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# **Management of Pests and Diseases in Tropical Fruit Crops**

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), global trade in tropical fruits has expanded to unprecedented levels in recent years. This has generated improvements in nutrition and substantial income for small producers and for many producing countries through exports. However, pests and diseases represent an important limitation for the production and marketing of tropical fruits and can affect the well-being and food security of thousands of families in developing countries. Research, technological development, and innovation are paths that lead to improvements in the economic, social, and environmental aspects of pest and disease management of tropical fruit crops. This Special Issue of *Plants* will highlight knowledge on the bioecology of pests and diseases of major (e.g., banana, avocado, mango, mangosteen, guava, papaya, citrus, and pineapple) and minor (rambutan, durian, breadfruit, Java apple, lychee, macadamia nut, pili nuts, cherry, passion fruit, among others) tropical fruit crops; the development, application, and evaluation of strategies and tactics for their pest management; and the reduction in the use of agrotoxics.











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