

# Macadamia Nursery Association

Dear Macadamia Nurserymen,

In the first week of June, over 100 delegates congregated to Tzaneen/Letsitele to attend the anticipated 2022 SGASA (Seedling Growers Association of South Africa) Symposium that has been put on hold since 2019 due to Covid-19.

The delegates – nurserymen and horticultural companies – enjoyed a 3-day program focused on nurseries` visits, on-site demonstrations, and research presentations. The program was mainly focused on macadamia which occasioned zealous discussions and strengthen synergies and interactions between nurseries and agricultural role-players.

We believe all participants left the Symposium with new ideas and innovations that may improve their operations.

On the news side, the Macadamia Nursery Association (MNA) drafted a **Macadamia Tree Standard Infogram** that will be used as the minimum criteria by SGASA tree certification.

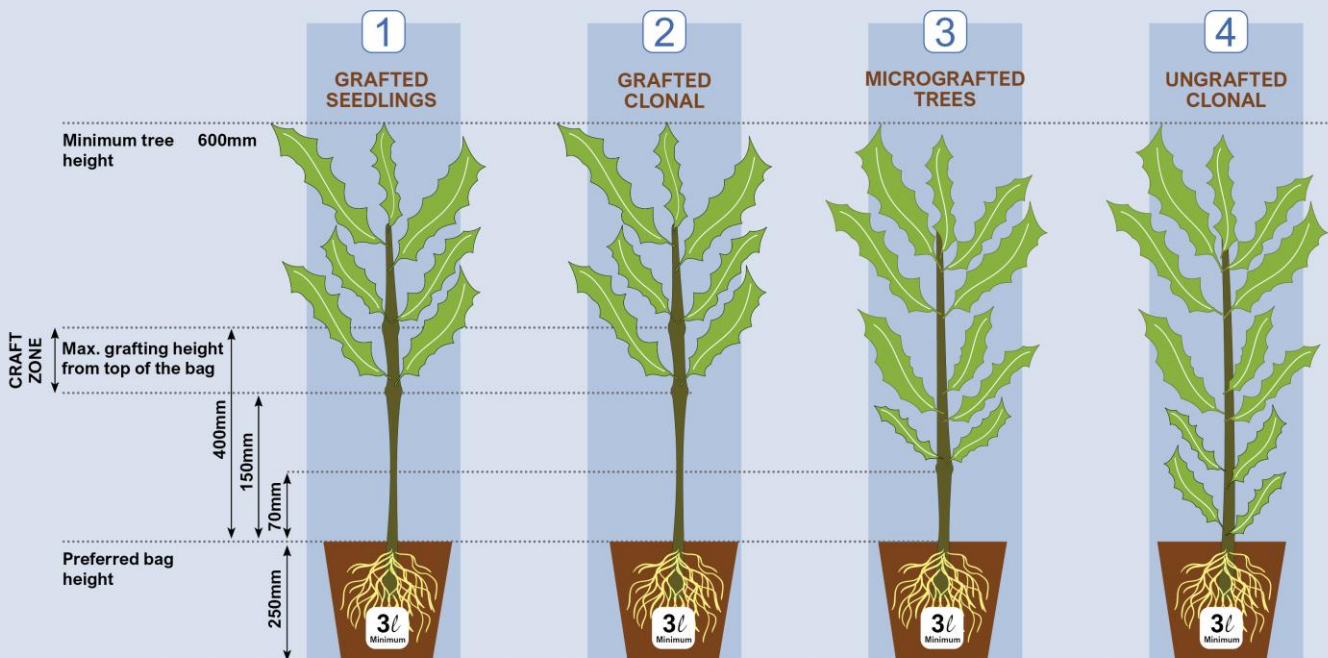
Furthermore, SAMAC will share those standards with the macadamia growers to ensure that they have a common understanding of the different type of macadamia trees available in the nursery industry.

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This spring, micro grafted trees (#3 on the diagram) will also be evaluated in the field by an independent team of SGASA and SAMAC representatives. This last step will finalise the assessment and performance of this new category of trees grafted compared to the traditional grafted and clonal trees.

## Macadamia Nursery Tree standards



Denomination	Type of rootstock	Min. height of the cultivar flush from the graft union (mm)	Maximum Age of trees (from rootstock planting in final container)
1 Grafted seedlings	Mature seedlings	min. of 2 hardening off flush	*18 months (in bag capacity is 3L or 4L) * 24 months (in bag capacity is greater than 5L)
2 Grafted clonal	Mature clonal	min. of 2 hardening off flush	
3 Ungrafted clonal	n/a	n/a	
4 Micrografted trees	Juvenal clonal	min. of 2 hardening off flush	
Miniature trees / not field ready		no certification	

Finally, the information of the **SAMAC Macadamia Day 2022** have been released. The comprehensive programme will stretch over two days (11 and 12 October 2022) at Ingwenyama Conference and Sport Resort in White River where the whole industry will gather and discuss on the current challenges and opportunities lying ahead.

We like to take the opportunity to invite all macadamia nurseries to join us for the **Macadamia Nursery Association AGM** that will be held on **11 October 2022 at 17:15** (end of Day 1). Please RSVP before 27 September 2022 to [office@samac.org.za](mailto:office@samac.org.za). We hope to see you there.

During the meeting the MNA Committee will provide feedback on its past work and will engage with the SAMAC nursery members on where support and improvement are needed. With this in mind, SAMAC has circulated a survey specifically intended to get feedback from the macadamia nurseries. Thank you to take the time to complete it, as your voice and comments will highlight any shortfalls and redirect our focus.

Your sincerely

MNA Committee