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PEST ALERT

Ceratitis Capitata

A PEST NOT PRESENT IN GUYANA

What is *Ceratitis capitata* (Med fly)?

Ceratitis capitata or (Med fly) is one of the most generalist species of Tephritidae fruit flies. It infests many families of plants (more than 200 reported species) inclusive of Citrus, Apple, Peach, Fig Guava, Cocoa, Coffee, Cherimoya.



Photo by Paul Graham (Tephritidae fruit fly manual)

Where is it found?

Med fly is native to Africa. Today it can be found in:

- South Europe
- Middle East
- West Australia
- Hawaii
- Central and South America.

How is it Med fly spread?

Med fly is generally spread from one country to the next through the movement of infested fruits.

Why should I care?

Ceratitis capitata is a pest of economic importance that can hinder trade of fruits and vegetables on the world market. It damages include:

- Destruction of commercial and subsistence farms
- Spoilage of fruits and vegetables



Symptom of Med Fly in hot pepper in Ivory Coast

What can I do?

- Avoidance is the best strategy
- Do not bring any fruit from infested countries

Help keep Med fly out of Guyana.

Report all Sighting to 220-2812/220-5858

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