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Macadamia tetraphylla L. Johns.;
Macadamia integrifolia Maiden et Betche

GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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Alternative names:*

Botanical name	*English*	*French*	*German*	*Spanish*
Macadamia integrifolia Maiden et Betche	Macadamia, Queensland Nut	Macadamia	Macadamia	Macadamia
Macadamia tetraphylla L. Johns.	Macadamia, Queensland Nut	Macadamia	Macadamia	Macadamia

The purpose of these guidelines ("Test Guidelines") is to elaborate the principles contained in the General Introduction (document TG/1/3), and its associated TGP documents, into detailed practical guidance for the harmonized examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS) and, in particular, to identify appropriate characteristics for the examination of DUS and production of harmonized variety descriptions.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

These Test Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the General Introduction and its associated TGP documents.

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1. Subject of these Test Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Macadamia integrifolia* Maiden et Betch and *Macadamia tetraphylla* L. Johns. and hybrids of these species..

2. Material Required

2.1 The competent authorities decide on the quantity and quality of the plant material required for testing the variety and when and where it is to be delivered. Applicants submitting material from a State other than that in which the testing takes place must ensure that all customs formalities and phytosanitary requirements are complied with.

2.2 The material is to be supplied in the form of grafted plants on a rootstock specified by the authority.

2.3 The minimum quantity of plant material, to be supplied by the applicant, should be:

10 plants

2.4 The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigor, nor affected by any important pest or disease.

2.5 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If it has been treated, full details of the treatment must be given.

3. Method of Examination

3.1 Number of Growing Cycles

3.1.1 The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.

3.1.2 In particular, it is essential that the plants produce a satisfactory crop of fruit in each of the two growing cycles.

3.1.3 The growing cycle is considered to be the period ranging from the beginning of active vegetative growth or flowering, continuing through active vegetative growth or flowering and fruit development and concluding with the harvesting of fruit.

3.2 Testing Place

Tests are normally conducted at one place. In the case of tests conducted at more than one place, guidance is provided in TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”.

3.3 Conditions for Conducting the Examination

The tests should be carried out under conditions ensuring satisfactory growth for the expression of the relevant characteristics of the variety and for the conduct of the examination.

3.4 Test Design

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 10 plants.

3.4.2 The design of the tests should be such that plants or parts of plants may be removed for measurement or counting without prejudice to the observations which must be made up to the end of the growing cycle.

3.5 Additional Tests

Additional tests, for examining relevant characteristics, may be established.

4. Assessment of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability

4.1 Distinctness

4.1.1 General Recommendations

It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines.

4.1.2 Consistent Differences

The differences observed between varieties may be so clear that more than one growing cycle is not necessary. In addition, in some circumstances, the influence of the environment is not such that more than a single growing cycle is required to provide assurance that the differences observed between varieties are sufficiently consistent. One means of ensuring that a difference in a characteristic, observed in a growing trial, is sufficiently consistent is to examine the characteristic in at least two independent growing cycles.

4.1.3 Clear Differences

Determining whether a difference between two varieties is clear depends on many factors, and should consider, in particular, the type of expression of the characteristic being examined, i.e. whether it is expressed in a qualitative, quantitative, or pseudo-qualitative manner. Therefore, it is important that users of these Test Guidelines are familiar with the recommendations contained in the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness.

4.1.4 Number of plants or parts of plants to be Examined

Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of distinctness, all observations on single plants should be made on 10 plants or parts taken from each of 10 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test, disregarding any off-type plants. In the case of observations of parts taken from single plants, the number of parts to be taken from each of the plants should be 2.

All observations should be made on at least 3 year old trees.

4.1.5 Method of Observation

The recommended method of observing the characteristic for the purposes of distinctness is indicated by the following key in the second column of the Table of Characteristics (see document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”, Section 4 “Observation of characteristics”):

MG: single measurement of a group of plants or parts of plants
MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or parts of plants
VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or parts of plants
VS: visual assessment by observation of individual plants or parts of plants

Type of observation: visual (V) or measurement (M)

“Visual” observation (V) is an observation made on the basis of the expert’s judgment. For the purposes of this document, “visual” observation refers to the sensory observations of the experts and, therefore, also includes smell, taste and touch. Visual observation includes observations where the expert uses reference points (e.g. diagrams, example varieties, side-by-side comparison) or non-linear charts (e.g. color charts). Measurement (M) is an objective observation against a calibrated, linear scale e.g. using a ruler, weighing scales, colorimeter, dates, counts, etc.

