

4th International Casuarina Meeting

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INTRODUCTION

The substantial socio-economic importance of casuarinas has ensured ongoing global interest in research and development of this group of nitrogen fixing/mycorrhizal trees. Plantings are invariably associated with agricultural systems and there are about 2 million hectares planted in the tropics and sub-tropics, offering stability to fragile sandy coastal ecosystems and offering services of protection, soil organic matter, poles, fuel wood and commercial wood fibre.

The meeting objectives are to update and collate current information and advances in the R & D of casuarina species, with particular reference to their impact on smallholder livelihoods, reflected in the draft working title for the conference of: *Improving smallholder livelihoods through improved Casuarina productivity.*

Scientific Sessions

- Agroforestry
- N-fixation/mycorrhiza/symbiosis
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- Tree improvement
- Silviculture
- Industry and Utilisation
- Environmental amelioration
- Pests and diseases

