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Abstract *Fusarium* species are well known for their abundance, diversity and cosmopolitan life style. Many members of the genus *Fusarium* are associated with plant hosts, either as plant pathogens, secondary invaders, saprotrophs, and/or endophytes. We previously studied the diversity of *Fusarium* species in the *Fusarium oxysporum* species complex (FOSC) associated with Fusarium wilt of banana in Indonesia. In that study, several *Fusarium* species not belonging to the FOSC were found to be associated with Fusarium wilt of banana. These *Fusarium* isolates belonged to three *Fusarium* species complexes, which included the *Fusarium fujikuroi* species complex (FFSC), *Fusarium incarnatum-equiseti* species complex (FIESC) and the *Fusarium sambucinum* species complex (FSSC). Using a multi-gene phylogeny that included partial fragments of the beta-tubulin (*tub*), calmodulin (*cmdA*), translation elongation factor 1-alpha (*tef1*), the internal transcribed spacer region of the rDNA (ITS), the large subunit of the rDNA (LSU), plus the RNA polymerase II large subunit (*rpb1*) and second largest subunit (*rpb2*) genes, we were able to identify and characterise several of these as new *Fusarium* species in the respective species complexes identified in this study.

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INTRODUCTION

Fusarium is one of the most diverse fungal genera that has been given much attention by mycologists and plant pathologists (Snyder & Hansen 1940, Nelson et al. 1983, Geiser et al. 2013, Aoki et al. 2014, 2018). Its global distribution, ability to adapt to manifold climatic conditions, and colonisation of a wide number of ecological niches and hosts, makes the diversity and abundance of *Fusarium* species unparalleled (Booth 1971, Gerlach & Nirenberg 1982, Geiser et al. 2013, Aoki et al. 2014). The genus *Fusarium* includes some of the most devastating plant pathogens, affecting many agronomical crops. Two of its species, *Fusarium graminearum* and *F. oxysporum*, were included in the top 10 list of fungal plant pathogens regarded as important in terms of scientific and economic impact (Dean et al. 2012, Geiser et al. 2013, Aoki et al. 2014).

Besides their role as plant pathogens, *Fusarium* species are also known as endophytes or saprophytic colonisers (Leslie et al. 1990, Bacon & Yates 2006). Many different *Fusarium* species are associated with symptomatic and asymptomatic plants (Leslie et al. 1990, Wang et al. 2004, Pinaria et al. 2010), although their role as pathogens can sometimes be difficult to determine via pathogenicity tests. However, many *Fusarium* species have not been associated with any disease symptoms on plants (Wang et al. 2004, Pinaria et al. 2010). Therefore, they

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are considered as endophytes and their association with their known host plants is difficult to discern (Kuldau & Yates 2000).

A complex of *Fusarium* spp. in the *Fusarium oxysporum* species complex (FOSC) is causing Fusarium wilt on banana (Maryani et al. 2019), also known as Panama disease (Stover 1962). The ability of these notorious fungi to infect a wide range of banana varieties has resulted in substantial economic strain in several banana producing regions (Ploetz et al. 2015, http:// fusariumwilt.org/). Several studies acknowledged the diversity of *Fusarium* spp. pathogenic on banana and their worldwide distribution, thus recognising the threat to global banana cultivation (Ploetz 2006a, Ordonez et al. 2015, Maryani et al. 2019). However, to our knowledge, no study has been done to assess which other *Fusarium* species might be associated with Fusarium wilt on bananas.

In this study, we report *Fusarium* species hitch-hiking with pathogenic *Fusarium* spp. causing Panama disease, isolated from local banana varieties in Indonesia. Therefore, we aim to characterise these non-*Fusarium oxysporum* isolates, based on multi-gene phylogenetic inference, supported by morphological observations.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Isolates

Isolates were obtained from the pseudostems of local banana plants clearly displaying symptoms of Fusarium wilt, which were sampled in small-holder backyard plantations across Indonesia in 2014–2015 (Maryani et al. 2019). The dried pseudostem samples were cut into pieces of 2×3 cm and plated on Komada medium (Komada 1975). Single-spore isolates were derived from resulting fungal colonies, and transferred to potato dextrose agar (PDA), on which they were maintained as working cultures, or stored in 20 % (v/v) glycerol at -80 °C for long term

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³ calmodulin; ITS: internal transcribed DNA LSU: large subunit of the rDNA; rp01: RNA polymerase largest subunit gene; rp22: RNA polymerase second largest subunit gene; teft: translation elongation factor 1-alpha gene;

rpb1: RNA polymerase largest subunit gene;

subunit of the rDNA;

large LSU: I

spacer region of the rDNA.

calmodulin; ITS: internal transcribed

rpb2:1

translation elongation factor 1-alpha gene; tub: beta-tubulin

tef1:

RNA polymerase second largest subunit gene;

Morphological characterisation

Morphological characterisations of the *Fusarium* species were performed on PDA for colony growth rates, pigmentation and production of aerial conidia; carnation leaf agar (CLA; Fisher et al. 1982) for formation of sporodochia and sporodochial conidia, and synthetic low-nutrient agar (SNA; Nirenberg 1981) for chlamydospores. To induce sporulation, cultures were incubated under continuous white light (Osram L18W/840 Cool White) for 7 d at 25 °C. Growth rates of all isolates were determined on PDA after 7 d incubation at 25 °C in the dark. Colony colour notation followed the mycological colour charts of Rayner (1970). Morphological characters were examined after mounting fungal structures in sterile water and observed using light microscopy (Nikon Eclipse 80i microscope) with Differential Interference Contrast (DIC) optics and a Nikon AZ100 stereomicroscope, both equipped with Nikon DS-Ri2 high definition colour digital cameras. Photographs and measurements were taken using the Nikon software NIS-elements D software v. 4.50. The length and width of at least 30 conidiogenous cells and 50 conidia were measured, and the mean values, standard deviation (SD) with maximum-minimum values were calculated.All descriptions, illustrations and nomenclatural data were deposited in MycoBank (Crous et al. 2004).

