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Background:

Teak (*Tectona grandis*) with its outstanding physical and aesthetic qualities is recognized as one of the most important and valuable hardwoods in the world. Natural and planted teak forests are found in about 70 tropical countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Given the importance of teak's prominent position in the global timber market and its potential to contributing to national economic growth and local livelihoods, the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC) at its 53rd Session in Peru in 2017 approved an activity entitled “Enhancing Teak Management” under ITTO Biennial Work Program for 2018-2019 as a comprehensive global activity to improve the management and marketing of both natural and planted teak in all three tropical regions.

In November 2018, the Federal Republic of Germany through the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture financed the first stage of this activity in the Greater Mekong Sub-region. ITTO has been supporting teak related projects with a focus on genetic resources conservation and sustainable management of natural and planted teak forests in Africa, Asia and Latin America since the 1990s. Based on the such extended work of ITTO on teak, this project aims to assist governments, local communities and smallholders to enhance natural teak forest management, production and marketing through the establishment of legal and sustainable wood supply chains to improve local economy and local communities' livelihood in the Mekong region. The teak project has commenced since 1 March 2019 in five countries, namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam with contribution of implementing agencies in the five countries.

Objectives:

The inception workshop is a great opportunity to formally launch the teak project with participation of representatives of the five implementing agencies, the donor and wider stakeholders in Thailand. Specifically, the workshop aims to

- Overview the conservation and sustainable management of teak forests in Thailand – policy development and supporting research and development;
- Review the effective implementation of the teak project; project management structure, logical framework matrix, stakeholders' consultation mechanisms, reporting, monitoring and evaluation, outreaching as well as the project's exit strategy;
- Review the implementation plans of operations for the teak project, selection of demonstration sites and organization of regional capacity building workshops; and
- Learn from Thai teak-based SFM good practices of in-situe and ex-site conservation of teak genetic resources and management of natural and planted teak forests in Lam Pang Province, Thailand

ITTO Teak Project

“Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region”

Tuesday 23 April 2019, Chaophaya Park Hotel, Bangkok

First Meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC)

Provisional Agenda

9:00 – 12:30

Item	Subject
Item 1	Opening of the Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by the chairperson, Dr. Nikhom Laemsak, Dean of Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University• Remarks by the donor representatives: Ms Silke Hertrich, International Projects on Forestry by the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and Ms Claudia Ebach, Counsellor for Food and Agriculture, German Embassy in Bangkok• Remarks by Dr Gerhard Dieterle, Executive Director of ITTO
Item 2	Self-introduction by the participants and Group Photo
Item 3	Review of the project structure and implementation <p>Project Steering Committee will receive presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) ITTO Project Manager 1 (Dr Ma) will make a presentation on overall structure of the project(ii) Regional Project Leader (Prof Yongyut) will present implementation arrangements of the project(iii) Representative of the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture – BMEL (Ms Silke) will introduce BMEL rules and procedures relating to the implementation of the teak project(iv) ITTO Project Manager 2 (Dr Tetra) will make a presentation on ITTO project related rules and procedures for reporting of project results and project cash flow and financial statements
Coffee/Tea Break	
Item 4	Review of the first year Yearly Plan of Operation <p>Five country project leaders/assistants (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam) will present the 1st year plan of Operation for each country</p>
Item 5	Project Recommendations <p>Project Steering Committee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review, evaluate, approve and adopt reports presented at the PSC meeting• Discuss any issues arising from presentations, including possible modification/improvement to project implementation and/or the budget• Provide recommendations to contribute to effective implementation of the project <p>The chairperson may summarize the main recommendations made during the meeting</p>
Item 6	Other Business <p>Project Steering Committee will review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization of next PSC meeting (time and location)• Any other matters• Arrangements regarding the preparation and signing of the minutes
Item 7	Closing of the Meeting

14:00-16:30 First Meeting of the Project Technical Meeting
(Agenda will be circulated later)

ITTO Teak Project
**“Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and
 Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region”**

Wed, 24 April 2019 (10:30-12:00) Chaophaya Park Hotel, Bangkok

Launching Ceremony

Time	Item
10:00 - 10:30	Registration
10:30 - 11:10	Opening ceremony
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by Director-General, Royal Forest Department, Thailand • Welcome remarks by President of Kasetsart University • Welcome remarks by Mr. Jan Scheer, Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Economic Section, German Embassy to Thailand • Welcome remarks by Dr Gerhard Dieterle, Executive Director, ITTO <p>Group photo</p>
11:10 – 11:50	Key note speeches
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable forest management for economic promotion in Thailand by Senator Prof. Sanit Aksornkoe, Thailand Parliament • Gene Conservation, Research and Development of teak (<i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f.) in Thailand by Dr Suwan Tangmitcharoen, Senior Expert, RFD
11:50 – 12:20	Press release
	Participants: RFD DG, German Ambassador, ITTO ED, Senator Prof. Sanit Aksornkoe, RFD and selected teak experts
12:20 – 13:40	Lunch at Chaophaya Park Hotel

