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## Workshop Training on Teak Value Chain Analysis in Vietnam

6-10 June 2022

at VAFS, Hanoi & Field training at Son La province



VCA participants at Vietnamese Academy of Forest Science, Hanoi

The ITTO-BMEL Teak Project is promoting the sustainable production and consumption of teak in the Mekong region. Teak value chain analysis (VCA) of smallholders is to increase their access to markets through improved primary processing as well as capital and market information.

A Training Program on Teak Value Chain Analysis was organized in Vietnam in order to improve the capacity of participants in carrying out teak VCA for small-scale private teak plantations in the Mekong region with the following expected outputs:

- \* Capacity building for VCA including market chain analysis of key teak products produced and sold by the local communities in order to understand its strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats taking into account harvesting, post-harvest processing, production and/or value addition, transport and logistics and storage facilities and trade;
- \* Collection of a set of data on the teak timber market with particular reference on key products produced and marketed by local communities and writing a report with a prioritized set of recommendations for the interventions to strengthen the market position of rural communities and to enhance their competitiveness.

With these objectives in mind, a virtual training was conducted on 25 February 2022 with the participation of project country partners including Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam to provide knowledge of VCA theory and data collection procedures facilitated by an international VCA expert, Prof. Dr. Tek Maraseni from the University of Southern Queensland, Australia.



Participants sharing their opinions



Presentation by Vietnam Participant

After the detailed theoretical presentation by Prof. Tek Maraseni, the participants were encouraged to collect data for VCA in their respective country. Vietnam has conducted a 2-week field survey to collect VCA data from smallholders teak plantation in Son La province.



Talk by Prof. Teak Maraseni, VCA expert from University of Southern Queensland



Interview sawmill's owner in Moc Chau Town, SonLa province



Thai participant's presentation in the workshop



Interview with forest ranger in Moc Chau Forest Station, Son La province

From 6th to 10th June 2022, a Workshop was organized in Vietnam for data analysis and writing a report. Ten participants from Thailand and Vietnam attended the training workshop. On 6th and 7th June, the participants were introduced the methods of Teak VCA at Headquarter office of the Vietnamese Academy of Forest Science (VAFS) in Hanoi. On 8th and 9th June the participants were given training how to interview Teak farmers, middlemen and sawmills and collect data from them in Son La province. On 10th June the participants were guided to review the data collected and writing a report.

After the training, participants will collaborate with Prof. Dr. Tek Maraseni to write a report on VCA of teak smallholders in their countries.

**Photo Gallery**



Interview teak farmers in Moc Chau district, Son La province



Field demonstration by Prof. Tek Maraseni



Group photo with Prof. Tek Maraseni in Moc Chau district, Son La province

*Report by*

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 Vietnamese Academy of Forest Science, Hanoi



## Draft Program for PSC Meeting, Regional Workshop & 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference

Date: 30 August -10 September 2022

Date	Activity	Note
Tuesday 30 Aug 2022	Arrival in Cambodia	Stay overnight in Cambodia Hotel ( <i>Phnom Penh Hotel or Duong Chan Hotel</i> )
Wednesday 31 Aug 2022	Visit to TEAK FARM, Cambodia	
Thursday 1 Sept 2022		
<i>Morning</i>	<i>Departure for Bangkok (Air Asia, Don Mueng Airport)</i>	(09.45-10.45)
<i>Afternoon (01:30-04:30 pm)</i>	<i>PSC Meeting &amp; Reception Dinner</i>	<i>Rama Garden Hotel, Bangkok</i>
Friday 2 Sept 2022	<b>Regional Workshop</b>	<i>Rama Garden Hotel, Bangkok</i>
Saturday 3 Sept 2022		
<i>Morning</i>	<i>Free time</i>	<i>Rama Garden Hotel, Bangkok</i>
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Departure for Accra, Ghana (Ethiopian airlines)</i>	<i>Selected project members</i>
Sunday 4 Sept 2022	Arrival in Accra on Sun 4 Sept morning	Stay in Accra City Hotel (EU712), Prestige Suit (EU475)
Monday 5 – Wednesday 7 Sept 2022	<b>4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference</b>	Hotel Kempinski Gold Coast City
Thursday 8 Sept 2022	Field Excursion	Optional
Friday 9 Sept 2022	Departure to home country	<i>(Ethiopian Airlines, transit in Addis Ababa to Bangkok, Tokyo, India etc)</i>
Saturday 10 Sept 2022	Arrival in Bangkok and transit to Phnom Penh, Vientiane, Hanoi, Yangon	Participants of GMS countries may stay overnight in Bangkok if flights are not available.



