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Ex-situ and *In-situ* Conservation of Teak
(*Tectona grandis* Linn. F) to Support
Sustainable Forest Management



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**REPORT ON STUDY TOUR FOR MEMBERS OF USERS' GROUP
FROM 6 PROJECT SITES TO PAUKKAUNG SPA**



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1. Introduction

The *Ex-situ* and *In-situ* conservation of Teak (*Tectona grandis* L.F.) to support sustainable Forest Management Project is being implemented by the Forest Department with the assistance of ITTO.

According to the 2nd year project implementation plan, study tour for members of Users' Group from 6 project sites to Teak Seed Production Area in Compartment (49), South Nawin Reserve, Paukkaung Township, Pyay District, Bago (West) Division was conducted from 28 March 2008 to 29 March 2008.

2. Objective

The objectives of conducting the study for the Users' Groups are for the participants:

- (1) to observe and share experience on the criteria for the establishment of Teak Seed Production Area and tree improvement programme,
- (2) to discuss among themselves and share experience on the developmental work and income generating activities. That is being organized by the project.

3. Duration for study tour

The duration of the study tour is from 2008 March 28 to 29.

4. Study tour area

Teak Seed Production Area that is situated in compartment (49), South Nawin Reserve and Naungwun village, Paukkaung Township, Pyay District, Bago (west) Division.

5. Participants

Representatives of Users' Group and staffs of the Local Forest Department from the 6 project sites, staffs of the Forest Department Head Office, Forest Research Institute and University of Forestry that are related to the activity and 7 project staffs for supervision, Appendix 1 & 2.

6. Study Tour Programme

The participants were briefed on the study tour programme at Pyay on 28-03-08 (The programme is attached as Appendix 3).

7. Implementation of the study tour

The study tour was conducted on 29-03-08, the participants and the organizers started off from Pyay by car at 07:00 a.m. and arrived at the Paukkaung Township Forest Office at 08:45 a.m. The Deputy Director of the Bago (West) Division gave a welcoming speech. The Township Forest Officer (TFO) explained about the Forest Management and plantation establishment in his township and their involvement in the project. The participants were then taken for a tour around the Township Forest nursery.



Welcoming Speech by Deputy Director, Bago (West) Division



Forest Management and Plantation Establishment was explained by TFO

The group then proceeded to the SPA that was established by the ITTO Teak Project. The National Project Manager, Dr. Nyi Nyi Kyaw then explained about the project activities, status of the natural forests and the development activities that are being implemented by the project, including goat rearing in the SPA. U Zaw Win Myint, technical staff of the project then continued to explain about the establishment of the SPA in detail.



Project Activities were explained by National Project manager



SPA establishment was explained by U Zaw Win Myint (Technical Staff)

The participants were then taken around the SPA and discussions were made while observing the site. Both U Mehm Ko Ko Gyi, National Consultant and Dr. Nyi Nyi Kyaw, NPM answered the questions that were raised by the participants during the tour of the SPA. They also pointed out salient points that should be considered in the establishment of SPA. The participants left the SPA site for Nyaungwun village at 11:45 a.m.



Discussions made while studying around the SPA in Pakkaung Township

Discussion among the participants and the project staffs was organized after lunch at 01:00 p.m. The discussion was started with a few words of welcome and appreciation by a member of the Users' Group of the SPA in that township.

U Mehm Ko Ko Gyi, National Consultant of ITTO Teak Project then explained about the management of SPA and important points to remember in carrying out development activities. He explained that it can be more successful working in a group rather than individually. However, he said that it is very important that there should be unity among the group and that the members should have understanding for each other. He continued that to be successful, the following basic approach to community development should be followed:

- (1) *Self-help* approach: the community should rely on themselves and not to rely too much on the support they get from external sources.
- (2) *Traditional knowledge*: that exists in the local community is time tested and should be strengthened and not replaced.
- (3) *Sense of ownership*: of the resources and the development process is also one of the important factors in the community development process.
- (4) *Equity and transparency*: specially based on gender and other disadvantaged class is also vital in successful implementation of community development.
- (5) *Quick and long term benefit*: should be the target of any activity. As we are dealing with poor and vulnerable group of people, activities that result in quick net profits to the participating community should be considered.

Sensitization: frequent and repeated sensitization is needed so as to encourage the community to adopt the above 5 points.



SPA Management and Community Development activities explained by National Consultant

Users' Group representatives from each of the (6) project sites then presented the progress that they made, highlighting the benefits that some of the members achieved since the formation of the groups. Discussions were made among the participants and U Mehm Ko Ko Gyi and Dr. Nyi Nyi Kyaw clarified the questions shot by the participants.



