Growing of Cut Foliage Plants in Mature Oil Palm Plantations

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Cut foliage plants like fish tail fern, asparagus, fox tail fern, ti plant, philodendron, dracaena and aglaonema were evaluated under dense shade of mature oil palm plantation. The study revealed the successful performance of all the foliage plants under the microclimate of mature oil palm. Among the crops, fish tail fern has been identified as the most promising high yielding crop. Hence, farmers can get additional income by growing foliage plants as intercrops in oil palm as there is a good market demand for cut foliage.

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