

QUINZIÈMES JOURNÉES SCIENTIFIQUES DE L'INRGREF SUR LES PFNL

HAMMAMET, TUNISIE
12-14 OCTOBRE 2010

L'Institut national de recherches en génie rural, eaux et forêts (INRGREF) a consacré ses Quinzièmes Journées scientifiques au thème de la valorisation et de la gestion durable des produits forestiers non ligneux (PFNL). Celles-ci avaient pour objectif de dresser l'état des lieux des PFNL dans les forêts méditerranéennes, montrer les acquis de la recherche dans le domaine des PFNL, et présenter et discuter les approches impliquant la population forestière dans la gestion durable des PFNL.

Divers thèmes ont été abordés, notamment: graines et fruits sauvages; plantes aromatiques et médicinales; champignons; faune sauvage (escargots, cynégétique...); formes d'artisanat liées aux PFNL; rôle de l'écotourisme dans la valorisation des PFNL; et aspects socioéconomiques.

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ECO PRODUCTOS FORESTALES NO MADEREROS 2010

CHUBUT, ARGENTINA
1-3 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2010

Esta reunión tuvo lugar en Chubut, Argentina desde el 1 al 3 de diciembre de 2010. En base a disertaciones de expertos argentinos y extranjeros, se han debatido temas relacionados con la utilización de productos forestales no madereros (PFNM), servicios ambientales y desarrollo del turismo en los bosques.

La reunión ha sido organizada por las siguientes Instituciones: CIEFAP, Secretaría de Ciencia, Técnica e Innovación Productiva del Chubut, Ministerio de Industria, Agricultura y Ganadería del Chubut, Consejo Federal de Inversiones, Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable de la Nación, Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia "San Juan Bosco", Municipalidad de Esquel,

Fundación Bosques de la Patagonia, Administración de Parques Nacionales y la Universidad Austral y el Instituto Forestal- INFOR, ambos de Chile.

Se comenzó con conferencias a cargo de los expertos invitados, luego de las cuales se presentaron los trabajos voluntarios que habían sido seleccionados: Simposio I: Productos forestales no madereros; Simposio II: Turismo en el bosque; y Simposio III: Servicios ambientales.

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NTFP ECO-CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

KEYSTONE FOUNDATION,
KOTAGIRI, INDIA
31 JANUARY-1 FEBRUARY 2011

A workshop was organized to discuss the issue of sustainable collection of NTFPs and review their current state of certification. Twenty-three participants representing various research/academic/civil society organizations attended the workshop.

The key objectives for the workshop were to: (i) share experience about the diversity of approaches being used to guide sustainable collection from the wild; (ii) share experience on how sustainable collection leads to better engagement with primary collectors and improved livelihoods; (iii) share experience on certification/guarantee measures for sustainable extraction that could have the potential of improving market access; and (iv) develop a vision for the future and strengthen the diversity of efforts of sustainable collection and certification/guarantee/monitoring mechanisms.

Recommendations and the way forward

It was decided that participants could provide input, be part of discussion groups and engage with systems such as FairWild. It would be useful to provide community perspectives and practical workable solutions for them, and work on aligning standards to suit Indian conditions. However, this is a voluntary certification and depends on the clients who are interested in taking it up.

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WESTERN HUCKLEBERRY FORUM

CRANBROOK, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
CANADA
22-23 FEBRUARY 2011

Huckleberries are a key component of local ecosystems, cultures and economies in communities throughout western North America. With fire suppression and changes in the logging industry, huckleberry pickers and natural resource managers have noted declines in the abundance and productivity of the huckleberry throughout its range.

From 22 to 23 February, a diverse group of resource managers and researchers will share their knowledge on habitat restoration, forestry and huckleberries, huckleberries and wildlife, historical ecology, fire ecology and ethno-ecology.

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(Please see page 59 for more information on huckleberries.)



SHEA 2011: SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

ACCRA, GHANA
6-7 APRIL 2011

This conference brings together hundreds of industry stakeholders to discuss major issues affecting shea. Producers, traders, processors and international brands will be present. It connects stakeholders and service providers, including financial institutions and transport companies.

Shea 2011: Sustainable Solutions will feature the launch of the world's first international private sector shea alliance: the Global Shea Alliance.

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 **5TO CONGRESO FORESTAL DE CUBA**

LA HABANA, CUBA
 25-29 DE ABRIL 2011

El Comité Organizador del 5to Congreso Forestal de Cuba, VI Simposio Internacional sobre Sistemas Agroforestales, V Encuentro Internacional de Jóvenes Investigadores, en el marco del Año Internacional de los Bosques, se complace en invitarle a participar a nuestro 5to Congreso Forestal.

Se debatirán las siguientes temáticas: Silvicultura sostenible, Bienes y servicios de los bosques, Tecnología de la madera y Productos naturales, Agrosilvicultura, Cambio climático, Protección al bosque y la fauna, Forestería análoga, Café y Cacao y Seguridad alimentaria.

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 **FOREST-EUROPE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE PROTECTION OF FORESTS IN EUROPE**

OSLO, NORWAY
 14-16 JUNE 2011

The Forest-Europe Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe represents a major European contribution to the International Year of Forests. At this conference, European countries will take decisions aimed at the preservation of forests and the safeguarding of their environmental, societal and economic



benefits for present and future generations. Ministers are expected to adopt a vision, goals and targets for Europe's forests and address ways to strengthen cooperation on sustainable forest management in Europe. In this context, they will consider opening negotiations on a legally binding agreement on forests and their management in Europe.

