Selection of Example Varieties in NCSS



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Japan already have national TGs about a lot of major plant species. (about 640)

We make new TGs mainly for minor plant species today.

- We make about 10 TGs every year.
- Differently from major plant, information on minor plant is very few.
- It is very important to collect information before making TG.

(books, literature, breeder, seed company \cdots)



 Most of new TGs are for ornamental plants.

Necessity of example varieties

No need

 A characteristics not influenced by the year or environment (QL characteristics)

Need

 A characteristics influenced by the environment (most QN and PQ characteristics)

> <u>QN</u>: at least two states of expression should be provided <u>PQ</u>: to provide a set of example varieties to cover the different types of variation within the range of expression of the characteristics

Criteria for example variety

- ✓ Well known material freely and easily accessible,
- ✓ All desired states of expression should be covered with the minimum number of example varieties
- \checkmark Expression must not change significantly with environment
- ✓ Should be uniform and stable, widely and freely available, easy to maintain

Step1: Collecting the data <u>Pilea (foliage plant)</u> Leaf: length QN



Leaf length: 2.6cm







Leaf length: 5.3cm



Leaf length: 9.0cm



Leaf length: 5.0cm

Step2: Setting up varieties to notes <u>Pilea (foliage plant)</u> Leaf: length QN



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Variety A Set to note 3 Leaf length: 2.6cm (Min) Variety C Set to note 7 Leaf length: 9.0cm (Max)

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calculate distance range

9.0cm−2.6cm=6.4cm 6.4cm/4=1.6cm →distance range is 1.6cm

Step2: Setting up varieties to notes <u>Pilea (foliage plant)</u> Leaf: length

	3	4	5	6	7
Example variety	A				С
	2.6cm				9.0cm
distance range	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
median	2.6				9.0
range	1.8-3.4				8.2-9.8

Setting notes

Calculate the range of note 3, as variety A is middle of note 3. Calculate the range of note 7, as variety C is middle of note 7.

Calculate the range of each note.

Step2: Setting up varieties to notes <u>Pilea (foliage plant)</u> Leaf: length QN



Leaf length: 2.6cm Note 3







Leaf length: 5.3cm Note 5



Leaf length: 5.0cm Note 5





Leaf length: 9.0cm Note 7

Step3: Confirming the data <u>Pilea (foliage plant)</u> Leaf: length QN

	Variety A	Variety B	Variety C	Variety D				
Note (1st year)	3	5	7	5				
Note (2nd year)	3	5	7	4				
	Stable	Stable	Stable ,	Not stable?				
Suitable for Example Varieties								

- After setting notes, check the distance range and SD (standard deviation) in existing varieties.
- If SD in existing varieties is bigger than the distance range, adjust note setting.









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- On ornamental plants, the cycle of new variety is much shorter than crops (in some cases, 3-4 years).
- Sometimes an example variety become unavailable.
- In such situation, we add (or change) Example Varieties. We select new ones from varieties which have been grown in the past DUS tests.
- The way in which we choose new example varieties is same as making TG.
 (more than 3 years is needed to confirm the data)

Thank you for your attentions.



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