



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SILVICULTURAL MANAGEMENT FOR FOREST PRODUCERS OF EDIBLE MUSHROOMS

CASTILLA Y LEÓN, SPAIN  
9–11 JUNE 2011

This conference was organized by the Forest Research Centre Valonsadero (government of Castilla y León), with the aim of contributing to the promotion in Europe of a multifunctional and sustainable forest management, integrating and enhancing ecological and socio-economic functions of edible wild mushrooms.

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## "EL BOSQUE SIN FRONTERA PARA TODOS Y POR EL BIEN COMUN"

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA  
29, 30 DE JUNIO Y 1 DE JULIO DE 2011

El objetivo principal de este evento fue destacar la importancia estratégica de los ecosistemas forestales para la conservación de la biodiversidad, el desarrollo socioeconómico y cultural de la región centroamericana.

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## COMMUNITY FORESTRY: KEY TO SOLVING CURRENT AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

BANGKOK, THAILAND  
8–9 AUGUST 2011

Many Asia-Pacific countries have made considerable strides in giving local people a greater stake in managing their forest resources. However, pressure on forests is high, and decision-makers often must revalue forest land as a result of changing

environmental, economic and social drivers. The time is right for taking stock of where community forestry stands today and for committing to efficient and practical solutions that work for both people and forests.

In collaboration with Thailand's Royal Forest Department, RECOFTC (the Center for People and Forests), the ASEAN Social Forestry Network, FAO and the Japan International Cooperation Agency organized the Second Regional Forum for People and Forests. The International Year of Forests calls for a people-centred approach to sustainable forest management. The forum promoted community forestry as a vital tool for solving current and emerging challenges in Asia and the Pacific.

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## 14TH SYMPOSIUM OF THE NATURAL PRODUCT RESEARCH NETWORK FOR EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA (NAPRECA)

KASARANI, NAIROBI, KENYA  
8–12 AUGUST 2011

NAPRECA has the mandate to mobilize scientists in the relevant fields in the East and Central African subregion to contribute effectively to the development of the science of natural products. The necessity of NAPRECA was borne from the realization that Africa was rich in biodiversity but poor in research and development in natural products.

The event further explored natural products on the continent, under the theme "Natural products from African biodiversity".

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## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS

PETÉN, GUATEMALA  
16–19 AUGUST 2011

This International Society for Horticulture Science international scientific symposium (History of Mayan Ethnopharmacology) aims to provide a unique opportunity for understanding and appreciating indigenous medicinal plant use in current and historical Mayan culture.

Scientific sessions in ethnopharmacology focused on indigenous practices and market development. Additional sessions included medicinal plant cultivation, biodiversity, and essential oils. Pharmacognosy sessions explored the physical, chemical and biological properties of medicinal plants.

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## RESTORING FORESTS FOR COMMUNITIES, BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

BOGOR, INDONESIA  
12–13 SEPTEMBER 2011

Indonesia has tens of millions of hectares of degraded land resulting from unsustainable land-use practices. From colonial times onwards, the Government has implemented a wide variety of reforestation projects, but typically with limited success because of an array of technical, social and institutional problems.

This conference examined some of the more innovative reforestation approaches being conducted in Indonesia and across the Asia-Pacific region and looked at their (wider) applicability to Indonesia. The

conference was followed by a small workshop designed to determine how best to facilitate the adoption of more ecologically and socially sound forms of reforestation in Indonesia.

Conference objectives included: (i) increasing awareness of the need for forest reforestation as a means to benefit communities, conserve biodiversity and restore environmental services; (ii) introducing different forest restoration approaches with reference to initial social and ecological site conditions and management objectives; and (iii) examining the obstacles to and opportunities for more effective forest restoration in Indonesia.

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**2ND ASIA-PACIFIC FORESTRY WEEK: NEW CHALLENGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

BEIJING, CHINA  
7-11 NOVEMBER 2011

FAO and its partners are inviting the forestry sector to participate at the 2nd Asia-Pacific Forestry Week, expected to be the largest and the most important forestry-related event in the region in 2011. The event will bring together some 1 500-2 000 participants from governments, NGOs, research institutions, regional and international networks, UN agencies and the private sector. High-level forestry officials from throughout the Asia-Pacific region will attend the event. It will provide a unique opportunity for diverse stakeholders and forest managers to share perspectives and seek solutions to the most challenging issues facing forests and forestry today.

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**GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION CONFERENCE 2020**

BANGKOK, THAILAND  
15-16 NOVEMBER 2011

The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) countries, through the GMS Working Group on Environment and the Asian Development Bank are organizing a conference to benchmark economic developments of the decade spanning 2001-2010. The conference will look at the decade's impact on growth, the wider distribution of economic benefits to the poor in the subregion, and its overall effect on the environment in order to take a hard look at the next ten years 2011-2020 on emerging challenges of climate change and the need for appropriate responses.

