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## USING THE GLOBALG.A.P. TR4 BIOSECURITY FOR BANANAS ADD-ON



*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* – tropical race 4 (TR4), which is also referred to as “Foc 4” or “Panama disease”, is the most imminent threat to the banana industry and to those livelihoods that depend on banana production and consumption for their subsistence. As there is currently no known effective treatment to control the disease for the most commonly used banana cultivar (Cavendish), preventive measures are the only viable option.

To this end, the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat has developed the TR4 Biosecurity Add-on – a tool that provides farmers with a risk mitigation plan to prevent the introduction (and/or further spreading) of the TR4 pathogen to, within, and from their GLOBALG.A.P. certified farms. This add-on has been developed in close cooperation with the World Banana Forum (WBF), which is hosted by the FAO. It is a tool that GLOBALG.A.P. can use to raise awareness and monitor preventive measures at the farm level worldwide.

The banana sector urgently needs your contribution. We can only effectively prevent the further spreading of TR4 throughout the banana-growing regions and the world if all the stakeholders act together to advance preventive measures on the farm.

### **I AM A BANANA PRODUCER. Why should I use it?**

- To implement biosecurity measures on your farm that will help prevent the introduction of Foc4 onto your farm (or minimize its spreading if you already have it).
- To show that you have implemented measures against this pathogen and thereby demonstrate long-term sustainability of your banana farm.
- To become aware of the risks to banana production today and access resources on this subject that will help you continuously improve your practices.

### **I AM A BANANA TRADER, EXPORTER AND/OR RETAILER. Why should I demand this from my suppliers?**

- To ensure that your suppliers are taking action against this threat.
- To raise awareness about the severity of this pathogen among your suppliers.
- To assess suppliers on their engagement toward sustainability.
- To be able to claim engagement toward a sustainable banana sector.

Learn more at  
[www.globalgap.org/tr4](http://www.globalgap.org/tr4)

