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The left side of the page features a vertical photograph of a lush green tea plantation on a hillside. The tea bushes are arranged in neat, terraced rows, and the background shows a dense forest under a clear blue sky. A thin green line with several leaves starts from the left edge and curves across the top of the page.

INTRODUCTION

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This photobook presents a compilation of selected activities from 2009 through 2019, including the genesis of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) and the unconditional contributions made by community leaders, project managers, focal officials, ministers of Member Countries and implementing partners. The photographs featured in this book were mostly retrieved from the AFoCO archives, and a short narrative is provided to describe each activity.

AFoCO, guided by its Assembly, looks forward to working closely with many partners and countries in the years ahead. We want to ensure a greener and happier future for coming generations through the promotion and adoption of sustainable natural resource management practices, with a focus on forest ecosystems and their services.

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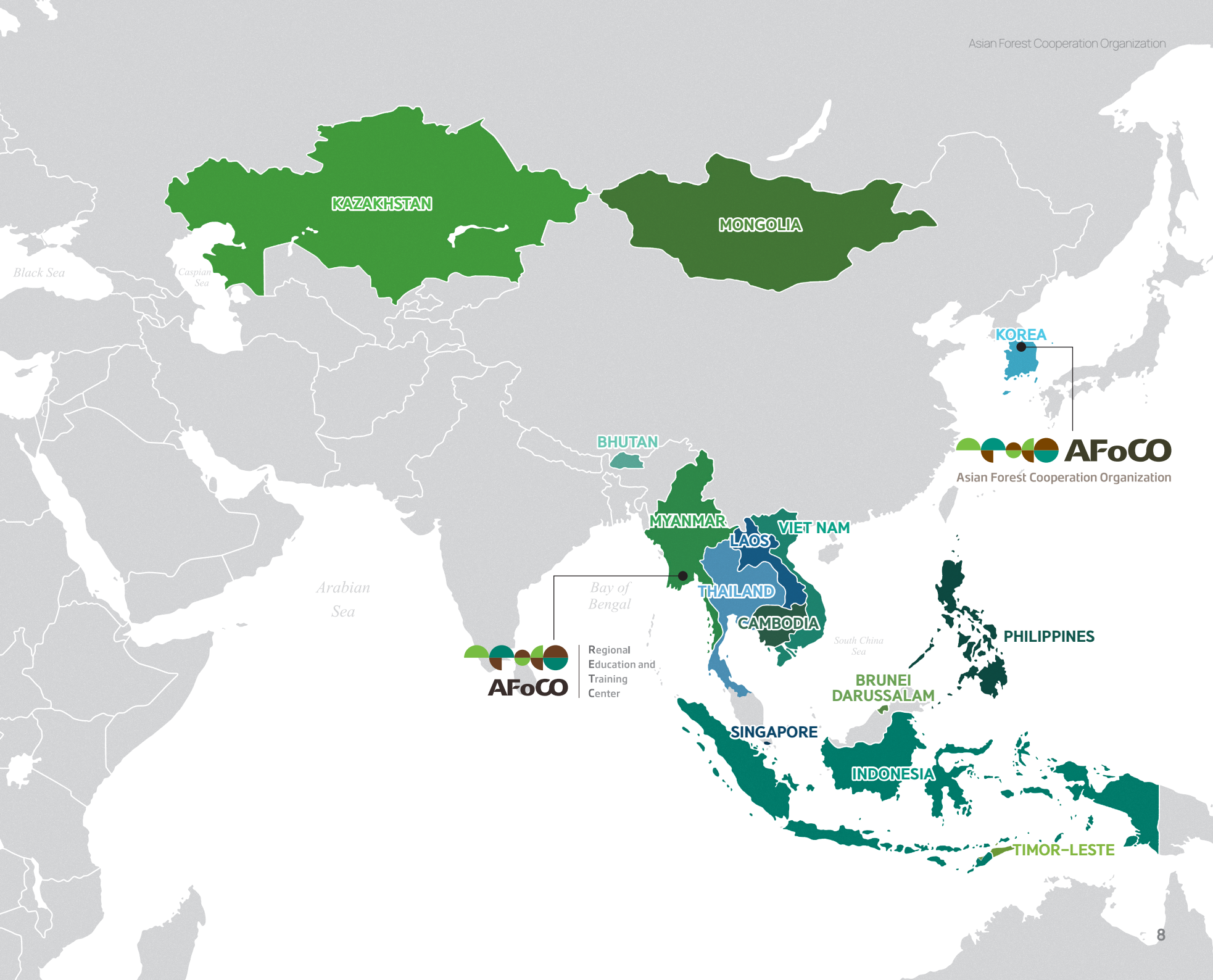
MEMBER COUNTRIES

