# Case study

# The threat of Fusarium TR4

introduction into Ecuador

May 2022





#### **Banana in Ecuador**



Approximately 16,000 musaceae producers and more than 200 nationwide musaceae exporters.

Data 2020

Source: COMEX, ESPAC, SIPA, AGROCALIDAD

Banana Activity represents:
2.9% Total GDP
38% Agricultural GDP
17% of population (2,500,000 people) is directly and indirectly linked to activities in the banana value chain.





Banana: 190.381 ha Plantain: 160.262 ha Baby banana: 5.861 ha

TOTAL: 356. 504 ha

87 countries 110 opened markets

7 millions MT exported: 380 millions of banana boxes 3500 millions USD (FOB) banana 4200 millions USD (FOB) musaceae



#### **Current status**

135 countries worldwide produce bananas



21 countries report presence of Foc RT4

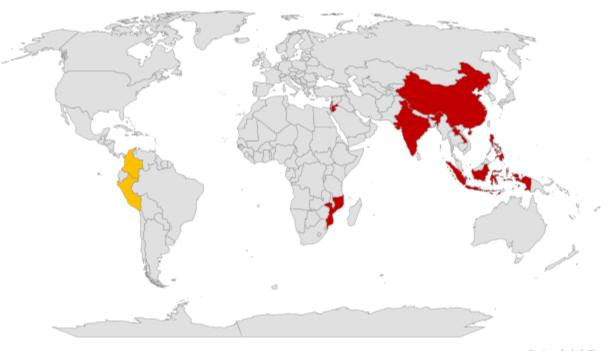


No country has eradicated the pest or has developed resistant commercial varieties

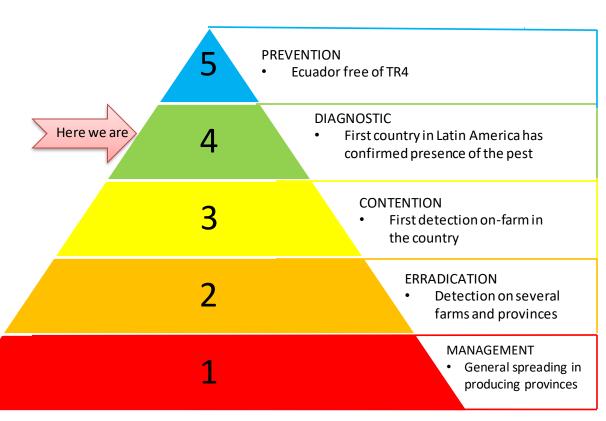


Producers in Foc TR4 countries "live with the pest"

#### Distribution of tropical race 4 (TR4)

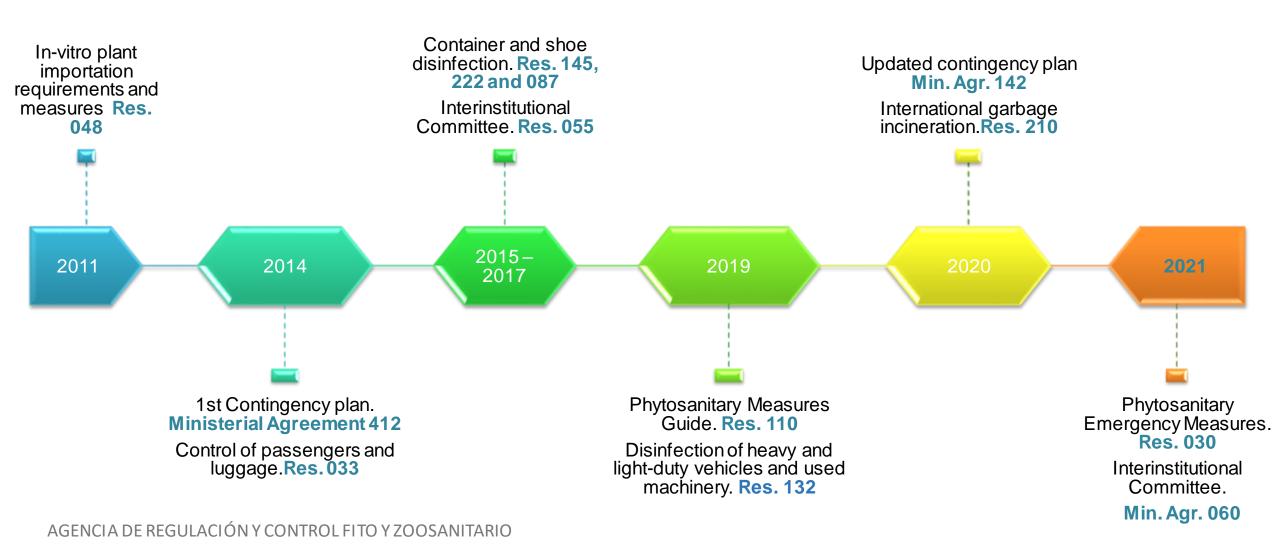


#### **Alert Levels**



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# Regulatory framework Time line



