



ASIA PACIFIC WORKSHOP ON FOREST HYDROLOGY

Water and Forests – Beyond traditional forest hydrology

Dehradun, India
23-25 September 2013



Many of the forests constitute head water catchments for large rivers and play a major role in regulating the hydrological services of the river basins and beyond. The consequences and influences have far-reaching impacts affecting many of the global environmental issues currently hotly debated at many of the international forums.

In the Asia Pacific region, many of the rivers have crossed national boundaries, and forests at the catchment and upper basin could have critical impacts on the hydrological characteristics with serious influences on the climate, environment, and livelihood further down streams, often across a few nations.

The science of forest hydrology allows analysis of forest and water connections over larger areas to make predictions about forests and water that can address current and anticipated future issues, including cumulative watershed effects, climate change, and forest management practices. Considerable progress has been made in forest hydrological research all over the world. Recently however, the research focus has shifted to studying reforestation hydrology, large-scale watershed hydrology, climate change impacts, and application of hydrological models. In the case of India, for example, the initiative have been taken by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education; Dehradun (ICFRE), by constituting a committee on forest hydrology to identify the areas of research needs addressing the different issues related to the science of forest hydrology and related fields.

A workshop is planned to convene in Dehradun, India, to address these and other related issues.

Objectives and Scope

The main objective of the workshop is to provide a forum for linking various international, regional and national agencies and institutions dealing with forest and water issues to share strategies, experiences and knowledge. The workshop will provide an opportunity for individuals and their associated agencies, organizations and networks to build collaborative linkages and better align programmes to capture synergies.

The workshop is proposed to cover the following topics:

- Water and forests – the role of forest hydrology in an era of climate change
- Forests : sources of water and food security
- Forest and water – implications for biodiversity and human livelihood

Who should attend?

The workshop is open to all interested participants. It will be of particular relevance to representatives of international and regional organizations, programmes, networks and projects dealing with green technologies in forest products industries. Individuals working in policy, research and operations related to forest hydrology, environmental services, and industries will find the workshop especially useful. A wide range of government officials, scientists, industry representatives and private sector officials, from across the Asia-Pacific region are expected to attend.

Duration

The workshop will convene in Dehradun, India, 23-25 September 2013.

The technical sessions will spread over two days, and participants will have the chance to visit research sites during a day-long field trip.

Organization

The workshop is being organized jointly by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, India and the Asia Pacific Association of Forest Research Institutions (APAFRI) with financial support from Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Korea Forest Research Institute (KFRI) and the APAFRI.

Participants should seek their own resources to attend the workshop. Efforts are being made to mobilize resources to support a limited number of invited participants, especially from developing countries in Asia and the Pacific. Those who are interested in participating in the workshop, but do not have their own funding, are still encouraged to register. The workshop organizers will attempt to provide partial support. The working language of the workshop will be English.

*If you wish to present a paper, or exhibit a poster, send your abstract of 300–500 words to Head, Climate change and Forest Influence Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun-248006, India with Email to Head_CCFI@icfre.org and copy to Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid (ppbhoj@icfre.org) and Dr Sim Heok-Choh (simhc@frim.gov.my; sim@apafri.org). Abstracts should include the full names, addresses of authors, and e-mail address for the corresponding author. For any query, you may contact the focal point Mr M.P.Singh, Head, Climate change and Forest Influence Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun-248006. **Deadline for abstracts submission is 30 June 2013.***

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