11 projects in **10** countries

23.87 million USD

committed to achieving impacts in Asia

OF AFoCO



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MONGOLIA

KOREA

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MYANMAR

VIET NAM

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

SINGAPORE

INDONESIA

PHILIPPINES

TIMOR-LESTE



Regional Education and Training Center



Asian Forest Cooperation Organization

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Establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)

AFoCO is an intergovernmental organization comprised of 14 Member Countries. Our mission is to strengthen cooperation in the forestry sector to realize global and regional forestry objectives and take concrete actions to promote sustainable forest management and address the impacts of climate change. AFoCO is headquartered in Seoul, Korea, and has a subsidiary office in Yangon, Myanmar.





2009

ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit

At the commemorative summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) held in Jeju Island in June 2009, the proposal to establish the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) was appreciated by the Heads of Member States of ASEAN and ROK. The intent of this forest partnership was to create a platform for the sharing of good forest landscape restoration practices to help restore and rehabilitate degraded forests in the region and eventually, empower countries in the region to deal with pressing environmental and climate change-related issues.



- 1 Heads of ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit, Jeju, Republic of Korea
- 2 1st Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group, Jakarta, Indonesia, August 2009
- 3 5th Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, May 2011

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Photo by Korea Forest Service



2009-2011

Working Group Meetings

A series of ad-hoc working group meetings financed by ROK were organized between 2009 and 2011 to prepare the agreement text for the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation. This partnership agreement text was signed on the occasion of the 14th ASEAN-ROK Summit, which took place in November 2011.





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2011 Signing of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation Agreement

At the 14th ASEAN-ROK Summit held in Bali, Indonesia, on 18 November 2011, the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN Member States and the Republic of Korea signed the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation Agreement and agreed to continue collaboration to realize the goal of establishing the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization. The Agreement came into force on 5 August 2012.



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2013 Opening of the Secretariat Office

The Secretariat office of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation in Seoul, Korea, officially opened on February 5, 2013. The Opening ceremony was hosted by the Executive Director of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation, Dr. Hadi S. Pasaribu, and graced by the former Minister of the Korea Forest Service, Dr. Lee Don-Koo, in the presence of other dignitaries.



1 14th ASEAN-ROK Summit in Bali, Indonesia

2 Opening Ceremony of ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation Secretariat

2014 ASEAN-ROK Special Ministerial Meeting on Forestry

The extension of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation Agreement paved the way for the expansion of cooperation projects and provided a platform for ongoing dialogue for the establishment of AFoCO among ASEAN Member States, the Republic of Korea and other prospective countries. On 11 December 2014, ministers in the region gathered in Busan during the ASEAN-ROK Special Ministerial Meeting on Forestry and pledged to take a collaborative approach for the timely and effective implementation for the establishment of AFoCO.

- 1 Permanent Representatives to ASEAN signing the Instrument of Extension in August 2014
- 2 Former Minister of the Korea Forest Service, Dr. Shin Won-Sup, at the ASEAN-ROK Special Ministerial Meeting on Forestry Busan, Korea, December 2014





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2013–2015

Drafting the AFoCO Agreement

The draft text of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) was prepared through six dialogues and two technical meetings attended by representatives from AFoCO Member Countries between 2013 and 2015. The text for the AFoCO Agreement, with the inclusion of four prospective Member Countries - Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Timor-Leste, was finalized in 2015.



- 3 1st Dialogue-AFoCO, Busan, Korea, December 2013
- 4 2nd Dialogue-AFoCO, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, February 2014
- 5 3rd Dialogue-AFoCO, Siem Reap, Cambodia, May 2014

The Korea Herald, 24 April 2018



2018 Entry into Force of the AFoCO Agreement

The AFoCO Agreement entered into force after the ratification and deposition of the instruments by five Parties – Bhutan, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam. The Inauguration Ceremony for AFoCO, held on 3 May 2018, was graced by the Minister of the Korea Forest Service, Dr. Kim Jae-Hyun, and attended by the Ambassadors of AFoCO Member Countries.



