

Project Status Report

PROJECT TITLE: ICFRE project - "Establishment of a network to facilitate collection processing and dissemination of statistics pertaining to tropical timber and other forestry parameters in India" PD 291/04 Rev. 2 (M) (Project).

Total Cost (in US \$):	241,478
ITTO Assistance (in US \$):	216,378
State Govt. Assistance (in US \$):	25,100 (by ICFRE)

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This project was authorized financing by the ITTC during in its 39th Session. The Yearly Plan of Action (YPO) has been finalized. The first installment of funds for the project was received on 28th June, 2006. The project is deemed to have been initiated on 1st July 2006.

The progress made during the first three months i.e. from 1st July 2006 to 30th September 2006 is as under:

- 1) The technical and the other temporary staff for the project i.e. Four Junior Research Fellows (Two in Forestry, One in Computer, and One in Statistics), One Project Secretary, and One Office Assistant have been recruited.
- 2) The first meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 11th August 2006 and important decisions were taken like stakeholders in the project have been identified, a proposal for constitution of a technical committee for supervision of technical aspects of the project has been made.
- 3) The tentative dates and the agenda for the Eight Regional Workshops, one in each of the Eight ICFRE institutes has been prepared.
- 4) The tentative dates and the agenda for the first National Seminar of stakeholders has been prepared.