# **Geographic Location**

# **Ecuador Strengthens Actions on the Southern Border**

1st reported outbreak

Foc in Peru

• April 2021

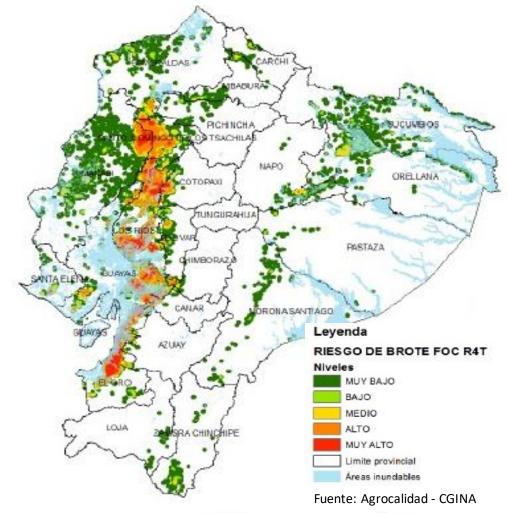
Direct distance

Perú Sullana – Equador border

• 53,3 Km

Risk for Ecuador

Income threat

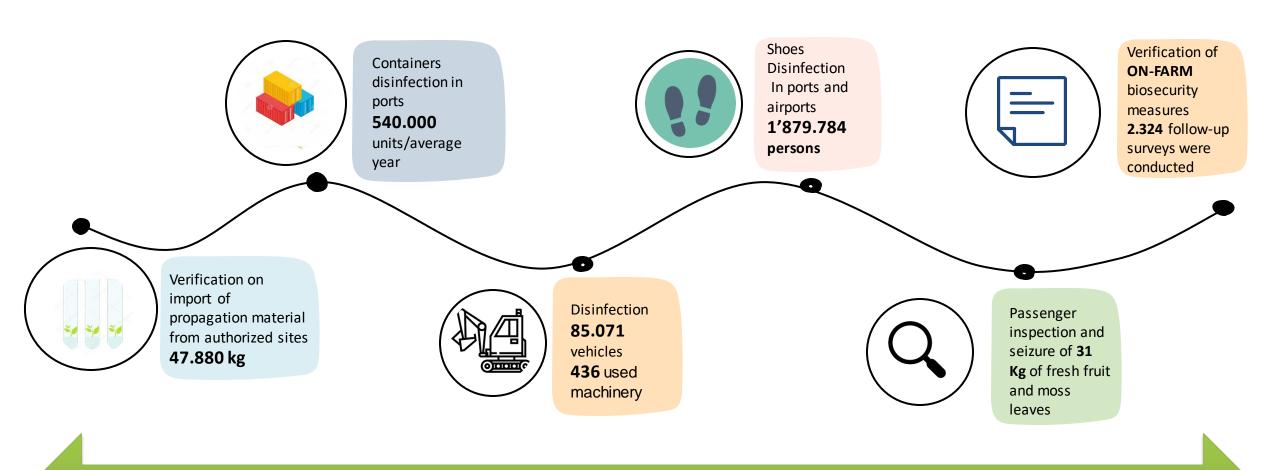






# **Control and Biosecurity Measures**

**Permanent Actions - 2021** 



Outreach and communication

National Coordination

International Cooperation

Surveillance and diagnostic

**Permanent Actions - 2021** 







Attention of phytosanitary alerts (8)

Simulated outbreak care and diagnosis, Field days





Sampling and
Diagnostics negative
to Foc R4T
(117)

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Monitoring (21.152 on musaceas)

