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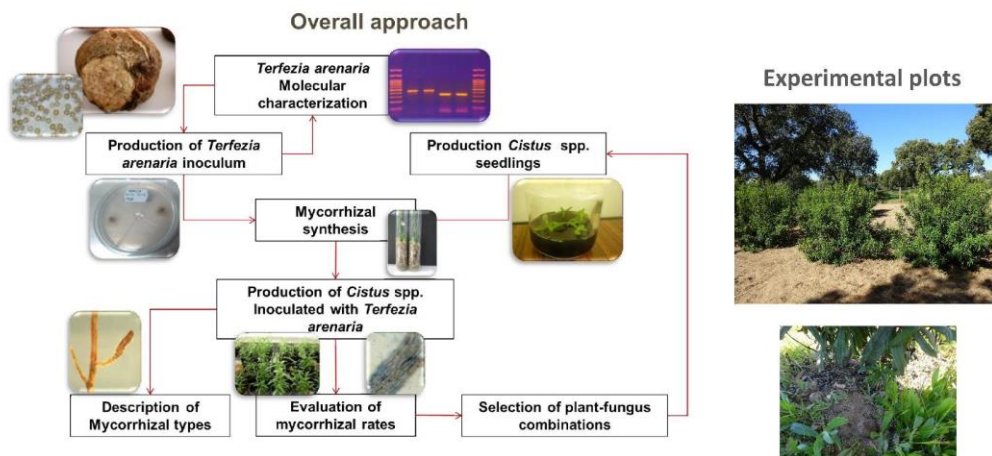
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Desert truffles are of considerable interest for ecological, agroforestry and commercial purposes. They represent a key component of the mycobiota, in arid and semi-arid regions, due to their important role as symbiotic partners of diverse host plants, most often members of the *Cistaceae*.



Desert truffle increasing demand has recently boosted more research, aiming to achieve new strategies to enable their medium-large-scale cultivation.



These results are promising, as they show that in the near future, this and other biotechnological research might enable the cultivation of a myriad of wild edible mushrooms and truffles that so far cannot be cultivated.