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TEAKNET Stakeholder Survey

As part of the efforts to strengthen the global teak sector, TEAKNET has launched a Stakeholder Self-Assessment Survey to gather valuable insights from our valuable stakeholders. The survey aims to assess stakeholder engagement with TEAKNET, identify emerging needs and priorities, evaluate the effectiveness of current services, and collect suggestions for enhancing future programmes and collaborations.

The feedback received will contribute to the development of more responsive initiatives, stronger networking opportunities, and improved knowledge-sharing across the global teak community.

All stakeholders are encouraged to participate and share their valuable perspectives. The survey requires only a few minutes to complete, and all responses will be treated with strict confidentiality.

[Access the Stakeholder Self-Assessment Survey here](#)



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Stronger Networks for Sustainable Teak



Editorial

TEAKNET continues to strengthen its role as a global platform for promoting sustainable teak cultivation, utilization, research, and international cooperation. Building on the momentum generated by the successful 5th World Teak Conference in 2025, the network has made significant progress in advancing its mission through capacity building, policy support, technology dissemination, and stakeholder engagement. A major milestone during this period has been the successful completion of the first year of the ITTO-supported project on Promotion of Sustainable Teakwood Use in Domestic Markets of India, which has laid a strong foundation for evidence-based policy development, market strengthening, and enhanced collaboration among researchers, industry, and policymakers.

In this issue, we present highlights of the Project Technical Committee meeting that reviewed the progress and future roadmap of the project, along with reports on the intensive training programme on teak wood utilisation and wood designing, and upcoming international collaborations aimed at strengthening business linkages in the global teak sector. We also continue our regular feature on plantation teak prices imported to India for the benefit of our readers.

We encourage our members to actively participate in the TEAKNET member survey, link of which is provided in this issue. Your proactive efforts will help us strengthen member engagement and ensure that the network evolves in line with the needs of its diverse stakeholders. As always, we warmly invite your feedback and encourage you to contribute news, experiences, innovations, and non-technical articles that will further enrich the TEAKNET Bulletin and strengthen our collective efforts towards a sustainable and vibrant global teak sector.

S. Sandeep
TEAKNET Coordinator



Project Technical Committee (PTC) Meeting

Promotion of Sustainable Teakwood Use in Domestic Markets of India

PD 933/23 Rev.2 (M)



The Project Technical Committee (PTC) Meeting of the ITTO-supported project "Promotion of Sustainable Teakwood Use in Domestic Markets of India" (PD 933/23 Rev.2 (M)) was successfully conducted at Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi, on 30 June 2026. The meeting brought together representatives from the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), KFRI, TEAKNET, and distinguished experts to review the progress achieved during the first year of project implementation and to chart the way forward.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Kannan C.S. Warriar, Director, KFRI, followed by opening remarks from Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi, Projects Manager (Trade & Industry), International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO). During the meeting, Dr. S. Sandeep, Senior Principal Scientist and TEAKNET Coordinator, presented a comprehensive overview of project activities, achievements, financial progress, and upcoming initiatives. The meeting was attended by Project Technical Committee members including Ms. Sreelakshmy M.P., Project Secretary, who coordinated the meeting proceedings.



Participants of the Project Technical Committee Meeting held at Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, on 30 June 2026

The programme concluded with insightful remarks from Prof. Yongyut Trisurat, Kasetsart University, Thailand, Dr. P.K. Thulasidas, Consultant, ITTO BMLEH Project, and a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. V. Anitha, Chief Scientist, KFRI.

Significant Progress During the First Project Year

The presentation highlighted that the project, jointly implemented by KFRI, TEAKNET, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, and ITTO, has successfully completed several major milestones during its first year. The two-year project, which commenced in June 2025, aims to promote sustainable teakwood use in domestic markets while strengthening policy support, stakeholder capacity, and market linkages.

