

**REPORT ON TRAINING PROGRAM ON FORESTS, WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT
CONSERVATION**

(3rd to 5th December, 2014)

at

Institute of Wood Science & Technology, Bengaluru

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A three day training program on “Forests, Wildlife and Environment Conservation” was conducted from 3rd to 5th December 2014 at Institute of Wood Science & Technology, Bengaluru. A total of 16 participants from Gadag, Bangalore Urban, Kollegal and Coorg (List enclosed) from different departments (Horticulture, Agriculture, Veterinary, sports, etc.) other than forests Sri. C. Venkatasubbaiah, IFS, Additional PCCF (Personal & Recruitment), Karnataka Forest Department, Bangalore was the Chief Guest, Dr. Perumal , Prof. (Emeritus), IISc., Bangalore was the special invitee. Dr. V. Ramakantha, IFS Director was the guest during the programme.

Dr. Pankaj K. Aggarwal, Extension Officer, IWST welcomed the guest and participants. Dr. V. Ramakantha, Director of IWST in his address emphasized the relevance of training program being imparted to the departments other than forestry sector. Dr. Perumal gave a keynote address on forest, management and water. He stressed the need of scientific management of water resources and conservation of forests. Sri. C. Venkatasubbaiah gave the Chief Guest Address. He highlighted the importance of forest and wildlife and explained that very survival of human being is dependent on conservation of forests. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Anil Sethy, Scientist C IWST

On 3rd December, 2014, Dr. Shakti Singh Chauhan, Scientist E IWST delivered a talk on “ Importance of wood in current climate change scenario” wherein he stressed the

need to utilize wood in a rational manner with special reference to climate change. Mr. Dinesh Nayak, Mangalore SEZ Ltd., Mangalore on "Floral diversity of Western Ghats with special reference to medicinal plants" and explained the uses of medicinal plants in day to day life. Prof. M.K. Ramesh, Professor, National Law School of Indian University, Bangalore on "Important acts and policies for protection and conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in India". Prof Ramesh emphasized that all the departments to know the acts and to follow them so that wildlife and forests can be conserved. Dr. Indu K Murthy, CES, IISc., Bangalore on "Climate change and its possible impacts".

On 4th December 2014, lectures were given by Mr. R. Gokul, IFS, Nagarhole National Park, Mysore on "Human Wildlife Conflict with special reference to elephants". Mr Gokul gave ample examples of man-animal conflict and provides solutions how to avoid them. Mr. Kunal, Jungle Lodges and Resorts, Bangalore on "Case study on a successful ecotourism model in India". Mr. Surjith Bhujabal, IRS, Commissioner, Central Excise, Bangalore on "Wildlife Conservation: Legal Framework". Dr. A.N.Arun Kumar, Scientist E, IWST, Bangalore on "Is India losing its sandalwood resource?". Dr Arun gave statistical figures of Sandalwood production and explained in details how to conserve this important species. Mr. Kris Madhusudhan, Mysore on "Waste water management and treatments solutions, lake restoration, inline sewage water treatment.

On 5th December 2014, the participants were taken to the Wood Museum of IWST where they were briefed about the activities of the Institute. Later they visited the Bannerghatta Nature Camp wherein they were taken to have first hand information on wildlife conservation.











