Oil palm best management practice

Oil palm is highly demanded globally and can be used in various sectors such as food, textiles and cosmetics and the oil palm tree management practices can easily be adopted.

Additionally, adopting to management practices increases yield palm yields. Furthermore, fertilizers also boost oil palm yields, however these should be applied during the rainy season but not during heavy rains.

Management practices

For every 2 months establish and maintain a clear clean circle around the palm tree by removing weeds and shrubs to reduce post harvest losses during and after harvesting. Additionally, prune the palm tree before and after peak harvest by cutting off un wanted branches, this helps to make harvesting easy, less expensive and to reduces crop loss.

Furthermore, arrange a single layer of oil palm composting empty branches around the palm tree to add more soil nutrients and control soil erosion thus conserving soil water. Also, every 2-3 months create clear pathways in oil palm fields and between oil palm trees to ease accessibility into the farm land, harvesting, farm management and fertilizer application.

Always ensure using the box frond stacking method during pruning to add soil nutrients and control soil erosion and lastly, apply fertilizers within the created clear path circles around the tree to facilitate proper growth of the tree.