Type of record: for a group of plants (G) or for single, individual plants (S)

For the purposes of distinctness, observations may be recorded as a single record for a group of plants or parts of plants (G), or may be recorded as records for a number of single, individual plants or parts of plants (S). In most cases, “G” provides a single record per variety and it is not possible or necessary to apply statistical methods in a plant-by-plant analysis for the assessment of distinctness.

In cases where more than one method of observing the characteristic is indicated in the Table of Characteristics (e.g. VG/MG), guidance on selecting an appropriate method is provided in document TGP/9, Section 4.2.

4.1.6 All observations should be made on at least 3 year old trees

4.2 Uniformity

4.2.1 It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding uniformity. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines:

4.2.2 For the assessment of uniformity of {to be completed} varieties, a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 10 plants, 1 off-type is allowed.

4.3 Stability

4.3.1 In practice, it is not usual to perform tests of stability that produce results as certain as those of the testing of distinctness and uniformity. However, experience has demonstrated that, for many types of variety, when a variety has been shown to be uniform, it can also be considered to be stable.

4.3.2 Where appropriate, or in cases of doubt, stability may be further examined by testing a new plant stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the initial material supplied.

5. Grouping of Varieties and Organization of the Growing Trial

5.1 The selection of varieties of common knowledge to be grown in the trial with the candidate varieties and the way in which these varieties are divided into groups to facilitate the assessment of distinctness are aided by the use of grouping characteristics.

5.2 Grouping characteristics are those in which the documented states of expression, even where produced at different locations, can be used, either individually or in combination with other such characteristics: (a) to select varieties of common knowledge that can be excluded from the growing trial used for examination of distinctness; and (b) to organize the growing trial so that similar varieties are grouped together.

5.3 The following have been agreed as useful grouping characteristics:

(a) Plant: growth habit (characteristic 1)
(b) Plant: height (characteristic 2)
(c) Plant: angle of primary branches (characteristic 3)
(d) Stem: texture of surface (characteristic 5)
(e) Leaf blade: shape (characteristic 10)
(f) Inflorescence: color (characteristic 22)
(g) Shell: shape (in lateral view) (characteristic 24)

5.4 Guidance for the use of grouping characteristics, in the process of examining distinctness, is provided through the General Introduction and document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”.

6. Introduction to the Table of Characteristics

6.1 Categories of Characteristics

6.1.1 Standard Test Guidelines Characteristics

Standard Test Guidelines characteristics are those which are approved by UPOV for examination of DUS and from which members of the Union can select those suitable for their particular circumstances.

6.1.2 Asterisked Characteristics

Asterisked characteristics (denoted by *) are those included in the Test Guidelines which are important for the international harmonization of variety descriptions and should always be examined for DUS and included in the variety description by all members of the Union, except when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this inappropriate.

6.2 States of Expression and Corresponding Notes

6.2.1 States of expression are given for each characteristic to define the characteristic and to harmonize descriptions. Each state of expression is allocated a corresponding numerical note for ease of recording of data and for the production and exchange of the description.

6.2.2 In the case of qualitative and pseudo-qualitative characteristics (see Chapter 6.3), all relevant states of expression are presented in the characteristic. However, in the case of quantitative characteristics with 5 or more states, an abbreviated scale may be used to minimize the size of the Table of Characteristics. For example, in the case of a quantitative characteristic with 9 states, the presentation of states of expression in the Test Guidelines may be abbreviated as follows:

State	*Note*
small	3
medium	5
large	7

However, it should be noted that all of the following 9 states of expression exist to describe varieties and should be used as appropriate:

State	*Note*
very small	1
very small to small	2
small	3
small to medium	4
medium	5
medium to large	6
large	7
large to very large	8
very large	9

6.2.3 Further explanation of the presentation of states of expression and notes is provided in document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”.

6.3 Types of Expression

An explanation of the types of expression of characteristics (qualitative, quantitative and pseudo-qualitative) is provided in the General Introduction.

6.4 Example Varieties

Where appropriate, example varieties are provided to clarify the states of expression of each characteristic.

