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Intercropping *D.alata* (Sree Keerthi) and *D.rotundata* (Sree Priya) at a density of 9000\ha in coconut garden generated higher returns. Manuring at full level (NPK @ 80:60:80 kg ha⁻¹) required for *D.rotundata*

D.alata and D.rotundata were profitable intercrops in rubber plantations during the initial 3 years.Manuring at full level (NPK @ 80:60:80 kg ha⁻¹) was required

D.alata (Sree Keerthi) and *D.rotundata* (Sree Priya) proved profitable intercrops in banana. Manuring for *Dioscoreas* at 2/3 level and for banana (Nendran) at full level (NPK @ 190:115:300 g/plant/year)

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Economic analysis

Coir pith compost @ 5 t ha⁻¹ and NPK@ 80:60:80 kg ha⁻¹ •Maintained higher yield (24.61 t ha⁻¹) •Higher net income (Rs.36,817 ha⁻¹) •Benefit cost ratio (1.42)

Coir pith compost is a substitute for FYM

•The study will help to promote the safe disposal of coir pith by composting

•Generates employment opportunities, revenue and good quality manure

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Agro techniques for elephant foot yam > Improved varieties: Sree Padma, Gajendra > Plant population: 8000 - 9000 plants/ha > Fertilizer dose: NPK @ 27:20:33 kg/ha > FYM 12.5 t/ha + *in situ* green manuring cowpea > Expected yield: 18-20 t/ha

























Production Technology for Arrowroot

• Planting rhizome pieces during May-June at a spacing of 30 x 15 cm on raised flat beds resulted in higher rhizome yield $(45.17 \text{ t } \text{ha}^{-1})$ and starch yield $(6.975 \text{ t } \text{ha}^{-1})$

- Mulching using locally available plant materials like green leaves, dried leaves or coconut fronds immediately after planting enhanced yield by 60-65%
- Application of NPK @ 50:25:75 kg ha⁻¹ is necessary for obtaining high yield (23.29 t ha⁻¹)
- On Farm Trials revealed that the above technologies resulted in 40% yield increase over local practice



Intercrop	Suitable variety	Method of planting and spacing	Manures		Time of	Duratio
			FYM t ha ^{.1}	NPK kg ha' ¹	planting	(months
Cassava	Sree Visakham H-165	Mounds 90x90 cm	9	50:50:100	May-June	8-10
Elephant foot yam	Sree Padma Gajendra	Pits 90x90 cm	20	26:20:33	April-May	8
Greater yam	Sree Keerthi	Pits 90x90cm	8	80:60:80	April-May	8
Lesser yam	Sree Latha	Pits 75x75cm	8	60:30:60	April-May	7
White yam	Sree Priya	Pits 90x90cm	8	80:60:80	April-May	8
Arrowroot	Local selection	Raised beds 30x15cm	10	50:25:75	May-June	8
Source: Naya	r and Suia (2004)				



