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MONTHLY SEMINAR REPORT ON “FOREST CERTIFICATION”

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Speaker: Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra, Scientist-F & Group Coordinator (Research), IFP, Ranchi, Jharkhand

At the outset, Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director, IFP, Ranchi addressed all the participants through virtual programme (Video Conferencing) and briefed about the significance of Forest Certification in the present day. He said that it is going to be obligatory for the stakeholders to use certified timber and forest products. He also emphasised the need of Forest Certification by the Forest Managers and the role of Forest Research Institutes in this task of certification. With this introduction he invited Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra, Scientist-F to speak on the topic. Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra made a detailed power point presentation on Forest Certification in the Indian context. In the introductory part the speaker mentioned how certification process started in other sectors through ISO and ISI certification. In view of desertification and environmental degradation, how certification process in forestry sector was initiated in foreign countries in the last decade of the year 2000. He spoke on the global status of Forest Certification emphasizing on FSC, PEFC and few other certification agencies which are largely addressing the issue of Forest Certification. India got its own Forest Certification system after constitutions of Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF) being enacted in the year 2019 under the flagship of PEEFC (Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification). He detailed the concept and approaches required to meet the desired national and international standard & Forest Certification and also focussed on important aspects of Forest Certification as practised globally which needs to be applied in the emerging context & Forests in India. He also focussed on changing global perspectives on forest resources, importance and need for sustainable management of forests, increasing consumer awareness and demand for certified forest products. Dr. Mishra described about the certification scheme of NTFPs and different agencies engaged in certification of NTFPs. Bamboo being the commercially important product is also being considered for certification nowadays. He elaborately discussed

about the role of NBM for certification process categorically for Bamboo Nursery, bamboo QPM and bamboo tissue culture units. He concluded the lecture with emergent need of certification in view of conservation and sustainable management of forests and forest products.

Expected outcome of the Seminar:

- Sustainable management of forests.
- Restriction on the illegal trade of Forest products/logging of trees.
- A huge area of forest can be undertaken for carbon trading.

Identification of future strategies/road map

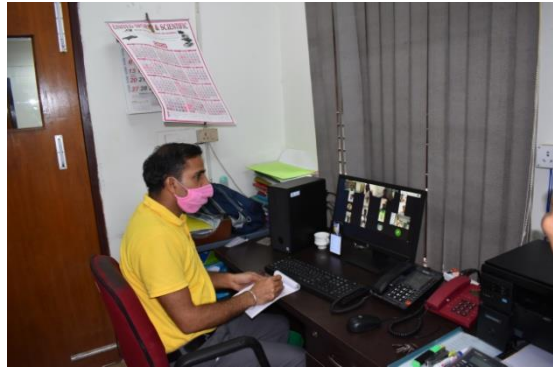
- Vast area of forest available with various SFDs can be considered for certification with incorporation of local communities for their development and livelihood support.
- New dimension of forest management can be ascertained.

Networking research option and opportunities

- Creation of awareness for using certified forest products en masse through networking and
- Research institutes can take a lead for developing criterion and indicator for certification of forests in their region.



Opening remarks by the Director



Glimpses of Participants in the Webinar