2018 The First Session of the Assembly

The First Session of the Assembly of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) took place from 12 to 13 November 2018, and was presided by Dr. Ko Ki-Yeon, the Director General of the International Affairs Bureau of the Korea Forest Service.



- 1 Inauguration Ceremony for AFoCO in Seoul, Korea
- 2 First Session of the Assembly of AFoCO in Seoul, Korea

2019

The Second Session of the Assembly

The Second Session of the Assembly of AFoCO was held in Gyeongju, Korea, from 24 to 25 April 2019. The Assembly was presided by Dr. Pham Van Dien, Deputy Director General of the Viet Nam Administration of Forestry, and Mr. Gil Fernandes de Oliveira, Chief of the Department of Forest Protection and Extension of Timor-Leste.



- 1 Second Session of the Assembly of AFoCO in Gyeongju, Korea
- 2 Delegates during the field trip to Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju
- 3 AFoCO Advisory Roundtable Meeting in March 2019



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Advisory Roundtable

Based in Seoul, Korea, the Secretariat began its operations with a group of young professionals guided by an Advisory Roundtable composed of Dr. Moon Kook-Hyun (CEO of New Paradigm Institute), Dr. Lee Don-Koo, (Professor Emeritus of Seoul National University), Ambassador Kim Young-Sun (Visiting Professor of Seoul National University), and Dr. Lee Chin-Min (Adjunct Professor of Korea University).



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Capacity Development Initiatives

AFoCO is committed to building human resource capacities in the forestry sectors of Member Countries in partnership with local, regional and global institutes and organizations. Programs and activities supported include short and long-term courses, technical workshops, regional meetings and opportunities to pursue higher education.







Regional Education and Training Center

The AFoCO Regional Education Training Center (RETC) was constructed in Hmawbi Township, Yangon, Myanmar, in December 2017. The two-storey training facility is built on 2.8 ha of land contributed by the Myanmar government, and is well-equipped with modern facilities including dormitories, lecture rooms, meeting rooms, laboratories, and a conference hall. The RETC conducts training programs, workshops and events to cater to the needs of diverse groups from Member Countries and other institutions in the region. Plans to establish an arboretum and an experimental forest in the vicinity are currently underway.



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- 1 Mr. U Ohn Win, Union Minister of Myanmar's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, and Mr. Ryu Kwang-Su, former Vice Minister of the Korea Forest Service, together with delegates from Member Countries at the Grand Opening Ceremony held in the RETC's conference hall in July 2018
- 2 Front view of the AFoCO RETC building
- 3 Dr. Lee Seong-Han, project manager in charge of the RETC establishment at the Groundbreaking Ceremony in November 2015
- 4 Lecture room at the 1st floor of the RETC
- 5 Boardroom at the 2nd floor of the RETC

Training Courses

AFoCO's regular training courses are intended to strengthen the capacity of Member Countries by enhancing knowledge and understanding of forest management and providing greater access to advanced technologies. Our goal is to empower them to deal with pressing forestry issues in the region and establish networks to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences. In line with its Strategic Priorities (2019-2023), AFoCO focuses on the implementation of regular training courses based on three core training areas: forest rehabilitation and reforestation, forest fire management, and community-based forest management.

The AFoCO RETC also offers community courses targeted at enhancing the capacities of local communities as well as customized courses which are carefully designed in consultation with experts to suit the training needs of researchers, university students, youths and young children.



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- 1 Fire suppression practice during the Forest Fire Training Course in Myanmar, June 2019
- 2 Interview with a village leader during the Community-based Forest Management Training in Myanmar, October 2018
- 3 Visiting a nursery during the Forest Rehabilitation & Reforestation Training in Korea, June 2015

