



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT, BHOPAL

**One week Compulsory Training Course for IFS officers  
on**

**“Criteria & Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management and  
Certification”**

**During 16-20 December 2013**

**Course Directors: Prof. Manmohan Yadav and Prof. M.D. Omprakash**

One Week Training Course on “Criteria & Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management and Certification” for Indian Forest Service Officers was conducted at IIFM, Bhopal during 16-20 December 2013. Five Senior Indian Forest Service Officers representing the States of Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu were participated in this programme. The programme was sponsored by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests as Compulsory training course for the Indian Forest Service Officers.

The Criteria and Indicators are recognized as a potent tool for sustainable management of forest vis-à-vis the forest certification is considered as a marketing tool for the responsible forest management. The training course provided a comprehensive understanding on Criteria & Indicators approach for Sustainable Forest Management and the need for forest certification and its applicability in Indian context and the requirements and detailed procedure for undertaking certification. Apart from sharing of experience amongst the participating officers, key inputs were provided by the IIFM faculty namely Prof. Manmohan Yadav, Prof. M.D. Omprakash, Prof. A.K. Dharni. Eminent experts working this emerging field were also invited to interact with the officers and these include - Dr. Ram Prasad; Former Director, IIFM; Shri. Rajesh Shrivastav, CEO, MP MFP PARC, MP Minor Forest Produce Federation.



Besides class room sessions, the training programme was designed to accommodate field visits. In order to understand the process of forest certification, field visit to the Teak plantation area in Satwas, Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh under the aegis of *Lok Vaniki* scheme was undertaken. An elaborated discussion with Mr. Prem Narayan Patel, Secretary *Lok Vaniki Kisan Samiti* and other stakeholders of Group Certification evaluated by Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) for FM/COC for FSC certification. The field visit facilitated the training participants to understand the process involved for getting first Group Certification in India. The participating officers appreciated the efforts of the farmers involved in *Lok Vaniki* in Dewas district, where teak plantation areas are managed according to a management plan and the farmers have decided to undertake forest certification of their teak forests from an international forest certification scheme. The farmers expect to realize better prices for their teak that could be used for export purpose. As a part of the excursion field visits to World Heritage sites Bhimbethika and Sanchi were undertaken during the training programme.



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Programme Schedule

*Day 1: 16.12.2013 (Monday)*

Time	Programme	Resource Person (s)
9:30 – 9:55	Registration of the participants by MDP office, IIFM	
Inaugural Session		
10:00– 11:00	Introduction to the course	Programme Director
	Welcome Address	Dr. G. A. Kinhal, Director
	Introduction to IIFM	Chairperson MDP
	Vote of Thanks	Programme Director
11:00 – 11:30	Group Photograph followed by High Tea	Guests & Participating Officers
11:30 – 13:00	Introduction to Sustainable forest management & forest certification	Prof. Manmohan Yadav
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch at IIFM Guest House	
14:00 – 15:30	SFM - Criteria & Indicators: Perspective and Progress	Dr. Ram Prasad
15:30 – 16:00	Tea	
16:00 – 17:30	Criteria & Indicators , Sustainable Forest Management Principles: Indian Initiatives, Sustainability Index	Prof. M D Omprakash
17:30 – 18:00	Visit to IIFM Library and CC	Library and CC staff
18:00 - 19:30	Local site visit	Optional

*Day 2: 17.12.2013 (Tuesday)*

07:30 - 9:00	Visit to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal	Shri B.P.S. Parihar, Park Director Dr. D Dugaya and Park staff
9:30 – 11:00	Emergence of Forest Certification Schemes	Prof. Manmohan Yadav
11:00 – 11:30	Tea	
11:30 – 13:00	Visit at MP MFP PARC and Interaction session on 'NTFP Collection, Processing and Marketing Initiatives in MP'	Shri Rajesh Srivastava
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch at IIFM Guest House	
14:00 – 15:30	Visit to MPETDB Field site -	Prof. M.D. Omprakash & Dr. D Dugaya
15:30 – 16:00	Tea break	
16:00 – 18:00	Visit to Saanchi	Programme Directors & Dr. D Dugaya

**Day 3: 18/12/2013 (Wednesday)**

09:30 – 11:15	Status of Forest Certification: Global and India	Prof. Manmohan Yadav
11:15 – 11:30	Tea	
11:30 – 13:00	Valuation of Forest Ecosystem Services	Prof. Madhu Verma
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch at IIFM Guest House	
14:00 – 17:30	Visit to Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary area	Dr. D. Dugaya

**Day 4: 19.12.2013 (Thursday)**

**Field Visit to Lok Vaniki (Social Forestry) Plantations**

08:00	Departure for Field site visit to Satwas, Dewas	
11:00 – 13:00	Visits to Lok Vaniki Plantation sites	Shri Prem Narayan Patel, Dr. Manmohan Yadav and Dr. D. Dugaya
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch at Satwas	
14:30 – 18:00	Field Exercise on Forest Certification Site in Satwas	Shri Prem Narayan Patel, Dr. Manmohan Yadav and Dr. D. Dugaya
20:00	Arrival at IIFM	

**Day 5: 20.12.2013 (Friday)**

8:30 – 9:45	BILT Experience in Forest Certification	Dr. Suneel Kumar Pandey
9:45 – 10:45	Panel Discussion: International Commitments on SFM and Indian Response	Narendra Kumar, PCCF (WL), Prof. A K Dharni and Programme Directors
10:45 – 11:00	Tea	
11:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion: Improvement in the Working of Forest Departments – Need for Career Development through Training and Improvement of Skills.	Prof. A K Dharni and Programme Directors
12:00 – 12:30	Feedback session	MDP Cell
12:30 – 13:30	Valedictory	Guest of honour Dr. Animesh Shukla MD MFP Federation, Director, IIFM,
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30	Departure of participants	



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