Records and signage in nursery beds

A signboard should be placed in front of each nursery bed and should provide the following information:

- Name of variety/cultivar.
- Date when nuts were harvested.
- Date when nuts were received in the nursery.
- Date of sowing.
- Number of seeds sown.
- Seedbed number.

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STEPS FOR ESTABLISHING AND MANAGING A COCONUT NURSERY

General Objectives

1. To give a general understanding on the importance of establishing coconut nurseries.
2. To explain the practice of setting up of coconut nurseries using high quality material.

Steps for nursery seedbed preparation & planting:

1. Clear, plough and rotovate soil to a fine tilth.
2. Construct beds of 10 - 20 cm in height and 2 m in width. Create walkway of 60 cm between two beds (for ease of inspection, selection, and seedling transfer activities.)
3. Place seed-nuts in bed at a distance of 15 cm between two seed-nuts along the row and at a distance of 15-20 cm between rows.
4. Lay seed-nuts in trenches of 10 – 15 cm depth.
5. Plant seed-nuts by firmly setting them either horizontally or vertically or slightly tilted with embryo end at the top.
6. Cover 2/3 of the seed-nuts with topsoil so that 1/3 of their upper surface is visible.
7. Spread dry coconut fronds (ensure free of pests) and/or coir evenly as a mulch for the seedbeds.

Pre-nursery is the used to obtain uniform planting material prior to planting in the main nursery.
Seedlings are sorted out by age size and colour and off-types are eliminated before placing in main nursery.