6.5 Legend

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1 2	**3 4**	**5 6**	**7**			
	Name of characteristics in English	**Nom du caractère en français**	**Name des Merkmals auf Deutsch**	**Nombre del carácter en español**		
	states of expression	types d'expression	Ausprägungsstufen	tipos de expresión		

1 Characteristic number

2 (*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2

3 Type of expression
QL Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
QN Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
PQ Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

4 Method of observation (and type of plot, if applicable)
MG, MS, VG, VS – see Chapter 4.1.5

5 (+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2

6 (a)

7 Not applicable

7. Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caractères/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1. **(*)**	**QN** **VG**	**(+)**				
	Plant: growth habit					
	upright				MRG-20	1
	upright to spreading					2
	spreading					3
	drooping				KRG-15	4
2. **(*)**	**QN** **MS/VG**					
	Plant: height					
	short					3
	medium					5
	Tall					7
3. **(*)**	**QN** **VG**					
	Plant: angle of primary branches					
	acute				MiniMaca	1
	intermediate					2
	obtuse					3
4.	**QN** **VG**	**(+)**				
	Plant: density of foliage					
	sparse	lâche	locker	laxa		3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media		5
	dense	dense	dicht	densa		7
5. **(*)**	**QN** **VG**					
	Stem: texture of surface					
	smooth	lisse	glatt	lisa		1
	medium					2
	rough					3
6.	**QL** **VG**					
	Leaf: petiole					
	absent				Kabere, MiniMaca	1
	present				KMB-3, KRG-15, MRG-20, MRG-25	9

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
7.		**QN MS/VG**					
		Petiole: length					
		short				KMB-3, MRG-20, MRG-25	1
		medium				EMB-1	2
		long				KRG-15	3
8.		**QN MS/VG**					
		Leaf blade: length					
		short				MiniMaca	3
		medium				Daleys Dwarf, KRG-15, MRG-20, MRG-25	5
		long				Own Venture	7
9.		**QN MS/VG**					
		Leaf blade: width					
		narrow				MiniMaca	3
		medium				KRG-15, MRG-20, MRG-25	5
		broad				Daddow	7
10.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(+)**				
		Leaf blade: shape					
		lanceolate					1
		ovate					2
		oblong					3
		elliptic					4
		oblanceolate					5
		obovate					6
11.		**PQ VG**					
		Leaf blade: shape of apex					
		apiculate				MiniMaca	1
		acuminate					2
		acute				Kabere, KMB-3, KRG-15	3
		obuse				Daleys Dwarf, EMBU-1, MRG-20, MRG-25	4

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
12.		**PQ** **VG**					
		Leaf blade: shape of base					
		attenuate					1
		acute					2
		obtuse					3
13.	**(*)**	**QN** **VG**					
		Leaf blade: undulation of margin					
		very weak					1
		weak				Daleys Dwarf, EMB-1, MRG-25	2
		medium				KMB-3, KRG-15, MRG-20	3
		strong					4
		very strong				MiniMaca	5
14.		**QN** **VG**					
		Leaf blade: incisions of margin					
		shallow					3
		medium					5
		deep					7
15.	**(*)**	**QN** **VG**					
		Leaf blade: number of spines on margin					
		absent or very few				Daleys Dwarf	1
		few				MRG-20	3
		medium				EMB-1, KRG-15	5
		many				KMB-3, MiniMaca	7
		very many				Kabere	9
16.		**PQ** **VG**					
		Young leaf blade: color					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
17.	**PQ VG**					
	Young leaf blade: color					
	yellow green					1
	light green				EMB-1, KRG-15, MRG-20	2
	medium green					3
	brown				KMB-3	4
	reddish					5
	purple					6
18.	**QN VG**					
	Mature leaf blade: intensity of green color on upper side					
	light					1
	medium					2
	dark					3
19.	**QN MS/VG**					
	Inflorescence: length					
	short					3
	medium					5
	long					7
20.	**QN VG**					
	Inflorescence: density of flowers					
	sparse					1
	medium					2
	dense					3
21.	**QN VG**					
	Inflorescence: attitude					
	semi erect					1
	semi erect to horizontal					2
	horizontal					3
	semi drooping					4
	drooping					5

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
22.	**(*)**	**QL** **VG**					
		Inflorescence: color					
		white				Daleys Dwarf, EMB-1, KRG-15, MRG-20, MRG-25	1
		pink				KMB-3, MiniMaca	2
23.		**QN** **VG**	**(a)**				
		Shell: size					
		small					1
		medium					2
		large					3
24.	**(*)**	**PQ** **VG**	**(a)**				
		Shell: shape (in lateral view)					
		ovate					1
		oblate				MRG-20, MRG-25	2
		circular				Daleys Dwarf, EMB-1, KMB-3, MiniMaca	3
		obovate				Kabere	4
25.		**QN** **VG**	**(a)**				
		Shell: texture of surface					
		smooth				Daleys Dwarf, EMB-1, Hidden Valley A38, KRG-15, MRG-25	1
		smooth to slightly rough				MiniMaca	2
		moderately rough				KMB-3, MRG-20	3
		very rough					4
26.		**QN** **MS/VG**	**(a)**				
		Shell: thickness					
		thin					3
		medium					5
		thick					7