Scholarship Program

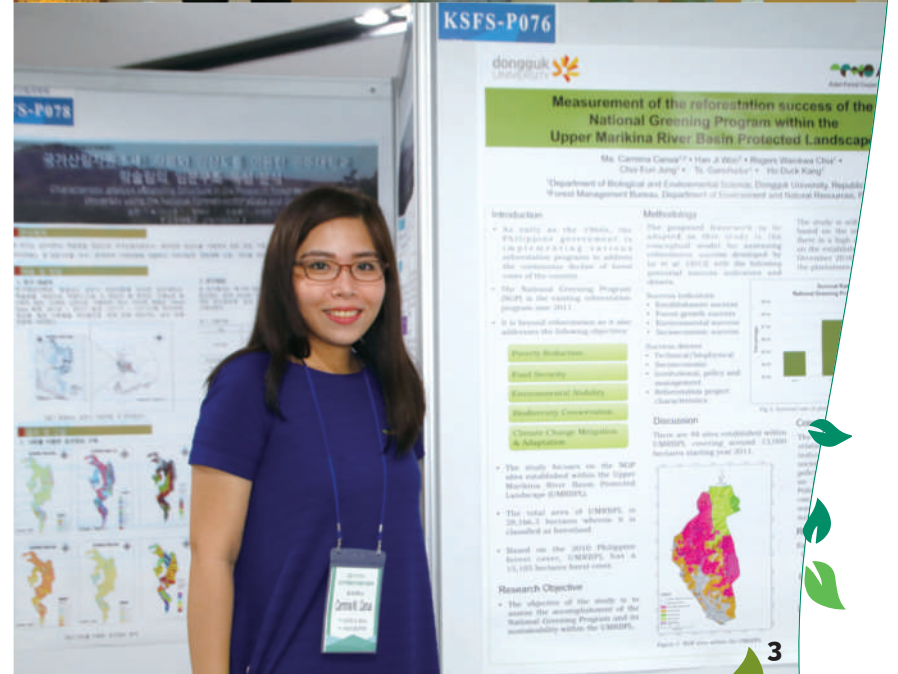
AFoCO strongly believes in nurturing future leaders. We provide opportunities to exceptional government officials to pursue higher education through our Scholarship Program. Since 2015, a total 17 officials have been awarded scholarships to study at the graduate level in universities in the Republic of Korea.

In 2019, AFoCO offered scholarships to three scholarship recipients – Ms. Ei Sandi Sett from Myanmar (PhD course in Seoul National University), Mr. Phayvanh Alounsavath from Lao PDR (PhD course in Chungnam National University), and Mr. Nur Syamsi Muhammad from Indonesia (MSc course in Yeungnam University).



- 1** AFoCO Scholars having a conversation with Dr. Lee You-Mi, Director General of the Korea National Arboretum, during the Professional Development Workshop for AFoCO Scholars in August 2018
- 2** Scholars from Lao PDR, Viet Nam and Cambodia at the Annual Meeting held in December 2018
- 3** A Scholar from the Philippines at the poster presentation session during the Korean Society for Forest Science Conference in August 2018







Fellowship Program

The Fellowship Program provides opportunities for government officials to gain valuable working experience in the Secretariat for periods varying from six to twelve months. Aside from playing a key role in communications with Member Countries, AFoCO's Fellowship Officials assist in the organization of technical meeting and events and facilitate the management of regional projects. The four officials selected in 2019 are (left to right) Ms. Kemly Ouch from Cambodia, Ms. Kinley Dem from Bhutan, Mr. Nguyen Xuan Huu from Viet Nam, and Ms. Thet Myat Yadanar Aye from Myanmar.



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Youth Workshops

University students from ASEAN Member States and the Republic of Korea attended the ASEAN-Korea Youth Network Workshop held in August 2015. The workshop, which was co-organized with the ASEAN-Korea Centre, provided opportunities to learn more about regional forestry cooperation and discuss global issues related to forest conservation through interactive lectures and visits to government agencies and institutions in Korea and Indonesia.



- 1 2019 AFoCO Fellowship Officials from Cambodia, Bhutan, Viet Nam and Myanmar
- 2 Learning about reforestation at Wanagama Educational and Experimental Forest, Indonesia
- 3 Making handkerchiefs during the Batik Cultural Activity in Wanagama, Indonesia
- 4 Participants visiting Borobudur Temple in Java, Indonesia



Forest Camps for Children

With support from the Korea Green Fund, AFoCO launched a series of Global Forest Camps in 2019 for children from multicultural families to educate and raise awareness on the importance and values of forests and their services. The camps helped instill an appreciation for forests and nature by engaging children in a variety of experiential learning activities that foster creativity and teamwork. A total of five camps were organized during the winter and summer breaks in the Republic of Korea.



