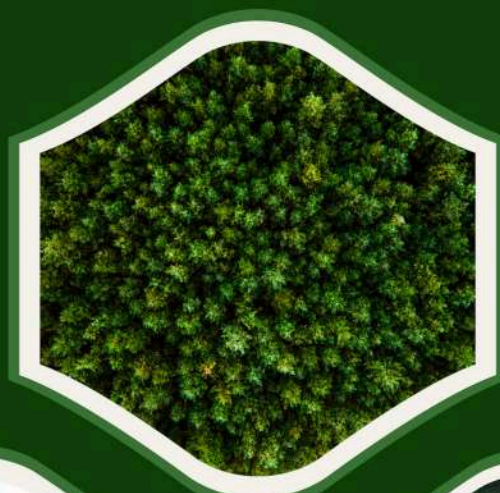




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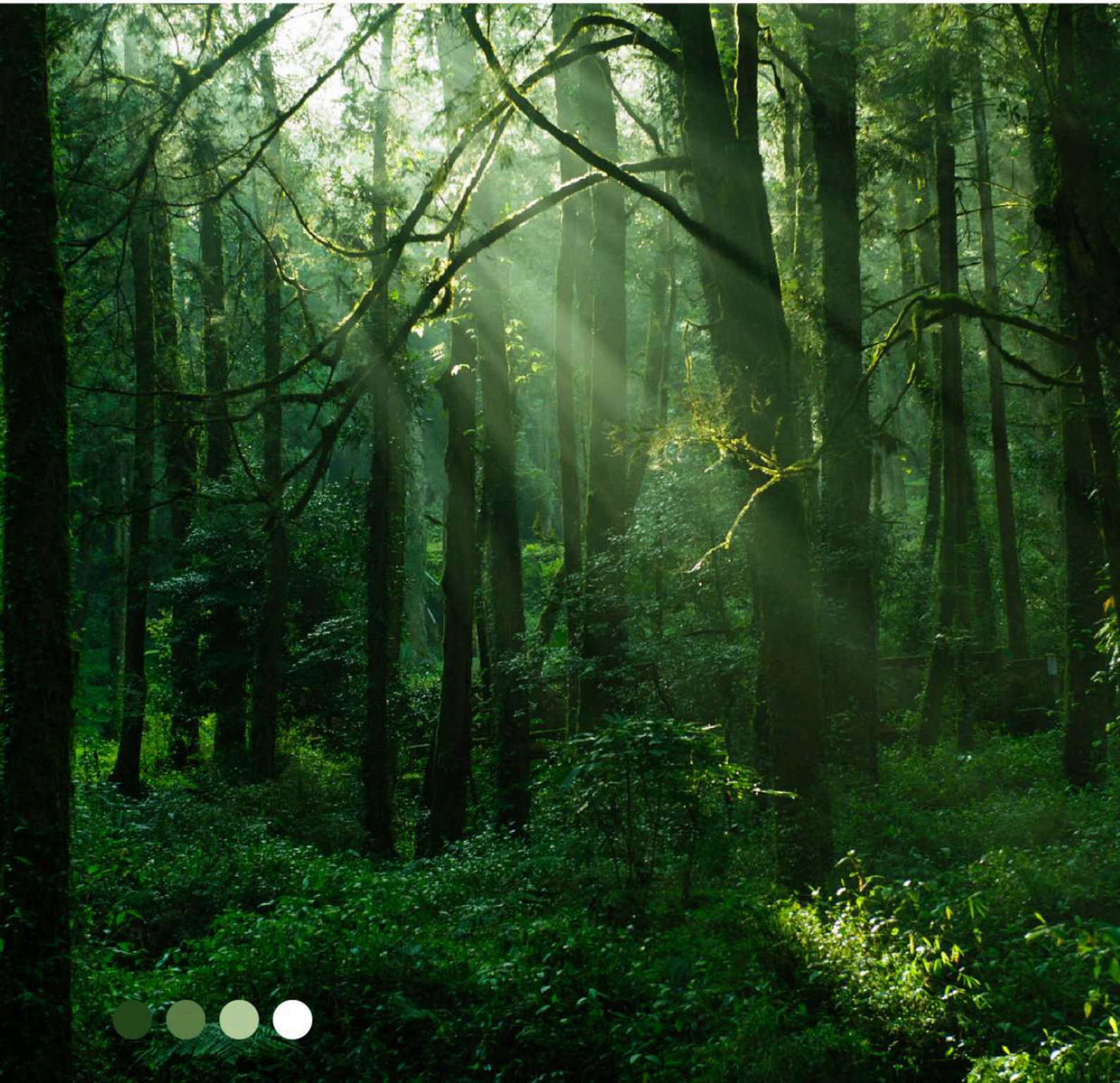


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Abbreviations

ANAB	ANSI National Accreditation Board
AYUSH	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy
BEE	Bureau of Energy Efficiency
CAG	Certification Advisory Group
CB(s)	Certification Bodies
CDSCO	Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research
COC	Chain of Custody
CR-I	Carbon Registry-India
DPIIT	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
EPCH	Export Promotion Council of Handicrafts
FM	Forest Management
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
FSI	Forest Survey of India
FTA	Forest, Trees, and Agroforestry
GHG	Green House Gases
GMOS	Genetically Modified Organisms
GSTC	Global Sustainable Tourism Council
HCSSC	Handicrafts & Carpet Sector Skill Council
HOFF	Head of Forest Forces
IAF	International Accreditation Forum
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICFRE	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
ICRAF	International Council for Research in Agroforestry
ILO	International Labour Organization
INSS	Indian National Strategy for Standardization
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
LULUCF	Land use, Land use change and Forestry
MOEF&CC	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
NABCB	National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies
NWFP	Non-Wood Forest Products
NWFR	Non-Wood Forest Resources
NWPC	National Working Plan Code

Abbreviations

PA	Protected Area
PAWS	Protected Areas and Wetlands
PCCF	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
PTB	Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt
QCI	Quality Council of India
QPM	Quality Planting Material
R&D	Research and Development
RAT	Risk Assessment Tool
REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation
SDG	Standard Development Group
SFM	Sustainable Forest Management
STCI	Sustainable Tourism Criteria of India
TOF	Trees outside Forest
TOFI	Trees Outside Forests in India
UAF	United Accreditation Foundation
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WHO	World Health Organization



Chairman's Message

I am delighted to present the Annual Report of the Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF) for the fiscal year 2022-23, showcasing our remarkable achievements and activities. Over the past eight years, NCCF has grown into a dedicated civil society organization, uniting experts, industry leaders, NGOs, and professionals with a common goal of using certification to conserve and sustainably manage natural resources like forests and agroforestry. Our focus has been on developing internationally accepted sustainability norms and standards specific to India, vital for preserving biodiversity, mitigating climate change, and combating desertification.

Throughout this journey, NCCF has worked to bridge the gap between policymakers and conservation practitioners, advocating for policy changes, conducting consultations, and raising awareness on pressing conservation issues. We are proud of our contributions and achievements in this field. A notable milestone is the development of a Tree Outside Forest Standard, Safeboard Standard, and Carbon Registry a carbon trading and tracking platform, playing a crucial role in controlling greenhouse gas emissions.

NCCF's affiliations with esteemed organizations like the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), and observer status with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) enable us to align with global initiatives to reverse desertification, enhance forest and tree cover, and combat climate change.

Our commitment to environmental responsibility is evident in the Safeboards standards, significantly reducing harmful emissions, and the near-finalized Ecotourism standard, promoting responsible travel practices to ecotourism destinations. NCCF's capacity is diverse and multi-disciplinary, encompassing expertise from government, private sector, and civil society, empowering us to address sustainability challenges comprehensively. We advocate for extending certification benefits to smallholders and low-volume producers, empowering local communities through entrepreneurship.



