

BIBLIOGRAPHY ON ROOT(WILT) DISEASE OF COCONUT (*COCOS NUCIFERA* LINN)

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The coconut root(wilt) disease is prevalent in 4,10,000 ha in a contiguous manner in the eight southern districts of Kerala, India, causing an annual loss of 968 million nuts.

Intensive investigations have been undertaken particularly in the past decade with a multidisciplinary bias. A study on electron microscopic examination of ultrathin sections of tissues of rachillae and root

tips of root (wilt)- affected palms revealed the presence of mycoplasma - like organism (MLO) in the phloem. Presence of these structures in the apical meristem, petioles of very young leaves and root tips of diseased palms, but not of healthy, indicates that they are the presumptive causal agent of the disease.

A Bibliography on root(wilt) disease of coconut has been com-

plied and published in the "Indian Coconut Journal" 9(10): 3-8, 1979. Present compilation covers the publications during the subsequent period.

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