

# Exploring the role of water stress and soil on banana-plantain production: a mathematical modelling approach

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## Specific objective

The goal is to come up with innovative solutions to increase the production of plants within a plantation.



Figure: Banana plantain plant: Technical Manual

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# Biological background: Cycle of Banana-Plantain<sup>1</sup>



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#### Figure: The fruits of the banana plantain

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## Flowchart

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Figure: Flowchart of the model where  $\theta_1 = \frac{\mu_3}{a_1 e E_s(t) P_M(t) + 1}$  and  $\theta_2 = \mu_4 + \frac{\theta}{a_1 e E_s(t) P_s(t) + 1}$ . of the model.

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# Equations and basic properties

## Equations

$$\begin{split} \dot{E}_{s}(t) &= r_{1}E_{s}(t)\left(1 - \frac{E_{s}(t)}{K_{1}}\right)V(t) - a_{1}\left(P_{v}(t) + P_{M}(t) + P_{s}(t)\right)E_{s}(t) \\ -\mu_{1}E_{s}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{v}(t) &= r_{2}ea_{1}E_{s}(t)\left(P_{M}(t) + P_{s}(t)\right)\left(1 - \frac{P_{v}(t)}{K_{2}}\right) - \left(\alpha_{1} + \mu_{2}\right)P_{v}(t) \\ -\max\left(0,\delta(K - E_{s}(t))\right)P_{v}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{M}(t) &= \alpha_{1}P_{v}(t) - \frac{\mu_{3}}{a_{1}eE_{s}(t)P_{M}(t) + 1}P_{M}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{s}(t) &= \max\left(0,\delta(K - E_{s}(t))\right)P_{v}(t) - \left(\mu_{4} + \frac{\theta}{a_{1}eE_{s}(t)P_{s}(t) + 1}\right)P_{s}(t), \\ \dot{V}(t) &= \alpha(1 - V(t)) + \beta P_{s}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{r_{1}}(t) &= \eta_{1}e^{-\theta_{1}\tau_{1}}P_{M}(t - \tau_{1}) - \varepsilon_{1}P_{r_{1}}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{r_{2}}(t) &= \eta_{2}e^{-\theta_{2}\tau_{2}}P_{s}(t - \tau_{2}) - \varepsilon_{2}P_{r_{2}}(t). \end{split}$$

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# **Basic Properties**

## Positivity of solution and boundedness of trajectories

Model system (1) is a dynamical system on the biologically feasible compact domain:

$$\Omega = \Omega_E \times \Omega_P \times \Omega_V \times \Omega_{P_r}, \tag{2}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{E}} = \left\{ E_s \in \mathbb{R}^+, E_s \le K_1 \right\},\tag{3}$$

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$$\Omega_{P} = \left\{ \left( P_{v}, P_{M}, P_{s} \right) \in \mathbb{N}^{3}, P_{v} \leq K_{2}, P_{M} = \frac{K_{2}\alpha_{1}}{\mu_{3}} \text{ and } P_{s} \leq \frac{K_{2}K\delta}{\mu_{4}} \right\}, \quad (4)$$

$$\Omega_{V} = \left\{ V \in \mathbb{R}_{+} V \leq \frac{\alpha \mu_{4} + \beta \omega K K_{2}}{\alpha \mu_{4}} \right\},$$
(5)

and 
$$\Omega_{P_r} = \left\{ (P_{r_1}, P_{r_2}) \in \mathbb{R}^+_+, P_{r_1} \leq \frac{\eta_1 \kappa_2 \alpha_1}{\mu_3 \varepsilon_1} \text{ and } P_{r_2} \leq \frac{\eta_2 \kappa_2 \kappa_\delta}{\mu_4 \varepsilon_2} \right\},$$
 (6)

## Mathematical analysis

Case when there is water stress within the plantation i.e.  $\max(0, \delta(K - E_s(t))) = \delta(K - E_s(t))$ 

$$\begin{cases} \dot{E}_{s} = r_{1}E_{s}\left(1 - \frac{E_{s}}{K_{1}}\right)V - a_{1}(P_{v} + P_{M} + P_{s})E_{s} - \mu_{1}E_{s}, \\ \dot{P}_{v} = r_{2}a_{1}eE_{s}(P_{M} + P_{s})(1 - \frac{P_{v}}{K_{2}}) - (\alpha_{1} + \mu_{2})P_{v} - \delta(K - E_{s})P_{v}, \\ \dot{P}_{M} = \alpha_{1}P_{v} - \frac{\mu_{3}}{a_{1}eE_{s}(t)P_{M}(t) + 1}P_{M}, \\ \dot{P}_{s} = \delta(K - E_{s})P_{v} - \left(\frac{\theta}{a_{1}eE_{s}P_{s} + 1} + \mu_{4}\right)P_{s}, \\ \dot{V} = \alpha(1 - V) + \beta P_{s}. \end{cases}$$
(7)