We extend our gratitude to our esteemed members and stakeholders, whose active engagement has been instrumental in achieving NCCF's objectives. We also acknowledge the dedication of our Chairman Emeritus, Chairpersons, Co-chairpersons, and Members of the Standard Development Groups, supported by our office bearers, Director-General, Add. Director General and staff, who have diligently progressed the Standard Development process, including the Carbon Registry, within defined timelines.

The unwavering support of various stakeholders, including governments and their agencies, has been crucial in our pursuit of sustainability in natural resources management and addressing emerging issues in the forestry and environmental sectors. We are confident that with our collective expertise and diverse stakeholder participation, we can overcome future challenges with determination and resolve.

Looking ahead, we anticipate another year of impactful initiatives and advancements, guided by our commitment to conservation, sustainability, and responsible resource management. Together, we can safeguard our precious natural heritage for future generations.

Date: 21 Nov 2023

Mr Avani Kumar Varma, IFS (retd)
Chairman, NCCF

About NCCF

NCCF came into existence in January 2015 as a registered society of experts, professionals, and stakeholders of natural resources, engaged in the development of India-specific and globally benchmarked sustainability standards, as its core working area, apart from working for policy advocacy, training, and capacity building through multi-stakeholder engagement.

NCCF is a member of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Alliance from India, a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Global Evergreening Alliance (GEA), and has got an Observer Status with the UNCCD as a Civil Society Organization (CSO). NCCF's got an Observer status with UNFCCC, and participated in COP 27 at Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt in November 2022.

NCCF has developed the first-ever Indian Certification Standard for Forest Management and that has been endorsed by the leading international certification organization, the PEFC, giving it global recognition. This scheme is being used by many states for forest certification. NCCF has launched its Trees Outside Forests (ToF) Certification Scheme, which is the first of its kind and is currently under the process of endorsement by PEFC. NCCF has launched Safeboards Standards for certifying products with low formaldehyde emission levels. NCCF's Certification standards for Ecotourism, Non-Wood Forest Resources, Quality Planting Material, and Protected Areas and Wetlands are at advanced stages of development.

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), a constituent Board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), an autonomous national accreditation body under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), has also recognized the NCCF-PEFC FM Scheme by providing accreditation to the Certification Bodies (CBs). Under an arrangement with the NABCB, NCCF is providing provisional approval to the CBs for the NCCF-PEFC FM Scheme, w. e. f. 01 August 2021, however, NABCB will continue to provide regular accreditation to the CBs.

NCCF has developed a Carbon Registry-India (CR-I) to provide a platform for carbon tracking and trading for verified net Green House Gases emissions reductions and removals enhancement with Sustainable Development Contributions. It offers Project listing and tracking facilities for projects sequestering carbon and issues carbon credits. CR-I also facilitates Micro-scale projects and has the potential to provide a compatible platform for small landholder farmers, FPOs, and Independent Project Developers to avail carbon credits and get linked to the carbon markets. The Registry helps in climate change mitigation and adaptation and aims to diligently follow up with India's NDCs.

NCCF is also a consortium partner in the Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI) Program, which is a joint initiative of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) of the Government of India, envisioned at significantly expanding the area of Trees outside Forests (TOF) thereby, enhancing livelihoods and ecosystem services, especially carbon sequestration.



To develop country-specific and internationally benchmarked National Certification Standards for Sustainable Forest Management, Trees outside Forests (TOF), Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs), Protected Areas and Wetlands (PAWs), Ecotourism, Quality Planting Material, etc.; the standards also being compatible and conforming to the national statues and legal framework.

To develop, operate, manage and promote mechanisms, standards, procedures, and guidelines to combat climate change and its impacts thereof, reduce net greenhouse gas emissions, while achieving sustainable development.

To provide a platform for bringing together forest-based stakeholders to promote forest and forest produce certification schemes for the long-term ecological security of forests.

To provide a link between responsible production and responsible consumption and help the consumer to make socially and environmentally sound buying decisions.

Promoting responsible trade in the forestry sector and offering specific considerations to the unique needs of small and family forest owners while being quality used by large landowners.

To bridge the gap between policymakers and practitioners including entrepreneurs on issues that emerge in trade and other related aspects of forest products and services through a series of consultation meetings, awareness-raising, conferences, workshops, etc.

To promote skill development in the forestry sector in the interest of sustainable harvesting and utilization of forest produce as well as to promote economic and social welfare of the laborers, plantation workers, artisans, and workers engaged in the processing of wood, NWFPs, and manufacturing of paper, plywood, veneers, panels, furniture, forest-based handicrafts, etc.

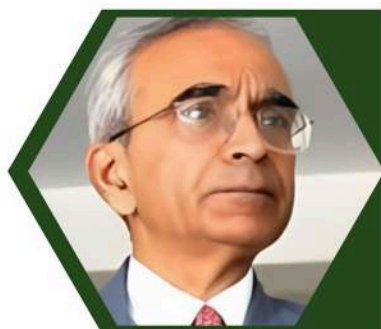
Policy advocacy on important emerging issues concerning the conservation of natural resources.



**GOVERNING
BODY MEMBERS**

Members of the Governing Body

The Governing body, comprising Chairman and 12 other members, decides the overall policies and directions in carrying out NCCF's activities. The members comprise representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Export Promotion Council of Handicrafts (EPCH), Senior Retired Civil Services Officers, Professional Foresters, Private Sector, Non- governmental organisations. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has nominated the Deputy Secretary, Trade Policy Division to attend important meetings of NCCF. NCCF's Governing Body is a strong foundation having the vision of diverse stakeholders gathered on one platform.



Mr. Vijai Sharma

IAS (RETD), CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

Mr Vijai Sharma, former Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, and former Chief Information Commissioner of India, served as the Chairman of NCCF from 2015 to October 2021. In the 6th Annual General Meeting of NCCF held on October 29th, 2021, he was appointed Chairman Emeritus.



Mr. A K Varma

CHAIRMAN

Mr. Varma, a member of the Indian Forest Service (1974; Karnataka), retired on superannuation as the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of the Forest Force of Karnataka State Forest Department. He has also served in various capacities, including PCCF (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden in Karnataka. He has been actively involved in the field of forest management certification and the Chain of Custody Certification process as a peer reviewer, observer, co-auditor, and lead auditor.

He is presently officiating as Chairman, NCCF and also chairing the FM and Ecotourism Standard Development Groups of NCCF.



Mr. Sachin Raj Jain

CONVENER – TREASURER (& SECRETARY)

Mr Sachin Jain is a sustainability professional with over 10 years of experience in directing various projects on Forest Certification, Sustainability, Life Cycle Assessment, LEED v4 Environmental Product Declarations (EPD), Starbucks Ethical Sourcing, Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) FloorScore® certification, BIFMA level® certificate, Climate Change Adaptation, Monitoring & Evaluation, Afforestation, Ecotourism, Sustainable Housing, Fisheries, and Ecology & Biodiversity Assessments. He is an active member of many national and international associations and think tanks working in the area of Natural Resources Management and Sustainable Development. Mr. Jain is one of the founding members of NCCF and currently serves as Convener-Treasurer in the Governing Body of NCCF.



Mr. P K Garg

JOINT SECRETARY

Mr Pawan Kumar Garg, working presently with Star Paper Mills Limited, Saharanpur, U.P. as Sr. G M Commercial has vast experience of 39 years in Supply Chain Management and Commercial functions in the Paper Industry, Textiles, and FMCG Industry. He has been associated with the development of Hi-tech Clonal Nurseries and Agro-Forestry.

He has vigorously promoted Agroforestry in Western U.P. for the last 15 years and the results are quite visible and evident now. He is trained in the best management practices like TPM, TQM, Six Sigma, Gemba Kaizen, PMS, ICRM, SCM, etc., and is a member of the Indian Institute of Materials Management, Chandigarh Branch, and also a Member of IPPTA.



