

Program Schedule

Chairperson Dr. Michael Kleine, Deputy Executive Director, IUFRO HQ, Vienna Welcome : Dr. PK Thulasidas, TEAKNET Coordinator	
Short Presentations	
15:30 – 15:40	Michael Kleine, IUFRO, Austria Global Teak Support Program – Addressing Current Challenges of Natural and Planted Teak Forests
15:40 - 15:50	Yazar Minn, Assistant Director, Forest Research Institute, Myanmar Planting Teak for the Rehabilitation and Restoration of Productive Landscapes
15:50 - 16:00	James M Roshetko, World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF), Southeast Asia Programme, Indonesia The Significance of Planted Teak for Smallholder Farmers
16:00 -16:10	KMA Bandara, Director, Sri Lanka Forestry Institute Genetic conservation and improvement of teak in Sri Lanka
16:10 - 16:20	PK Thulasidas, TEAKNET Coordinator, India Teakwood Quality from Natural and Planted Forests
Panel Discussion facilitated by Dr. Michael Kleine, IUFRO HQ	
16:20 -16:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenichi Shono, FAO-RAP, Bangkok • Steven Johnson, International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO), Japan • Yazar Minn, FRI, Yezin, Myanmar • James M. Roshetko, ICRAF, Indonesia • KMA Bandara, Sri Lanka • PK Thulasidas, TEAKNET
Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks	



Forestry in a new landscape

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PARTNER EVENT

Teak in Productive Landscapes: An Introduction to Global Efforts for the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Resources

Wednesday, 25th October 2017
15:30 – 17:00 h
Bandaranaike Memorial International Convention Hall

Organized by:

International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET)
Teakwood Working Party (D5.06.02) of
International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)





Background

Teak is one of the few valuable tropical hardwood species well established in the global timber market that has been grown increasingly in planted forests in about 70 tropical countries throughout tropical Asia, Africa and Latin America. Its natural occurrence is limited to four Asian countries and the supply of natural teak logs to the international market is impeded due to a logging ban imposed in view of threat to its genetic resource base in these countries. The report "State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources" published by FAO in 2014 lists teak (*Tectona grandis* L.f.) in the top rank among the 20 tree species considered national priorities for the conservation and management of forest genetic resources. The area of natural teak forests is on continuous decline while the area of planted teak increased to about 5.4-6.9 million ha as per recent FAO and ITTO reports. The high international demand for general utility teak has broadened the traditional teak supply from natural forests to include short-rotation grown (i.e. 20 – 25 years), small-diameter plantation logs from Africa and Latin America. The product quality as well as productivity of these short rotation plantations are often hindered by the fact that germplasm used for raising plantations is of unknown seed origin. Recently clonal teak forestry has yielded positive results for enhanced yields from fast-grown plantations.

Objectives of Partner Event

In light of the current threats and constraints in developing sustainable management systems for both natural and planted teak forests, it appears imperative to implement an internationally-funded Global Teak Support Programme for the conservation and sustainable management of teak resources. Therefore, in 2016 a group of experts from IUFRO, FAO and TEAKNET with funding support by the International Tropical Timber Organization compiled and published a Global Teak Study (IUFRO World Series Volume 36) addressing best practices and lessons learnt on the conservation of teak genetic resources and the sustainable management of teak forests in different country contexts in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The Partner Event will present and discuss the concept and important components of a Global Teak Support Programme. Short oral presentations followed by an expert panel discussion will address the following main issues:

- Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of existing native teak forests;
- Expanding the genetic resource base of planted teak forests in view of new challenges; and
- Strengthening international collaboration and regional networking in expanding national capacity for the conservation and sustainable management of teak resources.

Overall, the Global Teak Support Programme will contribute to the Global Plan of Action on Forest Genetic Resources (GPA-FGR), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Strategic Goals of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.