



Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legality of Wood Supply in Greater Mekong Sub-Region - (ITTO Project #PP-A/54-331)

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**ITTO BIENNIAL WORK
PROGRAMME FOR 2018-2019
(Activity 4)**

**The 53rd Session of
Committee on Forest Industry
ITTC-55th, Lomé, Togo**

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ACTIVITY 4

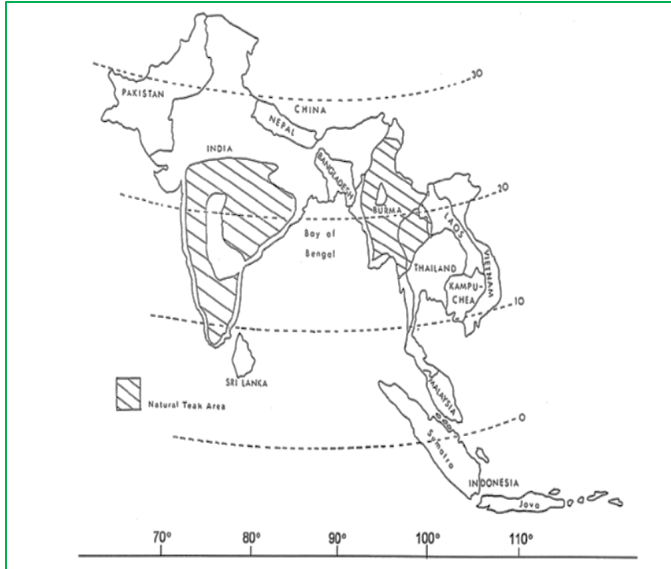
ENHANCING TEAK MANAGEMENT

- Teak (*Tectona grandis*) is recognized as one of the most important and valuable hardwoods in the world.
- Natural or planted teak forests found in about 70 tropical countries in Africa, Asia and L America

Issues

- Natural teak forests (29 Mio ha) are **reduced substantially** in all native teak growing countries.
- Old-growth high-quality teak stands have declined → **high risk of genetic lose.**
- Planted teak forests (4.35 to 6.89 Mio ha) are of **poor quality and unknown genetic origin.**

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Distribution of natural teak forest



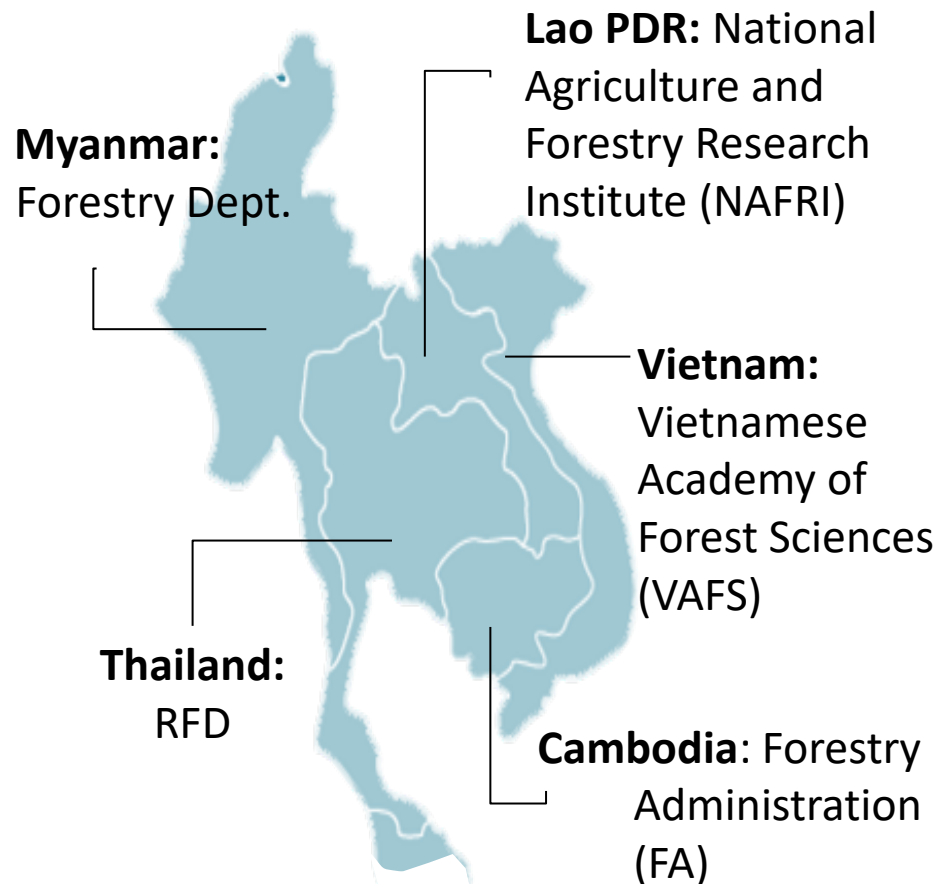
- Activity 4: Aimed at promoting sustainable teak development regionally and globally (plantation and natural teak forests)
- The activity will have a regional approach to enhance teak management, as well as promoting legal and sustainable teak industry and trade.
- Estimated cost: US\$2,000,000
Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions
Year 2018–US\$700,000
Year 2019–US\$1,300,000

