

The race to save banana

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“unless man or flood intervenes
Fusarium moves at a tortoise pace”
RH Stover 1970



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STOP THE SPREAD OF PANAMA DISEASE TROPICAL RA

HEADING TO A BANANA FARM?
**DIAL AHEAD
DON'T DROP IN!**



Can we stop the disease?

- Accept that banana production will never be the same again
- Understand the social effect of the disease
- And make the technical solutions user friendly



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Can we still grow bananas?

- Understanding the disease
- Improving detection
- Improving inoculum control
- Harnessing the microbiome
- Using resistant genetics



Can we save banana?

- Global research collaboration for a science based solution
- Social science and biological science
- System change from farm to consumer
- Knowing the banana we are trying to save
 - and what food system it supports



Thank you



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