboo physiology and morphology acá podemos hacer sinergia con lo que~~  
451 ~~mencionad el revisor 2 sobre proponer una tabla resumida para tener una visión general de~~  
452 ~~los efectos que se sabe hasta el momento tienen los HMA sobre el bamboo~~

453 ~~While the effects of symbiosis were not reported for all the bamboo species~~  
454 ~~mentioned, we briefly summarized the physiological and morphological effects of~~  
455 ~~Glomeromycota association with Bambusoideae described in the literature in Table 4. Some of~~  
456 ~~them such as *Dendrocalamus strictus* were reported to significantly stabilize the upper layer of~~  
457 ~~the soil due to their pachymorphic or sympodial rhizomes nature of their root (modificar esto,~~  
458 ~~¿que ese so de la naturaleza de su Sistema radical?) system and enhance the leaf litter~~  
459 ~~accumulation in response to associations with AMF (Ben-zhi et al., 2005). Furthermore,~~  
460 ~~seedlings of~~

461 *Dendrocalamus strictus* that were inoculated with *Glomus fasciculatum* and *G. mosseae*  
462 (simultaneously) reached the greatest internodal distance of all treatments, followed by bamboo  
463 seedlings inoculated only with *G. aggregatum* (Ravikumar et al., 1997). ~~Another~~The same study  
464 found that *D. strictus* rhizomes reached their maximum length when the inoculation contained  
465 only the  
466 *G. aggregatum* isolate, followed by the combination of *G. aggregatum* and *G. mosseae*  
467 (~~Ravikumar et al., 1997~~). Total biomass production in *D. strictus* was also favored by  
468 mycorrhizal associations with Glomeromycota fungi, reaching maximum dry matter production  
469 when seedlings were inoculated with *G. aggregatum* and *G. fasciculatum* (Ravikumar et al.,  
470 1997).

471 **Table 4. General physiological and morphological effects of AMF on bamboo.**

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475 In *Bambusa bambos* and *Dendrocalamus strictus*, phosphorus uptake, and shoot length  
476 increased significantly with all inoculated AMF (8 commercial formulations), except for *Glomus*  
477 sp. in *D. strictus* (Jha et al., 2011), indicating that effective AMF utilization can enhance  
478 productivity of these bamboo species in the region (Jha et al., 2011). Similarly, Bhattacharya et  
479 al. (2002) found that inoculating some AMF in *D. strictus* seedlings significantly promoted  
480 lateral branching (in number and length) of roots in this species, although no clarifications were  
481 made regarding the status of such fungi in the soil or even the percentage of mycorrhization, only  
482 reports of the morphological response of the seedling root system.

483 In terms of morphology, as mentioned above for species such as *D. strictus*, AMF  
484 inoculation causes differentiating effects on the structures of inoculated plants. For instance,  
485 inoculating *G. mosseae* and *G. intraradices* in Chenglu bamboo seedlings, a hybrid bamboo

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486 between *Bambusa pervariabilis* (as the female parent) and *B. grandis* (as the male parent),  
487 resulted in a significant increase in the number of shoots, culm diameter, and total leaf area of the  
488 inoculated plants compared to those not inoculated with AMF, as well as an improved uptake of  
489 P and K in inoculated plants, growth and biomass accumulation, making these AMF good  
490 candidates in efforts to increase the production of this hybrid bamboo (Weixin et al. 2013).

#### 491 On growth and nutrient uptake

492 In general, bamboo plants favor the establishment of mycorrhizal symbiosis given their  
493 fast growth which requires high nutrient requirements during the initial growth stages  
494 (Ravikumar et al., 1997). This explains the increase in the rhizosphere of several bamboo species  
495 after establishing a mycorrhizal symbiosis, a phenomenon that has specifically been described in  
496 *Bambusa balcooa*, *Bambusa vulgaris* var. *vittata* (known as green bamboo) and var. *striata*  
497 (known as yellow bamboo), *Bambusa nutans* and *Dendrocalamus asper* (Singh et al., 2020).