One of the most notable achievements was the successful organization of the 5th World Teak Conference 2025 at Kochi. The conference brought together more than 260 delegates from 43 countries representing six continents, providing an important international platform for policymakers, researchers, forest managers, industry representatives, and private sector stakeholders to deliberate on the future of the global teak sector. The event also featured technical sessions, exhibitions, poster presentations, and dedicated business-to-business (B2B) meetings that strengthened international collaboration and commercial networking.



Dr. S. Sandeep presenting the Year-1 progress and future roadmap of the project

Capacity Building and Stakeholder Engagement

Capacity building remained one of the major focus areas during the reporting period. Specialized training programmes were organized on advanced teak propagation techniques, including tissue culture and clonal multiplication, to enhance the availability of quality planting materials. Another intensive 10 day training programme was conducted on teak wood utilization, value addition, and wood designing during 15 - 24 June 2026 that equipped participants with practical skills for entrepreneurship and livelihood development in the wood sector.

The project also successfully conducted a series of international technical webinars featuring globally recognized experts on smallholder teak production, wood density assessment, and advanced technologies for evaluating standing teak trees. These webinars facilitated knowledge exchange among researchers, professionals, and stakeholders from different countries.



Recognizing the importance of industry collaboration, TEAKNET expanded stakeholder networking initiatives through business interactions with wood industry associations and organizations, including collaborative engagements with New Zealand's forestry sector. These initiatives have opened new opportunities for technology transfer, bilateral cooperation, and future business partnerships.

Evidence-Based Policy Development Underway

An important component of the project focuses on developing policy recommendations to promote sustainable domestic wood consumption.

Comprehensive desk studies and field surveys are currently being undertaken across selected regions in India to understand supply-demand trends, timber trade, pricing patterns, and stakeholder perspectives. These studies will provide the scientific basis for preparing policy recommendations on domestic wood certification, legal timber supply chains, and sustainable market development.

Financial Progress and Future Activities

The PTC reviewed the project's financial and implementation status and noted that activities are progressing according to schedule. Major Year-1 deliverables, including stakeholder engagement programmes, capacity-building activities, communication campaigns, business networking initiatives, and the organization of the 5th World Teak Conference, have been successfully completed. Policy studies and documentation activities are progressing as planned and will continue during the second year of the project.

The Committee also reviewed the financial status of the project. The financial progress was found to be satisfactory and aligned with the approved work plan.

Roadmap for the Second Year

The Committee discussed several priority activities for the coming year, including:

- ⇒ Publication of the E-Book on '*Sustainable Development of the Global Teak Sector – Adapting to Future Markets and Environments*'
- ⇒ Continuation of the international webinar series
- ⇒ Advanced training on forest genomics and quality planting material production
- ⇒ Completion of nationwide market studies and stakeholder consultations
- ⇒ Preparation of a policy document promoting sustainable domestic wood certification and wood consumption
- ⇒ Expansion of international business networking and industry partnerships



Members of the Project Technical Committee engaged in technical discussions during the PTC Meeting



Prof. Yongyut Trisurat, Kasetsart University, Thailand (Left) and Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi, Projects Manager, Trade & Industry, International Tropical Timber Organization, Japan (Right) during the discussion

Looking Ahead

The Project Technical Committee appreciated the substantial progress achieved during the first year and emphasized the importance of maintaining strong collaboration among government agencies, research institutions, industry stakeholders, and international partners. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to promoting sustainable teakwood utilization, strengthening domestic wood markets, and supporting India's broader objectives of sustainable forestry, value addition, and self-reliance in the wood sector.

The detailed PTC Report is available on the [Teaknet Website](#)

Report of the Ten-Days Training on Teak Wood Utilisation and Wood Design

A ten-day hands-on training programme on "*Teak Wood Utilisation and Wood Designing*" from 15-24 June 2026 jointly organised by the College of Forestry, Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Thrissur, TEAKNET and the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI). The programme was designed to provide participants with comprehensive theoretical knowledge and intensive practical exposure to teak wood utilization, wood identification, woodworking techniques, wood carving, wood designing, finishing, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the wood-based sector. The programme aimed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industrial practices by offering participants direct interaction with experts, craftsmen, researchers, and entrepreneurs working in the field of wood science and technology.

