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Online INCEPTION MEETING

Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders
and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species
Plantations in the Tropics" (PP-A/54-331A)

25 January 2024, 13.00 -15.00 hrs.

Hosted by KUFF, Bangkok



This new project received financing of US\$1,413,449 from the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in August 2023, is being executed by ITTO, Japan in 5 countries in Asia Pacific and Togo in W. Africa. A virtual Inception Meeting was hosted by Kasetsart University on 25th January 2024 to prepare the Yearly Plan of Operation (YPO) in which all the participating countries presented a report of planned activities. A brief of the ITTO-BMEL Teak 2nd phase of the project, *Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders*

and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics (PP-A/54-331A) which began its operations in November 2023 for 3 years and ending in October 2026 in the designated 6 countries is outlined below. ITTO appointed Prof. Yongyut Trisurat of Kasetsart University's Faculty of Forestry as the Regional Project Manager and implementing agency to streamline and monitor the progress of project activities on ground.



Brief of the Project

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| Project Title | : Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics |
| ITTO Project Number | : PP-A/54-331A |
| Project Objective | : Contribute to increasing the economic and social contributions of smallholder teak and other valuable species plantations in the tropics to facilitate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for a sustainable future. |
| Donor | : Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), the Government of Germany |
| Duration | : 36 months |
| Starting Date | : 1 November 2023 |
| Completion Date | : 31 October 2026 |
| Executing Agency | : ITTO Secretariat |
| Collaborating Agencies | : <u>Asia-Pacific</u> Thailand: Royal Forest Department/Kasetsart University Cambodia: Forestry Administration Vietnam: Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences India: Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehra Dun Indonesia: Ministry of Environment and Forestry and BRIN <u>W. Africa</u> Togo: University of Lomé |
| Project Budget | : USD 1,413,449 |

Prof. Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Manager, moderated the online Inception meeting according to the Provisional Agenda.



Provisional Agenda

- Welcome remarks (ITTO)
- Introduction
- Adoption of draft agenda
- Progress of signing MOU and KU Notification
- Consolidated Inception Report and 1st YPO (Yongyut)
- Country Inception Report (by alphabet order)
- Comments and engagements (e.g., Thunen Inst, Consultants)
- Other businesses (e.g., audit, IUFRO 2024, 1st PSC)





Welcome and opening remarks by ITTO

Dr. Hwan-ok Ma, Officer-in-Charge of Forest Management Division of ITTO, conveyed the regards of Mrs. Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director of ITTO, and thanked all honorable delegates, distinguished members attending the online Inception Meeting of the ITTO-BMEL project. Dr. Ma also congratulated the success of the presentation on the achievement of the 1st Phase and the 2nd phase of the project at the 59th ITTC meeting held in Pattaya, Thailand in November 2023. Dr. Ma informed that he would officially

retire from ITTO on 31 January 2024 after almost 28 years of service and his role in this project will be looked after by Dr. Tetra, ITTO Projects Manager from February 2024.

Dr. Tetra YANUARIADI, ITTO Projects Manager, appreciated Dr. Ma for his contribution to ITTO. The success of the 1st phase and the 2nd phase of the project is largely due to his great effort. Dr. Tetra hoped that Dr. Ma will continue to support the project as the project's consultant/advisor.



Welcome remarks by Dr. Hwan-ok Ma and Dr. Tetra, ITTO

Signing MoU with participating countries

Dr. Ma reported that ITTO already signed MoU with Cambodia, Thailand, Togo, Vietnam and Thünen Institute of Forestry, Germany. ITTO works closely with Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) to finalize the MoU. Director (International Cooperation), ICFRE and Director, ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore attended the meeting and notified that the MoU with ITTO will be finalized by mid-February 2024.