498 In *Dendrocalamus strictus* ~~(a bamboo species with an extensive root and rhizome~~  
499 ~~system)~~, inoculation of AMF along with *Aspergillus tubingensis* (an Ascomycota fungus)  
500 showed a synergistic effect on bamboo growth, nutrient uptake (such as P, K, Ca, and Mg), and  
501 reduction in heavy metal translocation to the plant (Babu & Reddy, 2010). Similar effects have  
502 also been observed in other plants that establish associations with AMF (Chen et al., 2007; Chen  
503 et al., 2001). This is consistent with what Muthukumar & Udaiyan (2006) described, who  
504 performed a nursery experiment evaluating the effects of applying a *Glomus aggregatum*  
505 inoculum on promoting the growth of *D. strictus* plants in two different soil types (alfisol and  
506 vertisol). They found that root colonization percentages by *G. aggregatum* (reaching 55% and  
507 confirming the establishment of the association with this AMF species) were positively and  
508 significantly related to the dry weight of bamboo seedlings, and thus to the concentrations of N,  
509 P, and K in their tissues (roots, rhizome, and shoots) (Muthukumar & Udaiyan, 2006). In  
510 addition, Verma & Arya (1998) found that *Dendrocalamus asper* seedlings treated with AMF  
511 inocula extracted from their rhizospheric soil ~~(2)~~ ~~(que es ese 212 treatment)~~ and one associated  
512 with Teak were significantly taller than those that did not receive treatments, and they also  
513 presented higher concentrations of P in their shoots, which they describe as an effect resulting  
514 from AMF-mediated improvements in the efficiency of capturing available P in the soil. ~~Even~~  
515 ~~earlier, Ravikumar et al. (1997) also reported that AMF association with *Dendrocalamus strictus*~~  
516 ~~seedlings improves their growth compared to a control not inoculated with AMF, emphasizing~~  
517 ~~that inocula with *G. fasciculatum* and *G. aggregatum* (alone or in combination) are the best~~  
518 ~~option (among those evaluated) for achieving the highest rates of growth and total dry matter~~  
519 ~~production.~~

520 Another study also described how in *Bambusa bambos* and *Dendrocalamus strictus*, total  
521 dry weight and P uptake (an essential nutrient for plant growth) increased significantly in seven  
522 of the eight AMF inoculated plants (Jha et al., 2011). Additionally, the confirmed establishment  
523 of symbiotic associations between Chengdu bamboo (a hybrid) and AMF, specifically an  
524 inoculum of *Glomus intraradices* and *G. mosseae*, improved the uptake of P and K in inoculated  
525 plants, as well as their growth and biomass accumulation, making these AMF good candidates in  
526 efforts to increase the production of this hybrid bamboo (Weixin et al., 2013).

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## 527 **Effects of bamboos on AMF assemblages**

528 Host plants are not passive actors during symbiosis, and AMF assemblages are not  
529 randomly distributed in patches of host plants but rather tend to associate with particular  
530 ecological groups (Davison et al., 2011). Considering this, Guo et al. (2023) described that the  
531 rhizospheric soil of bamboo, particularly *Phyllostachys edulis* and four of its forms (*P. edulis* f.  
532 *tao kiang*, *P. edulis* f. *luteosulcata*, *P. edulis* f. *pachyloen* and *P. edulis* f. *gracilis*) has more  
533 complex, longer, and interconnected fungal networks (~~including the donde se incluye al phylum~~  
534 ~~Glomeromycota~~) than those in non-rhizospheric soil, ~~despite the fact that~~ although alpha diversity  
535 ~~was significantly higher in the non-rhizospheric soil than in the rhizospheric soil, a pattern they~~  
536 ~~also observed for~~ in the abundance of Glomeromycota, which may be because the non-  
537 ~~rhizospheric soil is contained the original pool of species from which the plant root established~~  
538 ~~selective associations with some of the AMF available in that compartment, thus reducing the~~  
539 ~~richness and abundance of groups at the rhizospheric level (Bledsoe et al., 2020, Fiore-Donno et~~  
540 ~~al., 2022), in addition to significant differences in diversity (se trata de una mayor diversidad?).~~  
541 ~~However, at least for Glomeromycota, abundance appears to be higher in non-rhizospheric soil,~~  
542 ~~suggesting that this is the original pool of species from which the plant root will establish~~  
543 ~~associations with only some of the AMF available in the rhizosphere (Bledsoe et al., 2020, Fiore-~~  
544 ~~Donno et al., 2022). (la frase no es clara, reescribirla).~~ This contrasts with the results of Husein et  
545 al. (2022), who showed that the rhizosphere of *Bambusa* sp. has more abundance and diversity of  
546 Glomeromycota spores than those of other plants, such as *Cichorium intybus* and *Pinus merkusii*,  
547 which, although not compared to the non-rhizospheric soil of these species, gives indications of a  
548 possible affinity of *Bambusa* for selecting AMF, or the preference of AMF to associate with this  
549 bamboo species.

