Permaculture Research

An update on the Research Protocols / Agroecological Metrics work

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Permaculture: design system for agroecological resilience
The International Permaculture Research Project Overview

Project Aims

• To develop a well organised and vibrant network of academics and practitioners
• Facilitate collaboration
• Support people in sharing their research
• Further the development of consistent (action) research programs

Our Research Aims

• Build the evidence base for permaculture
• Improve permaculture practice
To address the lack of systematic documentation, we have proposed:

- A system for local monitoring of projects
- That can be aggregated
- Using 'farmer friendly' methods
- That enable local learning
- And can be incorporated into the permaculture design process
Clusters of suggestions made by various people
Research Protocols: progress

- Initial work: identify tests for soil and biodiversity
- Testing: UK and internationally
- Funder: Lush Cosmetics
- Developing framework – need your help!
- Links to a wider strategy for a new “Eco-agricultural Advisory Service”
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