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ADDENDUM TO
EXAMPLES OF DIFFERENT GROWING PRACTICE IN DUS TESTING

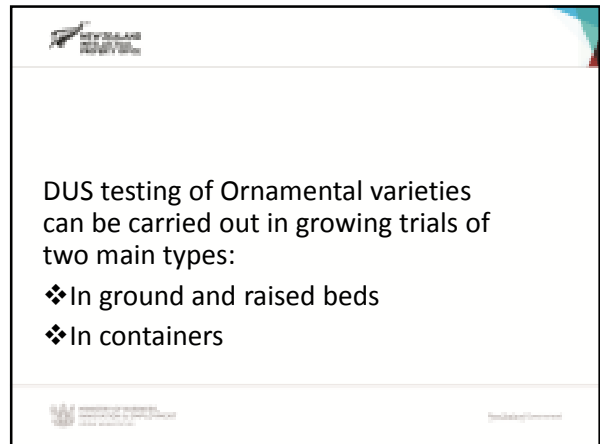
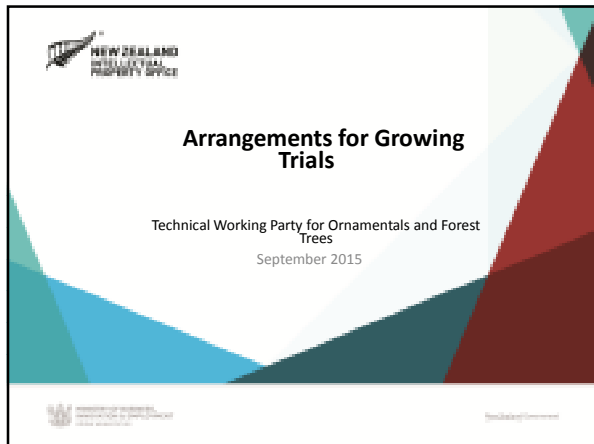
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The Annex to this document contains a presentation on examples of different growing practice in DUS testing, made by an expert from New Zealand at the forty-eighth session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO).

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ANNEX








In ground and raised beds

Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ease of maintenance in cases of longer growing period• Consistency and buffering of growing media• Generally lower costs	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Availability of suitable ground or space• Not suited to certain species• Inflexible plant spacing• Weed control
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In containers




Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well suited for shorter term species• Flexible spacing• Media quality and consistency• Overall flexibility	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintenance in cases of longer growing periods• need for watering and nutrient precision• suitable ground or space• requirement for nursery resources
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Growing method and Plant Characteristics

- For the majority of plant characteristics the growing method has no or very little effect on expression




Some **Plant** characteristics are the exceptions



An example

Plant: growth habit

upright
semi upright
spreading






Plant growth habit

The growing method may influence the expression of the full range of habit possibilities.

A variety grown in the ground may not clearly express states such as drooping or trailing



BUT

The characteristic can still be assessed with respect to other varieties present



Conclusion

- The basis of a variety description and the determination of distinctness is made in relation to other varieties present in the growing trial. Where all varieties are grown the same way then assessments can be made.
- For relatively few characteristics, the full range of expression may not be clearly expressed in all growing conditions.



Thank You



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