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## 4th PSC Meeting & 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Workshop on

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

2 September 2022, Rama Garden Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

09:00 – 16:30 h

Teak is a highly celebrated timber in the tropics and Mekong is one of the major teak growing regions rich on 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 livelihood enhancement of local communities' 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 ambitious Teak project is highly relevant to the aim of the Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economic model that has been newly introduced by Thai Government that 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Workshop on “Sustainable Value-Added Teak Products for Green Economy” is organized in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ‘FORTROP’ International Conference to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> 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 within the framework of the Bio-circular Green Economic Model.

## Programme Schedule

2 Sept 2022, 09:00 – 16:30 hrs

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  
*ITTO Representative, Japan*  
*Germany Representative (BMEL/Embassy to Bangkok)*  
*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 Master plan to Drive Thailand' BCG Model  
*Wanchai Jariyasetthachok, DDG of the Royal Forest Department*

10:00-10:30 *Green Economy with Plantations, especially with Teak for FLR*  
*Illias Animon, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok*

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: Dr. Kobsak Wanthonchai, Dean, 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, 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, Royal Forest Department, Thailand

**14:10-14:30** **Efforts of Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement and Value Chain in Laos**  
*Vongvilay Vongkhamso*  
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 Dany<sup>1</sup>, Kim Sobon<sup>2</sup>, Lim Sopheap<sup>2</sup>, Say Sinly<sup>2</sup> and Eugene Kraamwinke<sup>3</sup>*  
<sup>1</sup> Forestry Administration, Cambodia, <sup>2</sup> Department of Forest Plantation and Private Forest Development and Forestry Administration, <sup>3</sup> Grandis Timber, Cambodia

**15:40-16:00** **Wooden Furniture Design: Value-Added Products**  
*Doonyapol Srichan*  
PDM Brand Founder and 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, Japan



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## 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference 2022

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

Republic of Ghana cordially welcomes all of you to the 4<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference which will take place at Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City, Accra during 05-08 September 2022. Please keep visiting the conference webpage <https://www.worldteakconference2020.com/> for updates.

#### Draft Programme Schedule

Monday, 5 September 2022	
08.00-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.30	Opening Ceremony President / Vice President, Republic of Ghana Chairman of the World Teak Conference
09.30-10.30	Welcome Remarks Welcome Address by Minister for MLNR Opening Remarks by FAO, Assistant Director General- Africa Opening Remarks by Dr. John Parrotta, IUFRO President (Virtual) Opening Remarks by ITTO, Japan Opening Remarks by Mr. Lars Graudal, Chairman, TEAKNET
10.30-11.00	Thematic Address: Rahul Ahuja, Aron Global
11.00-11.30	Cultural display by Ghana Dance Ensemble/ Snack
<b>Session I: Smallholder teak plantation, value addition and livelihood enhancement of rural communities</b> <b>Keynote: James Roshetko, ICRAF, Indonesia</b>	
11.30-12:00	James Roshetko, ICRAF, Indonesia (Keynote) <i>Smallholder teak farming: value-addition management for enhancement of livelihoods in Southeast Asia</i>
12:00-12:15	S.R. Shukla, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, India <i>Comparative study on growth, biomass and wood quality of 25-year-old Tectona grandis managed under three agroforestry practices</i>
12:15-12:30	Regina Yeboah, Forestry Commission, RMSC, Ghana <i>Growth and yield performance of grains of paradise under teak and Cedrela stands</i>
12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch Poster Viewing /Photo Exhibition



