

# Project Formulation Workshop

## **Sustainable Management and Genetic Conservation of Teak Resources**

26 – 27 May 2014  
Bangkok, Premises of RSPG

### **Organizers**



Plant Genetic Conservation Project under the Royal Initiative of  
Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (RSPG)



International Union of Forest Research Organizations



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



TEAKNET (International Teak R & D Network)

## **Background**

Teak takes a minor position in the total volume of world timber production and trade. Yet it competes in the high-value hardwood markets and is a major strategic element in the forestry economies of many tropical countries. Natural teak forests are estimated to cover ca. 29 million ha in India, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand, of which almost half is in Myanmar. The available old-growth, high-quality teak resources are under threat due to over-exploitation and conversion to other land-uses. In Myanmar e.g. the share of high quality teak in timber auctions is on the decline.

The area of planted teak forests is estimated to be ca. 4.5 million ha, of which 83% is in Asia, 11% in Africa, and 6% in tropical America. Globally, planted teak is the only valuable hardwood that constitutes an emerging forest resource and that has attracted large investments from the private sector. However, most planted teak forests use germplasm that is based on a limited number of clones and hybrids and it is imperative to plan, organize and implement a program for the genetic conservation of teak resources on a global level in order to conserve the existing native teak resources and to widen the genetic resource base of planted teak forests in view of new challenges from climate change and extreme weather events.

## **Workshop objectives**

The major objectives of the workshop are (a) to support the formation of a professional network of teak researchers from Asian countries with subsequent inclusion of partners from Africa and Latin America, (b) to deliver the data and information needed to formulate a proposal for a global teak research and promotion project and (c) to develop a draft project proposal suitable for submission to international donor agencies for funding.

## **Sponsors**

- The Plant Genetic Conservation Project under the Royal Initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (RSPG)
- IUFRO, Special Programme for Development of Capacities (SPDC)

## **Participants**

India (2), Indonesia (1), LaoPDR (1), Myanmar (2), SriLanka (1), Thailand (3), IUFRO (1), FAO (1)

## **Accommodation**

Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel, 269 Larn Luang Road, Pomprab, Samphanthawong, Bangkok  
10100, Thailand

## **Transport**

RSPG will provide transport by mini-bus from the hotel to the conference venue and back

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## Tentative Workshop Programme

Sunday, 25 May 2014			
	19.00 hrs	Ice Breaker: Meeting in the hotel lobby of the Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel	All participants
Monday, 26 May 2014			
<b>Session 1</b>	8.30-9.00	Registration	RSPG
	Opening Session Chairman: Paiboolya Gavinlertvatana, RSPG		
	9.00-9.10	Introduction and welcome	Paiboolya Gavinlertvatana, RSPG
	9.10-9.20	Opening Remark	Michael Kleine IUFRO
	9.20-9.30	Opening Remark	Kenichi Shono FAO-RAP
	9.30-9.40	Opening Remark	P.K. Thulasidas TEAKNET
	09.40 - 12.00	Briefing and information tour on the Plant Genetic Conservation Project	Paiboolya Gavinlertvatana, RSPG
	12.00 - 13.00	Lunch Break	RSPG
<b>Session 2</b>	Country reports: Sharing information on teak resources, teak management and related research, incl. identification of specific country needs for regional cooperation Chairman: Michael Kleine, IUFRO		
	13.00 - 13.30	Country report Myanmar	Zaw Win Myint Director Forest Research Institute, Myanmar
	13.30 - 14.00	Country report India	P.K. Thulasidas TEAKNET Coordinator, India
	14.00 - 14.30	Country report Laos	Khamphone MOUNLAMAI Director of Planning and Cooperation National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, Lao PDR
	14.30 - 15.00	Coffee break	RSPG
	15.00 - 15.30	Country report Thailand	Vitoon Luangviriyasaeng or Suwan Tangmitcharoen Forest tree improvement section Royal Forest Department, Thailand

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	15.30 - 16.00	Country report Indonesia	Nugroho MARSOEM Faculty of Forestry Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
	16.00 - 16.30	Country report Sri Lanka	K. M. A. Bandara Research Officer - Tree Breeder Forest Research Centre, Sri Lanka
	16.30-17.00	Summary on country's needs for regional cooperation and outlook for day 2	Chairman

**Tuesday, 27 May 2014**

<b>Session 3</b>	Group work: Research needs for the sustainable management and genetic conservation of teak resources Chairman: Kenichi Shono, FAO- RAP		
	9.00-9.30	Formation of 3 working groups	Chairman
	9.30 - 12.30	Group work (world café style) in 3 thematic working groups:  Defining challenges the country are faced with in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genetic improvement and conservation</li> <li>• Silviculture &amp; management</li> <li>• Markets &amp; policies</li> </ul> including coffee break	Working groups chaired by Michael Kleine, Kenichi Shono, P.K. Thulasidas
	12.30 - 13.30	Lunch Break	RSPG

<b>Session 4</b>	Working group reports and development of a draft outline of a project proposal Chairman: P.K. Thulasidas		
	13.30 – 15.00	Reports of working groups incl. specific focus on regional cooperation and preliminary list of activities	Working groups 1 to 3
	15.00-15.30	Coffee break	RSPG
	15.30 - 17.00	Development of a draft outline of a possible project proposal including a logical framework (objectives, results, activities)	Moderated discussion by all participants Moderator: Michael Kleine
	17.00-17.30	Further steps and concluding remarks	RSPG
	19.00	Farewell Dinner at Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel	IUFRO