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Wanted: Swamp Sheoak sites across Great Southern farms for farm forestry survey



A project is under way in the Great Southern to develop Swamp Sheoak (*Casuarina obesa*) for wood production, with particular focus on the lower rainfall salinity-affected agricultural belt. This tree shows great promise as a tree crop and the project hopes to do the further practical work needed to develop its potential.

Have you got either established plantings of *C. obesa*, or natural remnant stands of this species, on your property? Ideally, the sites should be pure wood-lots more than three years old and 1 ha in size. The

sites would be evaluated for their farm forestry wood production potential, and silviculture guidelines for future management developed. For priority demonstration sites, work teams will carry out pruning and thinning. The project is also looking for farmers to enter into partnership projects to establish woodlots of Swamp Sheoak in 2004.

Interested?

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