

FDA destroys 200-kg of banana ripened artificially

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PANAJI: The officials of Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) destroyed 200-kg of artificially ripened banana at the Mapusa market.

The FDA said, "As per our surveillance drive to check the use of chemicals used for ripening of bananas, another 12 banana vendor premises were inspected on Wednesday.

In one such premise shop numbers 8 and 9 which was operated by Hanif Shaikh, a bottle of plant growth regulator Ethapone was found in his cupboard. Further the stock of 200-kg bananas available with him was taken up for destruction in the interest of public health with the help of Mapusa municipal council."