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 5th Global Forest Camp
 Hoengseong SoopCheWon
 2019.05.10-12



- 1 Participants of the 5th Global Forest Camp at Hoengseong SoopCheWon, the forest education center managed by the Korea Forest Welfare Institute
- 2 Exhibiting creativity during the DIY woodcraft session
- 3 Learning about trees and insects that inhabit Korea's forests
- 4 Reading the team's declaration to protect the environment
- 5 Working together to construct a tower during a team activity



Technical Workshops & Meetings

AFoCO organizes technical workshops and meetings on a regular basis to share best practices with Member Countries and other implementing partners. Some ninety participants from Member Countries and international organizations attended the International Workshop on Achievements and the Way Forward of AFoCO in April 2019 to share lessons learned and review the outcomes of projects implemented between 2012 and 2018. The workshop also provided recommendations to guide the implementation of future projects.



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Cross-Country Visits

Cross-country visits to project sites are organized as part of project activities to review the project's progress, network with project stakeholders and field managers, and exchange experiences and lessons learned from project implementation.



- 1 Dr. Park Chong-Ho, Vice Minister of the Korea Forest Service, delivering his congratulatory remarks at the International Workshop on Achievements and the Way Forward of AFoCO, Korea, April 2018
- 2 Expert Review of the 4-Year Special Report attended by former AFoCO representatives, Mr. Choi Jun-Seok and Mr. Kim Kyung-Soo, in Korea, July 2016
- 3 Members of local communities preparing seedlings during a training course on Participatory Forest Restoration Development in Thailand, May 2014
- 4-5 Participants of the CCV planting trees at the coastal forest rehabilitation site in Berakas Forest Reserve, Brunei Darussalam, March 2019

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Field Activities in Asia

AFoCO's Member Countries have implemented a number of regional and country-specific projects since 2012. These projects include activities targeted at the restoration of degraded forest landscapes, conservation of local genetic resources, capacity development for sustainable forest management and improving rural livelihoods and incomes. Some highlights from our projects in the region are presented in this section.







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Imparting skills in forest resource assessment

From 2013 through 2016, eight Member Countries joined hands to enhance the capacities of forest stakeholders in forest resource assessment (FRA). The AFoCO regional project trained about 1,200 governmental officials on the application of GIS and RS technologies in FRA and provided relevant equipment and tools to support the utilization of these technologies.



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- 1-2 Trainees practicing FRA using GIS/RS equipment
- 3 Modules developed as part of the project (Introduction to Remote Sensing and its Application for FRA; Satellite Imagery Analysis for FRA; and, Land Cover Groundcheck)



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Forging transboundary cooperation

Through a two-year project which began in 2013, AFoCO helped strengthen transboundary cooperation among five countries in the Mekong Basin to combat climate change and land conversion using the concept of ecotourism. Knowledge-sharing and awareness-raising activities were also organized to enhance engagement with forestry officials and community leaders.



- 4 Constructing a hostel for the Watershed Management Training Center
- 5 Construction of a natural hot spring
- 6 Check dams built with the participation of the local people

(Pindaya Protected Watershed, Myanmar)

Mangrove restoration initiatives

Viet Nam has been implementing activities to rehabilitate and conserve 960 hectares of degraded mangrove forests in Thai Binh province through a participatory approach involving government agencies and members of local communities. The before and after photographs of the restored project sites indicate good progress, and suggests great potential for replicating the restoration techniques applied in other areas in the region.

1-2 Seedlings of mangrove trees in 2016 (left) and 2018 (right) in Thuy Xuan commune, Thai Thuy district, Thai Binh province, Viet Nam





Rehabilitating ex-mining areas with threatened tree species

Thailand and Malaysia have introduced endemic, endangered, and threatened plant species (EETS) in former mining areas since 2015. The selected disturbed terrestrial ecosystems in both countries are being rehabilitated and enriched with some 12 to 30 national and IUCN Red List threatened species in efforts to address the impacts of mining.