### **International Cooperation**











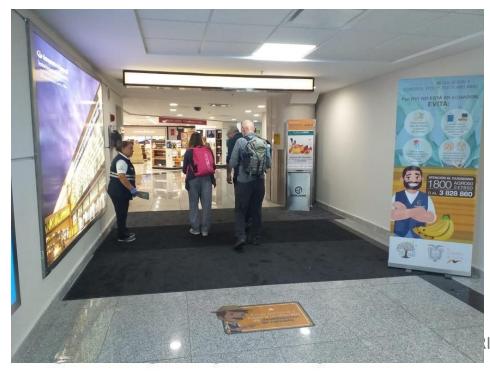




















#### **COMUNICATION**







AGENCIA DE REGULACIÓN Y CONTROL FITO Y ZOOSANITARIO







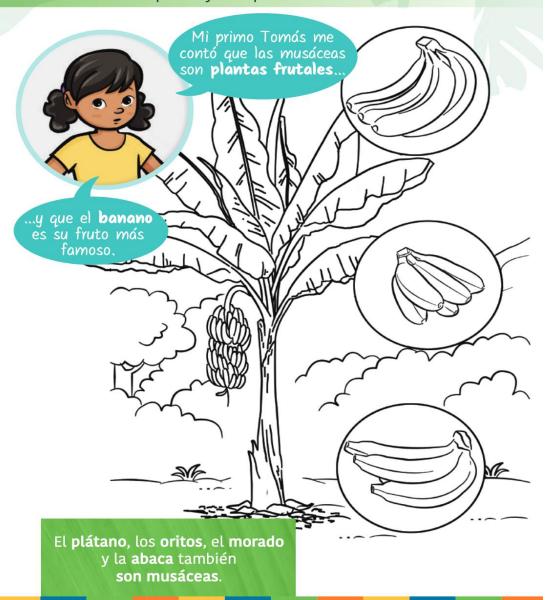


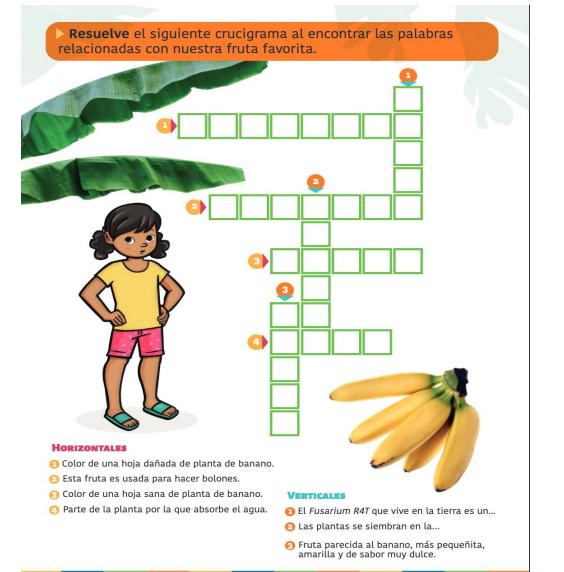




#### ¿QUÉ SON LAS MUSÁCEAS?

• Colorea la planta y los tipos de frutos de musáceas.









# **Action Strategy Priorities - Foc R4T Project**

STRENGTHENING THE CONTROL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BIOSECURITY MEASURES

INCREASED SURVEILLANCE FOR EARLY DETECTION

ALERT THE LABORATORIES NETWORK (ANALYTICAL CAPACITY)

STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING PLANS

#### MANAGEMENT IN THE INTEGRATION OF ALL PARTS





# Foc R4T National Project – 2022

Goal.- Avoid entry and contain a possible Foc R4T dispersion in Ecuador in order to keep it as quarantine pest

Communication campaigns for different audiences

3)
Dissemination and outreach

Foc R4T
Diagnosis
and
surveillance

Strengthening of plant quarantine

Training of implementers of biosecurity measures



Technical staff strengthening Recruitment of technicians





# STRENGTHENING ACTIONS ON THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BORDERS





#### **CEBAF - Huaquillas**



Disinfection frame



Pediluvium





#### **Loja Province**



International bridge Lalamor- Zapotillo International bridge Macará



Shoe disinfection





#### **CEBAF Sucumbios**



Disinfection frame

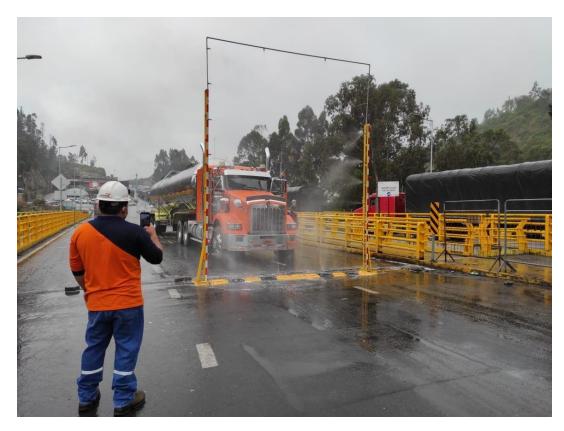


Pediluvium





#### **CENAF Carchi**



Disinfection frame



Pediluvium





## **Establishment in Control Barrier Blocks - CBB**

#### **El Oro Province**



La Avanzada Tollbooth



El Guabo Tollbooth







# PROTEJAMOS AL PAÍS DE LA PLAGA MÁS DESTRUCTIVA DEL BANANO, PLÁTANO, ORITO Y OTROS CULTIVOS DE MUSÁCEAS.

ECUADOR SIN FUSARIUM R4T - PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN:



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# THANK YOU