DNA isolation, amplification and analyses

Genomic DNA was isolated using the DNA Wizard Magnetic DNA Purification System for Food kit (Promega, USA). Partial gene sequences were determined for the RNA polymerase largest subunit gene (*rpb1*) using primers RPB1-Fa and RPB1- G2R (O'Donnell et al. 2010), RNA polymerase second largest subunit gene (*rpb2*) using primers RPB2-5f2 and RPB2-7cr (O'Donnell et al. 2010), the translation elongation factor 1-alpha gene (*tef1*) using primers EF1 and EF2 (O'Donnell et al. 1998a), calmodulin (*cmdA*) CAL-228F and CAL-2RD (Carbone & Kohn 1999, Quaedvlieg et al. 2011), beta-tubulin (*tub*) using primers TUB-T1 and TUB-4RD (O'Donnell & Cigelnik 1997, Woudenberg et al. 2009), the internal transcribed spacer region (ITS) using primers ITS4 and ITS5 (White et al. 1990) and the large subunit of the ribosomal DNA (LSU) using primers LR0R and LR5 (Rehner & Samuels 1994, Vilgalys & Hester 1990). PCR conditions followed those described by Lombard et al. (2015). Amplicons were sequenced in both directions using the same primer pairs as were used for amplification to ensure integrity of the sequences. Consensus sequences were analysed and assembled using MEGA v. 7 (Kumar et al. 2016). Subsequent alignments for each individual locus were generated using MAFFT v. 7.110 (Katoh et al. 2017) and manually corrected if necessary. The individual sequences generated in this study were compared with those maintained in the *Fusarium*-MLST database [\(http://www.westerdijkinstitute.nl/fusarium/\)](http://www.westerdijkinstitute.nl/fusarium/)andGen-) and Gen-Bank, and relevant sequences were included in the subsequent phylogenetic inferences.

Phylogenetic analyses were based on Maximum Likelihood (ML) and Bayesian Inference (BI). The ML analysis was performed using RAxML v. 8 (randomised accelerated (sic) maximum likelihood for high performance computing; Stamatakis 2014) through RAxML BlackBox (https://raxml-ng.vital-it.ch/#/) or the CIPRES science gateway portal (Miller et al. 2012). To assess the robustness of the analyses, the Bootstrap support (BS) was determined automatically by the software using default parameters. The BI analysis was performed using MrBayes v. 3.2.6 (Ronquist et al. 2012) on the CIPRES science gateway portal (Miller et al. 2012), using four Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) chains starting from a random tree topology.The MCMC

Fig. 1   Maximum likelihood tree inferred using the *rpb2* gene region of the Indonesian isolates in the *Fusarium fujikuroi* species complex (FFSC), *Fusarium incarnatum-equiseti* species complex (FIESC), *Fusarium sambucinum* species complex (FSSC), and *Fusarium oxysporum* species complex (FOSC) isolates from a previous study (Maryani et al. 2019). Bootstrap support values and Bayesian posterior probabilities are given at each node. The tree is rooted to *Fusarium acuminatum* (NRRL 54210) and *Fusarium heterosporum* (NRRL 20692).

0.04

0.0070

Fig. 2   Maximum likelihood tree inferred from the combined *cmdA*, *tef1*, *tub*, *rpb1*, and *rpb2* sequence datasets of the *Fusarium fujikuroi* species complex (FFSC) including eight Indonesian isolates (indicated in blue). Bootstrap support values and Bayesian posterior probabilities are given at each node. The tree is rooted to *Fusarium nirenbergiae* (CBS 744.97) and *F. oxysporum* (CBS 716.74).

Fig. 3   Maximum likelihood tree inferred from the combined *cmdA*, ITS, *rpb2*, *tef1*, and LSU sequence datasets of the *Fusarium incarnatum-equiseti* species complex (FIESC) including 11 Indonesian isolates (indicated in blue). Bootstrap support values and Bayesian posterior probabilities are given at each node. The tree is rooted to *Fusarium circinatum* (NRRL 25331) and *Fusarium fujikuroi* (NRRL 13566).

analyses lasted until the average standard deviations of split frequencies were below 0.01 with phylogenies saved every 1000 generations. The first 25 % of saved trees were discarded as the 'burn-in' phase and the 50 % consensus trees and posterior probabilities (PP) were determined from the remaining trees. All the sequences generated in this study were deposited in GenBank and the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) and the alignments in TreeBASE.

Pathogenicity

Representative isolates from the different *Fusarium* species were selected for pathogenicity assays. *Fusarium odoratissimum*, Tropical Race 4 (TR4) isolate InaCC F856, was used as a positive control, and negative controls were treated with sterile water only. Two to three-month-old banana plants of the Cavendish variety Grand Naine were used in green house controlled conditions (constant day temperature of 25 °C, night temperature of 23 °C, ambient lightuntil max. 16 h, and a relative humidity of \geq 75 %). Preparation of the fungal inoculum, pathogenicity tests and severity scoring followed the protocol of Maryani et al. (2019). Five plant replicates were included for each isolate tested and 7 wk after inoculation disease severity was evaluated by scoring external foliage and internal corm symptoms.

RESULTS

In total, 20 isolates were identified that did not belong to the *Fusarium oxysporum* species complex (FOSC). These isolates were recovered from 13 banana varieties from the islands of

Fig. 4   Maximum likelihood tree inferred from the combined *rpb1* and *rpb2* sequence datasets of the *Fusarium sambucinum* species complex (FSSC) including one Indonesian isolate InaCC F974 (indicated in blue). Bootstrap support values and Bayesian posterior probabilities are given at each node. The tree is rooted to *Fusarium circinatum* (NRRL 25331) and *Fusarium fujikuroi* (NRRL 13566).

Flores, Java, Kalimantan, and Sulawesi (Table 1). An initial preliminary phylogenetic inference based on *rpb2* sequence data, demonstrated that most isolates belonged to the *Fusarium incarnatum-equiseti* species complex (FIESC, 11 isolates), followed by the *F. fujikuroi* species complex (FFSC, eight isolates), and the *F. sambucinum* species complex (FSSC, one isolate) (Fig. 1). Nine isolates in FIESC originated from Kalimantan, isolated from *Musa* sp. variety Pisang Awak (ABB), Pisang Kepok (ABB), and Pisang Talas (AA) and two isolates from Sulawesi, isolated from *Musa acuminata* var. Pisang Cere (AAA). The majority of the isolates in FFSC were isolated from bananas varieties in Java. The only isolate in the FSSC was isolated from the variety PisangAwak (ABB) in Central Kalimantan. *Fusarium* isolates belonging to different species complexes were in some cases recovered from the same sample: isolate InaCC F962 in the FFSC and isolate Indo175 in the FIESC were isolated from the same sample of *Musa acuminata* var. Pisang Talas (AA) from South Kalimantan. In the FFSC, isolate InaCC F993 and Indo 213 were also isolated from a sample of *Musa acuminata* var. Pisang Mas Kirana (AA) from East Java. Additionally, different banana varieties were found to be associated with the same *Fusarium* species (Table 1).