Dr. Rajesh Rawat

JOINT TREASURER

Dr Rajesh Rawat is currently the Director at EPCH. He was the first CEO of the Handicrafts & Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) from December 2013 till August 2016. He has traveled extensively across the globe and made presentations on various topics including the Strength of Indian Handicrafts; Timber legality, Wood, and wood-based livelihoods, etc. at Chatham House, London; Forest Trends, Valencia; Furniture Shows in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, Gift Shows in Germany, Honk Kong, Chile and many other places.



Dr. Rakesh Kumar

MEMBER

Dr. Rakesh Kumar is a pioneering architect behind India's leading exhibition infrastructure in Greater Noida. He founded the National Centre for Design & Product Development and established the Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC), addressing a significant skill gap and empowering over 2 million individuals. Dr. Kumar transformed regions like Jodhpur, Jaipur, Moradabad, and Saharanpur into thriving handicraft hubs. He introduced the traceability requirement for Timber legality in wooden handicraft exports through the standard "VRIKSH," recognized by the UN International organization "CITES" across 186 countries.

Dr. Kumar initiated the Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair (IHGF), recognized as the 'World's largest congregation of handicrafts exhibitors' by the Limca Book of World Records. He organized exhibitions like Home Expo and Indian Fashion Jewellery & Accessories Show (IFJAS) at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida. Additionally, Dr. Kumar played key roles in founding organizations such as the National Centre for Design & Product Development (NCDPD) and HCSSC. He held leadership positions in IEIA, BAA, and Founding member of NCCF, and received Japan's JETRO 'Commendation Award' for international contributions. His representation in global trade committees highlights his influence.



Mr. A K Bansal

MEMBER

Mr Bansal has experience of over 43 years in all aspects of the conservation of forests, development of the forestry sector including the evolution of forest policy and legal framework, and international collaborations. Has been directly involved in the evolution and implementation of national policy relating to forest conservation & management sustainable forest management, forest certification, climate change adaptation, and mitigation – REDD+, forestry, and forest product research & education.

His significant contributions include shaping Joint Forest Management (JFM) initiatives through JICA-assisted projects since 2006, and also worked as short-term consultant in evolving strategic capacity development project for efficient implementation of Priority Forest Policy Agenda proposed to be implemented by MOEF&CC. He is a qualified International Lead Auditor for FM Certification, and he is currently chairing NCCF's PCA Working Group, and also the Non-Wood Forest Products Certification Standard Development Group.



Dr. Vinay Sharma

MEMBER

Dr Vinay Sharma is the owner of Nupur International, which was founded in the year 1993. The organisation is now a synonym for quality for their buyers around the world. They started off with small decoratives and antique reproductions and have now climbed the ladder & evolved as a major producer & exporter of wooden handcrafted furniture from Jodhpur, both traditional as well as modern.



Mr. Suneel Kumar Pandey

MEMBER

Mr Suneel Pandey is presently Vice President-Plantation and Raw Material in ITC-PSPD and leads a multi-disciplinary team involved in Plantations, Social Forestry, Raw material Procurement, Sustainability, and Bio-diversity Conservation. As a Member of IFS, he had served as Senior Forestry Specialist in the National Mission on Bamboo Applications (NMBA) and has successfully handled different business and development initiatives in Technology Development, Enabling Systems, Policy & Programme implementation, CDM, and forest certification.

JOINT SECRETARY (NRM)

MEMBER

Joint Secretary (NRM) is the official nominee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on the Governing Body of NCCF.

MD, HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD

MEMBER

Managing Director, Haryana Forest Development Cooperation Limited is an institutional member of the NCCF Governing Body.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Deputy Secretary (Trade Policy Division), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has been nominated to attend important meetings of NCCF.



**NCCF SDG
EXPERT CHAIRPERSON**

NCCF SDG

EXPERT CHAIRPERSON



Mr. A K Bansal
Chairperson NWFP



Mr. Anil Jauhri
Chairperson, CAG



Dr. Jagdish Kishwan
Chairperson, CR-I & PAWS



Dr. Devendra Pandey
Chairperson, TOF



Mr. Abhijit Ghose
Chairperson, QPM



Dr. R R Rashmi
Chairperson, Biofuel & Biomass



Mr. A K Goyal
Chairperson, Safeboards



Mr. A K Bansal, IFS (retd)

CHAIRPERSON, NON-WOOD TIMBER PRODUCE (NWFP) STANDARD

Mr Bansal has experience of over 43 years in all aspects of the conservation of forests, development of the forestry sector in the country including the evolution of forest policy and legal framework, and international collaborations. Has been directly involved in the evolution and implementation of national policy relating to forest conservation & management – sustainable forest management, forest

certification, climate change adaptation, and mitigation – REDD+, forestry, and forest product research & education.

He has contributed to the evolution of JFM through his association with JICA assisted forestry projects in the country since 2006 and also worked as short term consultant to JICA in evolving strategic capacity development project for efficient implementation of Priority Forest Policy Agenda proposed to be implemented by MOEF&CC. A qualified International Lead Auditor for Forest Management Certification, he is currently chairing NCCF's Promotion, Communication and Advocacy Working Group, and also the Non-Wood Forest Products Certification Standard Development Group.

Mr. Anil Jauhri (Ex-CEO, NABCB)

CHAIRPERSON, CERTIFICATION ADVISORY GROUP

Mr Anil Jauhri, former CEO of the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), a constituent Board of the Quality Council of India, and the National Accreditation Body, has over 40 years of experience in the field of quality, standards, certification, and accreditation. He has worked earlier in the Bureau of Indian Standards, the national standards body, and the Export Inspection Council, India's official export regulator and certification body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.



He is a nationally and internationally recognized expert who has worked with international organizations such as UNFCCC, UNIDO, PTB, FAO, and APO. He was invited as an expert by WTO in 2013 and 2015. He has been part of India's trade negotiations with various countries, notably with the USA as part of the Indian delegation led by the Commerce Minister in 2015 and 2017 in Washington DC. He secured a number of international equivalences for NABCB such as Product certification, Inspection, and various management systems like Food safety, Information security, Occupational Health, and Safety and Energy management systems. Besides being instrumental in supporting regulators like PNGRB, FSSAI, CDSCO, BEE, etc., he also led the development of several voluntary certification schemes of the Quality Council of India (QCI), including AYUSH Mark, ICMED scheme, Yoga certification, IndGAP, India HACCP, etc. He continues to provide expertise to Ministries such as Commerce, AYUSH, Biotechnology, and the office of Principal Scientific Adviser. He is also an evaluator for the International Accreditation Forum as well as the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation and a Lead assessor for accreditation bodies like NABCB, ANAB and UAF in the USA.



Dr. Jagdish Kishwan, IFS (retd)

CHAIRMAN & CHIEF COORDINATOR, CARBON REGISTRY-INDIA (CR-I) AND CHAIRPERSON, SDG, PROTECTED AREAS AND WETLANDS STANDARDS (PAWS)

Dr Jagdish Kishwan, Former PCCF & HoFF, Jammu & Kashmir, DG, ICFRE and Addl. DGF (WL), MoEF&CC is the program lead for Carbon Registry-India. He has guided the Carbon Registry-India Team in developing the program rules, requirements, procedures, and guidelines and managing the program.

Dr Kishwan has over 43 years of experience in forestry, climate change adaptation, research and academics, forest administration, and natural resource management. Dr Kishwan has worked on important assignments with the central government (MoEFCC) and state government (Jammu and Kashmir). He has been a lead negotiator for India on forestry-related agenda items including REDD+ and LULUCF in UNFCCC, Member, of the Expert Group of the Planning Commission of India on "Low Carbon Development Strategy for India". Dr Kishwan is a qualified International Lead Auditor for Forest Management Certification and is also chairing the Protected Areas and Wetlands Certification Standard Development Group with NCCF.

Dr. Devendra Pandey, IFS (retd)

CHAIRPERSON, SDG, TREES OUTSIDE FOREST (TOF) STANDARD

Dr Pandey, an Indian Forest Service Officer and former DG of the Forest Survey of India (FSI), has served as an expert reviewer of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)- Fifth Assessment Report for Working Group II and III. He is a member of the Global Observation of Forest Cover and Land Dynamics panel (GOFC-GOLD).

