

Note on the Training Programme on

Role of Biodiversity Conservation in Poverty Alleviation and Rural Livelihood

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore has organised a three day training programme on "**Role of Biodiversity Conservation in Poverty Alleviation and Rural Livelihood**" *Under the Project Policy and Institutional Reforms for Mainstreaming and Upscaling Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management (SLEM) in India from 29.10.2012 to 31.10.2012.* The training was conducted for officials from Revenue, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, representatives from NGOs and Farmers. The inauguration of the training programme was held on 29.10.2012. Shri T.S. Srinivasa Murthy, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, inaugurated the training programmes as Chief Guest. Shri T.P. Raghunath, IFS, Group Coordinator Research, delivered the welcome address. Shri K. Ravichandran, IFS, Head, Forest Economics and Extension, provided an overview about the SLEM approaches in the country and the role of ICFRE as SLEM TFO, the purpose and the expected outcome of the training programme. Dr. N. Krishnakumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB underlined the importance of conservation of Biodiversity and the approaches and strategies adopted in biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation in forest dependent communities. Shri T.S. Srinivasa Murthy, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest Department in his inaugural address emphasized the need for a convergence approach in biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation and the involvement of Revenue, agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, NGOs, Farmers and Forest dependent communities are paramount. Dr. Kannan C.S. Warriar, Scientist proposed the vote of thanks. Issues such as biodiversity conservation, biodiversity governance in India, Sustainable harvest and use of NTFP for Livelihood enhancement, Human Wildlife Conflict, New Initiatives in Water Conservation, Ecosystem Goods and Services, organic farming, Afforestation programmes and Rural Livelihood: Experiences from Tamil Nadu, Sacred Groves, etc., were discussed and deliberated. The participants visited the Anaimalai Tiger Reserve and Parambikulam Tiger Reserve to gain first hand experience on Biodiversity Conservation and poverty Alleviation and working of Eco development societies.







