

Interactive meeting on National Program for Conservation and Development of Forest Genetic Resources at IFGTB, Coimbatore on 6-3-2020

The FGRM Division conducted an interactive meeting on National Program for Conservation and Development of Forest Genetic Resources on 6-3-2020. The following FGRM Team participated in the meeting.

Dr. R. Anandalakshmi, Scientist, Head & NPC

Dr. A. Vijayaraghavan, Scientist, PI

Dr. D. Thangamani, Scientist, PI

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Scientists of IFGTB, Dr. V. Mohan, Dr. R. Yasodha, Dr. A. Nicodemus, Dr. V. Sivakumar, Dr. A. Karthikeyan, Dr. Kannan. C.S. Warriar, Dr. Modhumita, Dr. A. Shanthi, Dr. K. Paneerselvam, Forest Officers Shri Rajesh Gopalan, IFS, Shri P. Kathirvel, IFS and Shri J. Sriram, IFS, Technical staff and JRFs of FGRM also participated in the discussion and offered their comments.

Dr. R. Anandalakshmi, Scientist - F, Head and NPC for the programme welcomed the gathering and presented about the project activities to be carried out. The following points were noted for the work to be done:

- Prioritization of species
- Potential value of the species
- Choice of conservation method
- Modalities of working among the networking Institutes
- The pre-breeding of species that needs to be domesticated, commonly distributed, endemic species distributed in specific forest type, RED listed species were to be given priority.
- Once the species are prioritized, distribution maps have to be carried out for the populations.
- Pilot study should be done before going for conservation
- Working plans of the state governments shall be referred for the selection and distribution of species.
- A case study on sandal was presented.



The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. R. Anandalakshmi.