

## Cassava grey leaf spot (321)

### Summary

- Worldwide. A minor fungal disease of cassava (more important on rubber).
- Similar to *Passalora henningsii* (see **Fact Sheet no. 95**), but affected areas usually larger, more angular, and more often cause death of leaves.
- Leaf spots are circular, up to 10 mm diameter, with pale centres and wide brown or purplish borders.
- Cultural control: none.
- Chemical control: none. (Chlorothalonil and mancozeb have been recommended against the fungus on rubber.)

### Common Name

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### Scientific Name

*Periconia manihotica*; a previous name is *Haplographium manihotica*.

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Photo 1. Leaf spots, *Periconia manihotica*, on cassava.



Photo 2. Leaf spots, *Periconia manihotica*, on cassava.



Photo 3. Stalks bearing spores (at the top) of *Periconia manihotica*, leaf spot of cassava.

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