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Soil and root samples, collected from various crops grown on the Ela Farm at the ICAR Research Complex, Old Goa, in the first week of October, 1986 showed typical lesions and rotting on roots of the most preferred local banana variety 'Saldatti'. On an average, roots yielded 100 *Radopholus similis* per gram of root. The table variety 'Saldatti, is not known

to be grown commercially in other part of India. This appears to be the first record of plant parasitic nematodes on any crop in Goa.

Banana is an important crop in Goa and therefore, the distribution of this nematode through infested suckers, needs to be restricted immediately.