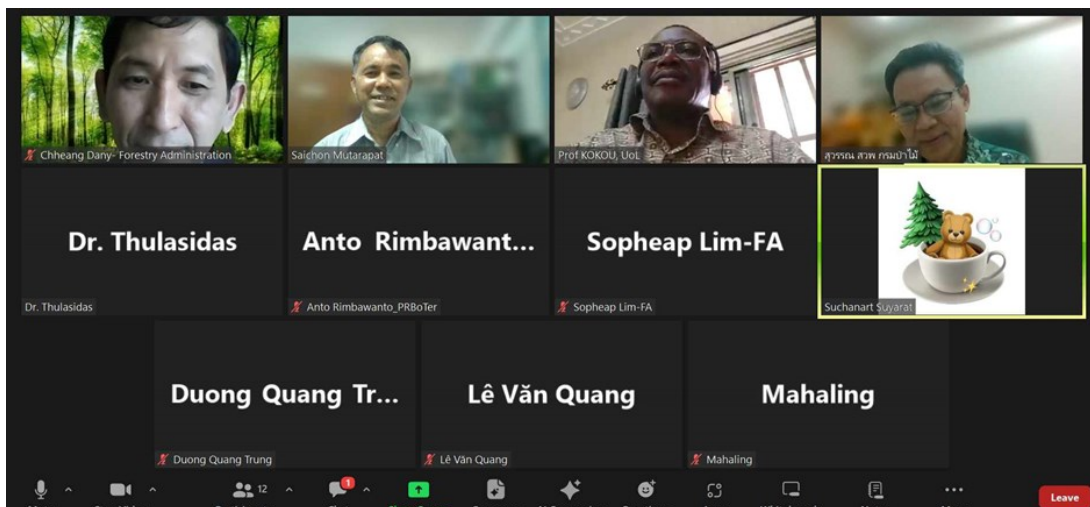
Dr. Tetra notified the meeting that Indonesian government assigns the Ministry of Environment and Forestry to handle this project and collaborate with Research Centre for Plant Conservation Botanic Garden and Forestry /National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) and the MoU with ITTO will be signed by 20th March 2024. Prof. Yongyut Trisurat informed the meeting that Kasetsart University President officially pronounced the Notifications on appointment of Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the Project Technical Committee (PTC).

The online inception meeting was attended over by 20 participants (participants list in ANNEX - 1).

The Director-General of the Royal Forestry Department (RFD) is the Chair of PSC, while Dr. Suwan Tangmitcharoen, Director of Forestry Research and Development of RFD is the chair of PTC. He further informed that the recruitment process of the Consultants to the project is in the various stages of development.



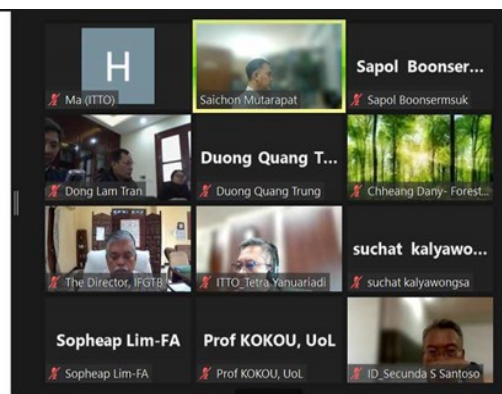
Intervention by Dr. K. Kunhikannan, Director, ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore, India





Outputs and Activities

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| Output 1 (3 activities) | Supply chains of smallholders and community-based teak and other valuable species plantation and management systems strengthened with easy availability of high-quality planting stock and implementation of improved practices in silviculture, and timber processing and legality. Conserve teak and other valuable species genetic variation, demonstration plots and field training, national timber legality |
| Output 2 (4 activities) | Financing schemes for quality timber production in smallholders and community-based teak and other species plantations analyzed and improved Feasibility on contract farming remunerative prices, micro-financing, access to voluntary carbon markets to increase revenues from longer rotation |
| Output 3 (4 activities) | Regional and international collaboration, information sharing and knowledge management, networking strengthened. Produce and disseminate outreach and training materials, teak networking, sharing lesson learns (regional workshops, IUFRO World Congress 2024 (Sweden) and in the 5th World Teak Conference 2025 (India) |



Prof. Yongyut Trisurat presenting the consolidated inception report

Consolidated inception report and 1st YPO

Prof. Yongyut Trisurat as the Regional Project Manager presented the consolidated inception report and the 1st Yearly Plan of Operation (YPO). The consolidated Inception report was prepared based on the submission from Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and Togo. India has not submitted the report due to the delayed MoU. The Project phase II was developed based upon the outcomes of the BMEL-ITTO Project *“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). The field activities of Phase II project *“Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics”* (PP-A/54-331A) is targeted in 5 countries in Asia Pacific and Togo in W. Africa.

