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# Strengthening capacity of the Forest Research Institute

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Target Area:** National project

**Donor:** FAO Technical Cooperation Programme

**Contribution:** USD 200 000

**Project Code:** TCP/MYA/3607

**Government Counterpart (s):** Ministry of Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation (MoNREC)

**Beneficiaries:** Officials of relevant government agencies, particularly the Forest Department, Department of Environmental Conservation and the Dry-zone Greening Department, Myanmar Timber Merchants Association, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, community forestry groups, University of Forestry, Yezin, relevant environmental NGOs, forest producers, traders and furniture manufacturers, private planters, users of environmental services such as public utilities and the general public

**Implementation Period:** 1.7 year (June 2017 to January 2019)



*Agroforestry Training of FRI.*

## BACKGROUND

Forests constitute the dominant ecosystem in Myanmar, with 44.2% of the country's land area. Logging of natural forests in Myanmar, a major source of revenue, has been stopped since 2016 and the current priority of the country is to increase the forest plantations. A serious threat to Myanmar's rich biodiversity has been reported to be unsustainable land use practices and uncoordinated development.

The Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Myanmar has a pivotal role to play in fulfilling the research related to sustainable management of forest resources, contribute to the Forest Policy of Myanmar, and provide up-to-date information on forestry and environment related issues.

In order to support various range of forest stakeholders, which include the relevant government departments, timber traders, timber industries, planters, and the general public, FAO is strengthening FRI capacities to produce high-quality and relevant research outputs that contribute to sustainable forest management. Without the support of a dynamic and productive FRI, the forestry sector in Myanmar will not be able to realize its potential to remain a key driver of national socio-economic development and the provision of forest ecosystem services that underpin agricultural production, rural livelihoods and resilience.



FAO Strategic Objective 2

**Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable**





## OBJECTIVE

The project objectives are the capacity building of researchers in selected fields of forestry research through the improvement of infrastructure and facilities at FRI, and the procurement of a few equipment which will help conduct research unhindered.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will contribute to the improved research capacity and knowledge for sustainable management of natural forests, enhanced productivity of forest plantations and restoration of degraded forests and landscapes.

The proposed intervention will impart capacity and knowledge to the next generation of researchers who will guide the research programs of FRI in the future.

The project envisage the expected outputs:

- Capacity gaps assessed and identified, based on which training program developed to strengthen capacity to address priority forest research needs in the country.
- Training program implemented by invited resource persons and at reputable forest research institutions abroad.
- A business plan for FRI developed to guide the institution to continue to improve its capacity, effectiveness and relevant.

## KEY ACTIVITIES

The project brought important achievements below:

- Training Programme developed based on technical gap assessment
- Fifteen Topics have been identified to include in the in-country trainings in FRI.

The project is implementing the activities summarized below:

- The project will support to host the training in Kerala Forest Research Institute and Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST) for three scientist from FRI.
- Upgrading the internet system in FRI Campus
- Renovation and upgrading of Laboratory in FRI.



The project supports achievement of

