



CARIBBEAN PLANT HEALTH DIRECTORS

PROTECTING CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURE

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The Giant African Snail or *Achatina Fulica* was introduced from its native East Africa as a commercial food source and as a novelty pet.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The Giant African Snail likes to feed on animal matter, algae, fungi, lichens and decayed vegetation. It reproduces up to 500 eggs and destroys a large number of crops once it begins to multiply.



CONTROL MEASURES

- Manual collection and destruction
- Use of baits (metaldehyde or iron phosphate)
- Bounty programme

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Do NOT bring into your country any snails or agricultural produce without the required Plant Quarantine Import Permits/Approval
- When you travel declare all agricultural items.
- Report any infested fruit to your Ministry or Department of Agriculture