

A Brief Discussion on Key Points of Quality Control in Forestry Seedling Propagation

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Abstract: *This article focuses on the key points of quality control in forestry seedling propagation, with emphasis on analyzing the importance of seedling irrigation, fertilization, and pest control. Through scientific and reasonable irrigation and fertilization management, combined with effective pest control measures, the growth quality and survival rate of seedlings are improved, laying a foundation for the sustainable development of forestry. The article emphasizes that the scientificity and systematicness of management are the key to ensuring high-quality seedling propagation and the core of improving overall forestry production efficiency.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the current context of ecological civilization construction and sustainable development, quality control in forestry seedling propagation is particularly important. High-quality seedlings are not only the foundation for the rational utilization of forest resources but also the key to ecological environment restoration and biodiversity improvement. By analyzing specific management methods such as seedling irrigation, fertilization, and pest control, this article aims to provide forestry practitioners with scientific management ideas and practical guidance to promote the long-term development of forestry.

2. SELECTION OF EXCELLENT TREE VARIETIES

Selecting high-quality tree varieties is the first step in seedling propagation and lays the foundation for subsequent breeding effects. The selection of tree varieties should consider multiple factors, including growth rate, disease resistance, adaptability, and market demand. First, seedling nurseries should select suitable local tree species and improved varieties based on specific nutrient soil, climatic conditions, and environmental requirements. The selected varieties should have good growth potential and high yield, and be able to adapt to the local ecological environment. Second, the resistance of trees to climate change, such as drought tolerance, cold tolerance, and moisture tolerance, should be considered, which is crucial to ensuring the growth of trees in different environments. When determining tree varieties, their ecological functions and social benefits should also be considered. For example, selecting some tree species that can improve soil quality and promote biodiversity can not only increase the ecological value of forest land but also enhance the resilience of the ecosystem. In seed selection, local environmental protection policies should also be taken into account to ensure that the selected tree species do not have a negative impact on the local ecology.

3. DOING A GOOD JOB IN BREEDING

Breeding is a core link in forestry seedling propagation, related to the quality and quantity of seedlings. In the breeding process, scientific and reasonable methods should be adopted for variety improvement to enhance the trait performance of seedlings. Effective breeding strategies include selecting high-quality parents with strong adaptability and a broad genetic basis, and conducting reasonable mating and hybridization to obtain excellent seedlings. In the breeding process, attention should be paid to the selection and management of female parents. The growth status of female parents directly affects the quality of the bred seedlings; therefore, it is necessary to strengthen the management of the female parent garden, conduct regular health assessments, and ensure that the female parents have a superior growth environment and grow well. At the same time, the genetic characteristics of offspring can be improved through hybridization and breeding of different tree species.

The selection of provenance not only encourages diversity but also focuses on its growth performance and stress resistance. When collecting seeds, healthy individual plants with good growth and no pests or diseases should be selected for seed propagation, and timely seed treatment should be carried out to improve germination rate and

seed quality. In addition, regular seed testing to ensure seed purity and germination ability is also an indispensable link in breeding work. At the same time, the use of modern technology for seedling propagation is also an important way to improve seedling quality. For example, the application of asexual propagation techniques (such as tissue culture technology) can largely retain the genetic characteristics of excellent mother trees, achieve rapid propagation, and shorten the seedling cycle; and by regulating the environment and optimizing growth conditions, the stress resistance of seedlings can be improved, and their later growth ability can be enhanced.

4. DO A GOOD JOB IN SEEDLING RAISING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF SEEDLING RAISING WORK

4.1 Reasonable cutting propagation

Cutting propagation is an important technical method in forestry seedling breeding. It has advantages such as simple operation and high survival rate, making it an effective way to improve seedling efficiency and reduce seedling costs. In practical operation, scientific principles should be followed, and seedling plans and cutting times should be reasonably arranged to ensure the success rate of cuttings and the quality of seedlings. When selecting cutting materials, their growth status, variety characteristics, and pest and disease resistance should be considered. Generally speaking, choosing healthy and sufficient branches as cuttings is a key factor for success. The selection of cuttings should meet standards, such as well-developed branches about 10 to 15 centimeters long with 2-3 internodes, as such cuttings are more likely to survive. A suitable cutting substrate should be selected; commonly used substrates include sand, peat, etc., which require good air permeability, good drainage, and are rich in necessary nutrients. At the same time, the growth environment of the cuttings should maintain appropriate temperature and humidity, and keep the substrate moist to improve the survival rate of the cuttings. Usually, during the rooting process, direct strong light should be avoided, and moderate shading can effectively protect the cuttings and reduce transpiration water loss.

Regular management measures such as watering, fertilizing, and pest and disease control are also important links to improve the quality of cutting seedlings. Within a period after cutting, the cuttings should be sprayed appropriately according to actual needs to maintain humidity and promote rooting. In addition, for possible pests and diseases that the cuttings may encounter, timely medication should be used for prevention and control to ensure their healthy growth. After the cuttings have taken root, their adaptation to the external environment should be gradually adjusted. This process is called "transplanting", and its goal is to allow the cuttings to smoothly transition to the field cultivation stage under appropriate conditions. When transplanting, avoiding mechanical damage to the newly survived seedlings is an important prerequisite for ensuring successful seedling breeding.

