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Sustainable Value-Added Teak Products for Green Economy : Lessons from the BMEL-ITTO Teak Project in Mekong

Date: Friday, 2 September 2022

Time : 09:00-16:30 hrs

Venue: Rama Garden Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Teak is a highly celebrated timber in the tropics and Mekong is one of the major teak growing regions based on rich natural teak forests with increasing teak plantations. In spite of many efforts to promote sustainable management of teak forests in the region, there has been an increasing need for the sustainable production of quality value-added teak products to contribute to the development of green economy for a sustainable future.

The BMEL-ITTO Teak Project in Mekong funded by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany has been executed by ITTO and 5 countries, namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. This teak project has worked together to enhance natural teak forest management, production and marketing through the establishment of legal and sustainable wood supply chains, as well as to improve local economy and local communities' livelihood in the Mekong region. Several outputs have been achieved under this Teak project partnership in the Mekong. These include : 1) the conservation of teak genetic resources, sustainable management and use of natural teak forests and market accesses of teak from legal sources; 2) strengthening of community-based and smallholders teak forest management and agroforestry systems; and 3) regional and international collaboration, information sharing and knowledge management and networking.

The Teak Project is highly relevant to the aim of the Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economic model that was newly introduced by Thai Government and also conforms with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The BCG Model aims to transform the country towards a value-based and innovation-driven green economy through capitalizing the country's strengths in biological diversity and cultural richness and employing technology and innovation. Sustainable production of valued-added teak and premium products through legal and sustainable supply chains can play an important role in the development of green economy in the Mekong region. The promotion of sustainable value-added teak products is contributing to the achievement of many of the UN SDGs, in particular SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 13 (Climate Change), and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

Objectives:

The 2nd Regional Workshop on **"Sustainable Value-Added Teak Products for Green Economy"** is organized in conjunction with the 3rd FORTROP' International Conference to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University. The overall objective of this workshop is to increase the role of teak forests and products in the development of green economy in the Mekong region, taking into account the experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the BMEL-ITTO Teak project that has empowered local communities and smallholders in teak forest plantation and

management and promoted public-private partnerships for legal and sustainable teak supply chains. The workshop also aims to identify recommendations for the sustainable production and consumption of teak products in the framework of the Bio-circular Green Economic Model.

Draft Programme:

08:00-09:00	Registration
Opening Ceremony	
09:00-09:10	Introduction to the Regional Workshop Prof. Dr. Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Coordinator, Kasetsart University
09:10-09:25	Welcome Remarks TTO Representative, Japan (TBD) Germany Representative (BMEL/Embassy to Bangkok (TBD) Mr. Surachai Achalaboon, Director-General of Royal Forest Department
09:25-09:30	Opening Remarks Dr. Chongrak Wachrinrat, President of Kasetsart University

Keynote Presentations: Policy Drivers

Moderator: Prof. Yongyut Trisurat, Kasetsart University

09:30-10:00	Economic Forest Plantation Masterplan to Drive Thailand' BCG Model Wanchai Jariyasetthachok, DDG of the Royal Forest Department
10:00-10:30	Thailand's Forest Industry: Opportunities and Constraints Illias Animon, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:15	Sustainable Teak Management for Mekong Sub-region - Teak Mekong Project Overview and Achievements Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Coordinator, Kasetsart University

Role of Private Sectors and Smallholders

Moderator: Assist. Prof. Dr. Kobsak Wanthonchai, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University

11:05-11:30	FIO's Teak Plantation and Trading Forest Industry Organization, Thailand (TBD)
11.30-11:55	Past, Present and Future of Private Teak Industry in Thailand (to be finalized) Dr. Paiboolya Gavinlertvatana, President, Thai Orchids Lab Estates Company Ltd.
11:55-12:20	Contact Farming Model: From Eucalyptus to Teak Plantation SCG: The Siam Cement Public Company Limited (TBD)
12:20-13:30	Lunch

Teak Genetic Resource Improvement

Moderator: Dr. Tran Lam Dong, Director of Silviculture Research Institute, Vietnamese Academy of Forestry Sciences

- 13:30-13:50 Teak Genetic Improvement and Plantation in Indonesia
Anto Rimbawanto, Centre for Forest Biotechnology and Tree Improvement,
Yogyakarta – Indonesia
- 13:50-14:10 Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement in Thailand
Suwan Tangmitcharoen, Senior Expert of the Royal Forest Department
- 14:10-14:30 Efforts of Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement and Value Chain in Laos
Vongvilay Vongkhamsao, Forestry Research Centre, NAFRI, Laos
- 14:30-15:00 Myanmar Efforts in Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement and Myanmar Timber Legality and Assurance System (MTLAS)
Zar Chi Hlaing, Aung Zaw Moe and Thant Shin, Forest Research Institute, Yezin, Myanmar

Teak Value Chains and Trading

Moderator: Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi, Projects Manager, ITTO

- 15:00-15:20 Development of Teak Plantation and Value Chains to Support Vietnam Forest Industry
Tran Lam Dong, Dang Thinh Trieu and Nguyen Van Bich, Silviculture Research Institute, Vietnamese Academy of Forestry Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 15:20-15:40 Cambodia's Teak Plantation and its Implications on Trade Access
Chheang Dany¹, Kim Sobon² Lim Sopheap² and Say Sinly² Eugene Kraamwinkel³
¹ Forestry Administration, Cambodia, ² Department of Forest Plantation and Private Forest Development, Forestry Administration, ³ Grandis Timber, Cambodia
- 15:40-16:00 Wooden Furniture Design: Value-Added Products
Doonyapol Srichan, PDM Brand Founder
Adjunct Professor at Faculty of Architecture, KMITL
- 16:00-16:30 Wrap-up and Closing Remarks
Dr. MA Hwan-ok, Officer-in-Charge Division of Forest Management, ITTO



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