Fusarium fujikuroi species complex (FFSC) phylogeny

The eight isolates belonging to the FFSC were further analysed using a multi-gene phylogeny based on *cmdA*, *rpb1*, *rpb2*, *tef1*, and *tub.* The final alignment included 4795 characters (*cmdA* 545, *rpb1* 1534, *rpb2* 1551, *tef* 677 and *tub* 488) including alignment gaps, and encompassed 54 isolates, with two outgroup taxa (*F. oxysporum* CBS 716.74 and CBS 744.97) (Table 2).

0.05

The analysis was consistently able to distinguish the three biogeographical clades known as the African, American and Asian clades sensu O'Donnell et al. (1998a). All of the Indonesian isolates clustered within the Asian clade of FFSC except for isolate InaCC F991, identified as *F. verticilloides*, and clustered within the African clade (Fig. 2). According to the multi-gene analysis, two isolates (InaCC F962 and InaCC F992) were identified as *F. proliferatum*, while two new phylogenetic species were recognised among the Indonesian isolates. Isolates InaCC F872 and InaCC F993, from central and East Java, respectively, clustered in a distinct, highly supported clade (96 bs/0.99 pp) closely related to *F. mangiferae*. Isolates InaCC F950–152, formed a distinct group (100 bs/1.0 pp), closely related to, but genetically distinct from *F. sacchari*.

Fusarium incarnatum-equiseti species complex (FIESC) phylogeny

The 11 isolates belonging to the FIESC were assessed using a more inclusive analysis based on five loci (*cmdA*, ITS, LSU, *rpb2* and *tef1*; Fig. 3)*.* The alignment consisted of a total 2746 characters (*cmdA* 653, ITS 510, LSU 562, *rpb2* 597 and *tef1* 424), from 93 isolates, including all the phylogenetic clades known in this species complex plus two outgroup taxa (*Fusarium circinatum* NRRL 25331 and *F. fujikuroi* NRRL 13566). Multi-gene phylogenetic inference was able to recognise six new phylogenetic species in the FIESC. The number of new phylogenetic species recognised is equally distributed in the incarnatum clade and the equiseti clade (three new phylospecies each) sensu O'Donnell et al. (2009). In the *incarnatum* clade, isolates InaCC F940, InaCC F941, Indo167, InaCC F964, Indo186, and Indo188 clustered in a distinct clade (55 bp/0.99 pp) closely related to the phylogenetic species FIESC-16 which is introduced here as phylogenetic species FIESC-32. These isolates were obtained from five different banana variety hosts in Sulawesi and Kalimantan. The other two new species in the *incarnatum* clade are monotypic lineages represented by isolate Indo161 (99 bp/1 pp) closely related to FIESC-26 and isolate InaCC F965 (50 bp/ 1 pp) closely related to FIESC-24, introduced as phylogenetic species FIESC-33 and FIESC-34, respectively. In the *equiseti* clade, three isolates: Indo174 (99 bp/1 pp) closely related to FIESC-1; Indo175 (-/1 pp) and InaCC F963 (55 bp/1 pp), both isolates closely related to FIESC-13, formed monotypic lineages which are introduced here as FIESC-29, FIESC-30, and FIESC-31, respectively. These phylogenetic species were isolated from two banana varieties in relatively close proximity in South Kalimantan.

Fusarium sambucinum species complex (FSSC) phylogeny

The single Indonesian isolate in the FSSC was further analysed using a two-gene phylogeny based on *rpb1* and *rpb2* sequences. The analysis included a total of 2461 characters (*rpb1* 854 and *rpb2* 1607) from a total of 21 isolates representing the FSSC and two outgroup taxa (*F. circinatum* NRRL 25331 and *F. fujikuroi* NRRL 13566). Isolate InaCC F974 was identified as *F. longipes* (Fig. 4) based on phylogenetic inference.

Fig. 5 Pathogenicity test of *Fusarium* spp. that belong to other species complexes. a. Plants before inoculation; b. wilting symptom caused by *Fusarium odoratissimum* InaCC F856, seven weeks after inoculation; c. control; d. positive control *Fusarium odoratissimum* (InaCC F856); e. *Fusarium proliferatum* (InaCC F992); f. *Fusarium desaboruense* (InaCC F950); g. *Fusarium lumajangense* (InaCC F872^T); h. *Fusarium longipes* (InaCC F974); i. FIESC (Indo161); j. *Fusarium lumajangense* (InaCC F993).

Pathogenicity

Representative isolates from each species complex were tested for their pathogenicity against banana variety Cavendish (Fig. 5). Selected isolates included InaCC F872, InaCC F950, and InaCC F992 (FFSC), InaCC F962 (FIESC), InaCC F974 (FSSC). None of the isolates was able to cause any disease symptoms in the inoculated plants. All of the isolates tested caused only slight discoloration in the corm without any further disease development.

Taxonomy

The *Fusarium* species in each complex and novel species identified in this study are described below.

Fusarium lumajangense N. Maryani, Sand.-Den., L. Lombard, Kema & Crous, *sp. nov. —* MycoBank MB828960; Fig. 6

 Etymology. Name refers to Lumajang, the region from where this species was collected in Indonesia.

 Typus. Indonesia, Desa Kandang Kepus, Kecamatan Senduro, Lumajang, East Java (E113°4'157" S8°4'46"), in infected pseudostem of *Musa acuminata* var. Pisang Mas Kirana (AA), 17 July 2014, *N. Maryani* (holotype specimen and culture, InaCC F872, preserved in metabolically inactive state).

