



**Dr. Rachel Warmington**

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Rachel works at the Eden Project, a botanic garden and educational charity, where she manages the Science Team. She specialises in the detection and control of plant diseases, having worked on a fungal pathogen that affects more than 400 plant species, and she was awarded the Marsh Horticultural Science Award in 2013. Rachel leads the Rainforest Research Group at Eden project, working with the Universities of Exeter, Plymouth and West of England, Bristol, on diverse projects in the rainforest biome at the Eden Project site. The aim of the group is to encourage collaborations between institutions, building on past research to help answer questions on rainforest, soil and restoration ecology, as well as tropical crops. She has published several papers in peer reviewed journals, as well as writing articles on food security and biosecurity for a more general audience.

Rachel is a frequent speaker at local events and national conferences, focusing on plant pathogens, food security and fungi. In 2018 she presented at the Plant Network conference at Kew, the Pint of Science Event in Exeter, Invisible Worlds at Eden Project, the Food, Metabolism and Society Domain summer lecture at University College London, and TEDx in Truro.