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Editorial

Greetings for the Year 2026!

TEAKNET ushers to 2026 with new hopes and aspirations. During the past 30 years, TEAKNET has established a global network of teak cultivators, traders, private enterprises, plantation managers, researchers, students and other stakeholders. TEAKNET has been successful in disseminating relevant information on teak cultivation and management, provides custom made solutions to different stakeholders. The success of this network is the result of each of your valuable contributions and we seek your continued support in all our future endeavours.

In 2025, TEAKNET successfully organized the 5th edition of the World Teak Conference during 17 – 20 September 2025 at Grand Hyatt Bolgatty, Kochi, Kerala, India. The mega event was attended by 300+ participants from 43 countries spanning 6 continents. In this issue, we present to you a glimpse of all the major activities undertaken by TEAKNET in the year 2025. In addition, market price of plantation teak imported to India and our regular column on teak prices are provided for the benefit of our readers.

We invite your feedback on issues related to teak and articles, news, research papers etc. of non-technical nature for inclusion in the Bulletin.

S. Sandeep
TEAKNET Coordinator



Happy New Year
2026

We wish a very Happy & Prosperous New Year
to all our Readers !

Annual Report of the TEAKNET Activities in 2025

TEAKNET continued to function as a key international platform dedicated to the sustainable management, utilization, and conservation of teak resources. The organization placed strong emphasis on global knowledge exchange, capacity development, stakeholder engagement, and information dissemination. The year 2025 was particularly significant due to the successful conduct of high-profile international and regional events alongside the uninterrupted delivery of core secretariat services.

Major Programme Activities

TEAKNET initiates the ITTO funded project 'Promotion of Sustainable Teakwood Use in Domestic Markets of India'

TEAKNET is currently implementing the ITTO funded project '*Promotion of Sustainable Teakwood Use in Domestic Markets of India*'. The project initiated in June 2025 has progressed satisfactorily in line with its approved work plan and objectives. Key activities related to project such as policy reviews, stakeholder engagements, awareness creation and market linkages are at different stages of initiation or implementation and the project maintains strong momentum. One of the major modules of the project was the organization of the 5th World Teak Conference and its successful organization have strengthened knowledge exchange, enhanced stakeholder networks, and increased visibility of sustainable teak and wood use at national and international levels. With continued focus on completing the remaining activities in a timely manner, the project is well positioned to achieve its intended outcomes and contribute meaningfully to the promotion of sustainable teak wood use in the domestic markets in India.

TEAKNET in the ITTO-BMLEH project '*Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics*'

TEAKNET joined hands with participating countries in the ITTO-BMLEH project, titled "Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics" (PP-A/54-331A) for 3 years since November 2023. The project represents a significant step towards enhancing quality timber production from smallholders and community plantations in the tropical regions spanning Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Vietnam and Togo.

IUFRO-SPDC Knowledge-Sharing Workshop

In collaboration with the IUFRO Special Programme for Development of Capacities (IUFRO-SPDC), TEAKNET successfully organized a specialized knowledge-sharing workshop entitled "From Research to Restoration: Advancing Forest Landscape Restoration through Science and Collaboration," held from 14–16 September 2025 at the Kerala Forest Research Institute, India .

The Workshop theme focused on:

- * Translating scientific research into effective forest landscape restoration (FLR) practices.
- * Integrating ecological, social, and economic dimensions of restoration.
- * Role of teak and mixed-species plantations in restoration initiatives.
- * Collaboration among researchers, forest managers, policymakers, and local communities.

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Participation and outcomes:

The workshop attracted researchers, forest department officials, practitioners, and early-career professionals from Thailand, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Philippines, India and Benin. Interactive sessions, presentations, and group discussions facilitated:

- * Capacity enhancement in restoration planning and implementation.
- * Exchange of case studies and best practices from different regions.
- * Development of professional networks to support long-term collaboration in FLR initiatives.
- * The programme significantly contributed to strengthening human and institutional capacities in restoration science and practice.



IUFRO Workshop Session

The conference was enriched with thematic sessions, panel discussions, poster presentations, exhibitions and B2B meetings.

