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SUMMARY

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Musa, a plant genus of extraordinary significance to human societies. Produces the most food in the world today (after rice, wheat and maize) (Nelson et al., 2006). In Indonesia, banana is one of the most important fruit crops. Many varieties of banana grow well in the country with annual production more than 2.8 tons per year, which is lower than its potential yield of more than 6 tons per year. It is caused by the existence of banana bunchy top disease (Purnomo, 1996), the most serious viral diseases of banana caused by banana bunchy top virus (BBTV) (Widyastuti and Hidayat, 2007; Jones, 2002).

The objectives of this research were to analyze the distribution pattern of Bunchy top disease of banana in the region of Palembang, to identify host preference and vector appearance.

This study was conducted from December 2009 to March 2010, in locations representing banana growing areas in Palembang, South Sumatra Indonesia. The results showed that Banana Bunchy Top Disease has spread in 10 districts locations observed. Percentage of diseased plants by BBTV in Kalidoni, Sematang Borang, Sukarami, Gandus, Sako, Ilir Barat I, Kemuning, Ilir Barat II, Plaju and Alang-alang Lebar District were 42.6%, 42.25%, 39.33%, 36.6%, 36.5%, 32.16%, 31.33%, 30.4%, 25%and 20.75%, respectively. The infestation of *P. nigronervosa* in diseased plants was 100% in banana Putri variety. Bunchy Top Virus attacked various banana varieties, among them are Australia (100%), Mas (71%), Nangka (63%), Lilin (62%), Putri (58%), Udang (56%), Ambon (29%), Geda (25%), Kapas (25%), Kepok (11%) and Raja (7%). The highest percentage of attacked was 51% in Sukarami Sub District while the lowest percentage of infected plants was 5% in Srijaya Sub District.