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Q1. Which of the following best characterizes the facility where you work? Please select only one.

- ① Federal
- ② State
- ③ Tribal
- ④ Large corporation
- ⑤ Small corporation/family owned
- ⑥ Non-profit/Co-op

Q2. Does your facility currently produce, or have a plan to produce native plant materials (seeds or plants) for the purpose of reforestation, conservation, or restoration?

- ① Yes → Please continue to the next question
- ② No



You have completed this survey. Please return the survey in the envelope provided. Thank you very much for your help!

Q3. How many years have you practiced in the area of conservation, reforestation, or restoration?

_____ Number of years

Q4. In your facility, which types of native plant materials are currently in production, or planned for production, for conservation, reforestation, or restoration? Please select Yes or No for each.

Action	Yes	No
Seeds	①	②
Tree seedlings	①	②
Shrub seedlings	①	②
Grass/wildflower seedlings	①	②
Bareroot plants	①	②
Cutting (any type)	①	②
Other. Please specify _____	①	②

Q5. Which of the following sources for science-based information do you use to benefit the work at your facility? Please select Yes or No for each.

	Yes	No
Other facilities that do similar work	(1)	(2)
Research and conference proceedings papers	(1)	(2)
Tree Planters' Notes	(1)	(2)
Native Plants Journal	(1)	(2)
Experts in the topic area	(1)	(2)
Face-to-face interaction at professional meetings/conferences	(1)	(2)
Searching on the web (Google, Google Scholar, Bing, Internet Explorer, etc.)	(1)	(2)
Forest Service websites, including Treearch	(1)	(2)
RNGR.net	(1)	(2)
Other. Please specify _____	(1)	(2)

Q6. Would your facility benefit from having greater access to science-based information on any of the following topic? Please select Yes or No for each.

	Yes	No
Seed collection, processing, and storage	(1)	(2)
Genetics, including guidelines for acceptable seed and seedling transfer	(1)	(2)
General plant propagation (e.g., fertilization, irrigation)	(1)	(2)
Pest management	(1)	(2)
Soil management	(1)	(2)
Water management	(1)	(2)
Bareroot nursery management	(1)	(2)
Container nursery management	(1)	(2)
Seed orchard management	(1)	(2)
Stooling bed management	(1)	(2)
Planning for climate change	(1)	(2)
Species-specific propagation protocols	(1)	(2)
Other. Please specify _____	(1)	(2)

Q7. How important are the following topics to your facility's efforts to produce native seeds and plants? Please select one response for each.

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
Science-based information	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Networking opportunities	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
National nursery directory	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Information related to tribal nurseries	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Information related to tropical nurseries	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Publications available in Spanish	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

The USDA Forest Service Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources Program, also known as RNGR (“ringer”), is a team of specialists whose primary goal is to assist producers of native plant materials (seeds and plants) for conservation, reforestation, or restoration purposes.

Q8. Prior to receiving this questionnaire, were you aware of the RNGR program and its services?

- ① Yes
- ② No

Q9. Do you use the RNGR website (www.rngr.net) to obtain science-based information related to the work you do at your facility?

- ① Yes
- ② No → Skip to Question 12

Q10. If YES, how would you rate the quality of RNGR website (RNGR.net) in terms of the following?

Please select one answer for each.

	Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
Availability of information that I need	①	②	③	④	⑤
Access to most current science-based information that I need	①	②	③	④	⑤
Ease of navigation	①	②	③	④	⑤
Design and appearance	①	②	③	④	⑤
Overall quality	①	②	③	④	⑤

Q11. Would you say that the RNGR website (RNGR.net) is your preferred source of information for the work that you do in your facility?

- ① Yes
- ② No

Q12. If NO, what is your primary reason for NOT using RNGR website?

Q13. Which of the following RNGR sponsored meetings or conferences have you attended? Please select Yes or No for each.

	Yes	No
Western Forestry and Conservation Nursery Association	①	②
Southern Forest Nursery Association	①	②
Northeastern Forest Nursery Association	①	②
Intertribal Nursery Council	①	②
Western Native Plant Conference	①	②
2020 Webinar Series	①	②
Other. Please specify: _____	①	②

Q14. For the RNGR meetings or conferences that you have NOT attended, which of the following factors prevented you from attending? Please select Yes or No for each.

	Yes	No
I was unaware of RNGR meetings and conferences	①	②
Timing did not work for my schedule	①	②
Locations were not convenient to me	①	②
Topic not relevant to my work	①	②
Registration cost was not allowable by my organization	①	②
Overall cost of attending (including airfare, mileage, lodging, and/or per diem) was not affordable	①	②
My organization has/had a travel restriction	①	②
Other. Please specify _____	①	②

Q15. For the RNGR events (meetings, conferences, or webinars) you have attended, how often would you say that... Please select one response for each statement.

Statement	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Don't know
The events were well-organized.	①	②	③	④
The topics discussed were useful for the work I do.	①	②	③	④
The events provided good opportunities for me to build relationships with my peers.	①	②	③	④
RNGR <u>in-person</u> events are my preferred source to get new and relevant information for work I do at our facility.	①	②	③	④
RNGR sponsored <u>webinars</u> are my preferred source to get new and relevant information for work I do at our facility.	①	②	③	④

Q16. Have you contacted RNGR staff directly to obtain science-based information related to the work you do at your facilities?