Sporulation abundant from conidiophores carried on aerial mycelium and from sporodochia. *Conidiophores* on aerial mycelium, septate, branching profusely, irregularly or sympodially or reduced to solitary conidiogenous cells formed laterally on aerial hyphae; *conidiogenous cells* mono- or polyphialidic, acute, subulate or subcylindrical, smooth- and thin-walled (6–)10–22.5(–31.5) × 2–3(–4) µm, formed terminally and singly on conidiophores or intercalary, often proliferating percurrently; periclinal thickening inconspicuous or absent; *conidia* of two types: a) (microconidia) ovoid to ellipsoid, smooth- and thin-walled, $(6-)9-18(-23) \times (2-)3(-5)$ μm (av. 13 × 4 μm), 0–1-septate, arranged in false heads on monophialides; and b) (macroconidia) falcate and multiseptate, apical cells papillate, basal cells indistinct or foot-shaped, (1–2–)3-septate, formed on polyphialides; 1-septate conidia 18.5×3.5 µm; 2-septate conidia 40 \times 4 µm; 3-septate conidia (26–)29–39.5(–44.5) \times (3–)3.5–4.5(–5.5) µm; av. (18.5–)28–39.5(–44.5) \times (3–)3.5–4.5(–5.5) µm. *Sporodochia* formed abundantly on surface of carnation leaves after 7 d, pale orange to orange. *Conidiophores* on sporodochia, septate, mostly unbranched or rarely sparsely and irregularly branched, bearing terminal monophialides, carried singly or grouped in verticillately branched; *conidiogenous cells* monophialidic, ampulliform, doliiform to subcylindrical, smooth- and thin-walled, $(11.5-12.5-18.5(-23.5) \times$ $(2-)3-4(-4.5)$ µm, proliferating percurrently several times, with short collarets and inconspicuous periclinal thickening; *sporodochial conidia* falcate, apical cells gently curved, papillate, basal cells slightly curved, foot-shaped, 3–5-septate: 3-septate conidia, $(30-)34.5-46.5(-54) \times 3.5-4.5 \mu m$; 4-septate conidia, 41-48(-52.5) \times (3-)3.5-4.5 µm; 5-septate conidia, $(42.5-)45-53(-56) \times 3.5-4.5 \mu m$; av. $(30-)40-50.5(-56) \times$ (3–)3.5–4(–4.5) µm. *Chlamydospores* not observed.

Culture characteristics — Colony on PDA showing optimal growth at 25 °C with an average growth rate of 3.5–4.6 mm/d. Colony reverse, lilac to violet becoming white towards the margin, later becoming dark purple with time. Colony surface dry, white becoming livid purple towards the margin, turning completely purple with age.Aerial mycelium abundant, cottony, with moderate sporulation and lacking exudates.

Geography & Host — Lumajang, East Java, *Musa acuminata.* var. Pisang Mas Kirana (AA).

Pathogenicity — Non-pathogenic on Cavendish (AAA).

Additional material examined. INDONESIA, Desa Kandang Kepus, Kecamatan Senduro, Lumajang, East Java (E113°4'157" S8°4'46"), in infected pseudostem of *Musa acuminata* var. Pisang Mas Kirana (AA), 17 July 2014, *N. Maryani* (InaCC F993).

Notes — *Fusarium lumajangense* exhibits similar morphological features to *F. mangiferae* (Britz et al. 2002), also clustering in a sister relationship with the latter species. However, besides its clear phylogenetic delimitation, the polyphialides found in *F. lumajangense* commonly present two conidiogenous loci.

Fusarium desaboruense N. Maryani, Sand.-Den., L. Lombard, Kema & Crous, *sp. nov. —* MycoBank MB828961; Fig. 7

 Etymology. Name refers to Desa Boru, the village from where this species was collected in Indonesia.

 Typus. Indonesia, Desa Boru, Kecamatan Waigate, Sikka Flores, East Nusa Tenggara (E122°22'7" S8°36'49"), on infected pseudostem of *Musa* sp. var. Pisang Kepok (ABB), 17 Aug. 2015, *N. Maryani* (holotype specimen and culture, InaCC F951, preserved in metabolically inactive state).

Sporulation abundant from conidiophores carried on aerial mycelium and from sporodochia. *Conidiophores* on aerial mycelium abundant on PDAand SNA, less frequent on CLA, septate, sparingly or profusely branching irregularly or sympodially, rarely reduced to solitary conidiogenous cells, formed laterally on aerial hyphae; *conidiogenous cells* mono- or polyphialidic, acute, subulate or subcylindrical, smooth- and thin-walled $(6-)15-33(-44) \times (2-)2.5-4(-7) \,\mu m$ (av. 21.5 \times 3 μ m), formed terminally, singly or in whorls on conidiophores or intercalary, proliferating percurrently, periclinal thickening inconspicuous or absent; *conidia* of two types: a) (microconidia) ovoid to ellipsoid, smooth- and thin-walled, $(10-)11-16(-18) \times (4-)6(-7)$ μ m (av. 13 \times 5 μ m), 0–1-septate, arranged in false heads on monophialides; and b) (macroconidia) falcate and multiseptate, apical cells papillate, basal cells indistinct or foot-shaped, 1–3-septate, formed on polyphialides: 1-septate conidia 22.5– 26(-27) \times 3.4-4 µm; 2-septate conidia (21.5-)22-26 \times 3–4.5 µm; 3-septate conidia (23–)24.5–34(–37) × 3–4.5 µm; av. (21.5–)22–30.5(–37) × 3–4.5 µm. *Sporodochia* formed abundantly on CLA after 7 d, pale orange to orange. *Conidiophores* in sporodochia unbranched, rarely laterally branched up to two times; *conidiogenous cells* monophialidic, smoothand thin-walled $(15.5-16.5-24(-29) \times (2.5-3) - 4 \mu m$ (av. 20 \times 3.5 µm), solitary, terminal or lateral, or in terminal groups of up to three conidiogenous cells, with minute collarettes and periclinal thickening; *sporodochial conidia* falcate, apical cells gently curved, papillate, basal cells gently curved, foot-shaped, 1–3(–4)-septate: 1-septate conidia (14.5–)15–20.5(–22) × 3.5–4.5 µm; 2-septate conidia (20.5–)21.5–24 × 3.5–4.5(–5) µm; 3-septate conidia (21–)24–29(–31.5) × (3.5–)4–5(–5.5) µm; 4-septate conidia 34 × 5.5 µm; av. (14.5–)20–28(–34.5) × (3.5–)4–5(–5.5) µm. *Chlamydospores* not observed.

Culture characteristics — Colony on PDA showing optimal growth at 25 °C with an average growth rate of 4.9–5.2 mm/d. Colony reverse, pale violet becoming white towards the margins, turning violet with age and pigmented. Colony surface cottony, pale violet, becoming white with age, immersed mycelium becoming purple and lacking exudates.Aerial mycelium abundant, cottony, with abundant sporulation.

Geography & Host — Sikka Flores, East Nusa Tenggara, *Musa* sp. var. Pisang Kepok (ABB).

Pathogenicity — Not pathogenic on Cavendish (AAA).

Additional materials examined. INDONESIA, Desa Boru, Kecamatan Waigate, Sikka Flores, East Nusa Tenggara (E122°22'7" S8°36'49"), on infected pseudostem of *Musa* sp. var. Pisang Kepok (ABB), 17Aug. 2015, *N. Maryani* (InaCC F950, InaCC F952).

