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Nationality	British
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Qualifications / Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc Biological Sciences, University of London, UK. 1981 • MSc Applied Entomology (Pest Management), University of London, UK. 1984 • International Management Course, (Unilever Plc) Fouracres College, UK. 1989 • Plantation and Farm Management Course, (Unilever Plc), Silsoe College, UK 1988 • Finance and Accounting for Non Financial Managers, Cranfield School of Management, UK. 1991 • Transferring Expertise Course, Silsoe College, UK 1993 • Essential Food Hygiene, Thames Valley University, UK. 1995 • Food Technology, Campden Food Research Association, UK 1996. • Fertiliser Accreditation Training Course, Incitec, Brisbane, Australia. 1996 • SQF 2000 Accreditation Course, Food Operations, Sydney. 1998 • Quality Service Skills Course, Learning International, Sydney 1998 • Numerous in house technical training courses, particularly in crop husbandry, pest control and training <p>Member of the UK Tropical Agricultural Association</p>
Languages (1 basic – 5 fluent)	
Key skills information:	<p>Agricultural science and plantation management</p> <p>Horticulture</p> <p>Food Technology</p> <p>Tropical fruit and nut production</p> <p>Indigenous food production</p>
Country experience	UK, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Malawi
Work experience	
Current & Recent	<p>2002-Present Colin Taylor Agribusiness, Cairns, Australia.</p> <p>1996-2002 Chiquita Brands South Pacific Pty. Ltd. Tully, Australia. North Queensland: - Operations Manager. Full profit and loss responsibility for Chiquita's Australian banana growing and packing operations business. Managed 5 farms (950+ acres) and 3 packing sheds with a senior management team of 8.</p> <p>1995 - 1996 Piccone Horticultural Consultancy Pty, Cairns. Australia: - Horticultural Consultant: - Provision of advice, technical services, and training to a range of government, grower associations, corporate and commercial organisations</p> <p>1995 Geest Tropical Produce, London. UK: Technical Controller: - Identified and worked with growers of excellence providing, practical pre and post harvest technical advice, guidance, and training in all facets of the supply chain from farm production to delivery to the UK.</p> <p>1994 M&W Mack Multiples. Kent. UK: - One of UK's largest independent fresh produce importers and distributors with large packing and value adding facility just outside London. Packhouse Production Manager: - Responsible for all aspects of the management of a modern pack house including production planning, staff resources, financial monitoring and reporting, quality control and adherence to legislation, customer requirements and product management systems.</p>

Recent assignments	<p>Managing own independent agribusiness consultancy offering agribusiness project design and management, feasibility studies and business planning, market development, agricultural/technical advice, property and packhouse management, supply chain analysis, R and D, seminars, and training. A range of consultancies successfully undertaken included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business assessment, development, and establishment of a strategic plan for a Cairns based fresh produce wholesaler, and a business feasibility study for a large operator in the banana industry. • A feasibility study and business plan for a North Queensland Aboriginal Community assessing the potential for a 'Bush Tucker' business. • Appointed as a commercialization specialist for a project jointly funded by James Cook University and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) investigating commercialization of the Gallip Nut in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and indigenous foods in Cape York, Queensland, Australia. Appointed as an Indigenous Food Industry Consultant for a North Queensland based state and federally funded project assisting indigenous communities interested in producing, processing and distributing indigenous food products. • Queensland Dept of State Development and Innovation registered consultant. Involved in business planning and analysis, market development, operational and process review and development and mentoring. This is mainly with a range of small to medium sized agribusiness and food industry enterprises. • Recently appointed as a consultant (1 of only 25 Australia wide) with the Australian National Food Industry Strategy (NFIS) Group. This is a federally funded organization and assists food and agribusiness organizations develop their supply chains and marketing strategies.
CDC career	<p>1990 – 1993</p> <p>1992-1993 Sable Farming Co. Ltd. Malawi: - Macadamia Project Manager 1992 CDC Head Office. London: - Tea/Project Agriculturalist 1990-1992 East Usambara Tea Co. Tanzania: - Group Agricultural Development and Training Manager</p>
Earlier career	<p>1987 - 1990: UNILEVER PLANTATIONS- BROOKE BOND TANZANIA: -Group Technical and Training Manager. 1985 - 1987 LINTON PARK PLC: - EASTERN PRODUCE, MALAWI: - Assistant Estate Manager, 1981 - 1983 RENTOKIL GROUP PLC. LONDON: Area Pest Control Surveyor.</p>