

Landmark Training Courses

• Duration	1 week
• Venue	AFoCO Regional Education & Training Center (RETC) or relevant institutions/organizations
• Organizer	Secretariat and relevant institutions/organizations
• Target Participants	Forestry officials/staff of AMS
• No. of Trainees	Approximately 10-20 persons per training
• Training Topics	Training courses cover a wide range of topics across different areas of forestry including three core training topics: Forest Rehabilitation, Community Based Forest Management and Forest Fire Management. The training topics are based on proposals and requests received from AMS, as well as advice from international consultants and experts.

► Overview

The Landmark Program is a regional project launched in 2014 with a holistic approach for long-term activities and goals. There are 4 components under the Landmark Program and Component 2 involves the development of education and training courses for capacity building.

► Objective

With input from experienced trainers, the training courses under the Landmark Program aim to provide opportunities to learn and understand more about sustainable development and the use of advanced technology in forestry. Our training courses will also serve as a platform for the exchange of experience and knowledge to strengthen the dissemination of best practices, while building networks within the forestry sector in ASEAN Member States (AMS).

► Our Approach

We welcome trainees from diverse backgrounds and who have extensive experience in the forestry sector. Hence, we focus on building upon their existing base of knowledge and enhancing their skills through participatory and collaborative learning. As professional staff, our trainees are eager to understand their workplace needs and apply the lessons learnt in their work.

Our training courses comprise of frequent discussions to facilitate constructive conversations and information sharing among trainees and trainers. Active learning is strongly encouraged and trainees are expected to take a central role in their own learning. Through field visits to related sites – a key aspect of our training courses – trainees get to participate in practice sessions and interact with other stakeholders as well as members of the local communities.



Landmark Training Course on Participatory Forest Management (15-19 August 2016, Thailand)



► Training Strategy

Between 2014 and 2016, a total of 358 participants were involved in the Landmark Training Courses and the trainings implemented covered various topics in the field of forestry. Currently, the training covers all 21 topics listed below including the three core training topics (Forest Rehabilitation, Community Based Forest Management and Forest Fire Management).

• 21 Training Topics

1) Rural Development, 2) Forest Management Certification, 3) Community Based Forest Management, 4) Payments for Ecosystem Services, 5) National Forest Plan, Politics and Laws, 6) Forest and Carbon, 7) REDD+, 8) Forest Measurement, 9) Data Analysis for Long Term Research, 10) Ecotourism, 11) Biodiversity, 12) Forest Rehabilitation, 13) Forest Management and Harvesting, 14) Wildlife Management, 15) Remote Sensing and GIS, 16) Forest Disaster Management, 17) Forest Fire Management, 18) Forest Pathology Control, 19) Watershed Management, 20) Forest Soil Management, 21) Tree Breeding and Improvement



Study tour at Tagaytay watershed site managed by local community (26 Aug. 2015, Philippines)



Field visit at Forest Practice Research Center (29 Sep. 2016, Korea)



Hands-on forest fire suppression practice at Sungnoen National Reserves Forest (27 May 2016, Thailand)

► What Our Trainees Say

"The Landmark Training Course on Forest Policy and Saemaul Undong gave me a good understanding on Korea's forest rehabilitation experience. Through the course, I learnt about Korea's Saemaul Undong, which not only increased reforestation, but also improved the livelihood of villagers and contributed to sustainable forest management. The course was an eye-opening experience that also gave me the chance to exchange opinions on the forest policies of ASEAN countries with other participants."

Mr. Montri Intasen

Royal Forest Department, Thailand

"As a trainee of the Landmark Training Course on Learning Lessons from Asia's National Forest Rehabilitation Experiences, I got to learn about the policies and management related to national forest rehabilitation in Asia and discuss about the challenges faced to guide both on-going and future rehabilitation efforts. The course also introduced the key success factors of reforestation and rehabilitation efforts. As a researcher, one of the most important points that I learnt is that such program will be successful if it is supported by research."

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