



- **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.

