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THE INTERNATIONAL TREE CROPS JOURNAL

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The International Tree Crops Journal is the first journal to focus on the development of new tree crops, and multiple land use practices producing both wood and food or other cash crops collectively known as agroforestry. The Editor will be supported by an international editorial board and an advisory board.

There is a growing awareness of not only the large number of potentially economic tree crops which await large-scale utilisation, but also the need to consider forestry and agriculture together if effective long-term management of land and proper evaluation of forest genetic resources is to be ensured, especially in the tropics.

The emphasis of the journal will be on the communication of research results as well as on the exchange of practical experience; papers, letters and news items will be published within the following subject areas:

Non-wood Tree Crops: Cultivation, utilisation for food, fodder, chemicals or other products, botanical studies, surveys of their wild distribution, improvement and breeding, sources of seed and other propagative material, nutritional analysis, and traditional utilisation.

Agroforestry: Results of research and development of different multiple land use practices — e.g., spacement trials for wood and food crops grown simultaneously, the use of fodder trees/shrubs to improve livestock raising.

Environmental Management: The role of trees and shrubs in the prevention and amelioration of desertification, the design of stable land use practices, for high risk areas — e.g. dry hillsides or low-fertility soils in the humid tropics—the environmental effects of tree crop monocultures compared with natural forests and the need for integrated planning, exploration and conservation of forest genetic resources.

Processing: Development of new processing technology especially on a small scale suitable for village use, extraction of irritating ingredients, composition of fodder mixes, possible products in developed countries and market evaluation.

Forestry For Local Community Development: The design and operation of village woodlots, suitable species, wood-burning stoves/charcoal retorts, integration with other biomass sources of energy; the cultivation of new tree crops to improve nutritional or economic status; traditional forest uses and the transfer from gathering to cultivation, the importance of the gathering of minor forest products for subsistence, local industries, and the rural economy in general; the implementation of village forestry schemes.

The *International Tree Crops Journal* will be of interest not only to those involved in research but also to practising foresters, horticulturalists, agronomists, agroforesters, farmers, nutritionists, development administrators, plant scientists, and members of food and allied industries.

THE 11th COMMONWEALTH FORESTRY CONFERENCE

This Conference, as most readers will know, was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago from September 7 to 25, 1980. and was followed by a post-conference tour in Jamaica from 26 to 29 September.

The June number of the *Commonwealth Forestry Review* had six articles on a general theme, "Plantations for Fuel and Agroforestry", as an introduction to the Conference.

These articles were:

1. Selection of species for fuelwood plantations, by J. Burley.
2. Coppice with standards: a system for the future, by P. J. Stewart.
3. The future of tropical agroforestry systems, by S. K. Adeyoju.
4. Forestry for local community development: Manpower, training and education requirements, by L. Roche and R. Cooper.
5. Wood for energy, by G. H. King.
6. Wood for energy in developing countries, by A. E. Chittenden and C. R. Breag.

It also had, in a slightly condensed and combined form the updated information given previously in Sections II, III and IV of the *Commonwealth Forestry Handbook* — Commonwealth Forestry Services, Institutions and Organisations; Section V — International Forestry Organisations and Section VI — Lists of Forestry Periodicals.