Notes — Morphologically very similar to *F. sacchari* (Leslie & Summerell 2006) and *F. subglutinans* (Nelson et al. 1983),

Fig. 6 *Fusarium lumajangense (ex-type InaCC F993). a. Culture grown on PDA; b–c. sporodochia on carnation leaves; d–i. aerial conidiophores and phi*alides; j–m. aerial conidia; n–p. sporodochial conidiophores and phialides; q– s. sporodochial conidia. — Scale bars: b–d = 50 µm; e = 5 µm; f– s = 10 µm.

Fig. 7 Fusarium desaboruense (ex-type InaCC F950). a. Culture grown on PDA; b–c. sporodochia on carnation leaves; d–h. aerial conidiophores and conidiogenous cells; i–k. aerial conidia; I. sporodochial conidiophores and phialides; m. sporodochial conidia. — Scale bars: b–d = 20 µm; e–m = 10 µm.

Fig. 8 *Fusarium tanahbumbuense* (ex-type InaCC F965). a. Culture grown on PDA; b–c. sporodochia on carnation leaves; d–g. aerial conidiophores and conidiogenous cells; h–i. aerial conidia; j–l. sporodochial conidiophores and conidiogenous cells; m–o. sporodochial conidia. — Scale bars: b–c = 50 µm; $d - o = 10$ µm.

except that this species produces sporodochia abundantly under regular culturing conditions. *Fusarium desaboruense* can be distinguished by the septation of its macroconidia (1–4-septate) and microconidia (1–3-septate), not observed in *F. saccari* (Leslie & Summerell 2006). Phylogenetic analyses of partial *rpb2* gene sequences recognised this species as distinct from *F. sacchari* with strong support of BP 99 %.

Fusarium tanahbumbuense N. Maryani, Sand.-Den., L. Lombard, Kema & Crous, *sp. nov.* — MycoBank MB828962; Fig. 8

 Etymology. Name refers to Tanah Bumbu, the region from where this species was collected in Indonesia.

 Typus. Indonesia, Desa Betung, Kecamatan Kusan Hilir, Tanah Bumbu, Kalimantan Selatan (E115°37'477" S3°50'77"), on infected pseudostem of *Musa* sp. var. Pisang Hawa (ABB), 20 June 2014, *N. Maryani* (holotype specimen and culture, InaCC F965, preserved in metabolically inactive state).

Sporulation abundant from conidiophores borne on aerial mycelium and from sporodochia. *Conidiophores* on aerial mycelium abundant on PDA, SNA, and CLA, septate, irregularly of verticillately branched; conidiogenous cells monophialidic or polyphialidic, subulate or subcylindrical, smooth- and thin-walled, $(11-)13-24(-38) \times (4-)5-6(-7) \mu m$ (av. 19 \times 6 μ m), formed terminally, singly or in groups of up to three cells on a stipe, or carried singly and laterally on aerial mycelium, collarettes and periclinal thickening inconspicuous or absent; *conidia* of one type (macroconidia) falcate and multiseptate, apical cells conical to papillate, basal cells indistinct or foot-shaped, 3–5-septate, formed on both mono- and polyphialides, 3-septate conidia, $31-36(-38.5) \times 3.5-5(-5.5)$ µm; 4-septate conidia, $(31-)33.5-43.5(-48) \times 3.5-5(-5.5)$ µm; 5-septate conidia, (30–)37–45(–47) \times 4–5.5(–6) µm; av. (30–)34.5–44(–48) \times (3.5–)4–5.5(–6) µm. *Sporodochia* formed abundantly on CLA after 7 d, pale orange; *conidiophores* in sporodochia irregularly

Fig. 9 *Fusarium sulawense* (ex-type InaCC F964). a. Culture grown on PDA; b–c. sporodochia on carnation leaves; d–h. aerial conidiophores and conidiogenous cells; i. aerial conidia; j–k. sporodochial conidiophores and conidiogenous cells; l–m. sporodochial conidia. — Scale bars: b–c = 50 µm; d–g, i–m = 10 μ m; h = 5 μ m.

Fig. 10 *Fusarium kotabaruense* (ex-type InaCC F963). a. Culture grown on PDA; b. mycelium on carnation leaves; c–h. conidiophores and conidiogenous cells; i– k. conidia. — Scale bars: b = 200 µm; c–d = 50 µm; e–f, h– k = 10 µm; g = 5 µm.

and laterally branched; *conidiogenous cells* monophialidic, doliiform to ampulliform, smooth- and thin-walled, (9.5–)10–13(–15) \times (2.5–)3–4 µm (av. 11.5 \times 3.5 µm), collarettes or periclinal thickening inconspicuous or absent; *sporodochial conidia* falcate, apical cells gently curved, papillate; basal cells slightly curved, foot-shaped, (2–)3–5-septate: 2-septate conidia, 40.5 \times 4.5 µm; 3-septate conidia, (25.5–)29–36.5(–41) \times 3.5–4.5 μ m; 4-septate conidia, (32.5–)34–40(–46) × 3.5–4.5(–5) µm; 5-septate conidia, (36–)37–43.5(–49) × 3.5–4.5(–5) µm; av. (25.5–)32–41.5(–49) × 3.5–5 µm. *Chlamydospores* not observed.

 Culture characteristics — Colony on PDA showing optimal growth at 25 °C with an average growth rate of 1.3–2.2 mm/d. Colony reverse, rosy buff becoming white towards the margins, turning cinnamon to fawn with age and pigmented. Colony surface cottony, rosy buff becoming white towards the margin, turning hazel with age.Aerial mycelium abundant, cottony, with high sporulation and lacking exudates.

Geography & Host — Tanah Bumbu, South Kalimantan, *Musa* sp. var. Pisang Hawa (ABB).

Pathogenicity — NA.

Notes — *Fusarium tanahbumbuense* can be distinguished from the fungus illustrated as *F. semitectum* by Leslie & Summerell (2006) and Nelson et al. (1983) by the absence of microconidia and chlamydospores. The polyphialides observed for this species also greatly differed from those that have been observed for *F. semitectum* which have 3–5 openings (Nelson et al. 1983).

Fusarium sulawense N. Maryani, Sand.-Den., L. Lombard, Kema & Crous, *sp. nov.* — MycoBank MB828963; Fig. 9

 Etymology. Name refers to Sulawesi, the island from where this species was collected in Indonesia.

