

## Project Status Report

**PROJECT TITLE:** Pre-Project Proposal - 'Regional Workshop on Processing, Marketing and Trade of Quality Wood Products of Teak Plantations' submitted by KFRI, Peechi, Kerala

**STATE: Kerala (KFRI)**

Total Cost (in US \$)	:	<b>151,269</b>
ITTO Assistance (in US \$)	:	<b>106,539</b>
Assistance by KFRI (in US \$)	:	<b>44,730</b>

### **Status Report:**

The Pre-project was approved by IITC and ITTO funded it.

Regional Workshop on processing and marketing of teak wood products of planted forests took place in Peechi, Kerala in India from 25-28<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 successfully. Executing Agency has already circulated the Report. The major recommendations / outcomes of the Regional Workshop are:-

### **Policy & finance**

1. Formulate appropriate (sub) policy on teak within the national forests, landuse, industrial processing and socio-economic policies ensuring sustainability and the development of an enabling environment for the long term security of investments.
2. Establish and implement a comprehensive system of planning (involving long, medium and short term plans; and sites/locations, systems and market) for teak resource development.

### **Wood property analysis**

3. Enhance the knowledge base of the wood properties and machineability of short rotation plantation teak - including those grown outside forests (ToF) - so as to ensure that they are processed within the acceptable tolerances of other tropical timbers.

### **Processing Technology**

4. Develop new/innovative conceptual models for teak processing industries based on Best Available Technology (BAT) and the experiences from other industries.

## **Marketing**

5. Develop common grading systems to support vibrant teak sector for the value-added processing of plantation teak wood. Develop market information system for collection, collation and dissemination of teak trading volume and price information

## **R & D and Training**

6. Evaluate, document and disseminate R & D findings
7. Promote tree improvement through:
  - Globally coordinated R& D and
  - Facilitating process of exchanging genetic materials.
8. Appraise the processing technology in use in the context of the new developments in research and transfer to the field.
9. Conduct comprehensive socio-economic studies of teak under different technological systems as a means to attract investment flows.
10. Undertake growth and yield studies by consolidating data from international network of sample plots.

## **Code of Best practices**

11. Develop and promote sustainable practices for teak wood production and utilization codes (social, environmental and economic)

## **International cooperation and coordination/networking**

12. Strengthen regional and international cooperation, collaboration and co-ordination in teak development with special emphasis on human resource development.
13. Support KFRI, one of the lead institutions, to host the secretariat of TEAKNET and establish linkages with other national, international and NGO networks in collaboration with FAO and ITTO.
14. Identify and analyse unsolved and emerging problems (both technical and non-technical) and initiate and implement measures to address them adequately in a coordinated and collaborative manner.
15. Prepare and submit the regional projects to international donor agencies in thrust areas, viz. processing and marketing, productivity/genetic improvement and social/ecological/policy issues.

16. A very good Regional Workshop was arranged by KFRI.
17. The Monitoring Committee meeting of ITTO held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 under the chairmanship of DGF&SS. Dr. K.M. Bhatt of KFRI made a detailed presentation specifying the projects achievements and current status of the pre-project. He was asked to submit financial and technical report of the pre-project and a detailed project proposal as output of the pre-project. He was further asked to submit proceedings of the international workshop for onward submission to ITTO.
- 18 KFRI submitted the full project proposal on Teak, which has been sent to ITTO for technical appraisal and funding.

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