

Development of Agroforestry Potential of Jamaica's Forests:

Work session: 1 December 07 13:30 – 15:00 pm

Abstract: The presentation initially sets the stage for understanding the role and mandate of the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) and provides an insight in the multiple benefits of agroforestry practices suitable to the Jamaican context.

The importance of agroforestry for food security as well as RADA's work on promoting the development of a long term sustainable fruit tree industry is described. Production capacity of the public and private nurseries fruit tree nurseries are summarized, along with cost estimates of necessary investments when establishing fruit trees.

The presentation also provides species advice for suitable altitudes for various species of fruit trees.

RADA has partnered with both Governmental and NGO partners in agroforestry projects. The presentation describes 3 recent examples where RADA has successfully engaged in knowledge transfer and provision of inputs to farmers in the project areas. With RADA's support the capacity of farmer for climate smart farming methods / agroforestry have been increased. The improved farming practices will lead to increase in the resilience of the landscapes (improving soil and water conservation)

RADA works through Farmers Field School methodology which has proven to be an efficient way of promoting climate smart innovations to safeguard the environment and protect livelihoods.

The presentation wraps up by discussing challenges to upscaling agroforestry practices and mitigation avenues.

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