

Introduction

Productivity of an oil palm plantation depends on many factors, including quality of planting materials raised at the nursery.



Scope of CoPN

The Code of Good Nursery Practice for Oil Palm Nurseries covers the aspects of raising oil palm planting materials in the nursery from receipt of germinated seeds or ramets until the stage at which they are ready for field planting.



Requirements

This code of practice emphasizes on the following requirements:

- 01 Traceability of oil palm seedlings or ramets produced to registered seed producers.
- 02 Determination of appropriate nursery site.
- 03 Proper way to accept and sow germinated seeds.
- 04 Preparation of growing medium.
- 05 Installation of irrigation facilities to ensure sufficient and continuous water supply.
- 06 Requirements for storage and safety.
- 07 Nursery management and practices which include watering, fertilizer application, weeds control, pests and diseases control, culling and seedling dispatch.
- 08 Requirements for preparing advanced planting material (APM) as supply palm when and if necessary.
- 09 Record keeping and labeling.
- 10 Legislation currently enforced in Malaysia.

This Code of Good Nursery Practice for Oil Palm Nurseries (CoPN) stipulates the general requirements for the production of high quality oil palm seedlings and ramets.

The nursery is the beginning of the supply chain for palm oil production and therefore traceability, commencing from seeds or ramets production from licensed seeds or ramets producers, is essential.

