DAMAGE CHARACTERISTIC

- Disease affects coconut palms which have developed stem.
- It may also result from weevil attack, lightning injury, heavy rain and heavy manuring.
- Weaken the palm and consequently decreases its yield. Severe infection can be lethal to the palm.

APPEARANCE

- Stem bleeding caused by *Thielaviopsis paradoxa* (de Seynes) Von Hohnel
- Oozing of rust-colored fluid from diseased stem
- Rust colored fluid ceased turn black
- Multiple infection may occur and coalesce to cover large portion of stem
- Tissues beneath oozing lesion surrounded by yellowish zone.

Conidiophores and conidia of *Thielaviopsis paradoxa*
• Too much damage of internal tissues on young palms creates hollow stem.

DISEASE MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

Prevention

• Provide adequate drainage to avoid extreme fluctuations of soil moisture within the root zone that favors disease management.

• Avoid unnecessary wounding of palms.

• Practice good farm management

Control

• Chiselling out and later burning affected tissues including about 5 cm of the healthy portion.

• Spraying the wound with Aliette & Benlate fungicide prior to coal tar application.

• Paint/dressed wound with coal tar.

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