- ① Yes
- ② No → Skip to Question 19

Q17. How have you contacted RNGR staff to obtain information? Please select Yes or No for each.

	Yes	No
Telephone	①	②
Email	①	②
Social media	①	②
Instant Messaging (texting)	①	②

Q18. When contacting RNGR staff for information, how *satisfied or dissatisfied* were you with the following aspects of your interaction(s)? Please select *one* response for each.

	Dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Not applicable
RNGR staff's knowledge regarding your questions.	①	②	③	④	⑤
RNGR staff's responsiveness in returning/ responding to your call/ email/ message.	①	②	③	④	⑤
RNGR staff's helpfulness.	①	②	③	④	⑤
RNGR staff's professionalism.	①	②	③	④	⑤
RNGR staff's ability to get the information you needed.	①	②	③	④	⑤

Q19. If you have NOT contacted RNGR staff , what prevented you from contacting RNGR staff directly for information?

Q20. Have you used any of the following RNGR products to obtain science-based information related to the work you do at your facility? Please select *Yes* or *No* for each.

	Yes	No
The Container Tree Nursery Manual	①	②
Tree Planters' Notes	①	②
The Bareroot Hardwood Manual	①	②
The Tribal Nursery Manual	①	②
National Nursery Proceedings	①	②
Growing Native Plants at Home	①	②
Tropical Nursery Manual	①	②
Woody Plant Seed Manual	①	②

Q21. For the RNGR products you have not used to obtain science-based information, which of the following factors prevented you from using them? Please select *Yes* or *No* for each.

	Yes	No
I did not know they were available.	①	②
The topics not relevant to my work.	①	②
I did not know they are available for download at RNGR.net.	①	②
I get my information from somewhere else.	①	②
Other reason, (<i>please explain</i>): _____	①	②

Q22. Overall, how useful is the information you obtain from RNGR on the following topic?

Please select **one** response for each.

	Not at all useful	Somewhat useful	Very useful	Not applicable
Seed collection, processing, and storage	①	②	③	④
Genetics, including guidelines for acceptable seed and seedling transfer	①	②	③	④
General plant propagation (e.g., fertilization, irrigation)	①	②	③	④
Pest management	①	②	③	④
Soil management	①	②	③	④
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Planning for climate change	①	②	③	④
Species-specific propagation protocols	①	②	③	④
Other. Please specify: _____	①	②	③	④

Q23. What additional topics would you like to see RNGR provide science-based information?

Q24. Overall, please indicated how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the science-based information you obtain from RNGR. Please select **one response for each.**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree or agree	Agree	Strongly agree
The information is easy to understand.	①	②	③	④	⑤
The information is trustworthy.	①	②	③	④	⑤
The information is objective.	①	②	③	④	⑤
I can easily apply the information to the work I do at my facility.	①	②	③	④	⑤
The information is valuable for the work I do at my facility.	①	②	③	④	⑤
The information is easy to find.	①	②	③	④	⑤
The information is easy to access.	①	②	③	④	⑤

Q25. RNGR is evaluating how it delivers science-based information to owners and operators of facilities that produce native seeds and plants. How likely would you be to use the following methods to access information from RNGR? Please select *one* response for each method.

	Not at all likely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Mobile apps for smart devices (phones, tablets, etc.)	①	②	③	④
A monthly newsletter/publication/blog	①	②	③	④
In-person professional meetings/training workshops	①	②	③	④
Virtual professional meetings /training workshops	①	②	③	④
A searchable “wiki” on the RNGR website	①	②	③	④
Webinar/video conferencing	①	②	③	④
Social media group(s)	①	②	③	④
Instructional videos	①	②	③	④

Q26. For current or potential new RNGR products, how important is it to have hard copies available? Please select *one* response for each publication.

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
Manuals	①	②	③	④
Tree Planters’ Notes	①	②	③	④
Newsletters	①	②	③	④

Q27. Do you use the Native Plant Network (www.nativeplantnetwork.org) on the RNGR website?

- ① Yes
- ② No → Skip to Question 29

Q28. Do you currently use the Native Plant Network for each of the following? Please select *Yes* or *No* for each.

	Yes	No
Subscribe to the <i>Native Plants Journal</i>	①	②
Use the Propagation Protocol Database to find relevant information	①	②
Upload to the Propagation Protocol Database to share my knowledge with others	①	②
To access the “TreeSearch” database	①	②

Q29. Do you interact with your industry peers to share information about current practices?

- ① Yes
- ② No → Skip to Question 31

Q30. Which of the following ways do you interact with your peers to share information about current practices? Please select Yes or No for each.

	Yes	No
Informal face-to-face meetings in person	①	②
Virtual face-to-face meetings	①	②
Telephone	①	②
Email	①	②
Social media	①	②
Instant Messaging (texting)	①	②
RNGR online forum	①	②
Professional meetings/conferences	①	②

Q31. How has RNGR helped you complete your work during the last few years?

Q32. How important is the RNGR program for your facility’s conservation, reforestation, and/or restoration efforts?

- Not at all important Somewhat important Important Very important
- ① ② ③ ④

Please provide any additional comment you may have about the RNGR program and its service

Thank you for completing this important survey!
Please return your completed survey in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.