



Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016

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TEAKNET Partner Event *Global Significance of Teak- Present and Future*

Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2016
Venue: Widus Hotel, Atlantic Room
Time: 15:30- 18:00hrs

Programme

Chairperson : Dr. Michael Kleine Dy. Executive Director IUFRO HQ, Vienna, Austria		
Time	Speakers	Topic
Welcome Address by the Session Chair: Dr. Michael Kleine, Dy. Executive Director IUFRO HQ, Austria		
15:45-16:05	Dr. P.K. Thulasidas Coordinator TEAKNET, India	Teak Resources for a Sustainable Future
16:05-16:20	Ms. Sreelakshmy. M.P Coordinator PR & Communications TEAKNET, India	TEAKNET for Global Teak Community
16:20-16:40	Mr. Li Qiang Systems/Market Analyst Trade and Industry Division ITTO, Japan	Teak Market Reports
16:40-17:00	Dr. Doreen Goh Managing Director YSG Biotech, Malaysia	Rationale for Teak Clonal Plantations
17:00-17:20	Dr. Michael Kleine Dy. Executive Director IUFRO HQ, Austria	IUFRO Workshops and Global Teak Support Programme
17:20-18:00	Discussion & Concluding remarks	

Teak Resources for a Sustainable Future

P.K. Thulasidas, Coordinator, TEAKNET, India

In the past 10 years period (2005-2014) the global trade of teak roundwood was above 1 million m³ on average per year. The estimated market share of teak logs in total round wood volume production is estimated < 2% only. The global demand for teak is expected to grow and will continue to be governed by trends in the Asian markets. World's supply of teakwood will depend on tropical teak plantations in future. Globally, planted teak is the only emerging hardwood resource that is increasing in terms of area. Production of genetically improved quality planting stock is a pre-requisite for increased productivity of teak plantations.

TEAKNET for Global Teak Community

M.P. Sreelakshmy, Coordinator- PR & Communications, TEAKNET, India

The goal of TEAKNET is to transform the global teak sector from its current suboptimal state to that of a dynamic entity for the benefit of all stakeholders of the sector. The most basic activity of TEAKNET is information exchange which is achieved through its website www.teaknet.org and the TEAKNET Bulletin. Apart from the networking, TEAKNET also undertakes much promotional activities on teak and its products. While considering its outreach to the public from the past years, TEAKNET was identified as a global teak information network that supports knowledge transfer to its stakeholders at a global level.

Rationale for Teak Clonal Plantations

Doreen Goh, Managing Director, YSG Biotech, Malaysia

Yayasan Sabah Group Biotech (YSG Biotech), a commercial subsidiary of the Sabah Foundation Group is involved in the mass clonal propagation of superior teak trees using efficient nursery and tissue culture techniques developed jointly with the forestry division of CIRAD in the early 1990s. The availability of teak clones selected from these genetic resources for fast growth, superior timber qualities and pest and disease-free traits, has prompted the establishment of large-scaled plantations with faster and higher returns for investors. Timber from clonal teak will provide the best alternative to overcoming market shortage arising from a ban in the exportation of teak from the more-prized natural stands.

Teak Market Reports

Li Qiang, Systems/Market Analyst, Trade and Industry Division, ITTO, Japan

While reviewing the global demand for wood production, particular attention is focused on the supply and market trends and demand of teakwood traded across the globe.

IUFRO Workshops and Global Teak Support Programme

Michael Kleine, Dy. Executive Director, IUFRO HQ, Austria

The FAO conference held in June 2013 adopted the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Development and Sustainable Use of Forest Genetic Resources. Globally, teak resources from the natural forests are fast depleting and threatens the gene pool while at the same time, planted teak areas expanded. The international partners IUFRO, FAO and TEAKNET envisaged a Global Teak Support Programme that promote the initiation of a large-scale international research, development and cooperation programme to strengthen the conservation and sustainable use of teak genetic resources for the benefit of teak growers, the forest industries, investors and local communities.