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letter

Seeking information on indigenous forestry research data

Sir,

Tane's Tree Trust has been granted funding from the Sustainable Farming Fund to create a database which will hold references to all research involving the growing of indigenous species. The Trust will be searching archival records held by Archives New Zealand, Forest Research, the Macmillan Brown Library and other institutions which may hold data.

We have anecdotal evidence which suggests that, at the dissolution of the Forest Service, many staff saved material which would otherwise have been lost and may still hold this. Alternatively, retired officers may still hold material that they were working on.

The Trust would like to hear from anyone who holds indigenous research data, or knows of others who do. We are interested in recording this information and discussing its future care and storage.

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