What is Striga?
Striga is a parasitic weed that attaches to the roots of maize and other cereal crops.

How to identify Striga
Striga can be identified by its purple or red flowers.

Effects of Striga
Stunts the growth of maize, leaves turn yellow prematurely and can cause up to 100% crop loss.

How Striga spreads
- By the wind
- With streaming rain water
- Uncleaned garden tools
- Stuck on clothes and animal skin
- Local/uncertified seeds contaminated with Striga seeds

How to prevent and control Striga
- Plant early
- Rotate with non-cereals
- Intercrop with legumes
- Plant herbicide-resistant maize varieties: Longe 7H-IR, NARO Maize 58-IR, NARO Maize 59-IR, NARO Maize 60-IR
- Remove Striga before it flowers

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