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**2011 INBAR BAMBOO INDUSTRIAL TOUR**

ZHEJIANG, CHINA  
18-24 NOVEMBER 2011

The objective of the annual bamboo study tours is to share the experience of Chinese bamboo development and to promote bamboo development in other countries.

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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MANAGING NON WOOD FOREST PRODUCTS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS**

BHOPAL, INDIA  
17-19 DECEMBER 2011

The importance of NWFPs contributing to rural livelihoods and alleviating rural poverty is well known. It is estimated that about 60 million highly forest-dependent people in Latin America, West Africa and Southeast Asia, with an additional 400 to 500 million people especially in those communities living inside and on the fringes of forest areas, depend on NWFPs for food, shelter, medicine, cash income, etc. Apart from meeting subsistence and cash income needs of the dependent communities, NWFPs also support a large number of small- to large-scale enterprises engaged in processing and/or trading of NWFPs and NWFP-based products.

While there is growing appreciation of the importance of NWFPs for rural households, especially the very poor, there are also concerns about the potential impacts of NWFP collection on biodiversity. The Madhya Pradesh Minor Forest Produce (MPMFP) Federation, Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) and Madhya Pradesh Forest Department (MPFD) have long been involved in providing livelihood opportunities for forest dwellers and rural households through direct interventions, and research and development initiatives. Yet it is strongly felt that there are many grey areas where a lot still needs to be done. Furthermore, many good things are happening around the globe concerning NWFP management-related issues. There are plenty of success stories about sustainable livelihoods as a result of NWFP marketing and trading. Madhya Pradesh wishes to learn from such experiences.

It is with this background in mind that the MPMFP Federation is organizing an international conference on NWFPs. The theme of the conference is Management of NWFPs for sustainable livelihoods. It will be organized in commemoration of the International Year of Forests and the completion of 150 years of scientific forestry. In Madhya Pradesh, the main organizer of the event is the MPMFP Federation with IIFM as copartner. MPFD is the sponsor of the event.



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 **CONGRESS OF THE**  
**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY**  
**OF ETHNOBIOLOGY 2012**

**MONTPELLIER, FRANCE**  
**20-25 MAY 2012**



For two decades, the International Society of Ethnobiology (ISE) has actively promoted and supported the inextricable linkages between biological and cultural diversity and the vital role of Indigenous and local people in the stewardship of biological diversity and cultural heritage, which includes recognition of land and resource rights, as well as rights and responsibilities over tangible and intangible cultural and intellectual properties.

Building on the traditions of past ISE congresses, the 13th International Congress of Ethnobiology in Montpellier, France, will bring indigenous and non-indigenous participants from around the world to tackle the key issues of our times. The congress will include a wide range of formats for people to share their knowledge, ideas and experiences, ranging from talk circles, to film viewings and discussions, cultural

performances, field trips, oral presentations and poster sessions. The congress is designed to be highly interactive and participatory, and to foster a commitment by participants to building understanding and trust.

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**IUFRO "FORESTS**  
**FOR PEOPLE –**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**EXPERIENCES**  
**AND THE VITAL ROLE**  
**FOR THE FUTURE"**

**ALPBACH, AUSTRIA**  
**22-24 MAY 2012**

The conference is one important part of the new strategy of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). The aim of this conference is to build a systematic body of knowledge about "forests for people" and its various facets, including possible future trends and challenges.

The conference and the follow-up process aim at integrating not only the knowledge across all IUFRO divisions, but also include the knowledge outside IUFRO.

The main themes of the conference are the following.

- Livelihoods – issues of agroforestry, food security, fuels, poverty alleviation and human dislocation.
- Health, Recreation and Tourism – issues of human health, recreation and nature-based tourism.
- Urban and Rural Landscapes – issues of ecosystem services, economic benefit and development, spaces and places for living.
- Culture and Education – issues of perceptions of forests, spiritual character, education, historical tradition and practice, communication and governance.

The IUFRO conference is addressed towards forest managers, scientists, science administrators, policy-makers and the interested public audience.

It is organized by the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna, Department of Landscape, Spatial and Infrastructure Sciences,

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 **11TH ASIAN**  
**APICULTURAL**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**CONFERENCE**

**KUALA TERENGGANU, TERENGGANU,**  
**MALAYSIA**  
**28 SEPTEMBER-2 OCTOBER 2012**

The Asian Apicultural Association (AAA) assists communication and the exchange of information between bee scientists and beekeepers in Asia. We need to coordinate bee research, extension and diversity of beekeeping promotion and to make efforts relevant to the business community and people everywhere.

The conference committee has identified the following areas as special areas of focus for the scientific presentation and discussion: bee biology, behaviour, diseases and pests; bee pollination and bee plants; bee products; beekeeping and honey-hunting equipment and technologies; apitherapy and pharmaceuticals; and environment and conservation.

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