

We are protecting our little tropical giant.

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Fusarium wilt of musaceae is a disease that causes the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense* (Foc TR4) that is classified of quarantine importance, inasmuch as in the history of agriculture, it is the most destructive disease of plantains and bananas.

Recently, the Foc TR4 was present in Colombia and Peru; this is why Mexico has adopted extreme precautions conducive to maintaining its status as a country free of this disease and thus protect the plantain and banana production in 16 states.

The plantain is the most exported fruit worldwide and the third with the highest production in Mexico, with an average of 2,235 tons per year, which will satisfy the internal consumption of 14.4 kilograms per capita and export around 9,000 tons.

For this reason, to prevent the entry and dispersion of Foc TR4 in our country, Senasica organized a virtual in pursuance of training technicians from State Plant Health Committees and national plantain producers.