Banana Mealy bug *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*

- Adults appear predominantly grey in colour
- The body is broadly oval shape with short filaments of wax extending from around the margin of the entire body

Damage symptoms on Pseudostem

- External feeding in cell sap of pseudostem causes wilted appearance and less vigour
- Mealybug injection of toxic substances to pseudostem causes patches of discolouration

Damage inside the leaf sheath & sucker

- This mealy bug is normally found on the aerial parts of its hosts such as leaves, inside petioles, suckers, pseudostems, flowers and banana bunches.

Damage on banana comb & bunch

- The damage is caused by mealy bugs sucking the cell sap and superficial growth of sooty mould.
- This can reduce the quality of the bananas.

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