The partner organisations are: Thünen Institute of Forestry, Germany; Research Centre for Plant Conservation Botanic Garden and / National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) in Indonesia and TEAKNET- India for information dissemination.

Project objectives:

The Project aims to contribute to increasing the economic and social contributions of smallholder teak and other valuable species plantations in the tropics to facilitate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for a sustainable future.

Specific objectives:

To improve the production of high-quality timber from teak and other valuable species plantations established by smallholders and communities in the Asia Pacific and West Africa;

To improve livelihoods and social and environmental outcomes through better silvicultural practices, efficient wood transport and small-scale processing, financial schemes to invest in quality timber production from long rotations and access to voluntary carbon markets, as well as regional and international collaboration for sustainable smallholder plantations in the tropics.

Prof. Yongyut Trisurat made a detailed presentation of the project output and objectives; and implementation strategies in the respective countries.

Implementation Arrangement

Kasetsart University's Faculty of Forestry (KUFF) as the Regional Project Manager of the project in collaboration with the ITTO jointly implements the project with 5 participating countries in the Asia-Pacific and Togo in West Africa.

Participating countries

West Africa

Togo

Asia-Pacific

Cambodia
India
Indonesia
Thailand
Vietnam

Budget: Ministry of Food and Agr. (BMEL), Germany USD 1,413,449

Duration: Nov 2023 – Oct 2026

Asia-Pacific

Cambodia: Forestry Administration

Thailand: Royal Forestry Department/Kasetsart University

Vietnam: Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences

India: Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education

Indonesia: Research Centre for Plant Conservation Botanic Garden and Forestry /National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)

West Africa

Togo: University of Lomé

Each participating country nominates the National Coordinator and project staff as outlined below:

- Cambodia:** Cambodia Forestry Administration, Deputy Director General Mr. Chheang Dany, Mr. Say Sinly, Ms. Lim Sopheap
- Thailand:** Royal Forestry Department and Kasetsart University
Dr. Preecha Ongprasert and Mr. Montree Intasen; Dr. Kobsak Wanthongchai
- Vietnam:** Vietnam Administration of Forestry/ Vietnamese Academy of Forest Sciences
Deputy Director General, Dr. Tran Lam Dong and Dr. Dang Thinh Trieu
- India:** Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehra Dun/ Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore
- Indonesia:** Ministry of Environment and Forestry
Dr. Secunda S. Santoso and Prof. Anto Rimbawanto
- Togo:** University of Lomé, Prof. Kokou Kouami and Prof. Kokuste A. Dzifa
- ITTO:** Dr. Hwan-ok Ma
Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi

The project will have seven international and domestic consultants to assist the project activities.

Budget

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) provides financial support to implement the ITTO-BMEL Teak project Phase II with the total budget of USD 1,413,449 for 3 years or 36 months (starting on 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2026). The allocation of the budget is as shown below: Each country has been allotted the 1st instalment of the budget amount for their 1st year of activity except India and Indonesia pending signing of MoU with ITTO, which will be completed soon to begin the planned activities.

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| ITTO | 714,849 | 50.57% |
| Thailand | 358,100 | 25.33% |
| Vietnam | 54,000 | 3.82% |
| Cambodia | 51,000 | 3.61% |
| India | 71,000 | 5.02% |
| Indonesia | 110,500 | 7.82% |
| Togo | 54,000 | 3.82% |

After signing the MoU, Kasetsart University together with the participating countries have conducted various activities before the Online Inception meeting. The project organized a Hybrid Launching Workshop on 11-13 October 2023 at Rama Garden Hotel in Bangkok and field Excursion at FIO Reforestation Station and Smallholder Plantation located at Thong Phaphum District, Kanchanaburi Province which was widely published through 2 local newspapers (Thatrat and Khaosod) and a summarized report of the events disseminated in bi-monthly *Teak Mekong Newsletter* December issue Vol 5, 2023. There were 15 participants attended onsite and 36 participated online.

