Precision Silviculture Partnership

## TREESTOCK BOX TRACKING

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#### **BACKGROUND**

- What is the problem to solve?
  - Reduce Loss of Nursery Assets
    - Increase no of use cycles of boxes (pallets, pods or bags)
    - Show visibility of location of assets (nursery, storage, transit, forest)
    - Show current asset condition (stocked, empty, archived)
  - Treestock Traceability
    - Give Biosecurity incursion management support
    - Reduce Treestock Morbidity reduction
    - Aid Dispute Resolution
  - Planting operational visibility for Forest Managers
    - Monitor environmental exposure of trees pre-planting
    - Tighter visibility of stocks received vs consumed (planted)

## **Approach**

- Browser Application
  - Online Realtime Database access
  - Larger Display for Reports and Inquiries
  - Office based functionality
- Mobile Application
  - Offline with Synchronisation to Database
  - High percentage certified devices by market share
  - Android and iOS
  - Field based functionality





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# **Approach**

- Browser Application Functionality
  - Label Boxes QR codes for digital identification
    - Print/Reprint Labels
  - Set up Dockets for transportation
    - Docket per Truck/Trailer combination
    - Multiple Consignments for Docket by Customer/Destination
  - Reports and Online inquiries
    - Nursery/Forest/Transport managers





## **Approach**

- Mobile Application Functionality
  - Scan Boxes
    - up-lift
    - in/out of storage/nursery
    - On/off Transport
    - Planted empty boxes
    - Returned/expired/damaged
    - Status Inquiry
  - Off-line
    - Synchronisation when network available



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## **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- First Lowlights Acknowledged
  - Staff availability
  - Technology upgrade and upskilling
  - Missed 2022 Planting Season to trial full cycle prototype



#### **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Highlights Achieved
  - Project Planning
    - Business Requirements, Functional Specification, Roadmap
  - Prototype Development
    - Label Printing
    - Box Label Scanning and tracking Asset Life cycle: Uplift, transport, planting
    - Docket/Consignment Creation and Inquiry
    - Master Data Management and Lookup
  - Nursery Walk through
    - Compare proto-type methods against sample nursery processes

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#### WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Complete and deliver Prototype to participating nurseries
  - Web App, October 2022
    - Finalise Website theme and apply to functional screens
    - Complete Docket Creation
    - Create public website environment
  - Mobile App, October 2022
    - Create public iOS Deployment environment
- Complete and Deploy full functioning application
  - Development, (As per functional spec) November 2022-February 2023
  - User Testing, March-April 2023
  - Publication, May 2023
  - Marketing and Adoption, May-June 2023

## Implications for industry

- Nurseries purchase more boxes than needed
  - Shorten the time boxes are away from nursey
    - Recover more boxes sooner as location and status is monitored
    - lower box numbers kept at nursery as confidence in recovery increased
    - Reduce chances of boxes accidentally ending up at wrong nursery
  - Less damages
    - Shorten exposure to environmental, pest and accidental damage



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## Implications for industry

- Tracking has potential to
  - Reduce Tree Morbidity
    - Highlight when trees are exposed too long to harsh conditions
    - Improve management and timeliness of trees purchased, delivered and planted
  - Dispute Resolution
    - Give a clear chain of custody record for disputes and claims
- Add consistent Reporting within Industry
  - Biosecurity Incursion Levy data extract direct from application

#### INVOLVEMENT FROM INDUSTRY PARTNERS

- Current Support Needed
  - Continued to provide feedback during development phase
  - Help benefits and justification for industry adoption
- Future Support
  - Be Case Study's for publication on our and industry websites
  - Be references, advocates for future potential users
  - Adopt the application and provide continuous feedback

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#### INVOLVEMENT FROM INDUSTRY PARTNERS

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