

Musa, Ensete and Musella – Banana

Family:	Musaceae > Banana plants
Origin:	Africa, Asia
Propagation:	Seeds/Division
Sowing Time:	all year round
Sowing Deep:	ca. 0,5-1 cm
Sowing Mix:	Coir or sowing mix + 2/3 sand or perlite
Alternative:	1. in a zip bag with damp paper towels > until germination takes place 2. mix seeds with substrate in a zip bag and place at a warm location, turning the bag daily
Germination Temperature:	ca. 25-30°C
Location:	bright + keep constantly moist, not wet
Germination Time:	Musa: ca. 6 weeks - 1 year > irregular Ensete: ca. 6 weeks - 2 years > irregular
Watering:	in the growing season regular water
Fertilization:	weekly 0,2%ig or long-term fertilizer
Pests:	Aphids, Spider mites > especially under glass
Substrate:	potting soil + 1/3 sand or perlite
Seedlings:	heat-loving species: keep very bright at about 15-20°C and constant damp. Indoor culture in a sunny window is possible! cold-tolerant species: in the 1. year bright at about 5-10°C, and only so much that the root ball is not completely dry out. hardy species: in the 1.+ 2. year bright at about 0-5°C and water only so much that the root ball is not completely dry out.
Overwintering:	For heat-loving species: Mature species very bright at about 10-15°C and keep constant slightly moist. For cold-tolerant species: Mature species bright at about 0-5°C and keep constant slightly moist. For hardy species: Mature species may be planted outdoors on a sunny sheltered location with good drainage after some years when the stem is at least 1 m.
Note:	partial leaf loss in winter!!