Discussions among the participants, Project Manager and National Consultant

The Deputy Director of Bago (West) Division, Assistant Director of Pyay Division, Staff Officer of Paukaung Township and U Nyan Myint Maung, representative of ECODEV also gave very good suggestion concerning community development and income generation.

The discussion was concluded at 4:00 p.m. with a speech of thanks and appreciation by a member of the Users' Group from Nattalin Township. The participants left Nyaungwun for Pyay at 4:30 p.m. and arrived at Pyay at 6:30 p.m.

Members of Supervision Group

No.	Name	Position	Organization
1	Dr. Nyi Nyi Kyaw	National Project Manager	ITTO (Teak) project
2	U Mehm Ko Ko Gyi	National Consultant	ITTO (Teak) project
3	U Myo Aung	Technical Staff	ITTO (Teak) project
4	U Zaw Win Myint	Technical Staff	ITTO (Teak) project
5	Daw Thwe Thwe Win	Technical Staff	ITTO (Teak) project
6	Daw Idd Idd Shwe Zin	Technical Staff	ITTO (Teak) project
7	Daw Shwe Sin Myo Htut	Secretary	ITTO (Teak) project
8	U Kyi Soe	Deputy Director	Forest Department, Bago (west) Division
9	U Zaw Win Myint	Assistant Director	Forest Department, Pyay District
10	U Win Myint (5)	Staff Officer	Forest Department, Paukkaung Township
11	Daw Ei Sandi Sett	Range Officer	Forest Department, Paukkaung Township
12	U Nyan Myint Maung	SubContractor	ECODEV

List of Participants

No	Name	Title	Organization/Area			
1	U Myint Htay	Forester	Nyaungwon Village	Paukkaung Township	Pyay District	Bago(West) Division
2	U Khin Mg Win	User group member				
3	U Aung Shwe	User group member				
4	U Htun Win	Ranger	Sae Oo Village	Pyinmana Township	Pyinmana District	Mandalay Division
5	U Sae Htun	User group member				
6	U Win Naing	User group member				
7	U Zaw Moe Myint	Ranger	San Gyi Village	Nattalin Township	Tharyarwady District	Bago(West) Division
8	U Tin Shine	User group member				
9	U Han Thein	User group member				
10	U Myint Thein	Ranger	Motbaung Village	Kanbulu Township	Shwebo District	Sagaing Division
11	U Myint Naing	User group member				
12	U Tin Ngwe	User group member				
13	U Than Htay	Forester	Saw Village	Saw Township	Gangaw District	Magwe Division
14	U Khin Zaw Oo	User group member				
15	U Kyaw Hein	User group member				
16	U Phone Myint Oo	Forester	Myinwataung Village	Myanaung Township	Hinthata District	Ayeyawady Division
17	U Nyunt Tin	User group member				
18	U Hla Shwe	User group member				
19	U Aung Zaw Moe	Research Assistant-2	Forest Research Institute			
20	Daw Zar Chi Hlaing	Range Officer	Forest Research Institute			
21	Daw Phyu Phyu Lwin	Range Officer	Forest Research Institute			
22	U Nyein Chan	Demonstrator	University of Forestry			
23	Daw Mya Thandar Toe	Demonstrator	University of Forestry			
24	U Mg Mg Kyaw	Staff Officer	Planning & Statistics Division Forest Department			
25	U Min Min Oo	Range Officer	Natural Forest & Plantation Division, Forest Department			

Study Tour Programme

28-3-2008

Registration at Pyay Township Forest Office

29-3-2008

07:00 a.m. Leave Pyay for Paukkaung township.

09:00 a.m. Arrive at Paukkaung township

1. Welcoming speech by Deputy Director, Forest Department Bago (West) Division
2. Presentation by the Township Forest Officer on the project implementation, establishment of SPA, Forest management and Plantation establishment in Paukkaung township.

10:00 a.m. Leave Paukkaung for Nyaungwun village

10:30 a.m. Arrive Nyaungwun village and visit SPA in compartment (49), South Nawin Reserved Forest.

13:00 p.m. Discussion

- Presentation by National Project Manager on SPA management and progress of project implementation
- Presentation and discussion by National Consultant on community development activities
- Discussion by local communities and local staff of Forest Department
- Word of thanks by a member of user group
- Conclusion of the discussion

16:00 p.m. Leave Nyaungwun for Pyay

- Depart Pyay