

Title	Detection of Huanglongbing or Citrus Greening (<i>Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus</i>) in Trinidad – First Report
Summary or Short Description	The presence of Huanglongbing (HLB) or Citrus Greening (<i>Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus</i>) was confirmed in plant tissue samples (leaves) collected from a citrus (lime) tree located in Curepe, County St. George West (North Trinidad). The samples were tested at the University of Florida, Plant Diagnostic Center (UF/IFAS), Gainesville, Florida, USA (May 15, 2017). The following actions were initiated: delimiting survey, public awareness programme and an integrated pest management approach for HLB is being promoted.
Report Status	Preliminary
Pest Status	Subject to Official Control
Pest Identity	<i>Candidatus liberibacter asiaticus</i>
Host or Articles Concerned	Rutaceae Family; Citrus spp. Plants in the genus produce citrus fruits, including oranges, lemons, grapefruit and limes
Geographical Distribution	Identified in one county (St. George West) in Trinidad and is currently subjected to a delimiting survey.
Nature of immediate or potential danger	HLB is particularly devastating because of its severe yield reduction in citrus trees, followed by tree decline, the absence of resistant citrus varieties, and the limited control measures to prevent disease progression and pathogen spread by the vector, Asian citrus psyllid (ACP, <i>Diaphorina citri</i>).
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