 Typus. Indonesia, Desa Seli, Kecamatan Bengo, Bone, Sulawesi Selatan (E120°1'12.8" S4°37'26"), on infected pseudostem of *Musa acuminata* var. Pisang Cere (AAA), 12 Aug. 2015, *N. Maryani* (holotype specimen and culture, InaCC F940, preserved in metabolically inactive state).

Sporulation abundant from conidiophores carried on aerial mycelium and from sporodochia. *Conidiophores* on aerial mycelium abundant on PDA and SNA, less frequent on CLA, septate, irregularly or verticillately branched; *conidiogenous cells* mono- or polyphialidic, subulate to subcylindrical, smooth- and thin-walled, $(8.5-)14-22.5(-27) \times (2-)2.5-4(-4.5)$ µm (av. 18×3 µm), formed singly, laterally or terminally, or more often in groups of 2–3 cells, sometimes proliferating percurrently, collarettes and periclinal thickening inconspicuous or absent; *conidia* of one type (macroconidia), falcate and multiseptate, apical cells papillate, basal cells indistinct or foot-shaped, 3–5(–9)-septate, formed on both mono- and polyphialides, 3-septate conidia, $20.5 - 47.5(-55) \times 3.5 - 5 \mu m$; 5-septate conidia, $(33.5-)39.5-48(-50.5) \times (4-)4.5-5.5 \mu m$; 6-septate conidia, 51.5×6 µm; 9-septate conidia, 67×5.5 µm; av. (20.5–)36–51(–67.5) × (3.5–)4–5.5(–6) µm. *Sporodochia* formed rarely on CLA after 7 d, pale orange; *conidiophores* in sporodochia unbranched or irregularly branched, densely packed, bearing terminal clusters of 2–5 conidiogenous cells; *conidiogenous cells* monophialidic, short ampulliform, smoothand thin-walled, $(8.5-)9-11.5(-13) \times (3-)3.5-5(-5.5) \mu m$ (av. 10.5×4.5 µm) with a minute collarette and inconspicuous periclinal thickening; *sporodochial conidia* falcate, apical cells gently curved, papillate; basal cells slightly curved, footshaped, (3–)5(–6)-septate: 3-septate conidia, (29.5–)30–44 \times 4–4.5 µm; 4-septate conidia, 30 \times 5.5 µm; 5-septate conidia, $(30-)36-41.5(-43.5) \times (3.5-)4-5(-5.5) \mu m; 6$ -septate conidia 43.5×5 µm; av. (30-)36-41.5(-44) \times (3.5-)4-5(-5.5) µm. *Chlamydospores* not observed.

 Culture characteristics — Colony on PDA showing optimal growth at 25 °C with an average growth rate of 5.2–6.0 mm/d. Colony reverse rosy buff becoming white towards the margins. Colony surface dry, cottony, saffron.Aerial mycelium abundant, cottony, with high sporulation and lacking exudates.

Geography & Host — Bone, South Sulawesi, *Musa acuminata* var. Pisang Cere (AAA).

Pathogenicity — Non-pathogenic on Cavendish (AAA).

Additional material examined. INDONESIA, Desa Sungai Birah, Kecamatan Pamukan Barat, Kota Baru, Kalimantan Selatan (E115°59'982" S2°22'883"), on infected pseudostem of *Musa* var. Pisang Hawa (ABB), 19 June 2014, *N. Maryani* (InaCC F964).

Notes — *Fusariumsulawense*isrelativelyfastgrowing(av.5.2– 6.0 mm/d) compared to its sister species in the Incarnatum clade, FIESC-34 (av. 1.3–2.2 mm/d). Members of this species were recovered from different banana varieties in the Kalimantan and Sulawesi islands of Indonesia.

Fusarium kotabaruense N. Maryani, Sand.-Den., L. Lombard, Kema & Crous, *sp. nov.* — MycoBank MB828964; Fig. 10

 Etymology. Name refers to Kota Baru one of the nine regencies in the Indonesian province of South Kalimantan.

 Typus. Indonesia, Desa Sungai Birah, Kecamatan Pamukan Barat, Kota Baru, Kalimantan Selatan (E115°59'982" S2°22'883"), on infected pseudostem of *Musa* var. Pisang Hawa (ABB), 19 June 2014, *N. Maryani* (holotype specimen and culture, InaCC F963, preserved in metabolically inactive state).

Sporulation abundant from conidiophores carried on aerial mycelium. *Conidiophores* on aerial mycelium abundant on PDA and SNA, less frequent on CLA, septate, irregularly branching; *conidiogenous cells* mono- or polyphialidic, subulate to subcylindrical, smooth- and thin-walled, $(15-19-33(-40) \times 4-7)$ μ m (av. 26 \times 5 μ m), forming terminally, singly or in verticillately branched conidiophores, less commonly laterally or intercalary, proliferating percurrently, periclinal thickening inconspicuous or absent; falcate and multiseptate, apical cells papillate, basal cells indistinct or foot-shaped, (2–)3–5(–7)-septate, formed on both mono- and polyphialides: 2-septate conidia, (21–)21.5– 25(–26) × 5–6 µm; 3-septate conidia, (24.5–)28–35(–36.5) × 5.5–6.5(–7) µm; 4-septate conidia, (32–)34–39.5(–41.5) × 5.5–6.5(–7) µm; 5-septate conidia, (34.5–)36–42.5(–45) \times (5-)5.5-6.5(-7.5) µm; 6-septate conidia, 39-40.5 \times 5.5-7 µm; 7-septate conidia, (38.5–)39.5–44(–45) × 6–7 µm; av. (21–)31.5–41.5(–45) × (5–)5.5–6.5(–7.5) µm. *Sporodochia* and *chlamydospores* not observed.

 Culture characteristics — Colony on PDA showing optimal growth at 25 °C with an average growth rate of 5.0–6.85 mm/d. Colony reverse rosy buff. Colony surface cottony rosy buff. Aerial mycelium abundant, cottony, with high sporulation and lacking exudates.

Geography & Host — Kota Baru, South Kalimantan, *Musa* sp*.* var. Pisang Hawa (ABB).

Pathogenicity — Non-pathogenic on Cavendish (AAA).

Notes — *Fusarium kotabaruense* represents a species in the Equiseti clade of the FIESC and relatively fast growing (5.0–6.85 mm/d). Most distinguishing characteristic of this species is the absence of sporodochia on CLA culture. However, aerial conidiophores are abundant with conidia produced with high variability in its septation, (0–)3–5(–7)-septate.

