

Brief Report on Regional Workshop on Sustainable Collection, Value Addition, Warehousing and Marketing of Selected RET and High Traded Medicinal Plant Species held in Shimoga on 28-06-2013

A Regional workshop was organized in Shimoga with a cloud of 119 participants comprising of forest officers (CCF's, DFO's, ACF's, RFO's, Deputy RFO's, Forest Guards etc.,) from all the 3 forest divisions, JFMC members (President, Secretary, Women representatives, Nati-vaidya), Self-help group members from Agumbe, Illeman, Honnasagadde of Shimoga Division, Huliginakoppa of Sagar Division and Nidle of Mangalore Division, Technical support team from FRLHT, CORDEA and local traders.

The main objective of the workshop was to discuss the formats developed for resource assessment and orient the JFMC members about the action plan for sustainable collection practices, value addition and conservation of the selected wild species.

Ms. Smitha Bijjur, IFS, CCCF, Shimoga welcomed the gathering. Mr. Shivanna Gowda, IFS, APCCF, Development, Bangalore, Mr. Keshava Murthy, IFS, CCF, NFAP Bamboo Mission, Bangalore, Ms. Simtha Bijjur, IFS, CCF, Shimoga, Mr. Mohammed Hussain from AYUSH office and Mr. Jagannatha Rao., Senior Program Officer inaugurated the workshop. Mr. Shivanna Gowda, IFS, APCCF, Development, Bangalore, delivered the inaugural address and Mr. Keshava Murthy, IFS, CCF, NFAP Bamboo Mission, Bangalore briefed on importance of sustainable collection in conservation. Mr. Ramachandrappa, Forest Guard was felicitated in recognition of his expertise in identification of Medicinal Plants.

Mr. Jagannatha Rao., Senior Program Officer, FRLHT briefed on the overall project objectives and Ms. Rajashree G. Mavinkurve, Research Associate, FRLHT presented on the action plan with time-line for implementation of the project. Mr. Suresh, Research Officer and Mrs. Rajashree G. Mavinkurve from FRLHT, Bengaluru and Dr. Sudarshan, CORDEA, Davangere initiated the group discussions among the different team members and guided them in preparation of the action plan at each of the selected JFMC's. Mr. Jagannatha Rao from FRLHT supported the group discussions.

The workshop concluded with the presentation on the draft action plans by representatives of each of the JFMC's and vote of thanks by Mr. Mallikarjuna, DFO, Shimoga.

Outcome

Five groups constituted JFMC wise had critical discussions and presented their need for establishment of the processing and storing units. They have listed few more medicinal plants which are found in plenty in their area which can be traded apart from the selected/targeted species. They have also identified few places for the establishment of the units and have given information on the facilities available or required for establishment like water, electricity, labour etc.,. Most of them are having fair idea of medicinal uses of medicinal plants in their

area. They are eager to avail the facilities and establish the collection, processing, storage units. They are also willing to establish market linkages for marketing of the produce.



Inauguration of the Workshop



Felicitation of Mr. Ramachandrappa, Forest Guard in recognition of his expertise in Identification of Medicinal Plants



Presentation by Mr. Jagannatha Rao, Senior Program Officer



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