3-4 Photos of a project site in Bidor, Malaysia during the 1st (left) and 3rd (right) year of EETS domestication in ex-tin mining areas

Improving local tree seed supply systems

For a period of five years (2014-2019), Cambodia and Viet Nam have been actively involved in the conservation of forest genetic resources by improving tree seed supply and distribution systems in partnership with local seed suppliers and communities. Tree seed and tissue culture laboratories constructed in these countries are currently being used for research and educational purposes.



- 1 Distribution of seed collection equipment to suppliers in 2018
- 2 A tree seed laboratory set up by the project to train technicians on tree breeding techniques



Conserving forest genetic resources

Cambodia has participated in a series of project activities targeted at conserving forest genetic resources since 2012 in close cooperation with tree breeding experts from the National Institute of Forest Science (NIFoS) in Korea. In line with its focus on conserving major timber species in the country, Cambodia also established the nation's first clonal seed orchard.



- 3 NIFoS expert, Dr. Woo Kwan-Soo, training project staff on vegetative propagation in 2016
- 4 Clonal seed orchard established in Khun Ream in 2018

Village-driven forest rehabilitation

The villagers of Sangthong and Paksong districts of Lao PDR have been involved in a forest rehabilitation project since 2015, and have planted seedlings in 60 hectares of ex-situ seed conservation sites. With a focus on engaging villagers in forest rehabilitation activities, the project contributed experts in the revision of Lao's Forest Law to include provisions on incentive mechanisms and the empowerment of local authorities to manage and use forest resources sustainably.

1-2 Villagers planting seedlings at the ex-situ seed conservation area in Sangthong district, Vientiane, in 2017 (top) and the Project Steering Committee visiting in the same site in 2018 (bottom).



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Promoting the sustainable management of high-value forest species

Viet Nam and Thailand have been implementing activities to support local communities to sustainably manage valuable forest resources over the last four years. Demonstration sites for four high-value species have been established in Viet Nam's Cao Bang and Bac Kan provinces and Thailand's Loei and Nan provinces. Local communities residing near these sites were taught how to harvest and process the selected species to generate additional income in the long-run.

3-4 Members of communities learning how to operate machines to produce bamboo chopsticks during a vocational training session in Thailand in 2018



Advancing applications of GIS/RS in community-based forest management

In efforts to improve CBFM planning and implementation, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand have joined hands since 2014 to enhance local communities' capacities in participatory mapping and resource management using GIS and RS technologies. The regional project also aims to develop an integrated database for the efficient management of community-managed forest resources.



1-2 Members of a People's Organization in the Philippines during a participatory mapping exercise (left) and a data management training (right)

3-4 Mr. Hassan Ibrahim from the National Parks Board of the Singapore introducing the Singapore Botanic Gardens' Learning Forest to project colleagues in 2019



Forest landscape restoration (FLR) initiatives

Between 2016 and 2019, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Philippines, and Singapore set up learning sites for both researchers and members of the public in efforts to build local capacities and raise awareness on the importance of FLR. The regional project established three model sites for peatland restoration with agroforestry, assisted natural regeneration and coastal forest rehabilitation, and also supported the organization of a regional urban forestry workshop.

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Strengthening Partnerships & Networks

AFoCO believes in inclusive engagement to ensure sustained multilateral cooperation and the delivery of positive impacts through our projects and initiatives. We have forged long-term partnerships with international organizations, research institutions and universities through partnership agreements as well as engagement in fora, dialogues, and meetings. In the coming years, we will continue to seek opportunities for collaboration and resource mobilization to expand our portfolio of programs and projects in line with our strategic priorities.



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Panel Discussion

by the speakers





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- 1 AFOCO staff with the CIFOR team after the MOU signing ceremony
- 2 AFOCO representatives engaging in a conversation with Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the President of the GGGI
- 3 MOU signing with Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka from the ITTO
- 4 MOU signing with Dr. Kim Jae-Hyun, Minister of the Korea Forest Service



Partnership Development

AFoCO actively engages in partnerships and collaborations to contribute towards achieving both regional and global forestry objectives. Some of our partners include:

- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

The full list of our partners is available on page 58.



Korea Forest Service

The Korea Forest Service (KFS) has played an instrumental role in the establishment of AFoCO through financial and advisory contributions. The Republic of Korea provides 80% of the operational costs of the Secretariat through KFS. AFoCO and KFS renewed its MOU to pave the way for stronger and broader cooperation between the two partners and produce significant long-term results.



