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# **Scope and opportunities for organised tree seed supply in India**

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# 1. Constraints in seed production for native species

- Exotics have evolved from early introductions of very narrow genetic base

- Little information on the status of parent trees
- Lack of consistency or uniformity in performance
- No standards followed for seed collection
- Inadequate information on suitability of seed for the target site
- No information on the actual gain obtained



# How is seed quality considered

- **Seed Certification in Forestry**  
(Certification of Forest Reproductive Material in India - IDPSPTI,1979)
- **Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001**

(TRIPS, UPOV)

## Forest Reproductive Material Certification Bill

(ICFRE, 2008)

**Seeds, Parts of plants, Plants**

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STANDARDS FOR FOREST TREES AND  
MEDICINAL PLANTS

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# Case Study



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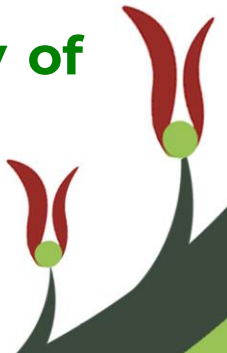
Kerala Forest Seed Centre (KFSC)

- Assessment of Seed requirement by Territorial / Social Forestry Wings.
- The officers shall ensure that the seeds are collected only from the existing TSPAs or those plantations identified and approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan & Research).
- Identify additional Plantations as seed source when existing TSPAs are not able to meet the demand of seeds in a particular year.
- The work to be carried out through Vana Samrakshna Samithies (VSSs) or Eco- Development Committees (EDCs).
- Seed transportation to Seed Centre, testing, grading and distribution of seeds to the Divisions from KFSC.



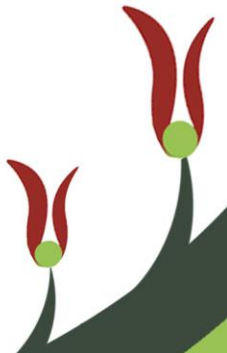
# Lessons learnt

- The concept of seed zones and the knowledge on the extent to which seeds can be moved.
- Registering of existing seed sources and evaluating them.
- Using of quality seeds for raising plantations should be made mandatory by planting agencies.
- Creation of an independent Cell for managing seed sources and supply of quality seeds.

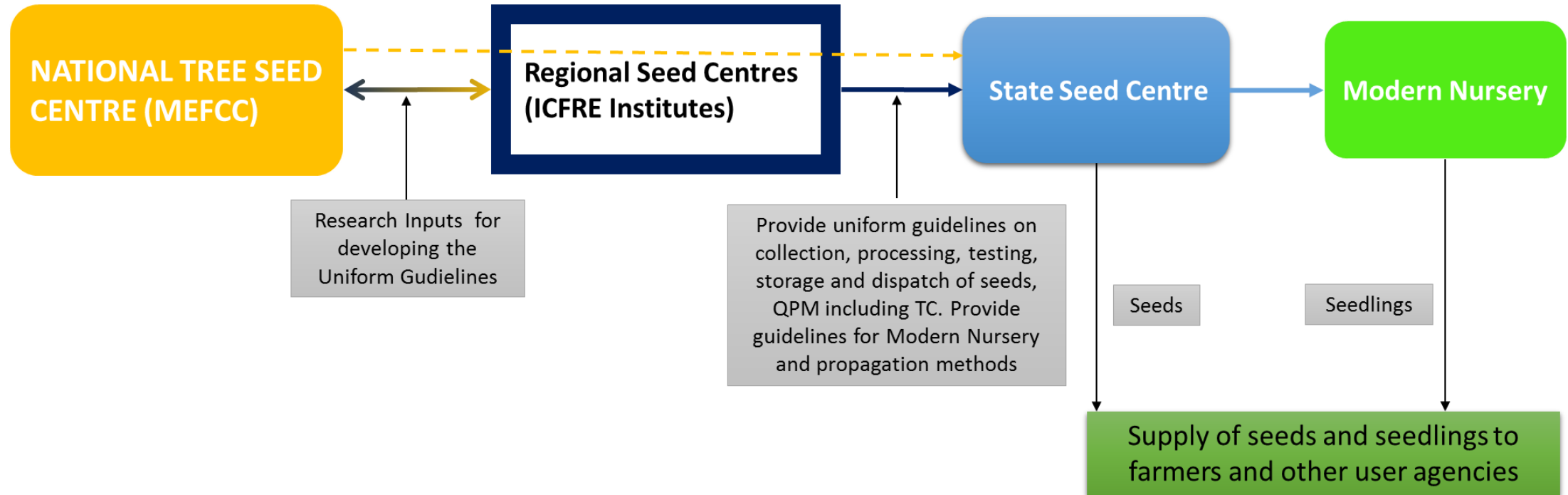


# Challenges or knowledge gaps

- No exclusive legal framework governing the forest genetic resources.
- Lack of political and scientific awareness of the need.
- The lack of resources, particularly trained manpower.
- The complexity of genetic structure and identification caused by tree breeding and clonal propagation.
- The lack of internationally acceptable system of evaluation and documentation.



# Establishment of National Inventory on Seed Sources, National Tree Seed Centre and State Seed Centres





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**Thank you.**