Fusarium longipes Wollenw. & Reinking, Phytopathology 15: 160. 1925 *—* Fig. 11

Sporulation abundant from conidiophores carried on aerial mycelium and from sporodochia. *Conidiophores* on aerial mycelium abundant on PDAand SNA, rare on CLA, septate, branching irregularly, mostly reduced to solitary conidiogenous cells

formed singly and laterally on aerial hyphae; *conidiogenous cells* monophialidic, doliiform to ampulliform, smooth- and thin-walled, $(7-)10-13(-15) \times 3-4(-5)$ µm (av. 12×6 µm), formed laterally on aerial hyphae or clustering terminally on conidiophores, with a minute collarette; *conidia* (microconidia) obovoid to ellipsoid, rough- and thin-walled, $(7-110-19(-23) \times$ $(3-)4(-5)$ µm (av. 15×4 µm), 0-2-septate, arranged in false heads on monophialides. *Sporodochia* formed abundantly on CLA after 7 d, bright orange, later turning red to purple; *conidiophores* in sporodochia highly irregularly or verticillately branched, sympodially to solitary conidiogenous cells; *conidiogenous cells* monophialidic, doliiform, ampulliform to subcylindrical, $7-11(-14) \times (2-)2.5-3.5(-4)$ µm (av. 9.5×3) µm), with inconspicuous collarets; *sporodochial conidia* falcate, apical cells strongly curved, tapering and whip-like with rounded apex, basal cells foot-shaped and elongated, (3–)4–5-septate: 3-septate conidia, 28.5×3.5 µm; 4-septate conidia, $(37-)38-43$ $(-43.5) \times 4.5 - 5.5$ µm; 5-septate conidia, $(37) - 42 - 49.5(-53.5)$ \times (3.5–)4.5–5(–6) µm; av. (28.5–)40.5–49.5(–53.5) \times (3–)4– 5(–6) µm. *Chlamydospores* ellipsoid, sub-globose to globose, formed intercalary or terminal, single or in pairs, or in clumps,

 $(7-)10-13(-15) \times (7-)9-13(-14) \mu m$ (av. $12 \times 11 \mu m$), brown, rough-walled.

Culture characteristics — Colony on PDA showing optimal growth at 25 °C with an average growth rate of 4.2–4.9 mm/d. Colony reverse livid red becoming white towards the margin, becoming completely livid red to bay with age. Colony surface cottony greyish rose becoming vinaceous with age and white toward the margins. Aerial mycelium abundant, cottony, with high sporulation and lacking exudates. Sporodochia formed abundantly on CLA after 7 d, pale orange to orange.

Geography & Host — Katingan, Central Kalimantan, *Musa* sp. var. Pisang Awak (ABB).

Pathogenicity — Non-pathogenic on Cavendish (AAA).

Material examined. Indonesia, Desa Tewang Menyangen, T. Sangalang, Katingan, Central Kalimantan (E113°6'552" S1°41'83"), on infected pseudostem of *Musa* var. PisangAwak (ABB), 23 June 2014, *N. Maryani* (specimen and culture, InaCC F974, preserved in metabolically inactive state).

Notes — This banana isolate of *F. longipes* displays some unique characteristics which differ slightly from *F. longipes vide* Leslie & Summerell (2006), which include the presence of

Fig. 11 *Fusarium longipes* (InaCC F974). a. Culture grown on PDA; b–c. sporodochia on carnation leaves; d. sporodochial conidiophores; e–f. branched conidiophores; g. falcate-shaped macroconidia; h. microconidia; i. chlamydospores. -- Scale bars: b-k = 10 µm.

microconidia and chlamydospores. This species is more similar to *F. equiseti* as described by Nelson et al. (1983), except for the length of the long curvature of the macroconidia. Additionally, the chlamydospore formation also differs from the original description of *F. longipes*.

DISCUSSION

This study further expands our knowledge on the diversity of *Fusarium* species isolated from banana plants displaying symptoms of Fusarium wilt in Indonesia, the centre of origin for this economically important crop. It is not surprising that 90 % of the isolates recovered from the samples were members of FOSC, as the diseased pseudostem of banana served as source of isolation (Maryani et al. 2019). However, the remaining isolates were tentatively identified as members of other *Fusarium* species complexes, which included the FIESC, FSSC, and FFSC. Remarkably, only *Fusarium* species were isolated, while no other fungal genera could be recovered from the banana samples. This indicates a marked dominance of *Fusarium* in diseased banana plants. It is well known that *Fusarium* is commonly associated with higher plants, being ubiquitous in terrestrial ecosystems, especially in the tropics, where most diseases on perennial crops are induced by this genus (Ploetz 2006b). It has also been suggested that for any *Fusarium* associated disease found in plants, many other *Fusarium* species also reside in the same host as endophytes (Leslie & Summerell 2006). Moreover, the samples were collected from locations in Indonesia where bananas are grown in mixed backyard ecosystems with other tropical crops (Maryani et al. 2019). This ecological niche enhanced the chance that a much higher diversity of *Fusarium* species would be discovered than expected.

We were able to identify a total of 20 isolates collected from pseudostems of banana plants displaying symptoms of Fusarium wilt that did not belong to FOSC. These isolates were found to belong to three different *Fusarium* species complexes of which eight represented novel phylogenetic species in the FFSC and FIESC. Information regarding *Fusarium* spp. other than *F. oxysporum* in banana is scarce, since the majority of studies point to the specific detection and control of pathogenic strain of *F. oxysporum* (O'Donnell et al. 1998b, Ordonez et al. 2015, Ploetz et al. 2015, Maryani et al. 2019). However, some studies have reported an abundance of *Fusarium* species in asymptomatic banana plant organs. Zakaria & Rahman (2011) identified *F. oxysporum*, *F. semitectum* and *F. solani* (current name *Neocosmospora solani*) in healthy roots of wild banana plants (*Musa acuminata*) in Malaysia and *Fusarium concentricum* was reported in *Musa sapientum* from Costa Rica (Nirenberg & O'Donnell 1998). Moreover, a higher diversity of *Fusarium* species has been reported from banana fruits, which included *F. chlamydosporum*, *F. equiseti*, *F. proliferatum*, *F. sacchari*, *F. subglutinans*, and *F. verticilloides* (Jimenez et al. 1993, Moretti et al. 2004, Zheng et al. 2012). Two of these species, *F. proliferatum* and *F. verticilloides*, were also found in this study.