59th ITTO Council Meeting, Pattaya, Thailand

ITTO invited Prof. Yongyut Trisurat to participate in the 59th ITTC meeting in Pattaya, Thailand on 13-17 November 2023 where he had opportunities to present the achievement of the project results of ITTO-BMEL Teak Phase I and the newly initiated ITTO-BMEL Teak Phase II on 14 November 2023. Besides that, the project also arranged an exhibition to show case the achievements and planned activities of both phases of the project. Prof. Yongyut Trisurat also discussed the project context with Mr. Matthias Schwoerer of Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), met National Coordinators and high ranking officers of Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Togo, Thailand, Vietnam.

Contribution to IUFRO 2024 World Congress

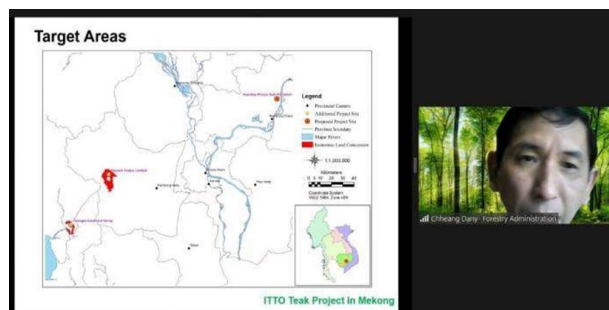
In the upcoming IUFRO World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden during 23-29 June 2024, IUFRO Teakwood Working Party (Div 5.06.02) in association with ITTO and Teaknet is organising a 2hr Side Event entitled *“Strengthening Teak Forest Management for Sustainable Teakwood Supply Chains and Trade”* in which the project team will be presenting papers that has been accepted for ORAL presentation. Each participating country has been allotted USD 3,000 and USD 5,000 for ITTO to participate in the IUFRO World Congress. Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi informed that besides the allocated budget item (C13), ITTO received confirmation from the Government of Japan to support the 5th World Teak Conference in India in 2025. Thus, some parts of the previously allocated budget for this activity (C14) can be used to cover additional participants, Dr. Hwan - ok Ma and Dr. Thulasidas in the

IUFRO 2024 World Congress. Prof. Yongyut Trisurat and ITTO will request budget modification of item C14 from the BMEL during the 1st PSC meeting.

Participating Countries Inception Reports

Cambodia

Mr. Chheang Dany, DDG, Forestry Administration presented the Cambodia component. The physical activities started from 1 January 2024 due to the delayed MoU. The Project areas are located in Kampong Speu province Aural district, where a 350-ha teak plantation owned by M/s. TEAK FARM, an Israeli private holding company established teak plantations in 2018 with superior quality planting stock obtained from Sabah, Malaysia. Another area is Phnom Scouch and Aoral district in the same Kampong Speu with 48 ha teak plantation raised by M/s. Grandis Timber in 2014. These plantations were established under the economic land concession (ELC).



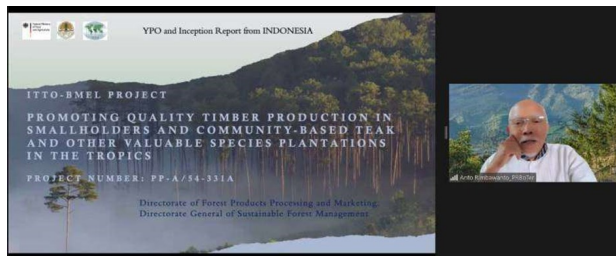
The Forestry Administration assigned the following project staff to oversee the implementation of the project.

