

## 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 \$)	:	<b>241,478</b>
ITTO Assistance (in US \$)	:	<b>216,378</b>
State Govt. Assistance (in US \$)	:	<b>25,100 (by ICFRE)</b>

### **Status Report:**

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 period from 1st July 2006 to 30th September 2007 is as under:

1. Regarding constitution of a Working Group comprising of representatives from State Forest Department, Ministry of Environment & Forests, ICFRE and other agencies involved in forestry, has been achieved. Moreover, a National Core Group of stakeholders has also been formed. Discussions with the stakeholders regarding the Statistics pertaining to the forestry sector in India were initiated and a stakeholders' meet was organized at Dehradun on 28-29<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.
2. Regarding the well-structured format for data collection along with units of measurement and data validation techniques have been designed. The activities towards achieving this output have already started, formats have been reviewed by the stakeholders. Draft formats have been prepared and are being reviewed for the discussions in the Regional Workshops with the State Forest Departments. Creation of tables for database has been completed and is being checked. Regional Workshops involving stakeholders have been planned and one workshop in this respect has already been conducted at Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur, Rajasthan on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2007. The proceedings of the Workshop have already been sent to ITTO.
3. Regarding working manual for management of the agreed formats, consolidated, printed and distributed have been started, with all its activities. Material for the manual is being collected and literature reviewed for mapping of providers and users of forestry data. Data points and sample points have been identified by the executive agency i.e. ICFRE.

4. Regarding the Statistical Laboratory, ICFRE and Statistical Cells at the institute of ICFRE strengthened have been achieved. Statistical Laboratory has been established at the ICFRE with necessary hardware and software facilities for statistical data analysis and establishment of basic lab infrastructure.
5. 8 Regional Workshops are scheduled in 2007 to secure corporation from the State Forest Departments and to establish statistics nodes in this respect having necessary connectivity with the Ministry in Delhi.
6. The engagement of an International consultation to advise on further refinements to the Statistical system and to ensure its compatibility with international forestry reporting requirements, is in process in consultation with the ITTO secretariat. Moreover, the first ITTO monitoring of this project was undertaken in May 2007 and the mission had found the progress satisfactory and provided necessary guidance on various issues and consequently 2<sup>nd</sup> installment has been released by ITTO.
7. After organizing the Regional Workshops, the ADG (Statistics), ICFRE conducted a National Workshop on 26-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.
8. The Monitoring Committee meeting of ITTO held on 8th April, 2008 under the chairmanship of DGF&SS. Shri Raman Nautiyal made a detailed presentation specifying the progress, achievements and current status of the project. He was asked to submit the detailed progress of the project. The progress report received from ADG (Statistics), ICFRE, Dehradun has been sent to ITTO. A communication regarding extension of the project has already been sent to ITTO for consideration.

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