Pathogenicity tests demonstrated that the Indonesian isolates were not pathogenic on the Cavendish banana variety Grand Naine. Moreover, our results indicate that these species more likely play an endophytic role, which is consistent with previous knowledge on asymptomatic/healthy banana plants (Zakaria & Rahman 2011). A similar case has been reported on vanilla stem rot disease in Indonesia. Pinaria et al. (2010) isolated 12 *Fusarium* species from symptomatic vanilla stems. Pathogenicity tests indicated that none of these caused any disease on vanilla plants, with the exception of *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *vanillae*. In another study, *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *vasinfectum* was found to be the only species that caused Fusarium wilt of cotton amongst 20 *Fusarium* species isolated from wild *Gossypium* in Australia (Wang et al. 2004).

The highest diversity of isolates obtained in this study belonged to the FIESC. This species complex displays a remarkable abundance of phylogenetic species diversity which include both animal and plant associated pathogens, plant endophytes and soil inhabitants (Leslie & Summerell 2006, O'Donnell et al. 2009, Villani et al. 2016). Many of the FIESC have been isolated from various plants displaying disease symptoms, but their pathogenicity was never established (Leslie & Summerell 2006). Previous studies have reported the presence of FIESC in banana fruits and roots, as well as causing storage rot of bananas (Leslie & Summerell 2006, Zakaria & Rahman 2011, Zheng et al. 2012). However, this study represents the first report of FIESC from the pseudostem of bananas, indicating that members of this species complex have been isolated from every part of the banana plant. Thus far, species of the FIESC have been found to be more abundant in banana fruit, indicating a hemibiotrophic fungal lifestyle in plants (Bacon & Yates 2006), and therefore these are often found in stored banana fruits, which are a very suitable environment for toxin producing fungal species like most FIESC members (Desjardins 2006).

The second most diverse *Fusarium* species complex found in this study was the FFSC. Five species where identified from banana, including the common plant pathogenic species *F. proliferatum* and *F. verticilloides*. Additionally, two novel species, *F. lumajangense* and *F. desaboruense*, were also identified in this study. The FFSC is known to include species able to cause disease in a variety of important agronomic crops, especially in the tropics (O'Donnell et al. 1998b). Each of the novel species identified in this complex were closely related to recognized plant pathogens: *F. lumajangense* is phylogenetically and morphologically closely related to *F. mangiferae*, a species causing mango-malformation on mango (*Mangifera indica*), and *F. desaboruense* is closely related to *F. sacchari*, the causal agent of 'pokkah boeng' disease on sugarcane (Handojo et al. 1989, Britz et al. 2002). The plant pathogenic species *F. proliferatum*, a well-known pathogen on maize, sorgum, mango, and asparagus, and *F. verticilloides*, a pathogen on maize (Handojo et al. 1989, Britz et al. 2002, Ploetz 2006b) and notorious producer of fumonisins (Desjardin 2006), were isolated at low frequency. Interestingly, all the hosts mentioned above are present in Indonesia as important cultivated crops. Moreover, Indonesian bananas are mainly produced in small scale household plantations and co-cultivated with other crops such as rice, maize, sugarcane, and other perennial tropical crops (Maryani et al. 2019). This complex agroecosystem from which our banana samples were obtained might explain the presence of FFSC species in banana plants affected by Fusarium wilt.

Members of the FFSC isolated in this study were not pathogenic to the banana variety Cavendish. *Fusarium fujikuroi*, *F. sacchari*, *F. subglutinans*, and *F. verticilloides* have been reported from rice affected by 'Bakanae' disease, although, only *F. fujikuroi*, is known to cause the disease (Zainudin et al. 2008, Amatulli et al. 2010). A similar set of species in FFSC was also found in sugarcane, maize, and vanilla (Ploetz 2006b, Pinaria et al. 2010), although their association with these crops, without inducing disease, is still unknown. Moreover, their presence suggests an endophytic life style, causing no harm to the host plants or perhaps acting as secondary invaders or saprobes as the isolates were obtained from diseased plants. However, banana plants might serve as an intermediate host, as suggested by Handojo et al. (1989) for 'Pokkah boeng' disease on sugarcane.

A single isolate was found to belong to the FSSC, identified as *F. longipes* based on phylogenetic inference, a species abundant in tropical areas as a soil inhabitant or as a saprophyte (Backhouse & Burgess 1995, Onyike & Nelson 1993). However, to our knowledge, our finding is the first report of this species from banana since the report of Reinking & Wollenweber (1927). They described *F. longipes* from mature living leaves of *Musa sapientum* in Honduras. Here, however, this species was cultured from the diseased pseudostem of banana variety PisangAwak (ABB) on Kalimantan. This species appears to be commonly recovered from both healthy and diseased plants, suggesting that *F. longipes* could be endophytic in banana. This hypothesis was also further supported by the pathogenicity test conducted in this study. *Fusarium longipes* is known to be isolated more frequent during a higher rainfall period and under high temperatures (Burgess et al. 1988, Backhouse & Burgess 1995). This is consistent with our findings where *F. longipes* was recovered from banana plants growing at a relatively high temperature (35 °C) and humidity (62 %). With morphological distinctions from the previous description of *F. longipes*, InaCC F974 found in this study might represent a novel species. More isolates and additional gene regions are needed to capture the possible diversity in morphology and phylogenetic relationships.

Our current study highlights the diversity of *Fusarium* species in banana plants exhibiting Fusarium wilt. While only *Fusarium* spp. in the FOSC has been shown to be a true pathogen (Stover 1962, Maryani et al. 2019), the role of the remaining species in banana plants requires further investigation. Whether these *Fusarium* species are true endophytes of the various varieties of banana sampled in this study, possible saprophytes or secondary pathogens should still be determined experimentally. Isolation from asymptomatic plants of similar banana varieties would provide possible evidence of an endophytic lifestyle of the *Fusarium* species reported here. Moreover, the pathogenicity of each species on their respective host varieties needs to be tested in the future. Such studies would also reveal whether banana plants serve as intermediate hosts for a particular *Fusarium* species. Lastly, there is no doubt that tropical areas including Indonesia should receive more attention when studying *Fusarium* biodiversity.

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APPENDIX

Recently Maryani et al. (2019) recognised nine independent genetic lineages in a collection of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* isolates obtained from Indonesia, one of which was named *F. tardicrescens*. However, the holotype was incorrectly cited rendering the species invalid. *Fusarium tardicrescens* is therefore validated here.

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 Typus. Malawi, Karonga, Misuku Hills, *Musa sapientum* cv. Harare, 1989, RC Ploetz (holotype specimen and culture, CBS 102024, preserved in metabolically inactive state).

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