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Kang, B.T. (1993). Sustainable agroforestry systems for the tropics: concepts and examples. IITA Research Guide 26: 24pp.

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