# ANNEX 16 - DESCRIPTION OF FLOWER DEVELOPMENT STAGES IN MCHARE

**Table 3.1 Description of bunch development stages in Mlelembo, a Mchare variety**

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| **Variety**  | **Stage of flower growth** | **Photograph** | **Description** |
| **Mlelembo** **(seed sterile)** | Erect | D:\Al\Banana Research\Banana Flowering\Mlelembo\Mle1\DSC_5652.JPG | A number of bracts start opening  |
|  | Erect | D:\Al\Banana Research\Banana Flowering\Mlelembo\Mle1\DSC_5762.JPG | Several bracts open but not to full length  |
|  | Horizontal  | D:\Al\Banana Research\Banana Flowering\Mlelembo\Mle2\DSC_5965.JPG | Several bracts continue to open but not to full length. Flowers become visible |
|  | Pendent | D:\Al\Banana Research\Banana Flowering\Mlelembo\DSC_6919.JPG | All bracts open but not to full length while the bench is in the down position |
|  | Male bud appearance | D:\Al\Banana Research\Banana Flowering\Mlelembo\DSC_8614.JPG | Bracts on male buds open but do not roll back to full length. Flower parts wither but remain persistent |