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# **TEAKNET UPDATES**

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# International Teak Information Network

## Established in 1995

- Kerala Forest Research Institute, India hosts the TEAKNET Secretariat since 2008
- TEAKNET is an international network of institutions and individuals interested in teak.
- TEAKNET serves as a link between relevant institutions/ organizations of international/ regional and national significance, working on teak

## Organizational Structure

Governed by an International Steering Committee consisting of Chairman and representatives of FAO, ITTO, IUFRO, Ghana Forestry Commission and representatives of Teak Private Sector and few other organizations around the world



## Mission

TEAKNET is committed to enhance the capacity of stakeholders particularly teak growers, forest resource managers, processors, traders, researchers and policy makers in responding effectively to the changing social, economic and environmental needs.



## Activities of TEAKNET

Information sharing is the most fundamental activity of TEAKNET

- Information sharing through website [www.teaknet.org](http://www.teaknet.org)
- Directories of growers, traders and researchers
- Events related to teak at an international level
- Publications and news and bibliographies related to teak

# Major Conferences organized by TEAKNET

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- 1<sup>st</sup> World Teak Conference 2011 :  
San José, Costa Rica
- 2<sup>nd</sup> World Teak Conference 2013:  
Bangkok, Thailand
- 3<sup>rd</sup> World Teak Conference 2015:  
Guayaquil, Ecuador
- 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference 2022:  
Accra, Ghana



## • UPCOMING EVENTS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> WORLD TEAK CONFERENCE, KOCHI, INDIA, 2025

5th World Teak Conference to be held in **September 2025 at Kochi, Kerala, India** with the Theme '*Sustainable Development of the Global Teak Sector - Adapting to Future Markets and Environments*' proposes to bring together various stakeholders on a single platform to deliberate, discuss and develop strategies for the sustainable development of the global teak sector and enable them to adapt to future markets and environments.

### XXVI IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS, June 23-29 2024

Join us in the **Teak Session T2-29** co-hosted with IUFRO Teakwood Working Party (D5.06.02) and ITTO Japan. Please log on to <https://iufro2024.com/> for updates.

**The Abstract Submission deadline extended to 15  
June 2023**



# TEAKNET publishes a quarterly online newsletter - *Teaknet Bulletin*

*Teaknet Bulletin* contains short non-technical articles of interest to its members



# Joint Publications with IUFRO and ITTO

TEAKNET collaborate with IUFRO, ITTO and FAO to conduct study on teak sector globally and at Regional level

## ***Global Teak Study Report- 2017 IUFRO Publication Series No.36***

Available in

<https://www.iufro.org/publications/series/world-series/article/2017/06/21/world-series-vol-36-the-global-teak-study-analysis-evaluation-and-future-potential-of-teak-reso/>





# Joint Publications with ITTO

Teaknet was a project partner for the component in Knowledge Management in the ITTO Teak Mekong Project- *“Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Resources in the Mekong Sub-Region”*

*Bi-monthly online Mekong Newsletter*

*Teak in Mekong for a Sustainable Future*



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TEAK Mekong Newsletter support and facilitates teak networking in the Mekong sub-region through ITTO

*Training Programme on Teak Bud Grafting*  
3-7 March, 2020  
Forest Research Institute, Yezin, Myanmar

*“Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Sub-region” (PP-A/54-331) - Myanmar Component*



Available in ITTO and Teaknet webpage <https://teaknet.org/publications/book1.html>

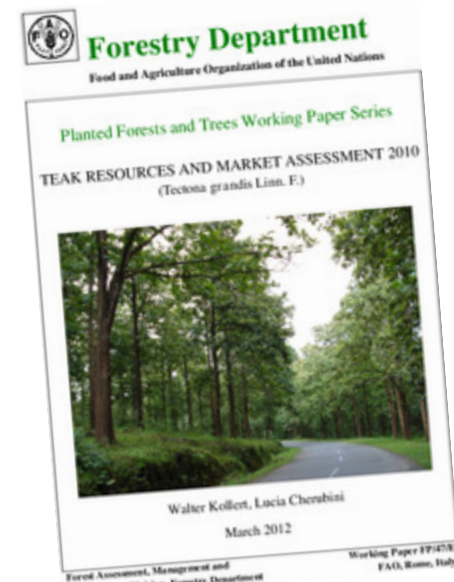
## GLOBAL TEAK RESOURCES & MARKET ASSESSMENT 2023

TEAKNET, IUFRO and FAO are joining together for a Global Teak Resources & Market assessment 2023 just initiated to be completed by December 2023.

The previous global teak resource assessment was done by FAO and published as FAO Report in 2012.

The study would focus on a detailed assessment of the world's teak resources, its distribution at country, regional and global levels, ownership status of the plantations, productivity aspects, trade and major markets and the ways in which these teak sectors have changed over the years.