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Asia Pacific Forest Week 2019

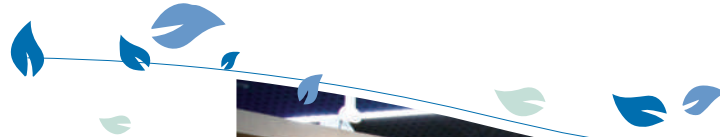
At the APFW 2019 held from 17-21 June 2019, AFoCO partnered with Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet) and the Pacific Community (SPC) to lead Stream 1, 'Restoring Our Forests and Landscapes'. Close to twenty events and meetings were organized under this thematic stream to enhance understanding of the regional state and progress of forest and landscape restoration.



- 1 Panelists at the Opening Plenary of Stream 1
- 2 Mr. Chenchu Norbu, Executive Director of the AFoCO Secretariat, delivering a speech at the 3rd Plenary Session
- 3 AFoCO Exhibition Zone featuring projects in Member Countries

Reaching out to the public

Achieving our goals requires wide support from stakeholders in various sectors within and beyond the region. AFoCO undertakes advocacy activities and events to reach out to a variety of audiences and bring across messages on the importance of forests and how forest sector approaches can help tackle broader environmental issues.





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- 1 Photo Exhibition on Efforts Against Forest Disasters in Korea, 2014
- 2 Asia-Pacific Forestry Week APFW/2016 in the Philippines
- 3 Exhibition booth at CIFOR Forests Asia Summit 2014 in Indonesia
- 4 27th Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC) in Sri Lanka, 2017
- 5 World Forestry Congress WFC2015 in South Africa

MILESTONES

2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<p>June Proposal by ROK at the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit in Jeju, Korea</p>	<p>November Signing of Agreement on ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation at 14th ASEAN-ROK Summit in Bali, Indonesia</p>	<p>August Entry into force of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation</p>	<p>December 1st Dialogue for the Establishment of Asian Forest Cooperation Organization – Dialogue-AFoCO (Korea)</p>	<p>February 2nd Dialogue-AFoCO (Indonesia)</p> <p>May 3rd Dialogue-AFoCO (Cambodia)</p> <p>September 4th Dialogue-AFoCO (Lao PDR)</p>	<p>April 5th Dialogue-AFoCO (Indonesia)</p> <p>September Adoption of the Agreement on the Establishment of AFoCO at the 6th Dialogue-AFoCO (Korea)</p>

Membership Process



Submission of letter of intent to become a member of AFoCO



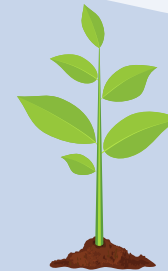
Review and endorsement by the Assembly of AFoCO



Respective domestic procedures of prospective member



Deposit of instrument of accession



Member of AFoCO

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016-2019
	<p>August Successful completion and termination of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation</p>	<p>July 1st Technical Meeting for AFoCO (Thailand)</p> <p>December 2nd Technical Meeting for AFoCO (Korea)</p>	<p>April Entry into force of AFoCO Agreement</p> <p>July Opening of the AFoCO RETC (Myanmar)</p> <p>November 1st Session of the Assembly (Korea)</p>	<p>April 2nd Session of the Assembly (Korea)</p> <p>October 3rd Session of the Assembly & AFoCO Ministerial Meeting (Korea)</p>	<p>Deposit of instruments of ratification 4 Nov. 2016 – Republic of Korea 14 Mar. 2017 – Viet Nam 25 Jul. 2017 – Timor-Leste 8 Dec. 2017 – Bhutan 28 Mar. 2018 – Myanmar 10 Aug. 2018 – Cambodia 23 Aug. 2018 – Brunei Darussalam 20 Feb. 2019 – Philippines 28 May 2019 – Lao PDR 26 Jun. 2019 – Thailand 8 Jul. 2019 – Indonesia 4 Sep. 2019 – Kazakhstan</p> <p>Signing of AFoCO Agreement 21 Aug. 2017 – Mongolia</p>

List of Projects (2009-2019)

