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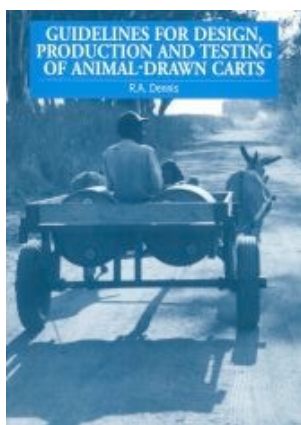
CASSAVA BIOFUEL PROJECT

The multi-million kina cassava biofuel project in the Central Province has commenced the first phase of commercialising the cultivation of cassava. A field day was organised recently at the project site in the Rigo District to showcase the collaborative efforts by the PNG Government and the Korean investor, Changhae Group.

Senior officials from the DAL, Provincial Administration, Trade and Industry, Changhae Group, NARI and community leaders attended the field day. Prime Minister Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare officiated at the ground breaking ceremony at Bore village in the Rigo area on April 19, 2007, and since then the investor and stakeholders have been working patiently to commence operations. From the nursery work on replication and multiplication of the nine varieties, the seedlings will be transferred to the company estate at Bore and also distributed to surrounding areas for out-grower and smallholder plantings.

High yielding varieties of cassava will be selected and made available to the farmers for cultivation. The farmers will grow cassava and process it into chips by cleaning, chopping and drying them in the sun. These dried chips can be stored for longer periods before they are sold to Changhae, which will initially export to Korea and other countries for processing into ethanol. The second phase of the project will see the setting up of an ethanol plant adjacent to the plantation where the chips will be processed locally into ethanol and sold to overseas markets.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Guidelines for Design, Production and Testing of Animal-Drawn Carts.

Compiled on behalf of the Animal Traction Network for Eastern and Southern Africa this book on animal-drawn carts, covers all aspects of their design, production.

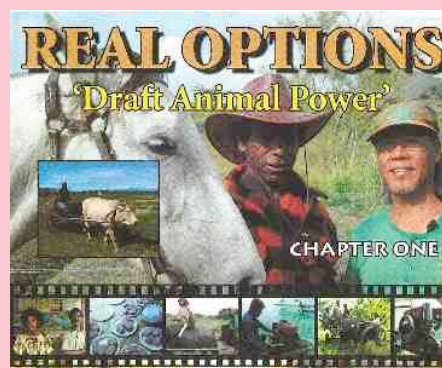
200 pages, 209x297mm, Paperback, ISBN 9781853393389 Available from: www.practicalaction.org/

THAT HAPPENED TO THE DONKEYS

Harvey Douglas of Wild Meat Australia writes and asks ...

What happened to the project in 2007 to introduce donkeys to carry coffee and other produce where there are no roads. That idea had a lot of merit but no follow up was put in place.

If you know anything about this project or know someone that does, please ring to atproj@online.net.pg and let us know.



This film is chapter one of a two part DVD set that looks at "REAL OPTIONS" for PNG. This film "Draft Animal Power" shows that car, trucks and tractors are beyond the means of the majority of our people.

And the high cost of fuel and imported spare parts means that things HAVE to change if we are really going to have any development within our rural communities.

Accompanying "Draft Animal Power" is the second chapter in the set called "The Coconut Oil Press" that show how to use the common coconut for a whole range of products including fuel to power small boats.

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