

**National Workshop**  
**on**  
**Eucalyptus Gall Wasp - Present**  
**Status and Future Strategies**

**10 June 2013**



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Outbreak of an invasive gall inducing insect, *Leptocybe invasa*, presumed to have arrived from Australia, on eucalypts plantations and nurseries in several eucalyptus growing tracts in India was observed since 2007. This Institute identified and made the first reporting about the incidence of this invasive species to alert the stake holders and public. IFGTB has also taken up extensive surveys in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala which enabled to assess the intensity of incidence; extent of damage by *L. invasa* and spread of the pest in eucalypts plantations and nurseries. Recommendations were drawn from the "Field visit cum Meeting to discuss Eucalyptus gall problem" held at Chennai on 16 & 17 April 2007 and an Action Plan to identify and manage Eucalyptus Gall problem was prepared. Since pesticide application didn't give desired results, eucalypts clones were tested at different locations to identify gall tolerant candidates and stake holders were advised to withdraw susceptible candidates as a management strategy. Natural enemies of *L. invasa* were imported from Israel through the National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Insects- (NBAII), Bangalore and released. Regular assessment of gall population by IFGTB in collaboration with NBAII since its release tends to show significant reduction in gall infestation in many localities.

At this juncture it is felt that an assessment of the present gall wasp

situation needs to be done for deriving future strategies for the gall wasp management and eucalyptus cultivation. Therefore, a one day National workshop on "Eucalyptus Gall Wasp - Present Status and Future Strategies" is arranged on the 10th of June 2013 at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore bringing together stake holders involved in large scale eucalyptus planting like Paper industries, State Forest Departments, Forest Development Corporations, farmers besides researchers who are actively working on the gall wasp and its management.

We request your kind participation in the Workshop to share information on the present gall wasp situation and to derive methods for further follow up which will benefit all end users. A paper of 3-4 pages on the present status of Gall wasp problem in eucalyptus in your plantations / nursery, management strategies like adoption of gall tolerant clones and biological control and other management strategies for the same may please be communicated on or before 15th May 2013.

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The above details along with soft copy of paper on the present status of

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