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Macadamia
NURSERY ASSOCIATION



Dear Macadamia Nurserymen and Growers,

We are all gearing up for a challenging year full of uncertainties, such as political debates, energy crisis and sky-rocking inflations. The Macadamia Industry – much as the whole agricultural sector – is experiencing the full impact of the lethal combo of higher inputs costs and an urgent need to open new markets.

As a results, the macadamia nurseries are feeling the crunch too. However, our standards cannot drop especially with the current threat of the Macadamia Felted Coccid. With the Assistance of SAMAC and CROPWATCH, our vigilance remains constant with the monitoring of the movement of trees and plant material in South Africa.

The Certified Macadamia Nurseries will comply to strict regulations on traceability of plants material used for the propagation of the trees. CROPWATCH will conduct mandatories inspections throughout the year - at nursery level and orchards used as source material – while SGASA (South African Growers Association of South Africa) will audit the operations as part of our nursery improvement scheme.

If you have any doubt regarding the certification and phytosanitary status of your trees, please contact your supplying certified nurseries for more information.

To start the year and align our objectives with a grower perspective in mind, we have generated a short survey aimed to understand the current position of the macadamia growers regarding nurseries, certification and general expectations.

It is also intended to provide a platform to raise any enquiries or proposals to the Macadamia Nursery Committee on challenges or ideas that may improve our collaboration within SAMAC and other role-players in our industry.

We look forward to your inputs and thank you in advance for your participation.

Please click
on the link:

<https://forms.gle/15eMnJkFD2Kzdax3A>



Sincerely,
Anne-Hélène Meyer
Chairperson of the MNA



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