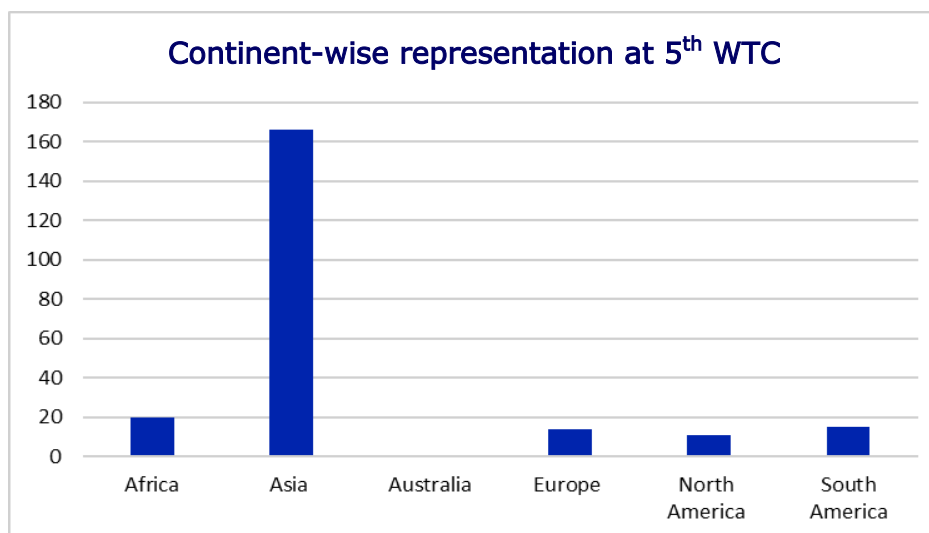
Organization of the 5th World Teak Conference

The most prominent achievement of the year was the organization of the 5th World Teak Conference held on 17-20 September in Kochi, India, which served as TEAKNET's flagship global event. The conference was attended by representatives from government institutions, the private sector, universities, research institutes and local communities from 43 countries spanning shared knowledge, experience and ideas during the conference.

The event was organized by the international Teak Information Network (TEAKNET) along with KSCSTE - Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Govt. of India and the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO). The conference was supported by FAO, MAFF (Japan), Forestry Commission - Ghana and IUFRO. Awareness and communication activities through the website, newsletters, brochures, and social media platforms were undertaken to ensure good participation from diverse teak sectors. The Conference brought together a diverse group of participants from 43 countries spanning 6 continents that included forest scientists, academicians, policymakers, plantation managers, industry representatives, traders, international organizations, and property developers .

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The conference was enriched through a well-curated blend of thematic technical sessions, high-level panel discussions, research-focused poster presentations, interactive exhibitions, and structured B2B meetings, creating a comprehensive platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration. Experts from academia, industry, policy bodies, and forest management organizations shared insights on sustainable teak cultivation, value-chain development, trade dynamics, certification, and emerging technologies.

Objectives of the Conference included:

- * Reviewing recent advances in teak research, genetics, silviculture, pest and disease management, and wood quality.
- * Examining sustainability issues related to teak plantations, natural teak forests, and global teak trade.
- * Facilitating dialogue between science, policy, and industry to support responsible teak production and utilization.
- * Strengthening international cooperation and partnerships in teak-related research and development.

The panel discussions encouraged cross-sector dialogue, addressing challenges and future opportunities for the global teak sector. The exhibition area highlighted advanced products, machinery, planting material, and services related to teak forestry and processing. Complementing these activities, dedicated B2B meetings facilitated direct interactions among growers, traders, investors, and manufacturers, fostering partnerships, investment opportunities, international cooperation, and reinforcing the WTC's role as a key global forum for the teak industry.

The poster session at the 5th World Teak Conference provided an engaging platform for researchers, students, and practitioners to present concise insights into ongoing studies, innovative practices, and field experiences related to teak forestry and the wood value chain. The session encouraged informal, one-to-one interactions, enabling participants to discuss methodologies, results, and practical implications in greater depth. Covering themes such as genetics, silviculture, sustainability, pest management, and market trends, the poster presentations enriched the scientific discourse of the conference and promoted knowledge sharing across regions and disciplines.

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Key outcomes:

- * Enhanced global exchange of scientific and technical knowledge on teak.
- * Improved understanding of emerging challenges and opportunities in the teak sector.
- * Reinforcement of TEAKNET's role as the principal global network for teak stakeholders.
- * The Conference interactions provided valuable guidance for future research priorities and policy discussions related to sustainable teak forestry.