14:00-14:15	Mere Plantations, United Kingdom
14:15-15:00	Panel Discussion: Global Teak Market Panellists: ITTO Representative, Walter Kollert, Ghana Representative, Pvt. Sector Representative
15:00-15:30	B2B Meeting
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b><u>ITTO Teak Mekong Session</u></b></p> <p><i>Introduction to the Session</i> Dr. Tetra Yanuariadi, ITTO Projects Manager: ITTO</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks</i> ITTO Representative, ITTO, Japan</p> <p><i>Sustainable Teak Management for Mekong Sub-region – Teak Mekong Project Overview and Progress</i> Yongyut Trisurat, Regional Project Coordinator, Kasetsart University, Thailand</p> <p><i>Efforts of Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement and Value Chain in Laos</i> Vongvilay Vongkhamsao, Forestry Research Centre, NAFRI, Laos</p> <p><i>Myanmar Efforts in Teak Genetic Conservation and Improvement and Myanmar Timber Legality and Assurance System (MTLAS)</i> Zar Chi Hlaing, Forest Research Institute, Yezin, Myanmar)</p> <p><i>Development of Teak Plantation and Value Chains to Support Vietnam Forest Industry</i> Tran Lam Dong, Vietnamese Academy of Forestry Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam</p> <p><i>Cambodia’s Teak Plantation and its Implications on Trade Access</i> Chheang Dany, Forestry Administration, Cambodia</p> <p><i>Thailand’s Teak Plantation Industry and Market</i> Sapol Boonsermsuk, Royal Forest Department, Thailand</p> <p><i>Launching Teak Book: ‘Teak in Mekong for Sustainable Future’</i></p> <p><i>Wrap-up and Closing Remarks</i> Dr. MA Hwan-ok, Senior Projects Manager, ITTO, Japan</p>
17:30 - 19:30	Welcome Reception (cocktail)

Tuesday, 6 September 2022

08.00-09.00	Registration
<b>Session II: Cost-benefit analysis on teak investments and promoting responsible trade &amp; markets of teakwood</b> <b>Keynote: Dr. MA- Hwan Ok, ITTO, Japan</b>	
09:00-09:30	<b>Willem Fourie, Managing Director, Form Ghana</b> <i>Teak Plantation Investments in Ghana - The FORM Ghana Story</i>
09:30-10:00	<b>Dr. MA- Hwan Ok, ITTO, Japan</b> <i>Teak Market and Investments</i>
10:00-10:15	<b>Jacqueline Joyce Twintoh, CSIR- Forestry Research Institute of Ghana</b> <i>Topical issue on Teak in Ghana</i>
10:15-10:30	<b>Walter Kollert, Waka Forest Investment Services AG, Portugal</b> <i>Monitoring price trends of teak wood using combined teak-price</i>
10:30-10:35	<b>Faustine Zoveda, FAO, Rome (virtual)</b> <i>IPC and its reform</i>
10:35-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	Break
<b>Session III: Tree improvement, genetics, silviculture and stand management</b> <b>Keynote: Dr.SuwanTangmitcharoen, Royal Forest Dept, Thailand</b>	
11:30-12:00	<b>Dr.Suwan Tangmitcharoen, Royal Forest Dept, Thailand</b> <i>Genetic conservation and sustainable management of natural and planted teak resources in The Greater Mekong Sub-region, (GMS)</i>
12:00-12:15	<b>Swathi Balakrishnan, Kerala Forest Research Institute, India</b> <i>Teak Genomics for Conservation and Timber Verification</i>
12:15-12:30	<b>Mario Guevara Bonilla, Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica</b> <i>Use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's) as a precision tool to monitor and manage teak plantations in Costa Rica: First experiences</i>
12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch      Poster Viewing /Photo Exhibition
14:00-14:15	Presentation by Sponsors (to be nominated by LOC)
14:15-14:30	Presentation by Sponsors (to be nominated by LOC)
14:30-15:30	<b>Panel Discussion: Challenges in the global teak sector &amp; TEAKNET</b> <b>Panellists: Lars Graudal, Hwan-ok MA, Kenichi Shono, Sylvio Cutinho, S. Sandeep</b>
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-16:45	<b>IFSA Session: <i>Young Champions of sustainable and legal supply chains for forest resources; focus on timber/teak resources</i></b>
16:45-17:30	<b>FORNESSA Session: <i>Building Productive and Resilient Forest Landscapes in Africa</i></b>
17:30-18:00	TEAKNET Steering Committee Meeting

