

Agenda

International Symposium on Evergreen Oak Forests in the Eastern Himalayas

19 th November 2018	
Arrival of participants	
18:30	Welcome Dinner at Summit Denzong Hotel & Spa, Gangtok
20 th November 2018	
Chintan Bhawan, Nam Nang, near State Legislative Assembly, Gangtok	
8:30-9:30	Registration of participants
9:45	Participants to be seated in hall
10:00-10:05	Arrival of the Chief Guest
10:05-10:10	Lighting of ceremonial lamp and felicitation of the Chief Guest and other guests
10:10-10:20	Welcome address and overview of oak forests of Sikkim by PCCF-cum-Principal Secretary Shri. M.L. Srivastava , IFS, Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim
10:20-10:30	Setting the context of the symposium, by Project Director Dr. Peter Gross , GIZ CCA-NER Project
10:30-10:40	Address by Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Jürgen Huss (Chair of Silviculture, University of Freiburg, Germany)
10:40-11:00	Address by the Chief Guest Shri. Pawan Chamling , Honorable Chief Minister of Sikkim
11:00-11:05	Vote of Thanks
11:05-11:25	Hi-Tea
11:25-12:00	Keynote speech by Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Jürgen Huss (Chair of Silviculture, University of Freiburg, Germany) <i>Oaks in central Europe and their management - lessons to be learned?</i>
1 st Thematic Session: Distribution, Ecology and Vulnerability of Oak Forests in the Eastern Himalayas	
12:00-12:20	Dr. Deepak Kumar Kharal (Director General, Department of Forest Research and Survey, Govt. of Nepal) <i>Distribution of oak and associate species in Nepal Himalayas based on the findings of National Forest Resources Assessment of Nepal 2015</i>
12:20-12:40	Mr. Subhankar Gurung (PhD Scholar, Department of Botany, Sikkim University, Gangtok) <i>Vegetation analysis of oak forests of Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary and assessment of vulnerability of oak species to climate change in Sikkim Himalayas</i>
12:40-13:00	Dr. Somidh Saha (Scientist in the field silviculture and forest ecology, Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis – ITAS, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology – KIT, Karlsruhe, Germany) <i>Assessing restoration potential of fragmented and degraded Fagaceae forests in Meghalaya, North-East India</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-14:20	Ms. Yangchenla Bhutia (PhD Scholar Oaks of Eastern Himalayas, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment – ATREE) <i>Status of oaks and related species for management and conservation strategies</i>
14:20-14:40	Mr. Anudip Gogoi (Research Scholar, Forestry Department, Mizoram University) <i>Population structure and regeneration status of four oak species in a sub-alpine forest of Mizoram, North-East India</i>
2 nd Thematic Session: Regeneration of Oak Forests – Approaches and Experiences	
14:40-15:00	Mr. Pasang Wangchen Norbu (Chief Forestry Officer, Department of Forests & Park Services, Govt. of Bhutan) <i>Saving the oaks - conservation and sustainable management of high-altitude oak forests</i>
15:00-15:20	Dr. Peter Gross (Project Director Climate Change Adaptation - North Eastern Region, GIZ India) <i>Oak forest regeneration through direct seeding: the Sikkim experience</i>
15:20-15:50	Tea Break with poster exhibition: Dr. N. Bijayalaxmi Devi (Assistance Professor, Department of Botany, Sikkim University, Gangtok) <i>The carbon sequestration potential of three evergreen oak species of Sikkim Himalayas</i> Mr. Ashok Kumar Negi (Divisional Forest Officer Rampur Bushahr, Forest Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh) <i>Distribution and ecology of oaks in India</i> Mr. Ao Supongnukshi (CCF & State Nodal Officer for Climate Change, Department of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Nagaland) <i>Management of oak forests in Nagaland - socio-economic and institutional aspects</i>
15:50-16:10	Mr. Vikram Pradhan (Researcher, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment – ATREE, Regional Office Eastern Himalaya North-East India) <i>Monitoring the seeding of oaks in pilot sites of Sikkim Himalayas</i>
16:10-16:40	Summing up and way forward
16:40-16:50	Vote of thanks
21 st November 2018	
09:00-16:00	Field excursion to direct seeding trial plot at Karthok Reserve Forest, Pakyong, East Sikkim
22 nd November 2018	
Departure of participants	