Dr. Pandey has previously worked with many national and international organizations of repute, including the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).



Mr. Abhijit Ghose, IFS (retd)

CHAIRPERSON, SDG, QUALITY PLANTING MATERIAL (QPM) STANDARD

Mr. Abhijit Ghose has over 40 years of exemplary service in forestry, including 34 years in the Indian Forest Service. He has experience of 5 years at the Apex level of governance in Policy Formulation, Institutional Development with the partnership of local communities, capacity building of all stakeholders, research and development in forestry, combating desertification in Thar desert of Rajasthan besides providing important consultancy services in forestry sector at National level.



Mr. R R Rashmi IAS (retd)

CHAIRPERSON, SDG, BIOFUEL AND BIOMASS STANDARD

Mr Rajani Ranjan Rashmi is a former member of the Indian Administrative Service (1983) batch. He was India's principal negotiator for climate change negotiations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change for several years and has been part of climate change policy-making in India.



As Special Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in the Government of India, he has been closely associated with the formulation and implementation of policies relating to Climate Change, Pollution, the Montreal Protocol on ODS, and Environmental Clearances, besides being the Project Director of Green India Mission.

Currently, he is associated with the Centre for Global Environmental Research in TERI where he works on areas relating to climate change, mitigation and adaptation challenges, carbon markets, and related environmental policies and actions. He served on the Sub Committee of the Ministry of Finance on Climate Finance and has been a Member of the Technical Advisory Body of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) for recommending the use of emission units for CORSIA. He advises National Agricultural Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on international climate business and chairs the ' Biofuels and Biomass Standard Development Group of NCCF.



Mr. A K Goyal, IFS (retd)

CHAIRPERSON, SDG, SAFEBOARDS STANDARDS

Mr A K Goyal, an ex-IFS officer, superannuated from government service as Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, with 40 years of experience in field forestry, worked as Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, dealing with matters related to the convention on biological diversity, wetland conservations, Ramsar convention

on wetlands and information technology related matters, forest management, training of personnel, administration, and implementation of related policies, schemes, and legislations and Panchayati Raj system, field assignments as DFO and Conservator and Additional PCCF in Kerala Forest Department.

Mr Goyal chaired an Expert Committee for modifications to Biological Diversity Act and Rules. Serving as Independent Director on the Board of Andrew Yule & Company Limited, a CPSU, Member of an Expert Panel for empanelment of All India Services for appointment as Joint Secretary to GOI and Chairperson of Standards Development Group of NCCF for developing international standards on "SAFEBOARDS" for formaldehyde emissions. His areas of specialization also include law, administration, and e-governance.



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NCCF Secretariat

Mr. A K Srivastava, IFS (retd)

DIRECTOR GENERAL



Mr A K Srivastava has worked as Director-General of Forests & Special Secretary, Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation) and CEO, CAMPA in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, Joint Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden of J&K State and Additional Commissioner (NRM) in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

He had been ex-officio Chairman, National Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), ex officio Member, FAC, National Biodiversity Authority, and Animal Welfare Board of India. Mr Srivastava has been an Expert Member of the Monitoring Group, National CAMPA of MoEF&CC, and also the Chairman of Green The Earth Trust, working in the field of afforestation and environmental conservation.

Mr. A M Singh, IFS (retd)

ADD. DIRECTOR GENERAL



Mr Arvind Madhav Singh is a retired Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer of the 1986 batch from the Assam segment of the Assam Meghalaya Cadre. Mr Singh retired from the post of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of the Forest Force (HoFF), Forest Department, Govt. of Assam (Jan 2019 – June 2021). A man of dynamic personality, he had done Masters in Geology from Lucknow University and M. Phil in Internal Strategy & Security from Chennai University.

During his illustrious service period of more than 35 years, he rendered services to many posts in Centre Government as well as in State Government, some of them are PCCF & HoFF, Assam, Chairman, Pollution Control Board, Assam, Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of DoNER from 2013-2016, Inspector General of Forests (IGF) & Deputy Inspector General of Forests,(DIG) in Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Change (2009-2013), Govt. of India, Professor, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun, (2003-2007); Associate Professor, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun, (1999-2003) besides various assignments in Assam. At IGNFA, Mr Singh conducted more than 100 in-service courses for senior IFS officers and organized many theme-based training workshops.

Mr Singh had presented many papers on various contemporary issues in Commonwealth Forestry Associations, IUFRO, ITTO, World Forestry Congress, Indian Forest Congress, and Global Bamboo Summit and co-authored a book on Forest Certification (Published by TERI).

Mr Singh also represented India in many International Forums such as United Nations Forum on Forestry (UNFF), FAO, World Forestry Congress, CITES, Commonwealth Forestry Associations etc. He was one of the expert members in ITTO. Yokohama, Japan representing SE Asia from 2011-13. He is also an expert in People & Forest, Sustainable Forest Management & Forest Certification at the National and International level,s and a member of various committees.

Presently he is handling USAID funded project on "Trees outside Forests in India" as Project Director in NCCF and also supervising TOF Certification Scheme along with CR-I developed by NCCF.



Dr. Indu Dwivedi

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dr Indu, who holds a Doctorate in Forest Biotechnology from Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, a Post Graduate in Biotechnology from Amity University, Noida, and a Graduate in Life Science from Kumaun University, Nainital, joined NCCF in August 2019. She was responsible for overseeing the Research, Training and Capacity Building Division and Quality Planting Material Standard Development Group

Ms. Abhilasha Guleria

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Ms. Abhilasha Guleria, a forestry professional with almost a decade of experience, holds a post-graduation in Wood Science and Technology from Forest Research Institute (FRI) and a graduation in Forestry. She joined NCCF in August 2020 and has since worked on several projects, including the Safeboards certification scheme, ToF Risk Assessment Tool development, and overseeing the assessment of ToF standard by PEFC. She also served as Project Lead for the Agroforestry Policy Research Project, awarded to NCCF by ICFRE.



She is engaged in executing the USAID TOFI deliverables related to Tree outside Forests (TOF) certification, Quality planting material (QPM) certification and Non-timber TOF Products (NTTP) certification scheme, along with review of procurement and import policies in India, awarded to NCCF. Apart from this, she is also looking after PEFC operations in India as part of NCCF as National Governing Body (NGB) of PEFC in India.



Ms. Neha Singh

SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER

Ms Neha is a Post Graduate of Natural Resource Management from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi. Previously, she worked as an Exchange Research Scholar at Smithsonian Conservation biology Institute (USA), University of Zurich (Switzerland) and Kunming Institute of Zoology (PRC). Ms Neha joined NCCF in August 2021 as a Coordinator. She is coordinating Standard Development Groups for Tress outside Forests, Non-Wood Forest Resources, Ecotourism, and assisting in many secretarial activities.



Ms. Suparna Das

PROGRAM OFFICER

Suparna holds a Postgraduate Degree in Forestry from Forest Research Institute, Dehradun and completed her graduation in Botany from the University of Calcutta. In April 2022, she joined NCCF under the USAID TOFI Project. Currently, she is actively involved in managing Trees outside Forest (TOF) and Quality Planting Material (QPM) Certification Scheme. Additionally, she has the

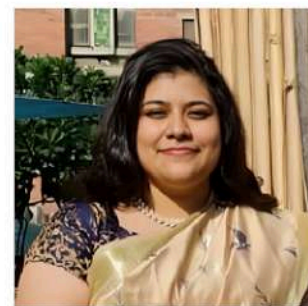
responsibility of overseeing the operations of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) in India.

During her Master's program, she had the privilege of serving as the Head of Capacity Development Commission in the International Forestry Students' Association. She is passionate about environmental conservation and sustainable resource management. She is a detail-oriented professional, committed to delivering results and achieving organizational goals.