**Session IV: Management models for community forestry and Family farming**  
**Keynote: Dr. Ernest Foli, FORIG, Ghana**

09:00-09:30	Dr.Praveen, Forest Department, Nagpur, India <i>Special session on 'Thinning of Teak Forests – A key to a productive, sustainable and profitable forest'</i>
09:30-10:00	Dr. Ernest Foli, FORIG, Ghana <i>Management models for community forestry and family farming</i>
10:00-10:15	Nelly Grace Bedijo, Programme Associate, Plantation Development, FAO <i>Teak site suitability simplified for community, small and medium scale tree farmers in Uganda</i>
10:15-10:30	Anders Pedersen, Independent Forestry Adviser, Denmark <i>Simplified, Extensive Teak Cultivation Models</i>
10:30-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	Morning Break

**Session V: Environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and Forest Landscape Restoration**  
**Keynote: Markku Kanninen, Helsinki, Finland**

11:30-12:00	Markku Kanninen, Helsinki, Finland <i>Environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and Forest Landscape Restoration</i>
12:00-12:15	Adeyanju Adeniyi Taiye, University of Ibadan, Nigeria <i>Avian species richness decline at Onigambari forest reserve: implications of landuse conversion over Four decades</i>
12:15-12:30	Adigla Appolinaire Wédjangnon, Université de Parakou, Nigeria <i>Species performances off-habitat and simulation of dispersal limitation by assisted migration test</i>
12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:15 14:15-14:30 14:30-15:30	Presentation by Sponsors (to be nominated by LOC) Presentation by Sponsors (to be nominated by LOC) Panel Discussion: Teak value-added products and sustainable development Panellists: Markku Kanninen, James Roshetko, Kobsak Wanthonhchai, Hugh Brown
15:30-16:00	Evening Break
16:00 – 17:00	Closing Ceremony (Closing remarks by Forestry Commission of Ghana, TEAKNET) & Farewell

Thursday, 8 September 2022

**\*Field trip/Excursion Optional**

<p><b>Option 1:</b></p> <p>Visit to Kakum National Park Canopy walkway (Rain forest) &amp; Cape Coast Castle</p> <p>* Six hours bus ride- round trip (2 hrs to cape coast, one hour drive from Cape coast to Kakum)</p>	<p><b>Option 2:</b></p> <p>Visit to Shai Hills Resource Reserve</p> <p>* Three-hours bus drive (round trip) * Interesting features include wildlife, rock climbing, cave exploration etc.</p>	<p><b>Option 3:</b></p> <p>Visit to Form Ghana plantation</p> <p>* 35 minutes domestic flight, then bus travel for 2 hrs to Form Ghana plantation</p>
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**Deadline : August 8, 2022 !**

All submissions must be made online

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[www.iufro-div5-2023.com/copy-of-call-for-session-proposals](http://www.iufro-div5-2023.com/copy-of-call-for-session-proposals)

IUFRO Teakwood Working Party (Division 5.06.02) is organizing a Technical Session on *“Sustainable Supply and Value Chains of Quality Teakwood Products: Global Challenges and Opportunities”* in association with TEAKNET-India and ITTO, Japan and can find details of it under session **S13** in the above link.

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