

Groundnuts in a nutshell



■ Among several recent announcements on groundnuts by ICRISAT-Africa are two sets of recommendations for improved groundnut production, in Zambia and Zimbabwe

respectively (see also the article on groundnuts in the news section).

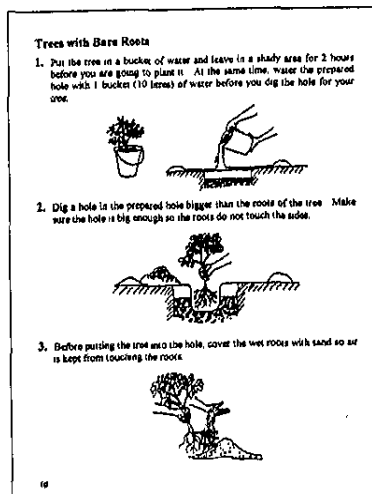
Both are country-specific practical extension handbooks. They deal with different varieties used in each country, local soil and climatic conditions and requirements for groundnuts, pests, diseases, recommended cultural practices and harvest and post harvest handling. Finally, they refer the reader to contacts for further information or practical assistance.

Recommendations for Improved Groundnut Production in Zambia
By B M Siamasonta, K Kanenga, J C Musanya & P M Hamazakaza,
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Zambia & SADC/ICRISAT Groundnut Project, 2000. 20 pp.



Recommended Groundnut Production Practices for Smallholder Farmers in Zimbabwe
By P N Nyakanda & G L Hildebrand,
Department of Research and Specialist Services and Seed Co Limited, Zimbabwe & SADC/ICRISAT Groundnut Project, 1999. 24 pp.
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Reap the fruit of indigenous trees

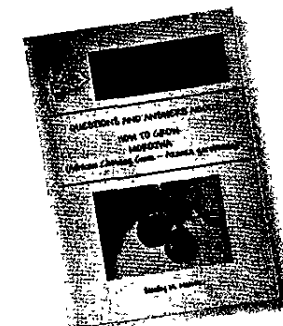


■ Morula, African chewing gum and Mmilo might not be such world famous fruits as oranges, pineapples and man-

goes, but they are as tasty, healthy and valuable. Besides, these indigenous fruits of southern Africa are fully adapted to local and sometimes harsh, and dry conditions.

Stanley Mateke of Veld Products Research and Development has compiled a series of five manuals on growing such fruits; getting started; propagation, care and harvest; pruning and thinning and post-harvest measures. One manual deals with growing both indigenous and exotic fruits in general. Specific titles

cover Mmilo (wild medlar or *Vangueria infausta*), Morula (*Schlerocarya birrea*), Mogorogwane (wild orange or *Strych-*



nos coccuoides) and Morojwa (African chewing gum or *Azanza garckeana*). Each booklet is around 18 pages and costs 5 Botswana Pula • € 1 (excluding packaging and postage).

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Seed systems in Tanzania

■ Two publications, each containing proceedings of two workshops on seed systems in Tanzania held in Dar es Salaam in 1998 and 1999.

Seed systems, higher productivity and commercialization: Prospects for sorghum and millets in Tanzania.
SADC/ICRISAT - Sorghum and Millet Improvement Program,
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. 1999. 96 pp.

Seed systems for the new millennium: An action plan for Tanzania.
SADC/ICRISAT - Sorghum and Millet Improvement Program,
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. 1999. 88 pp.
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Getting warmer

■ By no means the first book on the topic, this is nonetheless a good overview of temperature change, carbon dioxide and radiation. Separate chapters on major cereal crops, soybeans, vegetables, root and tuber crops and grasslands.

Climate Change and Global Crop Productivity.
Edited by K R Reddy & H P Hoque
CABI Publishing 2000. 488 pp.
ISBN 0851994393
GBP 75 • € 112.80
(For CABI's address details, see elsewhere in this section)

Organic banana 2000: Towards an organic initiative in the Caribbean

Report of the international workshop on the production and marketing of organic bananas by smallholder farmers.
31 October - 4 November 1999
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Edited by M Holderness,
S Sharrock, E Frison & M Kairo
IPGRI/INIBAP/CAB
International/CTA, 2000. 178 pp.
ISBN 2 910810 40 2
CTA number 1003. 20 credit points

Whose land?

■ A lexicon of the rich terminology of land tenure and ownership, customary and colonial law and accompanying socio-legal and cultural diversity in West Africa.

Land and tenure lexicon: A glossary of terms from English- and French-speaking West Africa.
Compiled by R Leonard & J Longbottom, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), 2000. 74 pp.
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