Ms. Chayanika Guin

PROGRAM ASSOCIATE

Ms Chayanika is a postgraduate in Environment Studies and Resource Management from TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI University) with a graduate in Botany from University of Delhi. Ms Chayanika joined NCCF in August 2021 and looking after ICFRE Policy Research Study titled "Popularization of the Use of Wood and Wood Substitutes as Per the National Forest Policy and Modalities for Facilitating Industries for Its Optimum Utilization".



Mr. Rishabh Madan

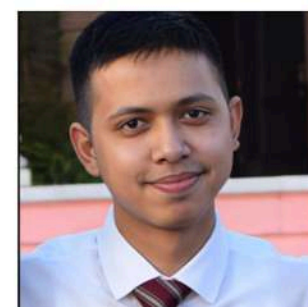
PROJECT ASSOCIATE

Mr Rishabh completed his post-graduation in Environmental Sciences from Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, and graduation in Microbiology from Amity University, Noida. Mr Rishabh joined NCCF in November 2021 and worked on the development of Trees outside Forest Standard and assisted the team in the assessment of ToF standard by PEFC. He is looking after the PEFC Chain of Custody and its operations in India, provisional recognition and accreditation of CBs, training and capacity building programs.

Mr. Maisnam Sanathoi Luwang

PROJECT ASSOCIATE

Maisnam holds a bachelor's degree in Forestry from the College of Horticulture and Forestry, CAU, Pasighat, and a master's degree in Forestry from the Forest Research Institute. With his emphasis on Forest and People, Sustainability and Remote Sensing & GIS during the educational journey made him take up topics of 'Mapping of Encroachment in the Langol and the Langol Extension Reserved Forests of Manipur. Currently co-ordinating with the activities of developing the Non-Wood Forest Resources (NWFR) and Non-Timber TOF Products (NTTP) Certification Standard.



Team Carbon Registry-India



Mr. Richard Bright

CEO, CARBON REGISTRY-INDIA

Richard Bright, CEO Carbon Registry-India(CR-I) by Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests(NCCF) is a seasoned IT and digital transformation leader who has been in the field for over two decades, efficiently managing custom software development & solutions, information technology operations and driving sustainability initiatives through digital transformation.

Before, joining NCCF in 2019, Richard served as the Director at Teleperformance (Digital Integrated Business Services), where he led global Software service delivery across nine countries. His tenure at Teleperformance was marked by his ability to navigate the complexities of the IT industry and deliver results that surpassed expectations.

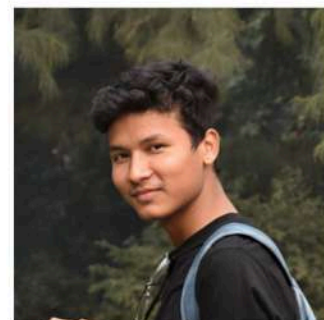
He holds a master's degree in computer application and is a certified Prince 2 practitioner, Cisco professional, ITSM, Robotics & automation, and data analytics expert, trained in ISO 27001 LA, ISO 14064, ISO 9001, and adept in Life Cycle Assessment. He also has extensive exposure on ITGC, HIPPA, SOX, GRC, and SOC Compliance.

Richard's unique blend of expertise in technology, standard development, carbon markets, climate change mitigation & adaptation, policies, and regulations, enables him to provide guidance to organizations seeking to implement sustainable practices and make a positive impact. His leadership has been instrumental in driving sustainability initiatives and digital transformation and building a greener economy in India.

Mr. Aditya Barman

PROJECT ASSOCIATE

A Post-graduate in Environmental Sciences from Amity University, Noida and graduate in Environmental Sciences. Mr Aditya joined NCCF in January 2021 as an intern for Safeboards Standards and certification Scheme. He coordinated Safeboards Standards and certification Scheme and Carbon Registry-India Programme.



Accounts and Human Resource Department



Mr. Shivam Sharma

ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVE

Mr. Sharma is a key resource person for NCCF's Finance and Accounts department and works as the Account Executive at NCCF. He holds an MBA degree in Finance from Amity University, Noida, and a BBA degree in Banking & Finance from Sharda University, Greater Noida. His primary responsibilities include overseeing the financial matters related to USAID TOFI Projects, Training and CBs.

Ms. Gurmeet Kaur

HUMAN RESOURCE

Ms. Gurmeet Kaur is a dedicated and result-oriented Human Resource Professional with an impressive educational background—a Master's in Human Resource Management complemented by a Bachelor's degree in Zoology, with a specialization in Fisheries from Mumbai University. With a remarkable 15-year tenure across diverse industries, Ms. Gurmeet has honed expertise in People Management.

Her extensive skill set encompasses the effective management of crucial HR functions, including Recruitment, HR Policy formulation and implementation, Training & Development, Performance Management Systems, HR Audits, Payroll Management, and fostering robust Employee Relations.

Currently serving as an invaluable HR personnel at NCCF, Ms. Gurmeet's primary role revolves around structuring and facilitating the organization's ability to meet its needs by efficiently managing the complete employee lifecycle. Her passion for driving organizational growth through streamlined HR strategies and practices underscores her commitment to elevating and optimizing the workforce for maximum effectiveness.



Information Technology Department



Mr. Balbinder Singh

HEAD INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr Balbinder has over 17 years of experience in infrastructure services, networking, vendor management and service delivery. He has previously worked with Kuoni Travel (India)/SOTC - Head OTRS (Email management System) and ACD (Call Management system) and BTSOFT Travel ERP and Server Pan India management for over 300 users.

Mr. Pravin Kumar Chandra

DEVELOPMENT PLUS OPERATIONS (DEVOPS ENGINEER)

Mr. Pravin holds a Master's degree in Computer Applications From RGPV, Bhopal and brings with him over 12 years of experience in the IT Sector. He has extensive knowledge and expertise in Web & Software development, using .NET(C#), MS SQL, HTML, CSS, C#, JavaScript, Bootstraps, and WordPress.

With his strong skill set and experience, Mr. Pravin will be a valuable asset to our team. He has a proven track record of delivering high-quality solutions and is known for his attention to detail and dedication to NCCF.





**STANDARD
DEVELOPMENT
APPROACH**

NCCF's Multistakeholder engagement for the development of Sustainability Standards

NCCF follows a multi-stakeholder engagement approach in all its Standard Development activities.

The stakeholders are mapped taking reference from the **UN Agenda 21** Stakeholder Categories, are as under:

- Farmers
- Business and Industry
- Women
- Children and Youth
- Indigenous People
- Non- Government Organisations
- Local Authorities
- Workers and Trade Unions
- Scientific and Technological Community

A large no of independent experts are also associated with the Standard Development process and as members of the concerned Standard Development Group.





**NCCF
STANDARDS**



NCCF's Forest Management (FM) Certification Standard

NCCF has developed the first-ever Indian Certification Standard for Forest Management and that has been endorsed by the leading international certification organization, the PEFC, giving it global recognition. This scheme is being used by many states for forest certification. It is based on six themes covering 14 Principles, 59 Criteria, and 239 Indicators. The standards are India-specific and involve the key elements of existing models in India, viz the Bhopal India Process of the Indian Institute of Forest Management, the National Working Plan Code 2014, and the provisions contained in the National Forest Policy for promotion of afforestation, sustainable utilization of forest products, and growth of the forest-based industries.

NCCF's Forest Certification Scheme was launched by the then Secretary, of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), and then Director General of Forests and Special Secretary in January 2018.

Compliance with the NCCF Forest Management Standard by a Forest Management Entity ensures:

- Full conformance with all applicable laws and regulations
- Conformance with ratified ILO Conventions
- No use of WHO-banned pesticides
- Respect, and upholding of workers' rights and wages
- Health and safety issues
- Clear demarcation of land boundaries and maps
- Regular training of staff and workers
- Stakeholder engagement in management operations
- Continuous improvement in management
- Protecting important sites with recognized significance
- Unbiased independent 3rd Party monitoring and reporting to enable improvement
- Compliance with NCCF FM Standards by a forest management entity ensures:
 - Measures to maintain/improve the health and vitality of forests/ToF
 - Mitigation of negative impacts on the environment and society
 - Adherence to social and environmental safeguards
 - Traceability and tracking to verify the source of product; eliminates illegal sourcing
 - Protecting forests/ToF from damaging agents (such as wildfire, diseases, and invasive species)
 - Documenting and record keeping; audits and publishing findings
 - No use of GMOs
 - Timely payment of wages

The main goal of PEFC Endorsement was to assess whether a national forest certification system complied with PEFC requirements and sustainability benchmarks, allowing certified entities access to global markets.

