A small tree farm in a well watered and well weeded site uses small planting stock.
A project reforested range lands in a dry upland area with occasional frosts uses very large planting stock.
A project in a dry, very rocky site uses stock in small pots
Containers for forest tree seedlings

Poly bags
- Cheap
- Easy to transport and store
- Hold a lot of soil and water
Containers for tree seedlings

Dibble tubes and root trainers

- Train roots downward instead of letting them spiral
- Air-prune roots
Dibble tubes

- Available in different sizes
- Small volume makes it easy to pack and transport seedlings
- Seedling easy to plant
- Can space seedlings out
- on racks
Root trainer “books”

Allow forester to inspect roots
Square pots and plant bands

- Square sides train roots
- Open bottom helps air pruning
- Paper bands are cheap
- Hard to fill with mix
Disadvantages of small containers

- Small soil volume dries out quickly, need to water often
- Need a good mix to fill container well
- Cost money but can be re-used several times
Other containers?

- Woven bamboo containers in Thailand
- Styrofoam coffee cups in Micronesia?
- Beer and Coke cans in Micronesia ???