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Indonesia

The Ministry of Environment and Forest is the implementing agency in Indonesia. They will collaborate with Research Centre for Plant Conservation Botanic Garden of National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN). The Ministry assigns Dr. Secunda S. Santoso, Senior Policy Analyst, as the National Coordinator and Prof. Anto Rimbawanto (BRIN) will provide technical and scientific support. The Ministry of Environment and Forest has not signed MoU with ITTO. It is under consultation process with relevant agencies. The Ministry will arrange the meeting to finalize the MoU in mid-March, and will officially implement the planned activities starting April 2024.

Prof. Anto presented the planned activities of Indonesian component.



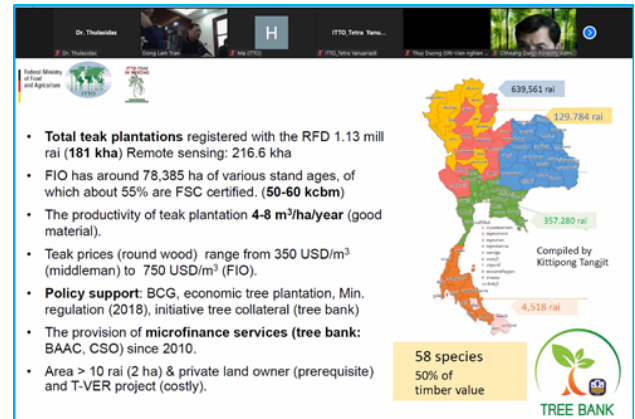
Indonesia selected the District of Gunung Kidul in the Special Region of Yogyakarta as the target region. The project areas were selected based on the number of small-scale teak plantations in the district that benefited from the initiative. Indonesia component will host 2 consultants (Cons # 1: quality plantation material and Cons# 6: teak value chains).

India component (TBD)

Since the MoU between Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehra Dun and ITTO has not yet been signed and is under process, the planned project activities is anticipated to begin by April 2024.

Thailand

In the absence of Dr. Preecha Ongprasert, National Coordinator and Mr. Montree Intasen, Dy. Coordinator, RFD; Prof. Yongyut Trisurat presented on their behalf the Thailand component.



Thailand component preliminarily selects target areas as follows: The Maegar Silvicultural Research Station in Payao Province for clonal plantation; Dong Lan SRS, Khon Kaen Province, Kanchanapuri Province under RFD for clonal testing sites; FIO plantations sites at Lampang province for wood processing. In addition, FIO operates a teak furniture factory in Bang Phó (west of Bangkok) with chain-of-custody certification; the KU department of Forestry in Bangkok for wood products design and innovation.

The results of ITTO-BMEL Teak Project Phase I revealed that planted teak production in Thailand is very low (4-8 m³/ha/year) compared to plantations in Africa and Latin America (18-20 m³/ha/year). In addition, the traditional plantation period is also very long (30-40 years) and longer in Myanmar and India (40-60 years), while the average plantation period in Africa and Latin America is 15-20 years. Thus, Thailand, Myanmar and India cannot compete with those countries for economy markets.

Although teak wood is highly demanded for international markets, especially India, legality permission and international certification are complicated processes and the transaction cost is very high.

Thailand signed MoU with ITTO in mid-October 2023 and officially started physical activities from 1 November 2023 as the first country among the six participating countries. RFD is the main executing agency, the DG of the RFD is the Chair of the PSC, and Dr. Suwan Tangmitcharoen, the Director of Forestry Research and Development Office of the RFD is the Chair of PTC. Besides the RFD, KU assign the project staff to handle day-by-day activities as follows:

| Title | Name | Position/Tel/E-mail |
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Thailand component hosts 2 consultants (**Cons# 4:** Efficiency teak wood transportation, **Cons# 6:** teak value chain, and **Cons# 5:** Information Management by ITTO).

Vietnam

Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences (VAFS) is the implementing agency for Vietnam component. Dr. Tran Lam Dong notified the meeting that he has been promoted as the Deputy Director - General/ Vice President of VAFS, thus he will serve as a PSC member and National Coordinator of ITTO and assigns Dr. Dang Thinh Trieu to be the Project Coordinator of the Phase II. Dr. Dang Thinh Trieu made presentation on the inception report and the 1st YPO of Vietnam Component.