550 On the other hand, bamboos classified as runners (with leptomorph rhizomes), such as  
551 those of the genus *Phyllostachys* that are known for invading and quickly replacing neighboring  
552 forest cover, tend to increase the biomass of their associated AMF. This significantly changes the  
553 fungal assemblages in the soil, contributing to the formation of aggregates and carbon storage in  
554 the system (Xu et al., 2020; Qin et al., 2017). Likewise, when comparing a forest of  
555 *Phyllostachys pubescens* with surrounding forests, Quin et al. (2017) found that in the former,  
556 both AMF spore density and root colonization rate were significantly higher than in the latter,  
557 and that the former favored the presence of the Glomeraceae family but reduced that of the  
558 Acaulosporaceae and Archaeosporaceae families.

560 Additionally, Jin et al. (2022) found that when extensive management is carried out in  
561 bamboo forests, particularly those of *P. edulis* (forests regularly harvested without any  
562 management), the abundance of AMF increases substantially leading to an increase in AMF  
563 respiration rates and a significant change in carbon cycling within bamboo forest ecosystems  
564 produced by AMF.

565 ~~(En este párrafo no parece que se tratae sobre los efectos del bambú en los ensamblajes)~~  
566 In contrast, Mafaziya et al. (2019) found no effects of an increase in the dominance of *Bambusa*  
567 *bambos* populations, in ecosystems where it is present, on the associated AMF assemblages.

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568 ~~They and~~ concluded that, at least under the conditions of the study, the fungal community  
569 showed high resistance to changes in soil surface coverage, as well as resilience to the influence  
570 generated by the dominance of a single plant species. ~~In considering the dominance of some plant~~  
571 ~~species over others, Mafaziya et al. (2019) did not find perceptible changes in the AMF~~  
572 ~~community structure in forest ecosystems after an increase in the dominance of *Bambusa bambos*~~  
573 ~~in these systems. However, when they compared the soil of the forest patches adjacent to the~~  
574 ~~populations of *Bambusa bambos*, these recorded a higher abundance of AMF spores. They~~  
575 ~~therefore, therefore, conclude that, at least under the conditions of the study, the fungal~~  
576 ~~community shows high resistance to changes in soil surface coverage, as well as resilience to the~~  
577 ~~influence generated by the dominance of a single plant species.~~

578 **Challenges ahead** ~~(considerer reducir esta parte para hacer que llegue a todos más fácil)~~

