



TRAINING REPORT ON
RED SANDERS – LORD’S OWN TREE
(Under VVK, Coimbatore)

27th March, 2024

ICFRE - INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS & TREE BREEDING, COIMBATORE

ICFRE - Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore imparted one day training on ‘**Red Sanders – Lord’s Own Tree**’ to the Officials of Tamil Nadu Forest Department on 27th March, 2024 under VVK, Coimbatore under CAMPA – Extension financial support. The training was attended by 25 forest officials from Coimbatore forest circle. The main objective of the training is to emphasize on selection of CPTs, production of quality planting stock, cultivation package, market potential and product development, thus ensuring a complete value chain and boost the Red Sanders based industry.

Dr. S. Saravanan, Head, Extension, ICFRE-IFGTB, welcomed the gathering and gave an overview of the training module – objectives and expected outcomes. Shri. S. Ramasubramaniam, IFS, CF & Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR), Coimbatore, inaugurated the training. Dr. R. Yasodha, GCR, ICFRE-IFGTB, during her address highlighted the technologies of ICFRE-IFGTB in plantation forestry and the focus areas wherein ICFRE-IFGTB and TNFD can work together. She also added that Red Sanders guidelines, based on scientific principles and practices should be made available to the growers to get a better quality yield in short period. Shri. S. Ramasubramaniam, IFS, during in his inaugural speech, he emphasized greater opportunities to harness the market potential by increasing Red Sanders production and ensuring establishment of a suitable value chain ecosystem. He also added that the species is under threat from deforestation & illegal logging. So, it is important that the species is managed sustainably by encouraging in community forestry programmes and working with local authorities to implement better regulation and enforcement. He also

stressed that, research institutions should supply the quality planting material to farmers for higher and quality of heart wood. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, ICFRE-IFGTB during his address spoke about the strengthening Knowledge base of Red Sanders species and exploring new emerging areas to make the industry competitive. He also stressed that the need of the hour to promote capacity building, and awareness generation for development of Red Sanders. The inaugural session ended with vote of thanks by Smt. R.G. Anithaa, Technical Officer, ICFRE-IFGTB.

During the training program, resource persons from ICFRE-IFGTB, ICFRE-IWST, ICFRE-IFB and APFD were shared their experience on various topics *viz.*,

1. Inputs on Red Sanders cultivation in farmlands – Prospects & problems by Shri. M. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist-E, ICFRE-IFGTB
2. Domestication prospects of Red Sanders – an endangered species of Eastern Ghats by Dr. S. Pattanaik, Scientist- G, ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad
3. Wood properties, grading and anatomy of Red Sanders wood and trade by Dr. Anil Kumar Sethy, Scientist -E, ICFRE-IWST-Bangalore
4. Challenges in Red Sanders protection and other challenges by Shri. B. N. N. Murthy, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh Forest Dept and
5. Value Addition & Commercialization of Red Sanders by Dr. N. Senthil Kumar, Scientist- F, ICFRE- IFGTB.

The program concluded with the feedback and valedictory session. Dr. S. Saravanan, Head, Extension shared his impressions on the training program. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, ICFRE-IFGTB, during his valedictory address highlighted the role of forest officials in creating the awareness on species identity, price, marketing and export potential of farm growers Red Sanders and promoting Red Sander plantation in farmers field and distributed the certificates to the participants. The program ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. S. Saravanan, Head, Extension.

**Director
ICFRE-IFGTB**



Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, during his address



Shri. S. Ramasubramaniam, CF, during his inaugural address



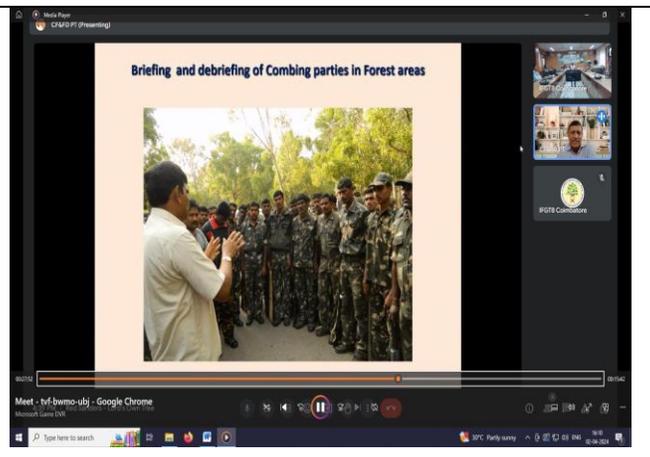
Shri. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist, on "Red Sanders cultivation"



Dr. N. Senthilkumar on "Red Sanders Value addition and commercialisation"



Dr.S. Pattanaik , Scientist, IFB on "Domestication prospects of Red Sanders"



Shri.B.N.N.Murthy, IFS,CCF, Andhra pradesh on "Challenges in protection of Red Sanders "



Feedback from participants



Certificate distribution