The conference recommendations are available in the [TEAKNET website](#)



Glimpses of 5th World Teak Conference 2025

Stakeholder Consultation Meeting – Gandhidham, Gujarat

To ensure that TEAKNET's activities remain responsive to on-ground realities, a stakeholder consultation meeting was organized at the Kandla Timber Association Headquarters in Gandhidham, Gujarat, India .

Objectives of the consultation:

- * To gather practical insights from timber traders, processors, importers, and exporters.
- * To understand market trends, supply chain constraints, legality and sustainability concerns related to teak.
- * To identify priority areas where research and policy support are required.

Key insights

As one of the most active timber associations in India, the Kandla Timber Association members contributed in-depth, field-level insights during the consultation, sharing practical experiences related to timber sourcing practices, quality standards, certification challenges, and evolving trade dynamics. Their active engagement helped bridge practical industry realities with technical and policy discussions, strengthening linkages between TEAKNET, industry stakeholders, and key market actors. This exchange ensured that future programmes and initiatives are more responsive, market-relevant, and closely aligned with the actual needs and priorities of the timber sector.



Meeting with Kandla Timber Association in Gandhidham, India

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Webinar

TEAKNET successfully organized one webinar titled 'Smallholder Teak Production – Livelihoods, Market Resource & Restoration' on 02 December 2025. The session was delivered by Dr. James Roshetko of World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF), Indonesia, who shared insights on how smallholder teak production supports rural livelihoods, strengthen markets, and contributes to landscape restoration, drawing lessons from practical experience, research, and policy perspectives. The webinar was held via Zoom with participants from different regions, including researchers, forestry professionals, policymakers, and development practitioners, enabling interactive discussions on sustainable teak management, market opportunities for smallholders, and its environmental and socio-economic benefits.

Core Secretariat Activities

Throughout the year, TEAKNET's Secretariat continued to deliver its essential services efficiently, ensuring smooth functioning of the network and continuous engagement with members and partners worldwide.

Publications and Knowledge Dissemination

- * TEAKNET-Bulletin: Regular publication of the quarterly electronic newsletter, providing updates on research findings, events, policy developments, and member activities.
- * ITTO BMLEH Newsletter: Continued publication and dissemination of the Newsletter of the ITTO-BMLEH Project activities and updates

Information Services and Communication

- * Regular maintenance and updating of the official TEAKNET website to ensure accessibility of current information and technical resources.
- * Timely response to technical inquiries and information requests from researchers, practitioners, students, and institutions across the world.

Membership Development and Networking

Enrolment of new institutional and individual members, expanding the global reach of the network. At present TEAKNET has 212 membership which includes researchers, faculty members, policy makers, plantation managers and policy makers. Facilitation of professional networking and collaboration among members through events, publications, and direct communication through dedicated programmes were conducted throughout the period.

Overall Impact and Way Forward

The activities undertaken during the year 2025 significantly enhanced TEAKNET's visibility, credibility, and effectiveness as a global teak-focused network. The successful organization of international conferences and workshops, combined with strong stakeholder engagement and consistent Secretariat operations, reinforced TEAKNET's mission to promote sustainable teak forestry and evidence-based decision-making.

The experiences and insights gained during the year will guide TEAKNET in refining its strategic priorities, strengthening partnerships, and expanding its role in research, capacity building, and policy dialogue in the coming years.

Invitation to the Webinar on "Resistance drilling for indirect measurement of wood density in teak"



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Prices of Plantation Teak Imported to India

Prices for recent shipments of plantation teak logs and sawnwood imported to India. Teak log prices are in C&F US\$/Hoppus cu.m and Sawnwood prices are in C&F US\$/cu.m

Teak Logs	Hoppus cu.m	US\$ C&F
Brazil	339	505
Colombia	261	450
Costa Rica	218	350
Guatemala	230	410
South Sudan	186	685
Tanzania	282	4855

Price range depends mainly on length and cross-sections

Sawnwood	cu.m	US\$ C&F
Benin	314	670
Brazil	187	640
Costa Rica	234	510
Ghana	216	431
Ivory Coast	300	810
Nigeria	268	510
Panama	289	480
South Sudan	246	605
Togo	337	412

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