579 Qin et al. (2017 a, b) and Jin et al. (2022) report molecular marker-based approaches to  
580 elucidate the composition of AMF assemblages in bamboo forest soils using primers described  
581 by Sato et al. (2005), that amplify part of the 18S region ~~(AMV4.5NF and AMDGR)~~. These  
582 sequences can then be compared to the MaarjAM database using BLAST (Öpik et al., 2010) to  
583 assign taxonomic identities to the Glomeromycota groups in the sample. With similar  
584 approaches, Zhang et al. (2022) amplified the ITS region ~~with the ITS1F and ITS2R primers~~ to  
585 evaluate the fungal community in the roots, soil, and aerial structures of *Phyllostachys edulis*,  
586 and Zhang et al. (2019) amplified the ITS2 region ~~with the ITS3 and ITS4 primers~~ to investigate  
587 the rhizospheric community structure of *P. edulis* at the phylum level, identifying sequences  
588 using BLAST in the UNITE database. In ~~those~~ studies, they were able to identify groups  
589 within the Glomeromycota phylum, but the ~~internal transcribed spacer~~ ~~(ITS region)~~ was ~~not~~  
590 ~~proven~~ ~~not~~ to be an optimal candidate for barcoding arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF)  
591 because the region alone is exceptionally variable and does not adequately resolve species,  
592 especially among closely related taxa. ~~Other primers targeting regions of the small subunit (18S)~~  
593 ~~or large subunit (28S) tend to be biased as the primers only are effective in some taxonomic~~  
594 ~~groups within the Glomeromycota community (Stockinger et al., 2010).~~ In addition, although the  
595 specific primers proposed by Sato et al. (2005) are promising in terms of coverage and  
596 specificity, Van Geel et al. (2014) ~~and Stockinger et al. (2010)~~ ~~highlights~~ that they are biased  
597 towards groups within the Glomeraceae family ~~within Glomeromycota, but~~ ~~as they do not~~  
598 ~~detecting any members of the Ambisporaceae, and only a few of the Claroideoglomeraceae and~~  
599 ~~Paraglomeraceae within Glomeromycota, while;~~ even detecting groups in Basidiomycota and  
600 Chytridiomycota, ~~but not detecting any members of the Ambisporaceae family and only a few of~~  
601 ~~the Claroideoglomeraceae and Paraglomeraceae families in Glomeromycota.~~ This situation  
602 generates difficulties when comparing the results of studies on AMF diversity and ~~richness or~~  
603 composition, as there is little consistency regarding the target genes and primers used (Van Geel  
604 et al., 2014). While there is still no consensus region for AMF barcoding (Kolaříková et al.,  
605 2021), recent studies suggest that the ideal approach is to perform nested PCR approaches on  
606 different regions of the rRNA gene (Kolaříková et al., 2021). Tedersoo et al. (2022) also  
607 recommend that when performing taxonomic identification of a sequence using BLAST that may  
608 belong to Glomeromycota (if the selected primers allow it), the searches should preferably be

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609 made against the MaarjAM database, not UNITE, as the latter uses reads based on the ITS  
610 region, whose disadvantages have been previously mentioned.

611 Bamboo species such as *Phyllostachys edulis* have been described as promising in their  
612 roles of carbon sequestration through ~~its~~ their mycorrhizal associations. This could lead to  
613 increases in planted areas or facilitate their expansion in ecosystems through the application of  
614 Glomeromycota bio-inoculants. However, it is imperative to pay attention to the ecological risks  
615 this may also entail in terms of negative effects on plant diversity and other soil microorganisms  
616 in the colonized areas (Qin et al., 2017). ~~This type of intensive management practices~~  
617 ~~traditionally applied to these bamboo species~~ reduces soil pH, facilitates the hyper-accumulation  
618 of available N, P, and K, and promotes soil aggregation loss and erosion, which leads to a  
619 significant reduction in AMF biomass as well as alterations in soil assemblage diversity (Xu et  
620 al., 2008; Shinohara & Otsuki, 2015; Qin et al., 2017a; Liu et al., 2011). ~~This; a This situation~~  
621 ~~that~~ can be avoided by promoting responsible and sustainable use and management of ~~the~~  
622 ~~resource such as alternative practices, such as reduced tillage and organic amendments (Qin et al.,~~  
623 ~~2017a) the intensive management strategies traditionally applied to this bamboo species (esta~~  
624 ~~ultima frase está bien? ¿Qué quiere decir con estrategias de gestión intensiva aplicadas~~  
625 ~~tradicionalmente a esta especie de bambú y por qué debería fomentarse? — Hubo un error de~~  
626 ~~traducción).~~

627 As for publications addressing the establishment of ~~these Glomeromycota-Bamboo~~  
628 symbiotic associations, although some report evidence of AMF colonization in roots of species  
629 such as *Dendrocalamus strictus* (Das et al., 2021), they do not include any other evidence in  
630 terms of spore identification or genetic material extraction from any of the different  
631 compartments where they are found (soil and/or the root of the host plant). As a result, the  
632 information conveyed is poor or incomplete, at least within the framework of the objectives of  
633 this work.

