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ABSTRACT

Propagation of *Ginkgo biloba* L. was conducted through stem cutting of hardwood and semi hard wood. The cuttings from basal part of the tree were selected for the experiment. Auxins like IAA, NAA and IBA were effective to induce rooting.

The stem cuttings treated with 1000 ppm IAA for 30 minutes showed highest percentage (90 %) rooting. The average root length measured 4.66 cm. The cuttings treated with 500 ppm IBA for 30 minutes could induce healthy roots measuring 12 cm the cuttings treated with IAA showed higher rooting percentage in rainy season i.e. June, July. The cuttings treated with higher concentration of IBA and NAA showed less rooting. IAA was found the most effective hormone for rooting of *Ginkgo biloba* cuttings. Anatomical studies of normal and rooted stems were also performed. Vascular cambium, secondary phloem, cortical cells and pericycle cells took part on rooting.

Propagation of cuttings is an effective practice for ex-situ conservation of plants. The well-rooted cuttings were planted in the natural condition.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ABA:	Abscisic Acid
ANOVA:	Analysis of Varience
b:	Breadth
CDB:	Central Department of Botany
Cm:	Centimeter
et al.:	et albeli
h:	Height
IAA:	Indole-3 Acetic Acid
IBA:	Indole-3 Butyric Acid
L.S.D.:	Least Significance Difference
m.	meter
Mins:	Minutes
NAA:	Napthlene Acetic Acid
°C:	Degree centigrade
ppm:	parts per million
sps:	Species
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Sciences