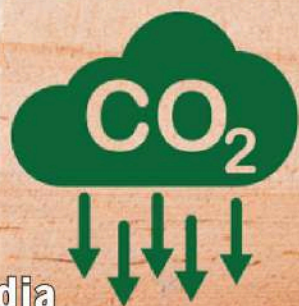
Benefits of Country-Specific Certification Scheme

- The Standard is developed keeping in view the Indian context and conditions.
- Driven by national stakeholders.
- It is open, transparent, and independent.
- Local standards incorporating global best practice
- Nationally adaptive and accepted
- Internationally endorsed
- Economical (domestic auditors and other aspects)
- Promotes and facilitates national and international trade
- Integration of local needs and expectations

NABCB, a constituent Board of QCI, under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which is a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), is offering accreditation to the competent and independent certification bodies for this scheme, under a Mutually Recognition Arrangement (MRA) with the NABCB. NCCF FM Accreditation from NABCB demonstrates the competence level of the Certification Bodies (CBs) to perform FM certification audits as per internationally recognized ISO 17065 Standards and NCCF Standards. CBs are accredited based on the organizational and technical competence of an organization to conduct certification activities like auditing and report writing. To spread awareness about certification and Forest Management Certification Standard.

NCCF had earlier conducted sensitization workshops for the State Forest Departments of Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Haryana, and Uttarakhand. During the year 2020, NCCF conducted sensitization workshops for Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, and Goa State Forest Departments, and about 300 forest personnel were trained over the past three years. This not only contributed to their capacity building for taking up forest certification but also helped them strategize the forest management plans efficiently to achieve the desired goals.

U. P. Forest Corporation undertook PEFC-NCCF Forest Management Certification and got certified 41 Divisions covering 4.5 lakh hectares of forest area. UPFC has been able to sell some 7000 cubic meters of PEFC-certified timber during 2020-21, with a price premium. Many other State Forest Departments are contemplating to take up forest certification using PEFC-NCCF Standard.



Carbon Registry-India

Climate change, marked by shifts in weather patterns resulting from increased greenhouse gas emissions, exerts profound effects on human well-being and livelihoods. It leads to a higher occurrence of severe natural disasters, disrupts agricultural practices, and amplifies health-related risks. The Earth's atmosphere bears the brunt of these alterations, resulting in rising sea levels and more frequent extreme weather events.

The Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF) has set an ambitious objective to combat climate change and its consequences by harnessing the determination of the internal workforce and the strength of global environmental markets. In December 2020, NCCF introduced the India-centric Carbon Standard, and on September 16, 2021 (World Ozone Day), they launched the Carbon Registry-India (CR-I) platform. This endeavor assumes greater significance following India's adoption of ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) after COP 21 in 2015 and the incorporation of Article 6 in the Paris Agreement.

Carbon credits serve as a market-driven incentive for industries to reduce their carbon emissions, promoting sustainable practices. CR-I establishes a transparent system for monitoring and verifying emission reductions, ensuring accountability, and fostering international collaboration.

CR-I provides a platform for listing, trading, and tracking verified greenhouse gas emission reduction and/or removal enhancement projects, issuing carbon credits, and approving and adopting new quantification and monitoring methodologies. It also manages the accounts of Independent Project Proponents (IPP), Independent Methodology Developers (IMD), and Validation and Verification Bodies (VVB).

In the fiscal year 2022-23, CR-I achieved the following milestones:
Empanelled VKU Certification as a Validation Body.

Welcomed Independent Methodology Developers:

- a) Ecohodo Travel and Hospitality Services – Providers of AI-enabled services for the travel industry.
- b) Inara Venture – Experts in waste management.

Engaged Independent Project Proponents:

- a) Bull Works Mobility – Manufacturers of AI and Autonomous-enabled Agriculture EVs.
- b) Ultraviolet Automotive Pvt Ltd – Pioneers of India's first EV superbike.
- c) Terracon Ecotech Private Limited – Specialists in ecology-based environmental consultancy.
- d) GoGreenVerz – A technology firm specializing in AI, IoT, and metaverse for sustainability.

CR-I held its inaugural Advisory Board meeting on July 6, 2022, featuring the active participation of esteemed organizations, including Niti Ayog, DGCA, South Pole, KBS, TERI, BEE, ICRAF, JSA, and Infinite Solutions. Furthermore, CR-I attained UNFCCC observer status during COP27 in Egypt, enabling it to establish connections with a range of national and international organizations.



CR-I Advisory Board Meeting



The path ahead for CR-I is notably challenging and will necessitate a keen focus on achieving certification for the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), robust business development efforts to onboard carbon offset projects, seamless integration with carbon exchanges to facilitate trading, and a concerted drive for public / corporate awareness to enhance the acceptance of CR-I's initiative while championing sustainability.



Trees outside Forests (TOF) Certification Standard

NCCF's Trees Outside Forest Certification Scheme is the first of its kind not only in India but anywhere in the world and is under the process of endorsement by PEFC. The standard is developed by a multi-stakeholder Standard Development Group, chaired by Dr Devendra Pandey ex PCCF & HoFF, Arunachal Pradesh, and Ex-DG, FSI. The standard focuses on the certification of wood coming from non-forest lands, agroforestry, farmers' land, smallholders' plantations, block, and linear plantations and farm forestry, etc.

The report of a High-Level Expert Group on "Growing India's agricultural exports through the crop-specific, state-led plans" constituted by the XV Finance Commission reveals that around 72% of the industrial wood requirement is met from ToF, only 5% from forests and balance 23% from imports. Despite the huge production of wood, Indian producers are unable to tap global markets to fetch a competitive price for their products.

The ToF certification scheme will help the construction and other wood sector industries to include certified raw materials in their procurement policies and supply chain management. This scheme will bring much-needed recognition to the wood and timber produced by the farmers on their lands and ensure better markets and higher income for their agroforestry produce.

NCCF ToF Certification Standard is based on six themes. The Standard has 35 Criteria and 130 indicators for all types of ToF plantations viz., block plantations, non-Block plantations, and urban trees and forests (UTF).

NCCF has applied for the PEFC endorsement of ToF Standard. PEFC commenced the process of endorsement of the Trees outside Forest Certification Standard by launching an international public consultation webinar on 27th September 2021, which was followed by 60 days of Public Consultation, until 25 November 2021.

In April 2022, Mr. Jaroslov Tymrak of T J Consulting, appointed by PEFC, conducted a third-party assessment of the Trees Outside Forest (ToF) Certification Standard through a desk-based review and on-site consultation.

Subsequently, an internal assessment, led by the NCCF TOF task force constituted by PEFC, encompassed a comprehensive review spanning India, Indonesia, and the Netherlands. The PEFC Board, based on assessment reports and complementary evaluations, unanimously approved the endorsement of the Indian ToF Certification System in August 2023, securing 100% of votes from 55 national members under the PEFC umbrella.

