



**NATIONAL WORKSHOP
ON SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF NTFPS**

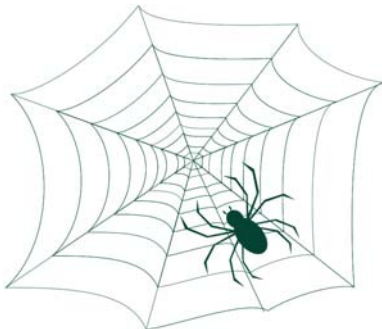
JABALPUR, INDIA
18-19 JANUARY 2008

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- identify issues relating to the sustainable management of forests and NTFPs in different states and take stock of initiatives taken to address these issues by the forest department, researchers, NGOs, etc.;
- identify and develop models of crosscutting, especially in the context of primary stakeholders, i.e. forest-protecting communities and primary NTFP collectors; and
- develop a uniform approach for planning on sustainable forest management with the roles of various stakeholders clearly defined.

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**FOREST INSECTS AS
FOOD: HUMANS BITE
BACK. A WORKSHOP
FOCUSED ON ASIA-
PACIFIC RESOURCES
AND THEIR POTENTIAL
FOR DEVELOPMENT**

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND
19-21 FEBRUARY 2008

Organized by FAO and Chiang Mai University in Thailand, specialists attending the three-day workshop focused on edible forest insects and their management, collection, harvest, processing, marketing and consumption.

The gathering raised awareness of the potential of edible forest insects as a food source, documented the contribution of edible insects to rural livelihoods and assessed linkages to sustainable forest management and conservation.

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**ROUND TABLE
ON SUSTAINABLE
FORESTS NATIONAL
TECHNICAL WORKSHOP
AND MEETING**

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE,
UNITED STATES
25-28 FEBRUARY 2008

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- learn about and provide input on data collection and reporting on NWFPs;
- highlight and learn about ongoing sustainable forest efforts in the southeast region;
- learn about and contribute to the knowledge base on climate change, and climate change in the context of sustainable forests and other resources; and
- shape future activities of the Round Table on Sustainable Forests.

The results from all the workshops will be utilized by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service in their preparation of the 2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests.

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**INTERNATIONAL
SEMINAR ON MEDICINAL
PLANTS AND HERBAL
PRODUCTS AND
INTERNATIONAL
HERBO EXPO 2008**

TIRUPATI, INDIA
7-9 MARCH 2008

The seminar covered cultivation, extraction of medicinal plants and herbal products, plant biotechnology, supply of planting material and herbal products, applications in ayurveda, herbal cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, standardization and quality control issues and marketing aspects.

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**PRIMER SEMINARIO –
TALLER DESARROLLO
DE PRODUCTOS
NO MADEREROS
DEL BOSQUE**

SANTO DOMINGO,
REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA
25 Y 26 DE ABRIL DEL 2008

El propósito general era promover tecnologías y métodos de aprovechamiento múltiple del suelo y de otros recursos naturales en áreas boscosas para la obtención de productos forestales no madereros (PFNM), como contribución al desarrollo sostenible de comunidades campesinas y otros sectores de la economía dominicana.

Otros de los objetivos del seminario-taller eran: contribuir a diversificar la producción en áreas boscosas, promover un mayor cuidado ambiental, promover la introducción de tecnologías en el

desarrollo de los PFNM del bosque, contribuir al rescate de tradiciones productivas y a la identificación de nuevas fuentes sostenibles de recursos económicos en comunidades campesinas, entre otros.

En el taller, se hizo la presentación de una propuesta sobre un proyecto de extensión y desarrollo del cultivo del ratán para la introducción en el país de germoplasma probado con éxito en áreas del caribe.

Las ponencias enviadas se encuadraron en las grandes temáticas propuestas:

- el cultivo del ratán y las posibilidades de su introducción en la República Dominicana;
- el aprovechamiento químico de los subproductos forestales: taninos, resinas, aceites esenciales, sustancias activas farmacológicas y otros;
- el uso y el aprovechamiento de la biomasa forestal;
- el aprovechamiento múltiple del suelo y de los recursos naturales locales; así como la protección ambiental;
- el desarrollo de la agroforestería y la agroecología;
- la diversificación de la producción en áreas de bosques (producción apícola, lombricultura, hongos comestibles y otros);
- la participación comunitaria en la búsqueda de soluciones; y
- la contribución al desarrollo rural sostenible.

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**REVOLUTIONIZING
THE GLOBAL INDIAN
SANDALWOOD
(SANTALUM ALBUM)
SUPPLY**

THE KIMBERLEY GRANDE,
KUNUNURRA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA
13-15 MAY 2008

This conference showcased the scale, R&D, professionalism and history of Australia's Indian sandalwood (*Santalum album*) plantations, which will begin delivering a reliable and significant supply of high-quality *S. album* to the market within the next few years.

The conference provided an excellent opportunity to see the 12 km² of plantation, as well as the research in and development of plantation-grown Indian sandalwood, in which Tropical Forestry Services Ltd (TFS) and others are involved. Samples of TFS oil were also available.

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**2008 TRAINING COURSE
ON BAMBOO
TECHNOLOGIES FOR
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

HANGZHOU, CHINA
1 JUNE-30 JULY 2008

This training course was organized by the China National Bamboo Research Centre (CBRC) and sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce, China as a contribution of the Chinese Government to other developing countries within south-south cooperation.

The course was designed to help people who are interested or who work in the bamboo/forest sector to master the basic theories and principles of bamboo cultivation, processing and utilization; to enhance their awareness and capacity of the integrated development of bamboo; and to share China's experiences with and expertise in bamboo.

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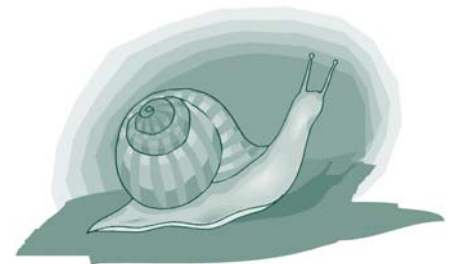


**HIGH-LEVEL
CONFERENCE ON
WORLD FOOD SECURITY:
THE CHALLENGES
OF CLIMATE CHANGE
AND BIOENERGY**

ROME, ITALY
3-5 JUNE 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.fao.org/foodclimate/hlc-home/en/
(Please see Dr Wulf Killmann's editorial and
page 63 for more information.) ♣



Truth has no special time of its own. Its
hour is now – always.

Albert Schweitzer