The training programme received an overwhelming response from across the country, with 54 applications from aspiring participants. Based on predefined selection criteria and considering the practical nature of the programme, 15 participants were selected. The participants represented diverse professional backgrounds, including information technology professionals, furniture entrepreneurs, driftwood artisans, social workers, and students, making the programme highly interdisciplinary and interactive. They hailed from the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, with an average participant age of approximately 26 years, creating an energetic and enthusiastic learning environment.



The poster for the "Training Programme on Teak Wood Utilization and Wood Designing" features a title at the top with decorative floral elements. Below the title, the dates "15-24 June, 2026" are displayed in a green banner. The organizing institutions, "Kerala Agricultural University, College of Forestry, Department of Forest Products and Utilisation, Thrissur, Kerala, India," are listed. The "PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS" section includes: Characteristics and processing methods of teak wood; Identification and quality assessment of teak wood; Manufacture of various value-added products from teak wood; Production of handicrafts using modern technology like CNC; Introduction to traditional and modern carpentry tools; and Design and development of curio products from teak wood. A "REGISTER HERE" button and a QR code are provided for registration. The bottom of the poster lists the organizing bodies: KAU, KFRI, LIFE, TEAKNET, ITO, and MAFF.

Training Programme on

Teak Wood Utilization and Wood Designing

15-24 June, 2026

Kerala Agricultural University
College of Forestry
Department of Forest Products and Utilisation
Thrissur, Kerala, India

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Characteristics and processing methods of teak wood
- Identification and quality assessment of teak wood
- Manufacture of various value-added products from teak wood
- Production of handicrafts using modern technology like CNC.
- Introduction to traditional and modern carpentry tools
- Design and development of curio products from teak wood

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Experts from KAU, KFRI, and the wood industry led interactive sessions covering a wide range of topics such as teak wood characteristics and processing techniques, wood quality assessment, value-added product manufacturing, traditional and modern carpentry tools, and product design and development. Special emphasis was given to the application of modern technologies, including Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining, for the production of handicrafts and customized wood products.

Objectives of the Programme

The training was organized with the following objectives:

- * To enhance participants' knowledge of teak wood by providing scientific understanding of its properties, characteristics, identification, processing, and utilization.
- * To develop practical skills in wood identification through hands-on training in gross wood anatomy, microscopic wood anatomy, and tree-ring analysis.
- * To provide hands-on experience in woodworking by familiarizing participants with woodworking hand tools, machines, workshop practices, and safety procedures.
- * To impart knowledge and practical skills in wood designing and wood carving, enabling participants to create value-added wood products using traditional craftsmanship and modern design techniques.
- * To introduce modern woodworking technologies, including CNC programming, digital wood designing, and advanced manufacturing practices adopted in the wood industry.
- * To expose participants to furniture manufacturing and wood-based enterprises through industrial and institutional visits, thereby bridging the gap between classroom learning and industrial applications.
- * To promote entrepreneurship in the wood sector by introducing participants to business incubation facilities, startup opportunities, value addition, and commercialization of wood products.
- * To improve participants' skills in wood finishing techniques, including sanding, polishing, staining, and protective coating methods for enhancing product quality and durability.
- * To create awareness about sustainable utilization of teak and other forest resources, emphasizing responsible wood utilization, environmental conservation, and resource efficiency.
- * To provide a platform for interaction among researchers, academicians, master craftsmen, entrepreneurs, and participants, encouraging knowledge exchange, networking, and collaborative learning.
- * To strengthen the technical competency of participants so that they can effectively apply the acquired knowledge and practical skills in their professional careers, entrepreneurial ventures, research activities, and community development programmes.
- * To encourage innovation in wood product development by integrating traditional woodworking practices with modern design concepts and emerging technologies for producing high-value, sustainable wood products.

