

COST E42 Growing Valuable Broadleaves Silviculture Matrix: An Irish example

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The purpose of developing the silvicultural matrix in COST E42 was to provide a vehicle whereby information on silviculture of valuable broadleaved species could be gathered from as many participating countries as possible. This poster describes Irish input to the matrix regarding ash (*Fraxinus excelsior* L.)

The majority of Irish broadleaves have been planted by private owners during the last 15 years. Based on research carried out in Ireland, a set of guidelines have been developed for ash plantation owners to assist them in making critical management decisions. The guidelines are being used by Teagasc Forestry Development Unit staff to advise farm-forest owners and also form the basis for government support to farmers who plant broadleaves.