Teak was introduced in Vietnam in late 19 century. The existing plantations cover 6,665 ha, mostly in Son La province. Main challenges to mainstream teak plantation and other valuable species are lack of capital resource of the growers for long rotation species and lack of improvement of teak resource. The Popular species in plantations include *Acacia*, *Eucalyptus*, *Pine*, *Cinnamon*, and other valuable species are Teak, *Cinnamomum balansae*, *Michelia tonkinensis*.

Vietnam component proposed the following project staff for the effective implementation of the project activities:

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Vietnam component will host 2 consultants (**Cons# 1:** quality plantation material and **Cons# 2:** field training silviculture) similar as that of Cambodia and Togo.

Togo (W. Africa)

Teak was introduced in Togo in 1910 from Burma by the Germans and have become well adapted to the country's climate. The planting rate of teak is 300 hectares per year, mainly on agricultural land using the *Taungya* system. This planting rate is considered inadequate to meet the domestic timber needs of the country. Smallholder farmers

in Togo grow teak on their farms to increase household income, even though it competes with the production of staple crops such as maize and cassava. Currently, Togo is ranked as the 5th in West Africa for teak plantations after Benin, Nigeria, Ghana, and Côte d'Ivoire. The existing plantation areas cover about 50,000 ha of which 30,000 ha of Private sector and 20,000 ha on Government land.

University of Lomé is the implementing agency in Togo. They will collaborate with Forest Department in which Dr Alaba, Director of ODEF/Ministry of Forest Resources & Environment, is the Focal Point of ITTO. MoU between University of Lomé and ITTO was signed on 3 October 2023. Togo component will host 2 consultants (**Cons# 1:** quality plantation material and **Cons# 2:** field training silviculture). Prof. Kouami Kokou, University of Lomé presented the planned activity report of Togo component.

Facilitation and arrangement with Thünen Institute of Forestry (TIF), Germany

Dr. Hwan-ok Ma, Officer-in-Charge of Forest Management Division, ITTO informed the meeting that ITTO already had signed agreement with the TIF, Germany to carry out micro-finance study in the six countries with the budget of USD 353,954. This budget covers desk research and field activities of TIF staff and the project staff of six countries (if needed).

Starting date and ending date for each participating countries and the project

Dr. Hwan-ok Ma mentioned that the official duration of the project cover 3 years from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2026. In addition, the bi-annual progress report submission will follow this schedule although late starting dates of some members. The extension of project may be possible with the approval of PSC and BMEL in the future.

1st PSC Meeting

Due to the delayed signing of MoU, Dr Tetra Yanuariadi notified the meeting that the 1st PSC is most likely to be organized in the mid-second half of 2024 (late July or August). The venue and date will be intimated to all delegates later.

Recommendations/suggestions

The national and international consultants are advised to facilitate the completion of comprehensive assessments, each participating country prepare a document for the use of each of the thematic consultants that would outline current conditions associated with the project's principal themes. Those themes should include the conservation of teak genetic resources; production of good-quality planting material; development of improved management systems for natural teak forests; considerations of legality, certification, sustainable supply chains and log tracking; minimizing harvesting losses in wood harvesting; efficient transport and processing of teak roundwood; analyses of value chains; field training in silvicultural practices; forest policies; and information management outreach.

Closing Remarks for 1st YPO online meeting

Prof. Yongyut Trisurat invited Kr. Suchat Kalyawongsa, a PSC member and ex-Thailand National Focal Point of ITTO and Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi to thank Dr. Hwan-ok Ma on behalf of the participating countries and ITTO, respectively for his professional work and tireless contributions over the last 28 years. The phase II project team look forward Dr. MA's continued engagement with the teak project as appropriate. The meeting adjourned by 17.30 with vote of thanks to ITTO, BMEL and Kasetsart University and all online and onsite delegates for their various productive discussions towards the effective online inception meeting.

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PK Thulasidas & Yongyut Trisurat

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