The report of the study will be published as an IUFRO publication.



Kollert, W. and Cherubini, L. 2012. Teak resources and market assessment 2010.

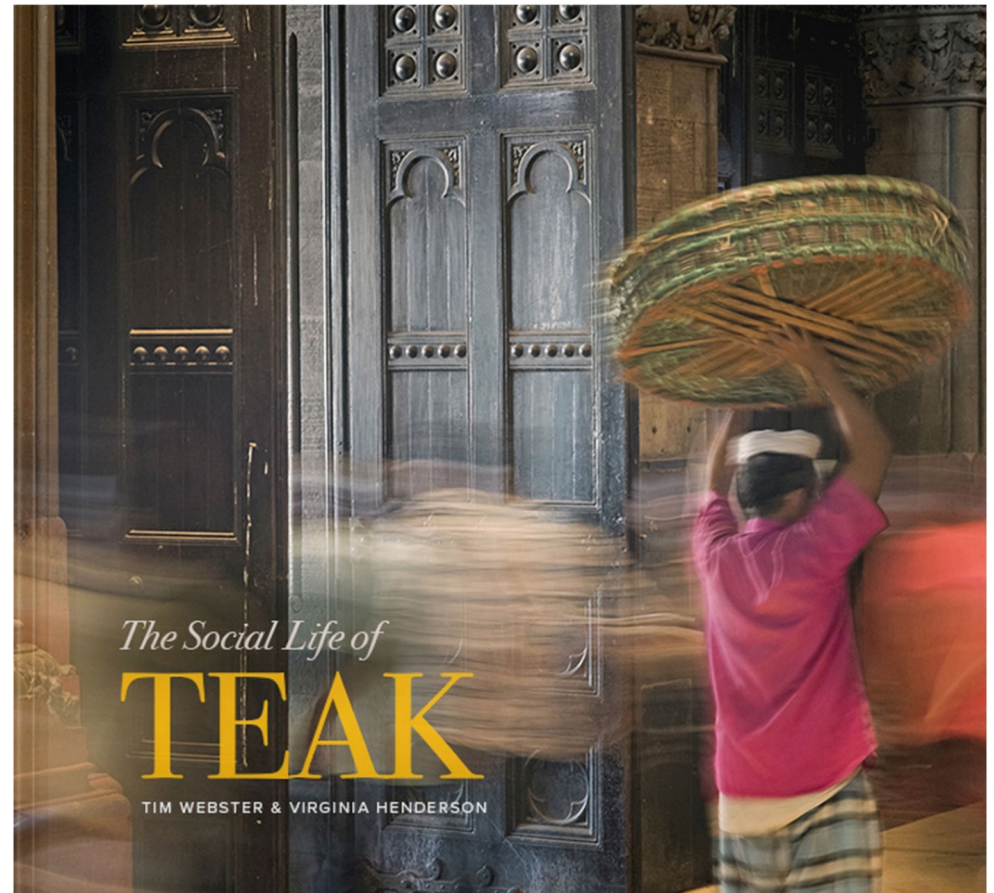
Available at

<https://www.fao.org/3/an537e/an537e.pdf>

## UPCOMING RELEASE of BOOK: *The Social Life of TEAK*

Tracing human interactions with the world's most famous tropical timber species, *The Social Life of Teak* maps worlds revolving around teak forests, trees and wood.

In this anthology of oral histories, people connected personally or professionally to teak speak of survival, change and learning, creativity and destruction, growth and demise. Woven together, these experiences bring to light the ways that teak has been sought, crafted, cultivated, traded and valued over time.



***The Social Life of Teak* is set out for release in  
September 2023**

To order the book,  
please contact Tim Webster & Virginia Henderson:  
[ginwaikaka@gmail.com](mailto:ginwaikaka@gmail.com)

***About the book, comments -----***

Terrific... shapeshifting... I learned a lot from it.

*Arjun Appadurai, Professor Emeritus, Media, Culture, Communication, New York University*

Extraordinarily engaging, this cultural history of teak recognises dynamic interactions of people with each other and the environment.

*William Logan Professor Emeritus, UNESCO Cultural Heritage Asia Pacific, Faculty of Arts and Education Deakin University*

Amazing work, very fine-tuned. Many years of research and extensive fieldwork, contacting people in all walks of life and various countries make this a most informative and entertaining read. Excellent.

*Dr. P.K. Thulasidas, Steering Committee Member of TEAKNET, Principal Scientist & Head (Rtd), Wood Science & Technology, Kerala Forest Research Institute*

A close-up photograph of a dense thicket of green leaves and tree branches. The leaves are vibrant green and have a slightly serrated edge. The branches are brown and woody. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text "Thank you" is overlaid in the center in a white, cursive font.

*Thank you*