

Monthly report for the Month of November 2019
Institute of Wood Science & Technology, Bengaluru

1. IMPORTANT RESEARCH FINDINGS:

2. NEW PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING THE MONTH: Nil

3. PROJECTS CONCLUDED DURING THE MONTH: Nil

4. PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS (BOTH NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL):

Sl. No	Topic	Duration	No. of participants	Beneficiaries

5. MEETINGS ORGANIZED:

Sl. No	Topic	Duration	No. of participants	Beneficiaries

6. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Sl. No	Topic	Duration	No. of participants	Beneficiaries
1	Meeting of "Working group of Western Ghats" conducted by MoEF&CC at Indira Pariyavaran Bhavan,	22- 23 Nov 2019 2 Days	1	The six states of Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Goa, Maharastra and Gujarath spread

	Jorbagh, New Delhi			across Western Ghats
2.	Evaluation of applications on felling of trees under BBMP Urban and Rural territorial divisions as a expert committee member appointed by honorable high court of Karnataka.	5 Nov 2019 and 19 Nov 2019 -	1	

7. WORKSHOP ATTENDED:

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1	Workshop on <i>Meliadubia</i> organized by TENE	15 Nov 2019 1 day	2	

8. TRAININGS ORGANIZED:

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1	Training on bamboo Nursery and Plantation Management to the farmers of Tarikeri village under the support of Karnataka forest department, Tarikeri, Bhadravathi Division, Karnataka	1 Nov 2019 1 Day	200	Farmers and other stakeholders
2.	Sandalwood farming and management of its health	5 – 7 Nov.2019 3 days	65	Farmers and sandal tree growers
3.	Timber Identification	18 – 22 Nov 2019 5 days	6	The Karnataka State Forest Academy, Dharwad, 5 RFO Trainees and 1 from Private company

9. TRAININGS ATTENDED:

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No			participants	
1	Field survey, data collection compilation and analysis at ICAR – Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi.	4 - 8 Nov 2019	2	ICFRE Technical staff

10. DEMONSTRATIONS:

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11. PARTICIPATION IN KISAN MELA/EXHIBITION/TRADE FAIR ETC.:

Institute	Participated	Duration	Place
Nil			

12. OTHER EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

- Under Prakriti Program 110 students of Grade 5 – 7 from St. John’s High School Bangalore visited Institute of Wood Science and Technology on 13 November 2019

13. RESEARCH PAPERS:

- **Ravi, N., Suraj, P. G. and Mohan Varghese (2019).** Water balance in Eucalyptus plantations. *My Forest* Vol 55 (3): 69-78
- Publication of a field manual titled "Urban Tree Risk Assessment - a pictorial guide".
- Publication of a field manual titled "Field guide on management of shade trees (special emphasis to *Acrocarpus fraxinifolius* in parts of coffee plantation at Kodagu district, Karnataka)".

14. VISIT OF DIGNITARIES:

- Director General, ICFRE visited the institute from 16-19 November 2019. A press meet was held on 19th November 2019 to appraise the media on the work being carried out and important activities undertaken by the council

15. CONSULTANCIES:

16. OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES:

- As part of curriculum 38 students of MSc (Environment Management) from Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun visited the institute on 4 November 2019
- As part of curriculum 12 students of BSc (Agriculture) from University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore visited the institute on 21 November 2019
- The Institute observed Vigilance Awareness week from 28th October 2019 to 2nd November 2019. The concluding day was celebrated on 1 November 2019.
- The institute observed Constitution day on 26th November 2019 by reading of the preamble of the Constitution of India by the staff and students of IWST. The preamble was read collectively by the employees in three languages namely Hindi, English and Kannada.
- Dr. K.K. Pandey Scientist – G of IWST has been appointed as Co-chair of Environmental Effect Assessment Panel
- A session on “Wood material characterization, properties and processing “ was conducted by Dr. S. S. Chauhan, Scientist G, WP Division and Dr. R. Sundararaj, Scientist-G conducted session in Module II: Material Conservation II (Wood, Metal, Glass & Ceramic) in the Built Heritage Studies and Conservation Capacity Development Program at Chhatrapathi Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai on 19 Nov 2019
- Georg-August University, Goettingen, Germany was visited from 25– 29 November 2019 by Director, IWST, Dr. V. P. Tewari, GCR and Dr. B. N. Diwakara, Scientist E as part of ongoing project entitled “Spatio-temporal land use patterns at rural-urban interface and the relationship between green areas and biophysical features” funded by department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The objectives of the visit were:
 - ✓ To review the progress achieved in Phase I
 - ✓ To plan for and coordinate data collection in Phase II
 - ✓ To identify and advance manuscript ideas and draft of joint scientific publications
 - ✓ To discuss with Wood Science and Technology Division, Georg-August University on works related to wood science and to explore possible collaborations.
- Dr. R. Sundararaj, Scientist-G was nominated as Viva voce examiner for the Ph.D. viva voce examination of Ms. Sheryl Lanong. Ph.D. Scholar in Microbiology on 11.11.2019 at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.
- Dr. A. Muthukumar Scientist- E successfully accomplished Circle level meeting at Rajahmundry and Guntur related to DPR for Krishna river.
- Wood testing enquiries (13 samples for identification, 7 samples for moisture content, 1 sample for specific gravity tests and 0 sample for other tests, were received and test reports of 5 samples for identification, 2 samples for moisture content, 1 sample for specific gravity tests and 6 sample for other tests were sent to the concerned department/parties.)

- Dr. R. Sundararaj, Scientist-G as Nodal Officer conducted Scientist-B examination at IWST on 9.11.2019.