Note:

8:30-10:00

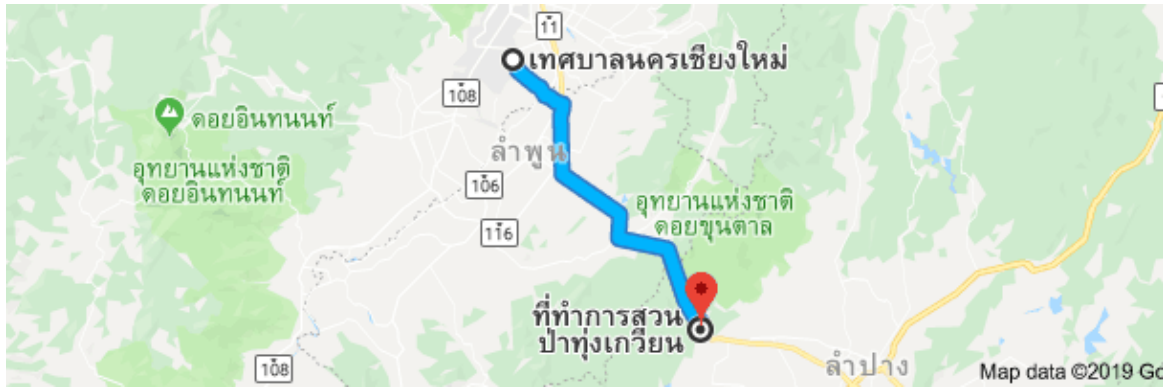
1st Meeting of the Project Technical Meeting
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Consultation meeting between ITTO and BMEL
representative

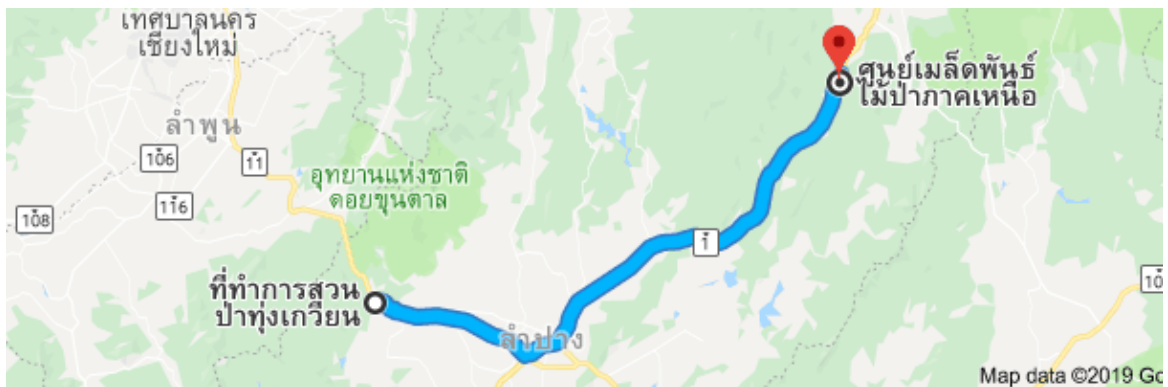
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR FIELD EXCURSION

- Date: Wed-Thu, 24-25 April 2019
- Venue: Lam Pang Province, Thailand

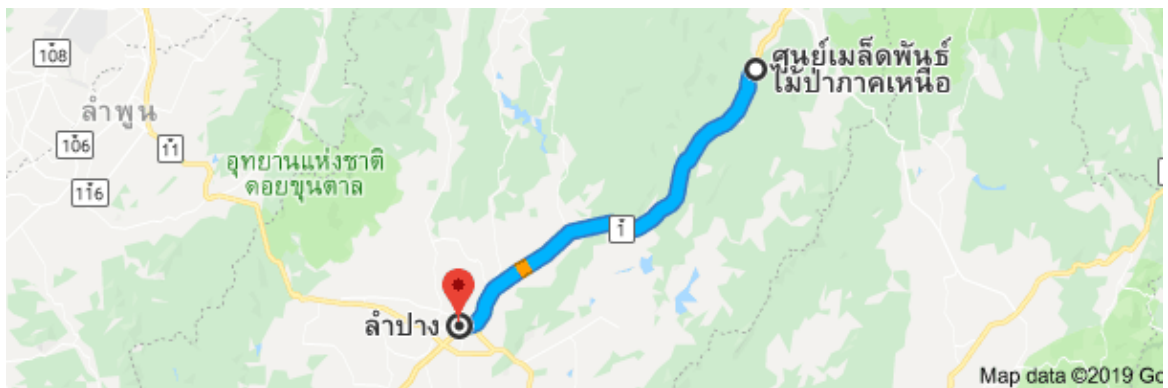
1st Day: Wed, 24 April 2019 (after Launching Ceremony)		
14:40	Departure from Chapaya Park Hotel to Bangkok Don Mueng Airport	
16:30	Departing from Bangkok (Don Mueng Airport) to Chiang Mai Airport	Thailion air SL518
17:45	Arrival at Chiang Mai Airport	
19:30	Dinner at and stay overnight in Chiang Mai at Duangtawan Hotel	https://www.duangtawanhotelchiangmai.com/th/
2nd Day: Thu, 25 April 2019		
08.30-11:00	Visit ThungKwianTeak Plantations being managed by the Forestry Industry Organization of Thai (62 km, 1 hr 5 min)	https://www.facebook.com/TungkwainFIO/
11:00-12:30	Departing to Northern Seed Center, RFD	
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch at Northern Seed Center, RFD	
13:15 – 15:00	Visit Northern Seed Center, RFD and HuaiTak Man and Biosphere Reserve, NgaoDistrict to Ma Ka Seed Orchard being managed by RFD (101 km, 1 hr30 min)	http://forestinfo.forest.go.th/Dep_Detail.aspx?id=260 http://www.unesco.org/mabdb/br/brdir/directory/biores.asp?mode=all&code=tha+02
15:00 - 17:30	Departing from HuaiTak MAB to Chiangmai (150 km, 2 hr)	
18:45	Departing Chiangmai Airport to Bangkok (Don Mueng Airport)	Thai Lion air SL517
20:05	Arrival at Don Mueng Airport and stay over-night at Chaophaya Park Hotel (departure from Suvannabbum) and Asia Airport Hotel (departure from Don Mueng)	