Benefits of ToF Certification

- Inclusion of small-holder farmers under Certified supply chains
- Certification mechanism to the suitability of Indian scenarios (ease of understanding and compliance to standards)
- Assured buying markets and linkage with WBIs
- Ensuring the right farm gate price for farmers
- Need for income benefits, enhancing the resilience of farmers
- Access to International markets with demand for Certified Produce
- Mechanism to Indian WBI to facilitate compliance with 'Due Diligence' of International Legislations and preparing in advance for upcoming reforms

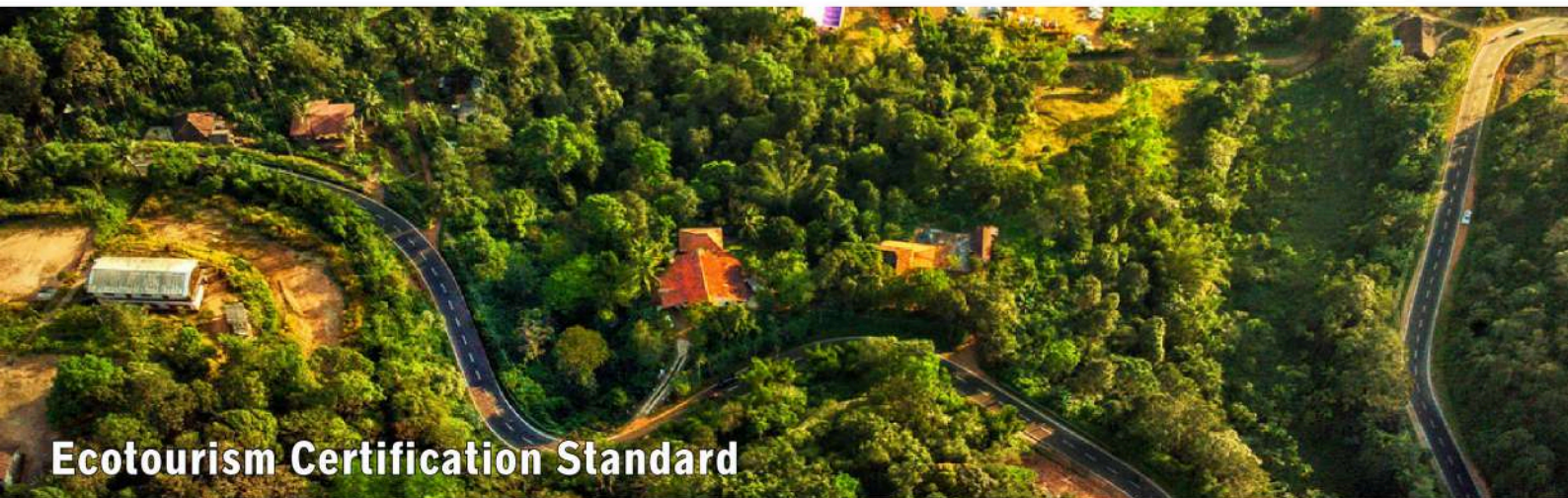


Non-Wood Forest Resources Certification Standard

NCCF is developing a certification standard for Non-Wood Forest Resources (NWFR) through a multistakeholder Standard Development Group under the Chairmanship of Mr Arun Kumar Bansal, IFS (retd), Former Addl. DG Forests, MoEF&CC.

India is the 10th most forested country in the world, with the forest and tree cover of 8,09,537 sq km (24.62% of the country's geographical area). These areas are sources of the bulk of the non-wood forest products. This standard will benefit forest dwellers and local communities for whom extraction (collection/harvest) of NWFRs is an important source of livelihood. Moreover, commercial opportunities for NWFRs are emerging and certification can help promote their marketing, ease of trade, and better price to the gatherers and cultivators and create market linkages while ensuring the sustainability of NWFRs.

Currently, NWFR Standard is at the pilot testing stage. NCCF has received 2 Eols from the certification bodies for the pilot testing of the draft NWFR Standard.



Ecotourism Certification Standard

Keeping in view, the importance of responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and also sustains the well-being of the local people and the need for an ecotourism certification standard, NCCF constituted a multi-stakeholder Standard Development Group for developing the Standard, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. K. Varma, IFS (retd), Former PCCF & HoFF, Karnataka. In 2022, Mr. C. B. Ramkumar, Vice-Chair, GSTC joined the NCCF's Ecotourism Standard and Certification Scheme initiative as the Co-Chairman.

NCCF Standard, based on the 4 pillars of sustainability- Environment, Social, Cultural, and Management principles, is only applicable for those entities falling under the category of Ecotourism, and following its main principles of travel to natural destinations minimizes negative impact on the surrounding areas, builds environmental awareness, and provides direct financial benefits to the involved communities for conservation.

As a mandatory requirement of the Standard Setting Procedure, NCCF has completed the Pilot Testing of the draft Ecotourism Certification Standard at two important ecotourism destinations in India. The first pilot testing was conducted at Kali River Adventure Camp, Dandeli, Karnataka from 28th June 2022 – 30th June 2022 under Jungle Lodges and Resort, Karnataka, and the second pilot testing was conducted at Kathotiya and Kerwa Eco-Jungle Camps, Bhopal from 25th August 2022 – 26th August 2022 under Madhya Pradesh Ecotourism Development Board, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The pilot testing was done to see the scope, applicability, and acceptability of the standard by the ecotourism management entities and to identify gaps and challenges in the implementation of the draft Ecotourism Standard.



Ecotourism Pilot Testing

In tune with the NCCF Standard Setting Procedure, the draft of Ecotourism Standard (ET) Version (V0.1)/29-09-2022 (NCCF-STD-ET-0.1/2022 29th September 2022), finalized in active consultation with the SDG members, following an open, transparent, and consultative process was presented to the SDG for the Consensus Building Workshop on 9th December 2022. The feedback provided during the workshop was taken into consideration and changes were incorporated accordingly. The Ecotourism Standard (ET) Version (V0.1)/15-12-2022 (NCCF-STD-ET-0.1/2022 15th December 2022) of the standard will soon be presented to the NCCF Governing Body for their approval in the upcoming months.

Additionally, NCCF participated in Sustainable Tourism Workshop jointly organized by Madhya Pradesh Ecotourism Development Board (MPEDB) in collaboration with Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) at Bhopal on 23rd – 24th January 2023, with a view to train the officers of Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and Madhya Pradesh Ecotourism Development Board including the front-line staff for developing sustainable ecotourism destinations.

Now NCCF is an organizational member of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) with a view to advance its outreach and gain quality networking opportunities to promote sustainability in various sectors of the global travel and tourism industry. NCCF Ecotourism Standard and Certification Scheme adheres to the GSTC Destination Criteria v2.0 and NCCF intends to get the Ecotourism Standard endorsed by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) for its international recognition, global visibility, and outreach.



Ecotourism Pilot Testing



Safeboards Standards and Certification Scheme

Composite wood products have emerged as the most widely used and dominant building materials over the last three decades owing to their characteristics, viz; lightweight, corrosion-free, insulation, and cost-effective. The boards, however, do not provide healthy indoor air quality to the users owing to the resins and chemicals used in their production and the continuous emission of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from their usage even after years of installation. The Standards have been developed through a Standard Development Group (SDG) constituted under the Chairpersonship of Mr A K Goyal, IFS (retd), ex-Special Secretary to the Government of India.

Pilot testing of the Draft Standards had been conducted at two composite wood manufacturing sites namely; United Timber Works, a plywood manufacturer in Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, and Balaji Action Buildwell, a Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF), Thin Medium Density Fibreboard (thin MDF) and particle board manufacturer, located at Sitarganj, Uttarakhand. With the successful completion of pilot testing, it was concluded that all requirements of the Zero Draft of the Safeboards Certification Standards were fully verifiable, except the correlation calculation factor which was to be determined post-pilot testing. For, correlation calculations, correlation values were incorporated into the Standards.

NCCF launched its “Safeboards Standards and Certification Scheme” on 26th of November 2021 with the approval of its Governing Body. This scheme is focused on technical criteria and safe levels of emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products; plywood, block boards, particle boards, and MDF, to improve indoor air quality, thus addressing human health and the environment. This will help promote exports of wooden furniture, handicraft items, wooden toys, cutleries, etc. The Certification Scheme ensures uniform technical regulations using appropriate Standards across the manufacturing units for the production of safe products intended to be sold in export and domestic markets.

