









INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Asia's unique forests and trees: Conserving diversity, building resilience, enhancing productivity

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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

8:30 – 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION
9.00-9.30 AM	Opening and welcome remarks Dr. Jose V. Camacho Jr. (Chancellor, UPLB) Assoc. Prof. Marlo D. Mendoza (Dean, CFNR)
9.30-10.00 AM	Keynote 1: Dr. Rekha R. Warrier (ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, India)
10.00-10.30 AM	Health Break and Poster Session
10.30-12.00 PM	Parallel Sessions 1
	Session 1A: Documenting diversity: Genetic diversity (Lansigan Auditorium)
	Session 1B: Documenting diversity: Species and ecosystems (Manza Room)
12.00-13.30 PM	Lunch Break
13.30-14.00 PM	Keynote 2: Prof. Emeritus Edwino S. Fernando (CFNR, University of the Philippines Los Baños)
14.00-15.30 PM	Parallel Sessions 2
	Session 2A: Conserving diversity (Lansigan Auditorium)
	Session 2B: Building resilience, enhancing productivity (Manza Room)
15.30-16.00 PM	Health Break and Poster Session
16.00-16.30 PM	Keynote 3: Dr. Riina Jalonen (Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT)
16.30-17.00 PM	Closing remarks Prof. Dr. Zheng Yongqi (Research Institute of Forestry, Chinese Academy of Forestry)
	Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Alona C. Linatoc (CFNR,UPLB)

Parallel Session 1A. Documenting Diversity (Genetic Diversity)

Session Chairs: Dr. Crusty E. Tinio and Dr. Zheng Yongqi

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10.30-10.45	Genetic Diversity Restoration Strategies for the Endangered Subalpine Conifer Taxus cuspidata in the Republic of Korea Hyoin Lim, Forest Bioinformation Division, National Institute of Forest Science, Republic of Korea
10.45-11.00	Unlocking Nature's Code: Genetic Signatures of DNA Barcodes and Fingerprints for Conserving the Philippines' Threatened Forest Trees Lerma S.J. Maldia, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines
11.00-11.15	Advancing Forest Conservation Through Genetic Research and DNA Technologies Ng K.K.S., Tnah L.H., Lee C.T., Ng C.H., Nurul-Farhanah Z., Nur-Nabilah A. & Lee S.L., Forest Research Institute Malaysia
11.15-11.30	An Amazon giant losing its habitat: Genetic and performance patterns of the Brazil nut tree in Peru, a socio-economically valuable keystone species with restoration potential living under threat. Chiriboga-Arroyo, Fidel; Jansen, Merel; Bardales-Lozano, Ricardo; Guariguata, Manuel R., Blomberg, Maxime; Miedema, Jolijn; Schaaf, Jiska; Zuidema, Pieter A.; Velásquez Ramírez, Manuel Gabriel; Atapaucar Sánchez, Nils; Martins, Karina; Brouwer, Rens; Corvera Gomringer, Ronald; Kettle, Chris J. Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
11.30-11.45	Morphological and Molecular Variability Studies in Canarium strictum Roxb. Shanthi Arunachalam, ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, India
11.45-11.50	Flash Talk: Development and Application of Microsatellite Markers for Genetic Diversity Assessment and Construction of a Core Collection of Myrciaria dubia (Kunth) McVaugh Germplasm from the Peruvian Amazon Stalin Juan Vasquez Guizado, National University of San Agustin de Arequipa, Peru
11.50-12.00	Discussion

Parallel Session 1B. Documenting Biodiversity (Species and Ecosystem)

Session Chairs: Dr. Analyn L. Codilan and Dr. Chaloun Bounithiphonh Zoom Credentials:

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	10.30-10.45	Long Term Ecological Research Plots: Documenting Plant Diversity in Montane and Mossy Forests of Mount Makiling Forest Reserve ASEAN Heritage Park Leilani A. Castillo, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines
	10.45-11.00	Ecosystem Condition and Extent Analysis of the Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed Forest Reserve
	11.00-11.15	Jess Riel R. Terbio, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines Beyond the Surface: Biodiversity and Carbon Stock Potential of Uacon Lake, Candelaria, Zambales, Philippines Kyle Adrian B. Cancino, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines
	11.15-11.30	Beyond the National Conservation Review (NCR) (1997) in Sri Lanka, Designing an optimum protected areas system for Sri Lanka's Natural Forests Maddagama Arachchige Thulani Ruchika Kularatne, Department of Forest
	11.30-11.45	Biodiversity and Regeneration Dynamics in Dry Peninsular Sal Forests: An Ecological Assessment Mishra Shambhu Nath, ICFRE-Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi, India
	11.45-11.50	Flash Talk: Quantitative Study of the Ethnobotanical Medicinal Plant Resources of Zanskar Valley, Ladakh, India Ankush Moran, ICFRE-Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, India
	11.50-11.55	Flash Talk: High-Altitude Plant Diversity: A Comparative Study on Structure and Composition in Subalpine Zones of Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh-NW Himalaya Monika Chauhan, ICFRE-Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, India
	11.55-12.00	Flash Talk: Documentation of the Diversity, Endemism and Ecological Significance of Myrsinaceae Family in the Western Ghats of Kerala State, India M. Bheemalingappa, KSCSTE-Kerala Forest Research Institute, India
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Parallel Session 2A. Conserving Diversity

