Monitored pilot

Define the comparison before planting.

A shared checklist for the project team, local implementation partner and the people responsible for irrigation and monitoring.

01 Site and planting stock

Record the site, species, nursery source, plant size and root-ball dimensions. Include ground levels, soil profile, rooting space, drainage, water quality and nearby services.

02 Baseline and comparison

Record starting condition before installation. Define comparable treated and conventional planting groups, their locations and sample sizes. Document any differences in soil, exposure or stock.

03 Installation and irrigation

Record the installed configuration and date. Assign responsibility for irrigation and maintenance. Measure water supplied to each group using the same method and units.

04 Follow-up

Set dates and methods for survival, vitality and canopy assessment. Include soil moisture, root-ball temperature and salinity where relevant. Use fixed photographic viewpoints and retain dated originals.

05 Review and next step

Agree who records, checks and reviews the observations. Keep weather and maintenance records alongside the results. Decide in advance which outcomes will inform wider implementation.

Send the site brief and planting programme to begin a project discussion.

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