

Short Communication

**THE STRATEGY FOR REPLANTING EELWORM
INFESTED AREAS**

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The most commonest form of spread of eelworm infestation is through movement of infested soil and contaminated water.

Such movement of soil could occur through artificial means through soil transport as well as through the natural erosive processes, especially on the slopes of hills. Infestations spread very rapidly downwards from an infested source that is higher up on the hill slopes, as well as from the crest of the hill.

When replanting is undertaken in areas prone to eelworm infestation, it is most essential to commence replanting from top of the hill and proceed downwards towards the base. Replanting should never be done by commencing such operations from the bottom section and then proceeding upwards. If the latter procedure is adopted, there is every likelihood of the replanted area becoming rapidly infested through the downward movement of infested soil from the sources above.