

APFC Subsidiary Groups

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Asia-Pacific Invasive Species Network (APFISN)



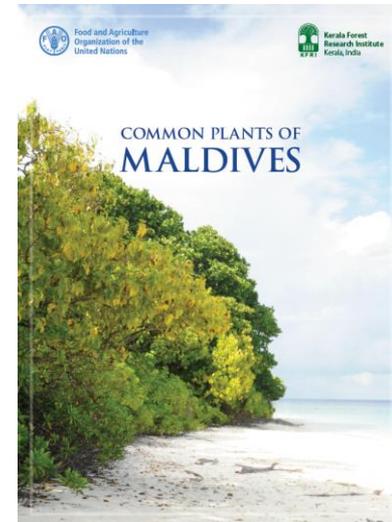
- Established in 2003 by the APFC
- Secretariats at the Kerala Forest Research Institute and the Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Network has been active and successful in:
 - promoting exchange of information
 - facilitating access of expertise and resources
 - strengthening capacities
 - increasing coordination and cooperation among member countries
 - raising awareness



APFISN (cont.)



- Renewed focus on getting on-the-ground activities and results
- Workshop on transboundary management of FIS at APFW 2016
- Guidebook on flora of Maldives published
- International Symposium and Training Course on Forest Invasive Pests to be organized 18-22 Oct 2016, Hainan.



TEAKNET

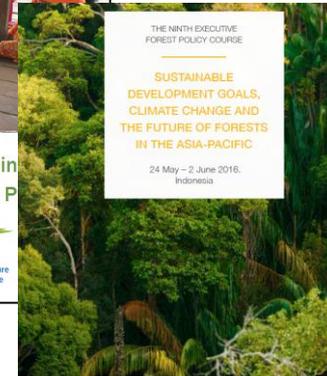


- Established in 1995 to promote interactions and share information among the stakeholders of teak wood sector
- 107 members currently, increasing visibility
- Continuing dissemination of market information on teak
- Teaknet Bulletin – a quarterly newsletter
- Workshop “Global Significance of Teak – Present and Future” organized during APFW 2016
- IUFRO–TEAKNET-FAO evaluation of ITTO project “ex-situ and in-situ conservation of teak to support SFM in Myanmar”
- 4th World Teak Conference planned for late 2017 in Myanmar



Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank (AFPTT)

- Formally launched at the 24th Session APFC
- Regional analysis:
 - Mainstreaming gender into forest policies
 - Forest landscape restoration
 - Drivers affecting forest change in the GMS
- 9th Executive Forest Policy Course (Indonesia, June 2016)
 - 26 participants from 13 countries in the Asia-Pacific region
 - Key to success: partnerships, responding to actual needs and policy issues, support from host government



Asia-Pacific Forest Communication Network (APFCN)

- Established in Oct 2013 (based on 24th APFC recommendation)
- 25 members from 11 countries; working group of 10 members from 8 countries
- Information sharing through Google Groups, Facebook Groups and regular Skype meeting
- Together with RECOFTC, organized an interactive session on improving forest communication during APFW 2016



The Executive Committee is invited to

- Provide overall suggestion on how to enhance the effectiveness of the subsidiary groups
- Provide specific recommendation how to mobilize resources and leverage with ongoing/other initiatives