634 ~~In addition~~ ~~Moreover~~, in some cases, the term ‘bamboo’ is used in a very generic way or  
635 even as if constituting a taxonomic rank by itself. This has led to several studies maintaining an  
636 ambiguous discourse when discussing the potential of bamboo (in ecological or economic terms)  
637 or even of their associated AMF species (i.e. Toh et al., 2018; Patra et al., 2021; Priya et al.,  
638 2014;  
639 Mafaziya et al., 2019), resulting in a loss of informative value. Additionally, as reported ~~in~~ ~~by~~  
640 Debnath et al. (2015), several AMF genera were isolated from different sampling sites  
641 (*Acaulospora*, *Ambispora*, *Diversispora*, *Funnelformis*, *Glomus*, *Paraglomus*, *Rhizophagus*, and  
642 *Sclerocystis*), but the associated bamboo species was not clarified, nor is it considered that they  
643 may be working with other species, which generates noise in the analyses. Rather, studies must  
644 clarify which species of bamboo is being referred to, since as evidenced throughout this  
645 document, the nature of the symbiosis, its effects, and the potentials of each species of bamboo  
646 are, to some degree, specific.

647 ~~In addition~~. ~~This review highlights the need to compile information and build knowledge~~  
648 ~~around a wider range of bamboo species and the symbiotic interactions they form or can~~  
649 ~~potentially form with AMF.~~ ~~It~~ is surprising that in tropical America, a continent where this

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650 group of plants is ~~so diverse and where such~~ ecologically, economically, and culturally important  
651 ~~groups and diverse exist such as the~~ *Guadua* subtribe genera (i.e. *Guadua* spp., specifically  
652 ~~(specifically~~ *Guadua angustifolia* Kunth) in terms of ~~its~~ their uses, applications, and distribution  
653 range) (Cruz-Armendáriz et al., 2023; Akinlabi et al., 2017; Clark et al., 2015), associations with  
654 AMF are so absent in the scientific literature, at least in publications from indexed and/or peer-  
655 reviewed journals. This phenomenon may be the result of the ease of producing "gray literature"  
656 in terms of speed and low cost, or even ~~to~~ the difficulties involved in submitting and publishing a  
657 scientific document, ~~as research often remains in undergraduate and graduate theses, conference~~  
658 ~~proceedings, research reports, memoranda, scientific society documents, bulletins, or websites~~  
659 (Corlett, 2010). This greatly hinders access to information and the construction of knowledge on  
660 environmental and social issues such as those exposed in this document. Therefore, the  
661 publication of studies focused on this association ~~are~~ is the first steps ~~to~~ in supporting efforts  
662 aimed to propagate bamboos using AMF in various regions of the world, as proposed by ~~(de~~  
663 Moura et al. ~~(2019)~~). With adequate knowledge of mycorrhizal fungal diversity in the  
664 rhizosphere of bamboo species and molecular approaches for analyzing roots and soils, the  
665 development of mycorrhizal inoculation programs is guaranteed to make bamboo available as a  
666 sustainable resource, while expanding the spectrum of possibilities in terms of the applicability  
667 of these species for ecological restoration and the fight against socio-environmental problems  
668 (Das & Kayang, 2010; de Moura et al., 2019). As described by de Moura et al. (2019),  
669 understanding the dynamics of symbiosis between bamboo and its associated AMF is  
670 fundamental for developing management practices aimed at improving plant productivity and  
671 reducing production costs for bamboo species of interest. Considering the high ecological,  
672 ecosystemic, and cultural value of this plant group, this would expand the spectrum of  
673 possibilities in terms of the applicability of these species for ecological restoration and the fight  
674 against socio-environmental problems.