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
27.	**QN VG**	**(a)**				
	Shell: conspicuousness of suture					
	weak				Kabere, KMB-3, MRG-20	1
	medium					2
	strong				MiniMaca	3
28.	**QN VG**	**(a)**				
	Kernel: size					
	very small					1
	small					3
	medium					5
	large					7
	very large					9
29.	**PQ VG**	**(a)**				
	Kernel: color					
	white					1
	yellowish white					2
	light brown					3
	medium brown					4
	dark brown					5
30.	**QN VG**	**(+)**				
	Branch: number of leaves per whorl					
	three				EMB-1, KRG-15, MRG-20, MRG-25	1
	four				KMB-3	2
	five					3
31.	**QN VG**	**(+)**				
	Leaf: conspicuousness of secondary veins					
	weak				EMBU-1, KRG-15	1
	medium				KMB-3, MRG-20	2
	strong				Kabere	3

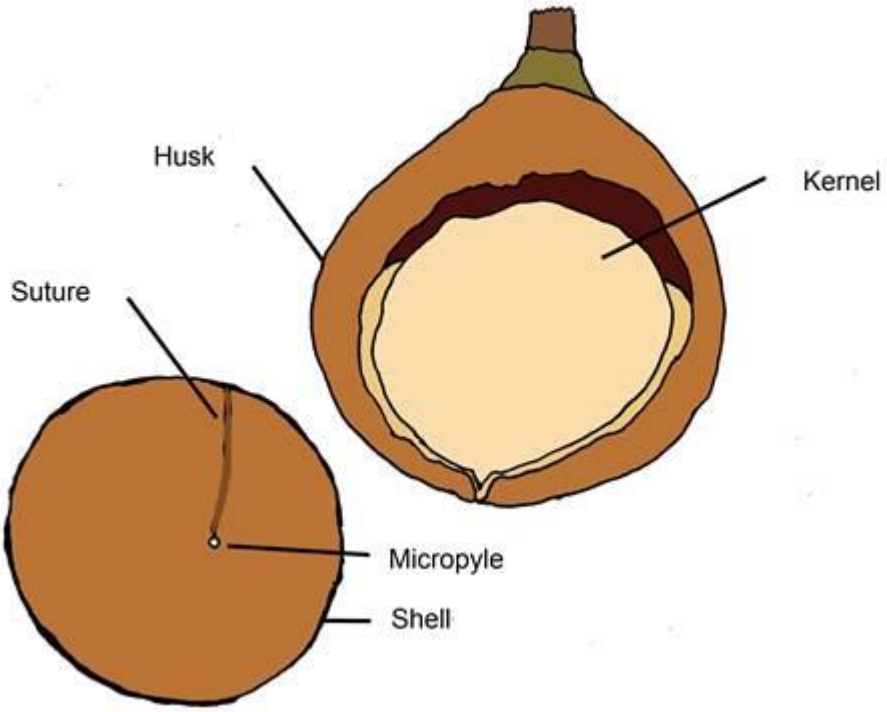
	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
32.	**QN** **VG**	**(a)**				
	Husk: size of apical point					
	small				EMB-1, MRG-20	3
	medium				KMB-3, KRG-15, MRG-25	5
	large				Kabere	7
33.	**QN** **VG**	**(a)**				
	Husk: thickness of pericarp					
	very thin				Kabere	1
	thin				EMB-1, KMB-3, KRG-15	3
	medium				MRG-20, MRG-25	5
	thick					7
34.	**QN** **VG**	**(a)**				
	Kernel: micropyle position					
	closed				KMB-3, KRG-15, MRG-20	1
	partially open					2
	open				Kabere	3
35.	**QN** **MS/VG**	**(+)** **(a)**				
	Kernel: length					
	short					3
	medium					5
	long					7
36.	**QN** **MS/VG**	**(a)**				
	Kernel: width					
	narrow					3
	medium					5
	broad					7