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 **CIFOR POLICY CONFERENCE**

THE ROYAL SOCIETY, LONDON,
 UNITED KINGDOM
 15 JUNE 2011

CIFOR and its partners will host a global forum on the role of environmental income and forests in rural livelihoods and poverty alleviation. Results from the PEN (Poverty Environment Network) global study and other large-scale comparative research projects will be presented. The aim is to strengthen the case for institutionalizing data collection of previously "hidden" environmental income.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:
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 **2011 INBAR BAMBOO TOUR TO CHINA**

CHINA
 19-30 JUNE 2011

The objective of INBAR's annual bamboo study tours is to share the experience of Chinese bamboo development and to promote bamboo development in other countries. The 2011 INBAR Bamboo Tour will include visits to Zhejiang and Sichuan province, with the

possibility of attending the 2011 Xi'an International Horticultural Exposition.

The tour will include visits to some leading bamboo flooring manufacturers, such as DASSO (which produced the bamboo fireproof ceiling in Madrid's international airport); Yafeng (strand-woven bamboo lumber and floor); Yongyu (bamboo floor); Shengbang (bamboo concrete form and fibreboard); Xieqiang (bamboo curtain and mat); Kangxing bamboo-shoot processing company; Shenshi Bio-product company (bamboo extracts such as flavonoids, bamboo beer); Wenzhao, the biggest bamboo charcoal company (charcoal and vinegar); the only Bamboo Charcoal Museum in the world; some primitive processing workshops (bamboo strips) at the community level; Huachun bamboo furniture company; Jitai bamboo-processing machine company; and the Anji bamboo product market (hundreds of bamboo products, including bamboo clothes).

The tour also includes visits to the biggest bamboo botanic garden in the world, Anji Bamboo Garden, which has more than 300 bamboo species, plus two giant pandas; the Chinese Bamboo Museum; high-yielding bamboo plantations; a bamboo film production base; ecotourism sites; an ornamental bamboo nursery; Baisha ecotourism village; and, finally, companies and communities producing NTFPs such as ginkgo, hickory and traditional dry bamboo shoots.

The cost of attending the tour in China is US\$2 100/person including accommodation, food, transportation, domestic flights and entrance tickets.

Reports from the 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009 bamboo tours are available online.

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 **INBAR COURSE
ON INTEGRATED
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN
MOUNTAIN AREAS
AND NTFP INDUSTRIAL
AND COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

ZHEJIANG PROVINCE, CHINA
6-26 SEPTEMBER 2011

This workshop will be held in Lin'an and Anji; these locations are commonly recognized in both China and the international community as successful examples of integrated sustainable development in mountain areas. The well-developed NTFP industries and ecotourism, the affluent and modern mountain villages and the beautiful forest environments are all signs of success.

This workshop will provide a platform for people from various levels and fields of work who are concerned with mountain development, rural development, environmental protection and natural resource management and so on, to share and explore the best practices in sustainable and integrated development in mountain regions, especially the technologies and products of NTFPs.

The training workshop is designed to provide a platform for participating countries to share and exchange the best practices and experiences in mountain sustainable development, as well as experiences in NTFP industrialization and commercialization.

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 **INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE
ART AND JOY OF WOOD**

BANGALORE, INDIA
19-22 OCTOBER 2011

In collaboration with the Government of India, FAO will be holding an international conference on wood products and sustainable development. The overall aim of the conference will be to examine how the production and use of wood products can contribute to sustainable development and how greater demands for sustainability might present new opportunities for development of the wood products sector.

Within this general direction, three themes for the conference are proposed: (i) emerging trends in economies and lifestyles: what are the main trends affecting wood use and how can these be utilized to strengthen the forest products sector?; (ii) stories portraying the winds of change: case studies showing how some wood producers and users have already developed strategies or innovations to build successful enterprises based on changing consumer demands and needs; (iii) wooden paths to a sustainable future: how can the linkages between wood use and sustainable development be strengthened and used to promote more and higher-value wood use?

This conference will focus in particular on the social, aesthetic, cultural and traditional aspects of wood use and how the strong linkages between wood and society might be used to support the future development of the sector as a whole.

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physically to unite bamboo enthusiasts and professionals. The aim of the WBC is to bring together people from around the world to meet, discuss, network, collaborate and exchange with the intention of improving understanding and stimulating potential. Ever since its inception in Puerto Rico in 1984, each WBC has been uniquely informative, educational, and culturally and intellectually challenging.

The 9th WBC will be a two-part event taking place between Belgium and France. The congress will focus on the future use of bamboo in Europe and innovations in bamboo development. Apart from a series of meetings and conferences, the schedule will also include field visits, a trade fair for bamboo products and allied wares (machinery, tools, etc.), and complimentary exhibit booths for "not-for-profit, non-profit or non-government" organizations (i.e. the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), national bamboo societies, etc.).

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 **9TH WORLD BAMBOO
CONGRESS**

10-13 APRIL 2012
(ANTWERP, BELGIUM)
17-21 SEPTEMBER 2012
(TOULOUSE, FRANCE)

Every three to four years the World Bamboo Organization (WBO) organizes a World Bamboo Congress (WBC) which is the culmination of the organization's efforts

The important work of moving the world forward does not wait to be done by perfect men.

George Eliot