675 Finally, it is important to note that although this document did not modify the names of  
676 the taxa assigned to Glomeromycota and Bambusoideae reported in the reviewed documents,  
677 taxonomic reorganizations and changes in names or categories have occurred in several cases  
678 (i.e. Błaszowski et al., 2022), with some being assigned as synonyms of a more accepted name,  
679 for example. In some cases, even the reported names were fundamentally incorrect, not  
680 stemming from any synonymy confusion. Therefore, it is relevant to keep up to date with  
681 nomenclatural changes associated with the study groups being investigated to facilitate research  
682 and communication both within and outside the academic community. This can be done through  
683 specialized databases such as Index Fungorum (<http://www.indexfungorum.org/>), Species  
684 Fungorum (<https://www.speciesfungorum.org/>), and MycoBank (<http://www.mycobank.org/>) for  
685 Glomeromycota fungi, and literature such as the freely accessible book "World Checklist of  
686 Bamboos and Rattans" by Vorontsova et al., 2016) for bamboos. The current status of the names  
687 of Glomeromycota fungi and Bambusoideae bamboos are summarized in Tables 54 and 65,  
688 respectively.

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690 **Table 54.** Names of the Glomeromycota taxa mentioned in the text, and the current status  
691 of these names according to Index Fungorum, Species Fungorum, and MycoBank.

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693 **Table 65.** Names of the Bambusoideae taxa mentioned in the text, and the current status of  
694 these names according to Vorontsova et al. (2016).

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696 **Conclusions** ~~(considerer reducir esta parte para hacer que llegue~~  
697 ~~a todos más fácil)~~

698 This study presents the first systematic review of the current state of knowledge surrounding  
699 arbuscular mycorrhizal symbiosis established between plants and fungal taxa within  
700 Bambusoideae and Glomeromycota ~~(respectively) worldwide, where Asia, particularly India,~~  
701 ~~and China, stood out as the continent and countries with the most (and almost all) studies on the~~  
702 ~~topic of review. The present review also while highlights the need to compile information and~~  
703 ~~build knowledge around a wider range of bamboo species and the symbiotic interactions they~~  
704 ~~form or can potentially form with AMF, as these topics remain incipient and poorly explored,~~  
705 ~~particularly with respect to the biology and ecology of mycorrhizal symbiosis in Bambusoideae.~~  
706 ~~Here, we compiled a list of the bamboo species that have been evaluated, described, or evidenced~~  
707 ~~to establish mutualistic associations with arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi, including 31 species~~  
708 ~~within 10 botanical families that associate with a considerable diversity of Glomeromycota~~  
709 ~~genera and families, 17 and eight, respectively. Asia, specifically India and China, stood out as~~  
710 ~~the continent and countries with the most (and almost all) studies on the topic of review, while~~  
711 ~~no other studies were reported from other continents, except for Brazil with a single publication.~~  
712 ~~This review only considered currently published scientific literature, as the (se eliminó “filtering~~  
713 ~~and”) selection process filtered documents classified as gray literature, a particularly common~~  
714 ~~publication trend in Latin America. As such, although there may be significant interests or~~  
715 ~~efforts to study the symbiosis between AMF groups and bamboo species in Latin America,~~  
716 ~~access to such information is limited.~~  
717 ~~The bamboo species that have been evaluated, described, or evidenced to establish mutualistic~~  
718 ~~associations with arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (31 species within 10 botanical families)~~  
719 ~~associate with a considerable diversity of Glomeromycota genera and families (17 and eight,~~  
720 ~~respectively, including groups marked as “Ni”). The identification of these groups to at the~~  
721 ~~species level through the application of molecular markers using samples from the root~~  
722 ~~compartment would contribute to a better understanding of and future perspectives for on this~~  
723 ~~symbiotic association.~~

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725 ~~Based on the information compiled here, it is evident that the study of arbuscular mycorrhizal~~  
726 ~~fungi in bamboo species around the world remains incipient and poorly explored, particularly~~  
727 ~~with respect to for the biology and ecology of mycorrhizal symbiosis in~~

728 ~~Bambusoideae. This is surprising considering the growing and robust evidence~~  
729 ~~supporting the role of AMF in the mineral nutrition, water absorption or capture, and protection~~  
730 ~~against biotic and abiotic stress factors in the majority of plants (Fall et al., 2022). As described~~

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