



- **Forests play a vital role**  
for rural as well as urban populations all over the world. They are an essential natural resource providing multiple benefits to people.
- **Their conservation and sustainable management**  
are closely linked with global issues such as food supply and environmental protection.
- **Scientific knowledge is needed**  
all over the world to effectively address these issues globally and regionally and provide the technical basis for political decisions.
- **Close international cooperation**  
in forest science and related disciplines is required to enable forests to satisfy the manifold human needs in a sustainable way.

**IUFRO is "the" global network for forest science cooperation.** It unites more than 15,000 scientists in almost 700 Member Organizations in over 110 countries, who cooperate in IUFRO on a voluntary basis.

## Our Mission

is to promote the coordination of and the international cooperation in scientific studies embracing the whole field of research related to forests and trees for the well-being of forests and the people that depend on them.

**IUFRO is open to all individuals and organizations** dedicated to forest and forest products research and related disciplines. It is a non-profit, non-governmental and non-discriminatory organization with a long tradition dating back to 1892.

## Our Stakeholders

are research organizations, universities and individual scientists, NGOs, decision making authorities, forest land-owners and other people who depend on forests.

**IUFRO attains its objectives by networking** activities including the generation, exchange and dissemination of scientific knowledge, the provision of access to relevant information, and the assistance to scientists and institutions to strengthen their research capacities.

## Our Vision

is of science-based sustainable management of the world's forest resources for economic, environmental and social benefits.

## IUFRO is exceptional,

because it is the only world-wide international organization devoted to forest research and related sciences. It contributes to the promotion of the use of science in the formulation of forest-related policies.