Let:

$$E_{s}^{0} = k_{1} \left( 1 - \frac{r_{1}}{\mu_{1}} \right)$$
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### Equilibria

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$$Q_0^{(1)} = (E_s^0, 0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$
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## Numerical simulation



Figure: Simulation of model system (7) (so that  $\mathcal{N}_0^{(1)} = 13.8739$ ).

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#### Production

For 1600 regets of bananas plantains planted on 1*hectare* the field can produce about 25.16*tons* of stressed banana plantains and about 0.06*tons* of unstressed banana plantains.

## Mathematical analysis

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In this case,  $\max(0, \delta(K - E_s)) = 0$  which implies that  $P_s = 0$ , V = 1 and system (1) reduces to

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## Equation

$$\begin{split} \dot{E}_{s}(t) &= g(t) + r_{1}E_{s}(t)\left(1 - \frac{E_{s}(t)}{K_{1}}\right)V(t) - \mu_{1}E_{s}(t) \\ &-a_{1}\left(P_{v}(t) + P_{M}(t) + P_{s}(t)\right)E_{s}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{v}(t) &= r_{2}ea_{1}E_{s}(t)\left(P_{M}(t) + P_{s}(t)\right)\left(1 - \frac{P_{v}(t)}{K_{2}}\right) - (\alpha_{1} + \mu_{2})P_{v}(t) \\ &-\max\left(0,\delta(K - E_{s}(t))\right)P_{v}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{M}(t) &= \alpha_{1}P_{v}(t) - \frac{\mu_{3}}{ea_{1}E_{s}(t)P_{M}(t) + 1}P_{M}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{s}(t) &= \max\left(0,\delta(K - E_{s}(t))\right)P_{v}(t) - \left(\mu_{4} + \frac{\theta}{a_{1}eE_{s}(t)P_{s}(t) + 1}\right)P_{s}(t), \\ \dot{V}(t) &= \alpha(1 - V(t)) + \beta P_{s}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{r_{1}}(t) &= \eta_{1}e^{-\theta_{1}\tau_{1}}P_{M}(t - \tau_{1}) - \varepsilon_{1}P_{r_{1}}(t), \\ \dot{P}_{r_{2}}(t) &= \eta_{2}e^{-\theta_{2}\tau_{2}}P_{s}(t - \tau_{2}) - \varepsilon_{2}P_{r_{2}}(t). \end{split}$$

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# Irrigation function

1. If 
$$t \leq T_1$$
  
• On  $[0, T[$   
 $g(t) = \begin{cases} f & \text{if } t < \tau, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  (13)  
• For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that  $t \in [nT, (n+1)T[,$   
 $g(t) = \begin{cases} f\sqrt{n} & \text{if } t - nT < \tau, \\ 0 & \text{else if.} \end{cases}$  (14)  
2. If  $t > T_1$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $t \in [nT, (n+1)T]$ ,  
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# Irrigation



Figure: Time evolution of the concentration of water coming from the a period T = 14

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# Numerical analysis



Figure: Simulation of model system (12).

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Table: The impact of irrigation on banana plantain production.

	Without water stress	With water stress	With irrigation
Harvest (Kg)	68 650	25 220	41 550
PU (Fcfa)	150	150	150
PT (Fcfa)	10 297 500	3 783 000	6 232 500
Loss (Fcfa)	-	6 514 500	4 065 000
Gaim (Fcfa)	-	-	2 449 500

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# Impact of soil on banana-plantains crops affected by water stress



Figure: Banana-plantains production for three different type of soil in the presence of water stress

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Table: The impact of soil

Soil	Loamy sand	Silty clay	Fine Sandy Loam
Harvest (Kg)	25 900	33 500	36 890
PU (Fcfa)	150	150	150
PT (Fcfa)	3 885 000	3 850 500	5 533 500
Loss (Fcfa)	6 390 000	6 424 500	4 741 500

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Figure: Stress plants (Source:Technical Manual).

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