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

8.1 Explanations covering several characteristics

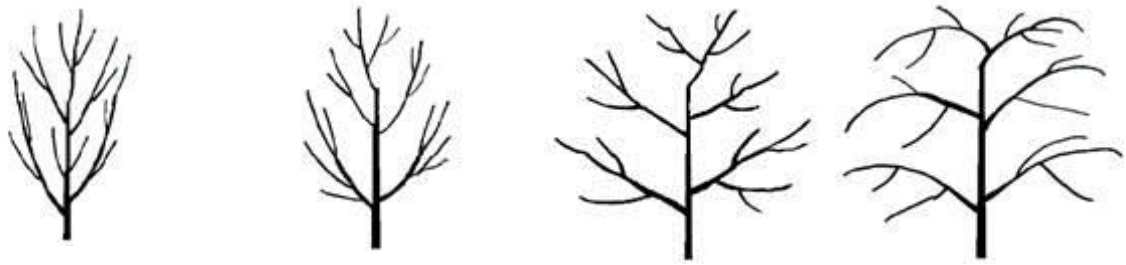
Characteristics containing the following key in the second column of the Table of Characteristics should be examined as indicated below:

(a)



8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics

Ad. 1: Plant: growth habit

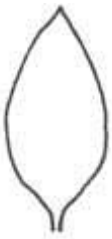


1	2	3	4
upright	upright to spreading	spreading	drooping

Ad. 4: Plant: density of foliage

Observations should be made a time of flowering

Ad. 10: Leaf blade: shape

		← broadest part →		
		below middle	at middle	above middle
width (ratio length/width)				
narrow (high)		 1 lanceolate	 3 oblong	
medium (medium)		 2 ovate	 4 elliptic	 5 oblanceolate
broad (low)				 6 obovate

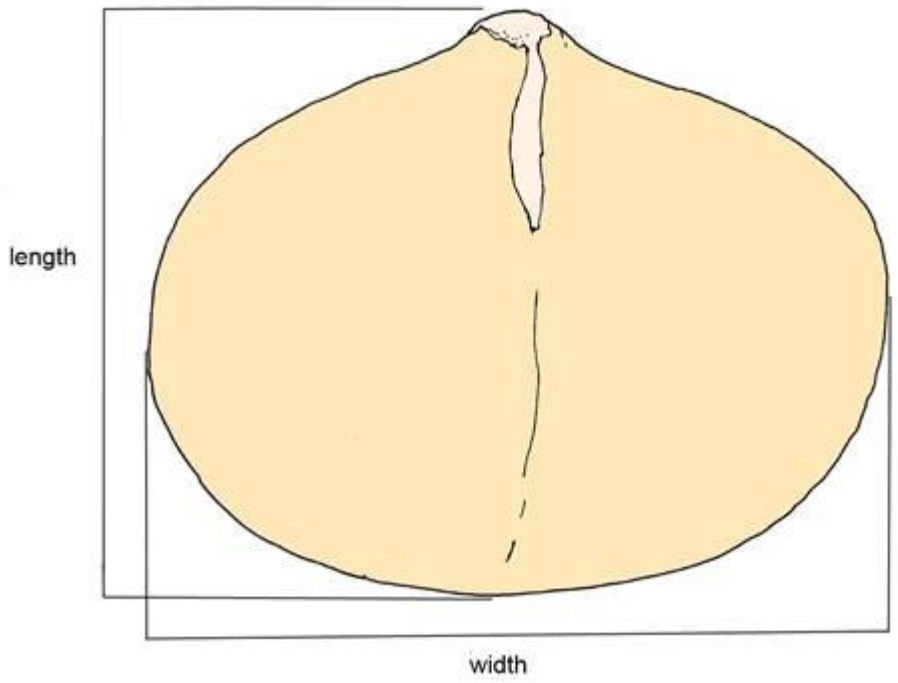
Ad. 30: Branch: number of leaves per whorl

Observations should be made at flowering

Ad. 31: Leaf: conspicuousness of secondary veins

Observations should be made on fully developed leaf

Ad. 35: Kernel: length



9. Literature

Vock, N., Bell, D., Bryen, L., Firth, D., Jones, K., Gallagher, E., McConachie, I., O'Hare, P. and Stephenson, R., 1998: Macadamia Variety Identifier, Agrilink, Queensland Department of Primary Industries, Nambour, Queensland, Australia, 62pp

10. Technical Questionnaire

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:

	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE
to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights

1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire

1.1.1	Botanical name	*Macadamia integrifolia* Maiden et Betche	[ ]
1.1.2	Common name	Macadamia, Queensland Nut	
1.2.1	Botanical name	*Macadamia tetraphylla* L. Johns.	[ ]
1.2.2	Common name	Macadamia, Queensland Nut	