4.2 Do a good job in seedling grafting

Grafting is an effective propagation method to improve the excellent characteristics of tree species, which can pass the characteristics of high-quality tree species to offspring. In the seedling breeding process, a reasonable grafting method can not only improve the survival rate but also achieve significant results in variety improvement and disease resistance. When grafting, the practical choice is high-quality rootstock. The selection of rootstock is crucial, as it directly affects the growth and development of the scion. The rootstock should have strong adaptability, disease resistance, and a healthy growth status. At the same time, the scion should be matched with a suitable rootstock, which results in higher grafting compatibility and a greater survival rate.

After the buds have swelled and sprouted, it is the optimal time for grafting. Early spring or late autumn are suitable grafting seasons; during this period, control temperature and humidity to ensure good healing of the graft union. Select appropriate grafting methods, such as crown grafting or bud grafting, and choose corresponding operating techniques based on different root-laying methods to improve grafting success rate. Keep the graft union moist and avoid drying to facilitate the subsequent growth of arbor trees. Plastic film or other materials can be used to wrap the graft union to prevent water evaporation. At the same time, monitor the growth status of the graft union at any time to promptly identify and solve potential problems. After grafting is completed, maintaining appropriate temperature and humidity helps save energy and promote root development. Regular water and fertilizer management not only meets the nutrient needs of scion growth but also promotes the stable growth of rootstock, laying the foundation for subsequent growth.

4.3 Carry out seedling tissue culture work well

Tissue culture technology is an important means widely used in forestry seedling propagation in recent years. Through tissue culture technology, rapid propagation of disease-free seedlings can be achieved, and the seedling tools are relatively simple, suitable for large-scale production. The culture medium for tissue culture seedlings should be conducive to growth; commonly used are sterile media supplemented with an appropriate amount of plant growth regulators. During the culture process, it is necessary to ensure appropriate temperature, humidity, and light, which can promote the regeneration and growth of plant tissues such as stem segments and leaves. Plant tissues such as stem tips, buds, and mesophyll are used for tissue culture, which are treated aseptically and cultured as raw materials. These parts have strong growth ability and are easy to induce new roots and buds, thereby improving the survival rate. Reasonable nutrient acquisition and timely medium renewal during the culture process help maintain a healthy growth state. At the same time, regular disinfection and inspection are carried out to avoid contamination and diseases affecting the entire culture process. Tissue culture seedlings are hardened in a timely manner, gradually adapted to the external environment, and finally transplanted. During the hardening process, external light and air flow need to be increased to reduce the humidity of tissue culture seedlings, allowing them to gradually adapt to field growth conditions. Hardened tissue culture seedlings have a significantly higher survival rate after planting, which is beneficial for rapid growth in the later stage.

5. CARRY OUT SEEDLING IRRIGATION WORK WELL

Irrigation of seedlings is an important measure to ensure their healthy growth, and reasonable water management can significantly improve the growth rate and survival rate of seedlings. When irrigating seedlings, scientific principles should be followed, and a reasonable irrigation plan should be formulated according to the type, age, and growth stage of the seedlings. Select appropriate irrigation methods based on soil moisture and climatic conditions. Common irrigation methods include drip irrigation, sprinkler irrigation, and flood irrigation. During dry seasons or when there is no rainfall for a long time, a more concentrated watering method should be adopted to ensure that water can penetrate deep into the root system. However, during periods of heavy precipitation, irrigation should be reduced to prevent root damage caused by soil waterlogging.

For newly sown or transplanted seedlings, the frequency of watering should be increased in a timely manner to promote rapid root growth and recovery. For vigorously growing seedlings, the frequency of watering can be moderately reduced to avoid root hypoxia caused by excessive moisture, which affects the normal growth of seedlings. Using clean water sources can effectively prevent soil and plants from being polluted due to water quality issues. At the same time, attention should be paid during irrigation to prevent soil erosion caused by water flow impact, which affects the stability of the root system. Reasonable water flow guidance can be achieved by setting up cofferdams or using irrigation equipment to achieve better irrigation results. Regularly monitor and record the irrigation status of seedlings, and adjust the irrigation plan based on changes in data to ensure the scientificity and effectiveness of water management. Through scientific and reasonable irrigation management, the "rooting-germination-growth" process of seedlings can be effectively promoted, laying a good foundation for subsequent management. Select appropriate pesticides and formulate a reasonable control plan based on the characteristics and occurrence of diseases and pests. When applying pesticides, the safety interval should be followed to avoid affecting the growth of seedlings. At the same time, attention should be paid to the mixing of different agents to ensure their effectiveness and prevent drug resistance caused by improper use of agents.

In addition, biological control is an emerging control method that aims to use natural enemies to control the occurrence of diseases and pests. Consider introducing organisms that are harmless to seedlings but predatory to pests to form an ecological barrier and improve the control effect of diseases and pests. Through scientific and effective pest control, not only the healthy growth of seedlings is protected, but also ecological balance is promoted.

6. CONCLUSION

Through an in-depth discussion of the key points for quality control in forestry seedling breeding, the article emphasizes the importance of scientific management. From reasonable irrigation and fertilization to efficient pest and disease control, these links are the foundation for improving seedling growth quality and stress resistance. In the future, with the continuous advancement of science and technology, forestry seedling breeding will pay more attention to scientificity and practicality, making greater contributions to achieving the goals of green development and ecological protection.

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