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RESEARCH

Interests nutrient use and efficiency · biochar systems analysis · NPK uptake and utilization of plants in highly · fertilizer optimization studies

Areas Plant Science · Soil Science · Agronomy and Crop Science · Waste Management and Disposal · Management, Monitoring, Policy and Law · Mechanical Engineering

RESEARCH SUMMARY

27	477	10	11	2.17	25%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 27 publications listed below, 2017–2026. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 24 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 6 of the 24 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

POSITIONS

University of Cape Coast
Cape Coast, Ghana

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles 26

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10. Emmanuel Hanyabui, Kwame Agyei Frimpong, Festus Annor-Frempong, Kofi Atiah (2024). Effect of pineapple waste biochar and compost application on the growth and yield of pineapple varieties in Ghana. *Frontiers in Agronomy*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fagro.2024.1331377>
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15. Ernest Teye, Charles L. Y. Amuah, Kofi Atiah, Ransford Opoku Darko, Thomas Abindaw, Kwadwo Kusi Amoah, Michael Miyittah, Emmanuel Afutu, Rebecca Owusu (2023). Quick Determination of Soil Quality Using Portable Spectroscopy and Efficient Multivariate Techniques. *Journal of Spectroscopy*. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2023/2024318>
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