

**SOURCES OF RESISTANCE TO BACTERIAL WILT (*PSEUDOMONAS SOLANACEARUM*)  
IN "BATU" VARIETIES OF *SOLANUM***

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Apart from the cultivated variety of brinjal, *Solanum melongena*, there are other "batu" varieties growing in a semi-wild state, some of which are edible and others used for medicinal purposes. Two cultivars of *Solanum melongena* (wambatu), two of *Solanum xanthocarpum* (elabatu), *Solanum torvum* (gonabatu, thibbatu) and two other *Solanum* species referred to as thiththathibbatu and naibatu were screened against bacterial wilt in a heavily infested field at Getambe.

Thiththathibbatu and *Solanum torvum* were found to be highly resistant to wilt. Both these varieties offer possibilities as resistant rootstocks on which susceptible brinjal varieties of desired fruit quality may be grafted.