Partners of ITTO Teak Project

- At **ITTC 53 in 2017**, the Council approved a global teak program
- In 2018, the **Government of Germany (BMEL)** financed the teak project (USD1.2 Mill) in Mekong region for Mar 2019 – Feb 2022
- Launching Ceremony on 24 April 2019 in Bangkok



ITTO: Executing Agency Implementing Agencies





Objective & Outputs of Teak Project In Mekong

Objective

To demonstrate legal and sustainable teak supply chains with the engagement of local communities, smallholders and government actors in the Greater Mekong Sub-region

Output 1: The conservation of teak genetic resources, sustainable management and use of natural teak forests and market accesses of teak from legal sources enhanced

Output 2: Community-based and smallholders teak forest management systems have been strengthened with improved legal and sustainable supply chains

Output 3: Regional and international collaboration, information sharing and knowledge management, networking, policy development and outreach on TEAK SFM strengthened

Teak log yard in Lampang Province in Thai



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IN MEKONG**



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Activities of Output 1 (genetic conservation, management, use and market access)

1.1 Establish demonstration plots for sustainable teak forest management systems and pilot silvicultural systems including coppicing as a regeneration method and teak agroforestry practices (e.g. bamboo management in natural teak forests) in on-farm teak growing for livelihoods of local communities and smallholders (Myanmar, Thailand).

1.2 Review and analyze opportunities for improved market accesses of teak wood and teak products from legal and sustainable sources in the five participating countries.

1.3 Conserve teak genetic variation through improved management of existing seed production areas, seed orchards, and provenance/progeny trials (, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand).



Activities of Output 2 (community based and small holders management)



2.1 **Support local communities and smallholders through establishment of demonstration plots** and field training on the different subjects

2.2 Carry out a **teak value chain analysis of smallholders to increase their access to markets** by improved primary processing as well as capital and market information (Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam).

2.3 **Facilitate the establishment of teak-based forest user groups** for the sustainable use of teak forest resources and agroforestry (Myanmar).

2.4 Review and **elaborate policy options to empower local communities and smallholders in planted teak** and teak management, and agroforestry systems to support sustainable livelihood programs (Myanmar, Thailand).





Activities of Output 3 (regional and international collaboration)

3.1 **Produce and disseminate outreach and training material** on the conservation and sustainable management of teak forests and legal and sustainable supply chains

3.2 **Plan and organize two regional teak workshops to facilitate policy dialogue**, information sharing and knowledge management, stakeholder consultations and help expand regional cooperation on sustainable management of teak forests and legal and sustainable supply chains

3.3 **Support and facilitate teak networking in the Mekong Sub-region through ITTO's member countries and partner such as TEAKNET** and other regional cooperation frameworks to promote the conservation and sustainable management of teak forest resources

3.4 Support sharing lessons of the Greater Mekong Sub-region in promoting sustainable teak forest management and legal and sustainable supply chains at **the 4th World Teak Conference (2019 or 2020) in Ghana for improved global teak collaboration.**



Progress so far.....



- (1) Launching and inception workshop (Thailand, April 2019)
- (2) Workshop on Teak Propagation Technique and Silvicultural Practice (Thailand, August 2019)
- (3) Regional Workshop on Sustaining Teak Forests in Mekong Basin (Myanmar, September 2019)
- (4) Field preparation in the participating countries
- (5) Newsletter (2 issues)



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- 02 Ghana constituted Local Organizing Committee for the 4th World Teak Conference 2020
- 03 Regional Workshop on 'Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region', Myanmar

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Expected outcomes at the completion of the Activity

Enhanced capacities of governments, local communities and small holders in planning, conservation and management of teak forest resources

Improved quality and management of teak genetic resources

Demonstrated legal and sustainable teak supply chains which improve market access of teak products

Enhanced dialogue, information and knowledge exchange among participating countries on sustainable teak forest management, production and sustainable supply chain management, as well as sharing experiences with wider audiences globally through participation in different events/fora.

***Happiness grows
From a tree!***



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GHANA 2020

Accra
24 - 27 August 2020

4th WORLD TEAK CONFERENCE

Accra, Ghana
24 - 27 August 2020

Global Teak Market: Challenges and Opportunities
for Emerging Markets and Developing Economies



Organized by: Forestry Commission of Ghana, TEAKNET, ITTO, IUFRO and FAO

Supports from the ITTO-Teak Mekong Project:

- Advisory Committee Member and Scientific Committee Member
- Conference Participants from Mekong Sub-Region countries
- Speakers (Keynote and session speakers)
- Sharing experiences and project's findings and progress
- Promoting the Conference for fund raising



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