

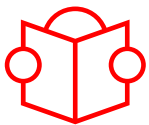
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Research field  
**Material Sciences**

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**Development and characterization  
of a composite material composed  
of banana leaf fibers and a bio-  
sourced resin**



### Keywords

- fibers
- banana leaf vein
- plant resin
- bio-composite
- tannin

### Summary

Our study focuses on the exploitation of agricultural waste and untapped local resources, more specifically the fibers from the main vein of the banana leaf and bio-based resins, into composites. We prioritize organic resins extracted from plant bark (tannin), with the aim of producing a 100%

natural and biodegradable material. The work consists in carrying out, first, the extraction and the overall characterization of the constituents which are the fibers and the resin, then, the development and characterization of the composite material.



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