Session Chairs: Dr. Lerma SJ. Maldia and Dr. Rekha Warrier

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14.00-14.15	Ex-Situ Conservation of Litsea glutinosa: An Endangered Tree of North-West Himalayas Gopal Ram , North Eastern Hill University, India
14.15-14.30	Reintroducing the Critically Endangered Polyspora dasanayakei and Restoring the Associated Habitat S. H. Bandumala, Department of Forest Conservation, Sri Lanka
14.30-14.45	Conservation and Utilization of Forest Genetics in the Era of Restoration in Indonesia: Forest Tree Seed Supply System Vivi Yuskianti, Dede Sudrajat, National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia
14.45-15.00	Securing the Future of Forest Genetic Resources: Strategies for Documentation, Conservation, and Utilization Vijay Manish Kumar, ICFRE-Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, India
15.00-15.15	Conservation and Restoration of the Critically Endangered Madhuca insignis in the Southwestern Ghats of India Geeta Joshi, Anurag Dhyani, Arunkumar A.N., Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, India
15.15-15.30	Discussion

Parallel Session 2B. Building Resilience, Enhancing Productivity

Session Chairs: Dr. Enrique L. Tolentino Jr. and Dr. Pin Kar Yong

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14.00-14.15	The Identification of Sustainable Intensification Options in Silvopastoral Farming Systems in Northern Laos Simone Vongkhamho, Forest Research Centre, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute
14.15-14.30	Integrating Calliandra Cultivation into Secondary Forests for Sustainable Wood Pellet and Livestock Feed Production in East Kalimantan Titiek Setyawati, National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia
14.30-14.45	A Blockchain-based Tracking of Origin and Managing Variety Rights in the Seeds/seedlings Supply Chain Zheng Yongqi, National Center for Forestry and Grassland Genetic Resources, Chinese Academy of Forestry, China
14.45-15.00	MyFarmTrees: Digital Innovation for Empowering Community-Led Forest Landscape Restoration Fidel Chiriboga-Arroyo, Anton Eitzinger, Marius Ekue, Francis Oduor, Christian Feil, Riina Jalonen, Nadia Guettou Djurfeldt, Barbara Vinceti, Francesca Grazioli, Smitha Krishnan, Florian Doebler, Simeon Max, Chris Kettle, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
15.00-15.15	Integrating Participatory Mangrove Rehabilitation to Strengthen Socio- Ecological Resilience in Teluk Lengung's Degraded and Polluted Coastal Areas, Indonesia Alawy Fauzan, Serindit Philosophy Centre, Indonesia
15.15-15.20	Flash Talk: Genomic Selection for Fast-growing Teak Genotypes with Enhanced Heartwood Content Maheswari Patturaj, ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, India
15.20-15.25	Flash Talk: Woody Species diversity, management and socioeconomic importance of Agroforestry practices Achamyeleh Anteneh Kassahun, University of Gondar, Ethiopia

Poster Presentations

1	Castillo, Leilani A.	The Makiling Botanic Gardens: A sanctuary and repository of threatened Philippine plants
2	De Galicia, Danica A.	Assessment of Phenotypic Plasticity of <i>Drynaria</i> quercifolia (L.) J.Sm. in Urban and Natural Environments Based on Functional Leaf Traits
3	Manarin, Faith Anne A.	Flora Assessment of the Loboc-Bilar Mahogany (Swietenia macrophylla King.) Plantation and a Secondary Forest in Raja Sikatuna, Bohol, Philippines
4	Almazan, Veronica, L	Effects of Forest Disturbance on Soil and Litter Arthropod Assemblages
5	Mendoza, Elisha Immanuel L.	Forest Tree Health Assessment and Tree Disease Incidences along the Main Trails in Makiling Botanic Gardens, Los Baños, Laguna
6	Santiago, Janella T.	Investigating Root-Associated Fungi in <i>Brackenridgea</i> foxworthyii for Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience
7	Gudao, Kasandra Ortezze B.	Susceptibility of Endangered Philippine Native Ebenaceae Species in an Ex-Situ Collection to Black Leaf Spot Disease
8	D. Thangamani, P. Devamanikandan, S. Lalitha & Rekha R. Warrier	Modeling Potential Distribution of <i>D. sissoides</i> wight & arn. in Tamil Nadu and Kerala –A Vulnerable Tree Species
9	D. Thangamani, S. Lalitha & Rekha R. Warrier	Evaluation of Genetic Variation Among <i>Madhuca longifolia</i> (j. koenig ex l.) j.f.macbr. trees (madhuca) from Tamil Nadu, India
10	D. Thangamani, S. Lalitha & R. Anandalakshmi	Genetic Variation in <i>Myristica malabarica</i> Population Using SSR Markers and its Conservation
11	Andal, Marinel B.	Assessment of Carbon Stock and Sequestration Dynamics in the Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed Forest Reserve
12	Anzia, John Mark	Quantification of Sediment Retention Services Under Different Forest Cover Conditions Provided by Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed Forest Reserve
13	Lobite, Neil Jun S.	Ensemble Ecological Niche Models Demonstrate Distributional Shift and Range Contraction of the Endemic and Vulnerable Philippine Dawn Bat (<i>Eonycteris</i> robusta) Under Changing Climate

14	Ostria, Lhea Joy H. & De Castro, Ma. Ellenita G.	Morpho- Anatomical Characterization of the Ordinary and Modified Leaf of <i>Nepenthes philippinensis</i> Macfarl. (Nepenthaceae)
15	Olivar, Cary Maynard R.	Flora and Wellness: Uncovering Forest Bathing Opportunities in Mount Makiling





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Makiling Botanical Garden (MBG Pavilion)

Museum of Natural History

Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

Arbor Square

- CFNR Admin Bldg. and Lansigan Auditorium
- Forest Science Building
- 999 Institute of Renewable Natural Resources Building
- CFNR Lib. and Dept. of Social Forestry and Forest Governance
- Student Plaza
- Forestry Residence Hall
- **Makiling Residence Hall**

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