2. Applicant

Name	
Address	
Telephone No.	
Fax No.	
E-mail address	
Breeder (if different from applicant)	

3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference

Proposed denomination (if available)	
Breeder's reference	

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:

#4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety

4.1 Breeding scheme

Variety resulting from:

4.1.1 Crossing

(a) controlled cross [ ]

(please state parent varieties)

(……..……..…) x (……..……..…)

female parent male parent

(b) partially known cross [ ]

(please state known parent variety(ies))

(……..……..…) x (……..……..…)

female parent male parent

(c) unknown cross [ ]

4.1.2 Mutation [ ]

(please state parent variety)

4.1.3 Discovery and development [ ]

(please state where and when discovered and how developed)

4.1.4 Other [ ]

(please provide details)

Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Other [ ]
(Please provide details)

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:

5. Characteristics of the variety to be indicated (the number in brackets refers to the corresponding characteristic in Test Guidelines; please mark the note which best corresponds).

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.1 (1)	**Plant: growth habit**		
	upright	MRG-20	1 [ ]
	upright to spreading		2 [ ]
	spreading		3 [ ]
	drooping	KRG-15	4 [ ]
5.2 (5)	**Stem: texture of surface**		
	smooth		1 [ ]
	medium		2 [ ]
	rough		3 [ ]
5.3 (10)	**Leaf blade: shape**		
	lanceolate		1 [ ]
	ovate		2 [ ]
	oblong		3 [ ]
	elliptic		4 [ ]
	oblanceolate		5 [ ]
	obovate		6 [ ]
5.4 (22)	**Inflorescence: color**		
	white	Daleys Dwarf, EMB-1, KRG-15, MRG-20, MRG-25	1 [ ]
	pink	KMB-3, MiniMaca	2 [ ]
5.5 (24)	**Shell: shape (in lateral view)**		
	ovate		1 [ ]
	oblate	MRG-20, MRG-25	2 [ ]
	circular	Daleys Dwarf, EMB-1, KMB-3, MiniMaca	3 [ ]
	obovate	Kabere	4 [ ]

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:

6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties

Please use the following table and box for comments to provide information on how your candidate variety differs from the variety (or varieties) which, to the best of your knowledge, is (or are) most similar. This information may help the examination authority to conduct its examination of distinctness in a more efficient way.

Denomination(s) of variety(ies) similar to your candidate variety	Characteristic(s) in which your candidate variety differs from the similar variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for the **similar** variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for **your** candidate variety
Example	*Plant: growth habit*	*upright*	*spreading*

Comments:

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:

#7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety

7.1 In addition to the information provided in sections 5 and 6, are there any additional characteristics which may help to distinguish the variety?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(If yes, please provide details)

7.2 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(If yes, please provide details)

7.3 Other information

A representative color photograph of the variety displaying its main distinguishing feature(s), should accompany the Technical Questionnaire. The photograph will provide a visual illustration of the candidate variety which supplements the information provided in the Technical Questionnaire.

The key points to consider when taking a photograph of the candidate variety are:

- Indication of the date and geographic location
- Correct labeling (breeder's reference)
- Good quality printed photograph (minimum 10 cm x 15 cm) and/or sufficient resolution electronic format version (minimum 960 x 1280 pixels)"

Further guidance on providing photographs with the Technical Questionnaire is available in document TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines", Guidance Note 35 (http://www.upov.int/tgp/en/).

[The link provided may be deleted by members of the Union when developing authorities' own test guidelines.]

Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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8. Authorization for release

(a) Does the variety require prior authorization for release under legislation concerning the protection of the environment, human and animal health?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(b) Has such authorization been obtained?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.

9. Information on plant material to be examined or submitted for examination

9.1 The expression of a characteristic or several characteristics of a variety may be affected by factors, such as pests and disease, chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardants or pesticides), effects of tissue culture, different rootstocks, scions taken from different growth phases of a tree, etc.

9.2 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If the plant material has undergone such treatment, full details of the treatment must be given. In this respect, please indicate below, to the best of your knowledge, if the plant material to be examined has been subjected to:

(a)	Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma)	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
(b)	Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide)	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
(c)	Tissue culture	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
(d)	Other factors	Yes [ ]	No [ ]

Please provide details for where you have indicated “yes”.

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10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:

Applicant’s name

Signature Date

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