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Hands-on demonstrations and practical training sessions enabled participants to gain direct exposure to wood crafting techniques, design principles, and contemporary manufacturing processes. The sessions also highlighted the economic potential of teak-based enterprises and the importance of sustainable utilization of timber resources.

Through technical presentations, case studies, and expert discussions, stakeholders were introduced to emerging trends in wood product design, efficient processing technologies, and diversified applications of teak wood. This enhanced their understanding of how value-added products can improve resource utilization, increase market opportunities, and generate greater economic returns across the teak value chain. The training emphasized the significant potential for entrepreneurship and business development within the teak sector. The discussions during the training sessions encouraged innovative thinking and demonstrated how sustainable teak-based enterprises can create employment opportunities, particularly for youth and emerging entrepreneurs, while contributing to the growth of the sector. The diversity of participants was one of the key highlights of the training programme, bringing together individuals from various professional backgrounds and regions.

Organisers noted that the programme witnessed exceptional enthusiasm and active participation throughout the ten days. Participants appreciated the blend of scientific knowledge, practical training, and industry-oriented exposure, describing the programme as highly beneficial for both professional advancement and entrepreneurial development.

This training emphasized the need for skill development initiatives that bridge the gap between research, industry, and traditional craftsmanship. They expressed confidence that the knowledge gained during the programme would contribute to promoting value addition, innovation, and sustainable growth in Kerala's wood-based sector.



Glimpses of the Training Sessions



Participants of the Training Programme

The successful conduct of the programme reflects the continued commitment of TEAKNET towards capacity building and technological advancement in the forestry and wood products sector, while fostering entrepreneurship and sustainable resource utilization across the state.

Upcoming Events

New Zealand Wood Industry Business Delegation Visit to Teaknet

Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi, Kerala
5 August 2026

The forthcoming visit of the New Zealand Wood Industry Business Delegation marks an important step towards fostering international collaboration in sustainable forestry, wood utilization, technology transfer, and business partnerships.

The interaction aims to promote knowledge exchange, strengthen industry linkages, and explore new opportunities for bilateral cooperation between India and New Zealand in the sustainable wood sector. The purpose of this meeting is strengthening the global partnerships for sustainable wood trade

Programme Highlights

- ✓ Interaction with Experts & Traders
- ✓ Business-to-Business (B2B) Discussions
- ✓ Collaboration on Sustainable Wood Markets
- ✓ Networking with Industry & Researchers
- ✓ Visit to KFRI Facilities

Interested in Participating?

Indian wood traders interested in exploring business collaboration opportunities with the New Zealand Wood Industry Delegation are invited to register their interest. TEAKNET will communicate further details to the registered participants.



NEW ZEALAND WOOD INDUSTRY BUSINESS DELEGATION

Visit to

KSCSTE- Kerala Forest Research Institute & TEAKNET, Kerala, India

5 AUGUST 2026

NEW ZEALAND INDIA

STRENGTHENING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE WOOD TRADE

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome & Interaction with TEAKNET & KFRI
- Business-to-Business (B2B) Discussions
- Collaboration on Sustainable Wood Markets
- Networking with Industry & Research Partners
- Visit to KFRI Facilities

This visit aims to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange and business partnerships between New Zealand and India in the sustainable wood sector.

Register here

DATE
5 August 2026

VENUE
KSCSTE-Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, Kerala, India

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Logos of participating organizations: Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, LIFE, TEAKNET, ITTO, MAFF.

[Register Here](#), if interested



Prices of Plantation Teak Imported to India

Prices for recent shipments of plantation teak logs and sawnwood imported to India

Teak Logs	US\$ C&F
Brazil	547
Colombia	495
Costa Rica	395
Tanzania	515
South Sudan	720
Guatemala	420

Price range depends mainly on length and cross-sections

Courtesy: ITTO TTM Report 30:13 01-15 July 2026

Sawnwood	US\$ C&F
Benin	685
Brazil	685
Costa Rica	555
Ghana	460
Ivory Coast	825
Nigeria	465
South Sudan	625
Togo	540
Panama	523

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