Direction from Chiang Mai (north) to Thung Kwien Teak Plantation (south); 62 km 1 hr 5 min



Direction from Thung Kwien Teak Plantation (west) to Northern Seed Center and Huai Tak MAB; 62 km; 101 km, 1 hr 30 min



Direction from Northern Seed Center to Lam Pang; 68 km, 1 hr



Huai Tak MAB



Northern Seed Center, Lam Pang



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Annex 1: Brief of ITTO project on Teak in Mekong

Project Title: Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region

ITTO Project Number: PP-A/54-331

Project Objective: Enhancing natural teak forest management, production and marketing to facilitate the establishment of legal and sustainable wood supply chains in the Mekong region

Donor: Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMEL)

Project signed: ITTO with BMEL 06 November 2018

Duration: 36 months

Starting Date: 1 March 2019

Completion Date (Planned) : 28 February 2022

Executing Agency: International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

Implementing Agencies:

Cambodia: Forestry Administration (FA)

Lao PDR: National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)

Myanmar: Forestry Department/Forest Research Institute

Thailand: Royal Forest Department (RFD) and Kasetsart University (KU)

Vietnam: Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences (VAFS)

Total Project Budget: USD 1,236,250
Executing & Implementing Agencies contributions in-kind

Annex 2: List of members of Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Project Technical Committee (PTC)

Project Steering Committee (PSC)

1. Director General of Royal Forest Department	Chairman
2. Dean, Kasetsart University Faculty of Forestry	Co-chairman
3. Director General of Department of National Parks (DNP)	Member
4. Managing Director of Forest Industry Organization	Member
5. Representative of Forest Administration Cambodia	Member
6. Representative of National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI), Lao PDR	Member
7. Representative of Forestry Department, Myanmar	Member
8. Representative of Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences	Member
9. Representative of ITTO	Member
10. Representative of the Germany Embassy to Bangkok (Counsellor for Food and Agr., Mrs. Claudia Ebach)	Member
11. Representative of the GTZ (Mrs. Kanokkwan Sawattecha)	Member
12. President of Forestry Alumni Association, Thailand	Member
13. Director of Research and Forest Development Office, RFD	Member
14. Director of Forest Plantation Extension, RFD	Member
15. Chairman of Project Technical Committee (Dr. Suwan Tangmitcharoen)	Member
16. Thailand National Project Coordinator, RFD (Mr. Sapol Boonsermsuk)	Member
17. Regional Project Leader	Member and Secretary

Project Technical Committee (PTC)

1. Lao PDR National Project Coordinator (Vongvilay VONGKHAMSAO)	Member
2. Cambodia National Project Coordinator (Chheang Dany)	Member
3. Myanmar National Project Coordinator (Dr. Thaug Naing Oo)	Member
4. Thailand National Project Coordinator (Mr. Sapol Boonsermsuk)	Member
5. Vietnam National Project Coordinator (Dr. Trần Lâm Đồng)	Member
6. Director of Nursery Division, RFD	Member
7. Director of Silviculture Division, RFD	Member
8. Representative of Forest Industry Organization (Mr. Narongchai Chinlapap)	Member
9. Representative of Protected Area Rehabilitation and Development Office, DNP	Member
10. Dr. Saroch Wattanasuksakil, Senior Expert (Teak), RFD	Member
11. Mrs. Yinglak pathiyanwetha (Chair, Thailand Private Forest Plantation Cooperatives)	Member
12. Thailand National Project Coordinator, RFD (Mr. Sapol Boonsermsuk)	Member
13. Representative of ITTO	Member
14. Regional Project Leader	Member and Secretary