

3rd International Training Course in India on

SUSTAINABLE NTFP MANAGEMENT FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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INTRODUCTION

Awareness about the crucial role that the Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) play in supporting the livelihoods of the forest-dependent communities has grown manifold in the past decade. Policy makers, funding organisations, governments and voluntary organisations working in the forestry sector are convinced that sustainable management of NTFPs has become an inseparable part of pro-poor forest management. For harnessing the potential of NTFP resources as a means to raise the income standards, adequate knowledge about the theory and practice of NTFP resource production, harvesting, processing and marketing is a pre-requisite. Hence, in the field of sustainable NTFP management, the focus has now shifted to activities that can directly contribute to the development of the sector.

Key capacity requirements in this context include evolving - methodologies for continuous assessment of the NTFP resources, management of both formal and informal local knowledge in the NTFP sector, NTFP cultivation and propagation techniques, assessing the feasibility of NTFP-based enterprises and sourcing finance for such initiatives, and developing an understanding of certification and other institutional issues related to NTFPs. In view of this felt need for conceptual clarity and skill enhancement in the area of sustainable NTFP management, that this training course has been designed.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Increase understanding of contemporary issues in Sustainable NTFP Management, including NTFP Production, Assessment, Inventorization and MIS development, Value Addition, Marketing and Certification.
- ✓ Develop skills in identifying opportunities for NTFP based enterprise development through innovation and tested tools and techniques.
- ✓ Provide a forum for learning and experience sharing to facilitate application of strategies and approaches learned in the course back in the participants' own work situation.

COURSE CONTENT

I. Introduction & Overview

- Introduction to the course
- Sharing NTFP management experiences from different regions of the country
- Sharing NTFP management experiences from the participants' countries

II. NTFP Resource Assessment and Sustainability Issues

- Resource Assessment – techniques and constraints
- NTFP Inventorization
- Development of Criteria for resource sustainability & their application
- Biodiversity Conservation Issues

III. NTFP Production, Cultivation and Harvest

- Importance of Sustainable NTFP production and harvesting regime
- Periodicity & NTFP flow
- Nursery raising and cultivation techniques of selected NTFP species
- Scientific and sustainable harvest – methods and levels

IV. Livelihood Strategies

- Role of NTFPs in household and village economy
- Local knowledge and indigenous systems of NTFP management

V. Institutional and Policy Issues

- Gender and Equity Issues
- NTFP Tenure and Property Rights
- Institutional strategies; creating Communities of Practice
- Existing framework of NTFP Policies
- Prioritization of research and training issues
- NTFP Certification

VI. NTFP Processing, Value Addition and Technology Transfer

- Bioprospecting
- Processing, product development and valuation
- Methods and Issues in appropriate technology development and transfer

VII. Marketing, Financing and Enterprise Development

- Demand/Supply analysis of NTFP Market
- Characteristics, channels and modes of NTFP marketing
- Competition and organizational interventions
- Pricing and trade-related issues
- Marketing Information Systems (MIS)
- Financing NTFP-based micro enterprises; role of Micro-credit - need assessment and facilitation

COURSE ORGANISER

The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), an autonomous national institution under the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India, provides education, training, research and consultancy services in forest management. It offers a 2-year, residential PostGraduate Programme in Forestry Management, a yearlong M.Phil course in Natural Resource Management, and is presently conducting 45 different in-service, forestry management development programs and other training. A Centre of Excellence has been established at IIFM i.e. *International Centre for Community Forestry (ICCF)*, with the aim to pool and consolidate the available expertise and experience in the field of community forestry in different parts of the

world. *Forestry for livelihoods* is, at present, the core theme of the Centre's functioning, under which sustainable NTFP Management through research, training and documentation are the focus areas.

TEACHING & LEARNING METHODS

A team of forestry experts, academicians and livelihoods development practitioners of national and international repute would be conducting this course. The course builds on experimental learning techniques. Training sessions will facilitate the learning and sharing of information from participant to participant, as well as from trainer to participant. The Indian experience in NTFP Management reflected in the course topics will be blended with the participants' own experiences to facilitate greater understanding of the concepts, methodologies and issues involved in Sustainable NTFP Management.

Participants are encouraged to bring information, case studies and reports on various aspects of NTFP management from their own country and work areas. Field studies involved in the course will be carried out in rural communities where there is existing potential for development of NTFPs for livelihood security. While in the field, participants will be exposed to various ongoing field projects related to NTFP management in the tropical and sub-tropical forest areas. They would also get an opportunity to practice various tools & techniques relevant to the training course in those actual-field situations.

The medium of instruction for the entire course would be *English*.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for field level professionals in forestry departments, NGOs and community based forestry programs, researchers, academicians and representatives from forest – based industries and enterprises, engaged and/or interested in various aspects of Sustainable NTFP Management as a livelihood strategy. As the course will be taught in English, proficiency in spoken and written English is essential. The course is limited to 20 participants, including at least 6 women, hence, women are encouraged to apply.

COURSE FEE

The Course fee is US \$ 2000, which includes course materials, boarding and lodging, internal and field trip related travel. Part of the course fee will be paid back to the participants as their daily allowance. To and fro travel cost of participants from their respective countries is not part of the training fee and would need to be borne by the participants on their own.

FELLOWSHIPS

Candidates should secure their own financial support from either their government, employer, or donor countries, or International Organizations such as the Tropenbos Foundation, Department for International Development (DFID), FAO, IDRC, UNDP, The Ford Foundation, ITTO, The

World Bank, etc. The organizers may also try to arrange funding for few potential participants on request.

TOURIST PLACES

During the course, the participants would also get an opportunity to visit some places of great tourist interest in the country. These include the Taj Mahal of Agra, the famous Forest Research Institute in Dehradun, the hills of Mussoorie, and the historical monuments and famous markets of Delhi.

METHOD OF APPLYING FOR THE COURSE

Interested persons are requested to fill the application form given below and submit the same through email / by post. The course fee can be deposited through money transfer or swift mail. The Bank information for this purpose has provided at the end of this note.

APPLICATION FORM

*Year 2002 Training Course in
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Last name: Mr/Ms

First name:

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

Present Employer:

Email:

Address for Correspondence:

Email:

Tel.:

Fax:

Current Profession & Brief Job Description:

Education:

(List of colleges & Universities attended, year graduated & degree(s) received)

College/University

Year

Degree

Work Experience (current position first):

Position/title	Time period
..... to 2002
.....to

Name of anticipated funding agency or donor:

Proficiency in English:

* Reading	Poor/Fair/Good/Excellent
* Writing	Poor/Fair/Good/Excellent
* Conservation	Poor/Fair/Good/Excellent

TOEFL score & year (if present):

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

October 25, 2002

BANK INFORMATION FOR TRANSFERRING PAYMENT

Name of Bank: Allahabad Bank **Branch:** T. T. Nagar
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