

POTENTIAL WOODY SPECIES FOR REVEGETATION OF MINE SPOILS IN A TROPICAL DRY ENVIRONMENT

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Mining activities results in huge dumps of infertile overburden materials called as mine spoils. Generally mine spoils are physically, chemically and biologically recalcitrant medium for plant growth. Natural recovery of mine spoils is a slow process. Planting of suitable woody species speeds up succession that fulfils the revegetation goal. Besides controlling soil erosion, revegetation results in increased plant diversity finally culminating into a self-sustaining ecosystem.