Country	Year	Project	Budget
Brunei Darussalam	2011-2012	Brunei Plan Biodiversity: Endemics and Database	80,000
Cambodia	2011-2012	Improving capacity on forest restoration in Cambodia (Phase I)	100,000
	2012-2013	Improving capacity on forest restoration in Cambodia (Phase II)	100,000
Indonesia	2011-2012	Spatial Database Development for Conservation on Priority Species of Trees in Indonesia and Capacity Building on Biomass Energy	100,000
	2012-2013	Developing of Wood Processing Workshop and Capacity Building for Forestry Vocational High School (SMK) at Kadipaten, West Java, Indonesia	100,000
Lao PDR	2011-2012	Building core capacity for Village and Village Cluster Forestry	100,000
	2012-2013	Enhancing capacity for Village Forestry in Lao PDR	100,000
Malaysia	2011-2012	Plant Biodiversity Enrichment Program of a Greened Man-made Ecosystem in Peninsular Malaysia/ Human Capacity Development in key important areas to further enhance the implementation of sustainable management in Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia (FDPM)	100,000
Myanmar	2011-2012	Degraded Forests and Ecosystem and REDD-Plus Activities in Bago Yoma Region of Myanmar (Phase I)	100,000
	2012-2013	Mitigation of Climate Change Impacts through Restoration of Degraded Forests and REDD+ Activities in Bago Yoma Region, Myanmar (Phase II)	100,000
Philippines	2011-2012	Addressing Climate Change through Community-Based Fuelwood Plantation Development and Management	100,000
	2012-2013	Climate-Proofing of the Philippine Revised Master Plan for Forestry Development	100,000
Thailand	2011-2012	Strengthening Collaboration of Forestry Research and Sustainable Forest Management with Local People Participation	100,000
	2012-2013	REDD in Nam Reab Watershed at Nam Province of Thailand: A Community Forestry Initiative for REDD+ Concept Based on Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Forest Management	100,000
Viet Nam	2011-2012	Developing Non-Timber Forest Products in the Northwest of Viet Nam as the Mechanism for Sustainable Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement for Local Communities (Phase I)	100,000
	2012-2013	Developing Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) in the Northwest of Viet Nam as the Mechanism for Sustainable Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement for Local Communities (Phase II)	100,000

Country	Year	Project	Budget
Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand & Viet Nam	2013-2015	Reclamation, Rehabilitation and Restoration of Degraded Forest Ecosystems (RRR-DFE) in Mekong Basin Countries	500,000
Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand & Viet Nam	2013-2016	Capacity Building on Improving Forest Resources Assessment and Enhancing the Involvement of the Local Communities to Address the Impact of Climate Change	1,847,528
ASEAN Member States	2014-2023	Landmark Program: Restoring Degraded Forest in Southeast Asia as a Model for a Greener Asia and Capacity-building on Forest Restoration and Sustainable Forestry	16,500,000
Cambodia & Viet Nam	2014-2019	Promotion of Forest Rehabilitation in Cambodia and Viet Nam through Demonstration Models and Improvement of Seed Supply System	1,000,000
Indonesia, Philippines & Thailand	2014-2019	Facilitating the Participatory Planning of Community-based Forest Management Using Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing Technologies in Forest Resources Management in the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand	1,500,000
Viet Nam & Thailand	2016-2019	Developing High Valuable Species in Viet Nam and Thailand as a Mechanism for Sustainable Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement for Local Communities	600,000
Malaysia & Thailand	2016-2022	Domestication of Endangered, Endemic and Threatened Plant Species in Disturbed Terrestrial Ecosystems in Malaysia and Thailand	1,200,000
Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Philippines & Singapore	2016-2019	Capacity Building for Landscape Approach to Support the Sustainable Natural Resources Management in Brunei, Indonesia, Philippines, and Singapore	539,726

Strategic Partnership Development

MOUs with Partner Organizations

	Date Signed
International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)	21 September 2018
Korea Forest Service (KFS)	19 February 2019
Korea Institute of Arboretum Management (KIAM)	18 April 2019
Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)	19 June 2019
Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)	18 September 2019
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	(In progress)
The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC)	(In progress)

MOUs with Research Institutions & Universities

	Date Signed
National Institute of Forest Science (NIFoS), Republic of Korea	7 October 2015
Chungbuk National University, Chungnam National University, Dongguk University, Kangwon National University, Kongju National University, Kookmin University, Seoul National University, University of Seoul, Yeungnam University	2014-2016

Others

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
United Nations (UN) Treaty Section
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