

THE INSTITUTE

The institute has been undertaking research and training/workshops on the emerging area of Forest Certification and SFM for almost two decades. The institute has undertaken certification studies in the North-east states and in Madhya Pradesh. A Centre of Excellence on SFM & Forest Certification has been established to undertake research, training, and studies on forest certification in the country.

The programme director has conducted twelve similar programmes for IFS officers in the past during 15-19 Oct 2007; 09-13 Feb 2009; 14-18 Sept 2009; 09-10 Dec 2010; 16-20 Dec 2011; 18-22 Feb 2013; 16-20 Dec 2013; 16-20 Nov 2015; 18-22 Jan 2016; 6-7 Sept 2016 and 05-09 Dec 2016 at IIFM Bhopal sponsored by the MOEFCC, GoI.



BOARDING AND LODGING

The institute has well equipped air-conditioned lecture rooms and comfortable on campus air-conditioned boarding and lodging arrangements with green and natural surroundings that provide enabling learning environment.



Participants with Resource Persons of IFS One Week Compulsory Course on Forest Certification in Indian Context during 5-9 December 2016 at Satpura NP, Pachmarhi

LOCAL TRANSPORT

On confirmed arrival information received in advance, arrangements for pick-up from Raja Bhoj Airport and / or Bhopal Main Railway Station and / or Habibganj Railway Station can be arranged by the institute.

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One Week IFS Compulsory Training Course on

Forest Certification in Indian Context 18-22 September 2017



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BACKGROUND

Public concern for the environment has grown remarkably during the last few decades. As a result, environmental issues are beginning to take more of a centre stage in global economic and trade policy regimes.

'Eco-labeling', for instance, a process that attempts to provide an indicator of how well a product is environmentally adapted, shows how consumer interest drives information processes aimed at differentiating the environmental appropriateness of goods and services.

The UN Conference on Sustainable Development 'Rio+20' in June 2012 highlighted the complex challenges for Sustainable Development. Earlier, United Nations Forum on Forests in 2006 and later in the year 2017 at UNFF special session arrived at six global forest goals which emphasized on increasing area and the proportion of forest products derived from sustainably managed forests. Today, simply protecting the environment is not enough. There is need to encourage public and private decision makers to incorporate environmental and socio-cultural aspects into economic planning and growth strategies. This requires a new thinking among the policy makers, experts, businesses, project managers and other public and private actors in order to plan and implement Sustainable Development.

Forest degradation is considered as one of the major anthropogenic causes contributing to the climate change. Efforts, thus, have been made to address the problem of loss of forests and its degradation through concepts such as Sustainable Forest Management.

The Indian initiative for development of Criteria & Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) undertaken by Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal in 1998 and refined through subsequent research work has become the National set of Criteria & Indicators for SFM in India with 8 criteria and 37 indicators. These criteria and indicators have been incorporated in the Working Plan Code 2014 by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

As a logical next step in the *Chain-of-custody* of forest resource trade is the market tool called '*Forest Certification*' (FC) that links Sustainable Forest Management practices to the environmentally conscious consumers through a third party assessment, certification and labeling process. Forest certification essentially focuses on the *triple-bottom-line* approach that harmonizes the objectives of *business profits, planets' ecosystem/ecology integrity* and *people's benefits*.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is the most recognized forest certification scheme and labeling programme by the consumers and the business.

Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is a global program that focuses on bringing harmonization between the global certification standards and the national forest certification needs & processes through a system of mutual recognition of a National Forest Certification Scheme. Today, many a countries have established their independent national certification schemes such as MTCC (Malaysian Timber Certification Council). Realizing the changing scenario elsewhere, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI had also taken initiative of setting up National Forest Certification Committee in 2010 and capacity building programmes for the IFS officers and other stakeholders. This One Week Compulsory Training Course is the Thirteenth such programme being conducted at IIFM with the sponsorship of the GoI, MoEFCC.

THE PROGRAMME

Forest Certification in Indian Context is designed specifically for the officers of Indian Forest Service and is intended to deliberate on the emerging issues of SFM & FC from the perspective of the need, implications and opportunities in the Indian context. The programme is scheduled during the **18-22 September 2017 at IIFM Bhopal and at Satpura National Park, Pachmarhi**. The pedagogy will be a hybrid format with a mix of interactive lecture-discussions, panel discussions, presentations and experience sharing among the participating officers.