

Extension Activities at IWST –December 2013

Training organized:

A training programme on “Field identification of important timber” was organized for Range Forest Officers (RFO) of Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) during 2-6th December 2013. A total of 25 RFOs from different forest divisions attended the training. It was the second batch of RFOs sponsored by the KFD. The trainees were provided hands-on experience in identifying anatomical features of wood with the help of a magnifying hand lens which is fundamental in wood identification. The trainees expressed their contentment at the end of the training programme and cited that it will be very helpful to them in the field.

A training programme was organized on the 6th of December for foresters from FTATI, Kadigodi of Karnataka forest department. They were exposed to field identification of commercially important timber species, nursery techniques for sandal and Bamboo, diseases and insect pests of Sandal and Bamboo nurseries.

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A farmers training programme was organized on the 27th of December in Devanahalli taluk of Rural Bangalore district. A total of 65 farmers/ women’s self help groups/ staff of Karnataka Forest Department attended the training programme. They were given information on laws, policies and schemes of KFD for cultivation of Sandal wood and other promising tree species like

Melia dubia, propagation, nursery practices and possible agro-forestry models for sandal cultivation, pests and disease management of Sandal and marketing and protection of Sandal. The farmers were mainly apprehensive about the protection aspects and the policies and schemes of the KFD with regards to cultivation of sandal



Visit of dignitaries, their comments (if any) in visitor's book, dates etc. with their photographs

A talk on "Research, Administration and Use of ICT" by Shri. Anil Oberoi, HoFF, M.P Forest Department was organized on the 4th of December 2014, at IWST, Bangalore. All the scientists, officers and research staff attended the programme. The talk was mainly focused on the importance of information and communication technology in the improved management of forests in India with special reference to Madya Pradesh.

A talk on " National Forest Monitoring in International Policy processes(focus: UN-FCCC)", by Dr. Christoph Kleinn, Professor of Forest Inventory and Remote Sensing, Burckhardt- Institute at the Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology, Germany was organized on the 11th of December 2014, at IWST, Bangalore. All the scientists, officers and research staff attended the programme. The talk was mainly focused on the importance of remote sensing along with ground truthing in forest inventory with special reference to guidelines of REDD++.



A talk on 'Wood production potential from agro-forestry/farming systems in India and Future Needs' by Dr. KD Singh, IFS (Retd) and Ex. Director, FAO-FRA was organized on the 13th of December. All the scientists, officers and research staff attended the programme.



Any other important activity worth reporting:

An exposure visit to 42 SFS officer trainees from Central Academy for State Forest Services, Dehra Dun was organized on the 6th of December. They were addressed by the GCR, Dr. Avinash Kanfode, I.F.S. They were exposed to the research activities being taken up in the institute and also explained about the museum by Dr. Ritesh Kumar D.Ram.

An exposure visit to FRLHT (Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions), Bangalore was organized for the scientists and officers of IWST on the 18th of December. The Founder of FRLHT, Dr. Darshan Shankar gave us a brief overview of the objectives and goal of the foundation which was followed by a visit to the labs, medicinal garden and medicinal plant nursery.