NCCF's Certification Advisory Group had approved the Provisional Approval Scheme for Certification Bodies for Safeboards Standards and Certification Scheme in its meeting held online on 27th of January 2022 under the chairmanship of Mr Anil Jauhri, Chairperson, CAG (ex-CEO, NABCB) and invited Certification Bodies (CBs) for seeking Provisional Approval for Safeboards Standards and Certification Scheme.



Certification standards for Nurseries and Quality Planting Material

NCCF is developing certification standards for Nurseries and Quality Planting Material (QPM) through a multi-stakeholder Standard Development Group, under the Chairmanship of Mr Abhijit Ghose, IFS (retd). Following the said Standard, woody perennials will be raised based on certain standards and can be evaluated by a third party on the basis of certain criteria and indicators as provided in the Standard. The Standard will also provide the protocols to address various risk factors. Assessment of the nurseries and the planting material, based on the Standard, will ensure the production of Quality Planting Material on a sustainable basis.

Quality Planting Material is also an essential input in creating plantations in and outside the forest for higher productivity and meeting the rising demand for timber in our country. The absence of certification standards deters investment. A certified QPM regime, therefore, is essential for the healthy and sustainable growth of the sector and for ensuring plenty of quality planting material that meets global standards. The standard will help the tree producers obtain better prices for their tree products, as well as secure markets, thereby reducing risk. It will be a win-win situation for the Nursery owner, as its products can be sold at a premium price in comparison to non-certified nurseries and certainly consumers (planters/farmers) will be benefitted from better productivity by planting QPM in their fields.

The draft Standard document was opened for public consultation from December 6, 2021, to February 3, 2022, and comments received have been addressed in the draft standard.

The consensus building second TWG meeting was held on 5th April 2022. After discussion in the meeting a need for simplifying the draft was felt and accordingly the draft document has been revised now the draft also enables nurseries to assess by themselves and understand the improvement required to upgrade them.

For the next step, NCCF is planning for conducting pilot testing for QPM standard at three potential sites, such as: Saharanpur, Odisha and Tamilnadu. The EOI will be hosted soon in NCCF website, during which interested certification bodies will be invited to participate in the pilot testing.

In a nutshell, the objectives of QPM Standard are as follows:

- To determine different criteria and indicators for establishing nurseries for the supply of cost-effective Quality Planting Materials
- To meet the quality raw material demand of wood-based industries by reducing the country's import burden and increasing the productivity and revenue of plantations.
- To encourage continued R&D support for tree improvement programs through the development of location-specific quality planting materials



Protected Areas and Wetlands Certification Standard

India is recognized as one of the mega biodiversity countries among the 17 globally identified countries. With just 2.4% of the land area, India accounts for nearly 7% of the world's recorded species (flora and fauna). The existing protected area network of 990 Protected Areas 106 National Parks, 565 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 100 Conservation Reserves, and 219 Community Reserves covers a total of 1,73,306.83 km² of the geographical area of the country which is approximately 5.27%.

NCCF has embarked on an initiative to develop a Certification Standard for Protected Areas and Wetlands (PAWs) through a multi-stakeholder Standard Development Group (SDG) under the Chairmanship of Dr Jagdish Kishwan, IFS (retd). NCCF's PAWs Certification Standard is a voluntary initiative to develop a robust and comprehensive institutional mechanism for scientific monitoring of the existing issues such as poor health of the forest areas, large areas impacted by invasive species, human-wildlife conflicts, poaching, illicit felling, encroachments, and other illegal and unauthorised activities in Protected Areas and Wetlands. Through simple, usable, and generic parameters of this certification, the monitoring mechanism could be regularly applied to a PA to assess the health, impact, and efficacy of the government funding, management practices, which of the newest government policies and directives on the functioning of the PA.

Benefits of PAWs Certification Standard

- Cost-effective and affordable, being a domestic Standard
- Ease of application and use
- Applicability to conservation areas and important biodiversity habitats beyond the network of common protected areas
- Possible multiple uses, applications, and assessments with one standard
- Suitable for assessment of conservation areas specific to the country
- Possibility of assessing viability of project proposal of a conservation area



Biofuel and Biomass Certification Standard

NCCF has embarked on an initiative to develop a Certification Standard for Biofuel and Biomass (BioFM), enabling sustainable growth of the sector and also ensuring that vital biological resources of the country are not overexploited. The Biofuel and Biomass (BioFM) Standard Development Group is chaired by Mr R R Rashmi, IAS (retd) with Dr Jagdish Kishwan, IFS (retd) as its Co-chair.

There is a thrust to significantly promote the production of biofuels and biomass energy in both public and private sectors through various initiatives like the National Policy on Biofuels, 2018 of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). Sub-section 5.25 of the policy mandates the introduction of standards and certification for different biofuels and end-use applications. Keeping in view the current scenario and need for certification, NCCF is developing the certification scheme for biofuel and biomass.

NCCF BioFM certification scheme can fulfill the mandate of having a certification scheme for biofuels that ensures environmental, social, and economic sustainability of the sources of biomass and throughout its supply chain by demonstrating compliance with their set of requirements. A certification system will provide third-party verification and ensure that feedstock is grown and converted sustainably and thus help in creating sustainable market linkages in this sector. This will further help the government, policymakers, and other stakeholders to develop incentive-based mechanisms and dovetail with the existing schemes, policies, and plans along with further strengthening the needs and requirements of the sector.

In a nutshell, the benefits of the Standard are as follows:

- To provide for Environmentally safe, Socially acceptable, and Economically viable sources of Biofuels and Biomass.
- To help in the overall reduction in GHG emissions due to reduced dependence on fossil fuels.
- Establishing traceability and legal sourcing of the certified material.
- Promotion of improved and sustained quality and quantity of biofuels and biomass.
- Increased marketing opportunities for certified economic operators.
- Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the production, processing, and use of biofuels and other related products.



PROJECTS

USAID Trees outside Forests in India Project

Scaling up Trees Outside Forests (TOF) in the right ways in India holds significant potential for bringing about multiple environmental, economic, and social benefits, thereby supporting the Government of India (GoI) to fulfill several goals and international commitments simultaneously. These include increasing forest and tree cover from 25% to 33%, sequestering **2.5 to 3 billion tons** of additional carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) gases, and restoring 26 million hectares of degraded land. Yet, various policy, economic, capacity, and information-related barriers prevent this potential from fully realizing. ICRAF's Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI) program, under USAID funding, is designed to address these barriers, particularly those locking in promising opportunities for TOF expansion in India.

The program will be implemented in seven states jointly selected by **MoEFCC** and **USAID**. These include

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Haryana
4. Odisha
5. Rajasthan
6. Tamil Nadu
7. Uttar Pradesh.

Three significant objectives outlined by the project are:

1. Enabling environment strengthened for TOF expansion.
2. TOF expansion economically incentivized and risks reduced and
3. Improved access to quality and actionable TOF information

NCCF's role in TOFI Project fully aligns with its ongoing works and policy advocacy initiatives. The project is directed by Mr A M Singh, IFS (retd), ex- PCCF & HoFF, Government of Assam. The letter of agreement between NCCF and ICRAF for the launch of TOFI was signed on 20th Feb 2022.



Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI) Program

TOFI is working to bring inclusive environmental and livelihood benefits at scale by increasing the area of tree cover outside forests through multi-stakeholder engagements in seven states- Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. It will pursue viable, inclusive and locally appropriate opportunities for scaling up the establishment of trees outside forests.



MAP FOR REPRESENTATION PURPOSES ONLY

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- 2.8 MILLION HECTARES**
OF NEW LAND UNDER TREES OUTSIDE FORESTS

- 420 MILLION TONNES**
OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT (CO₂e) SEQUESTERED

- 13.1 MILLION PEOPLE**
TO BENEFIT FROM IMPROVED LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES

- \$50 MILLION**
WILL BE LEVERAGED TO BOOST THE EXPANSION OF TREES OUTSIDE FORESTS





Proposed Key Interventions

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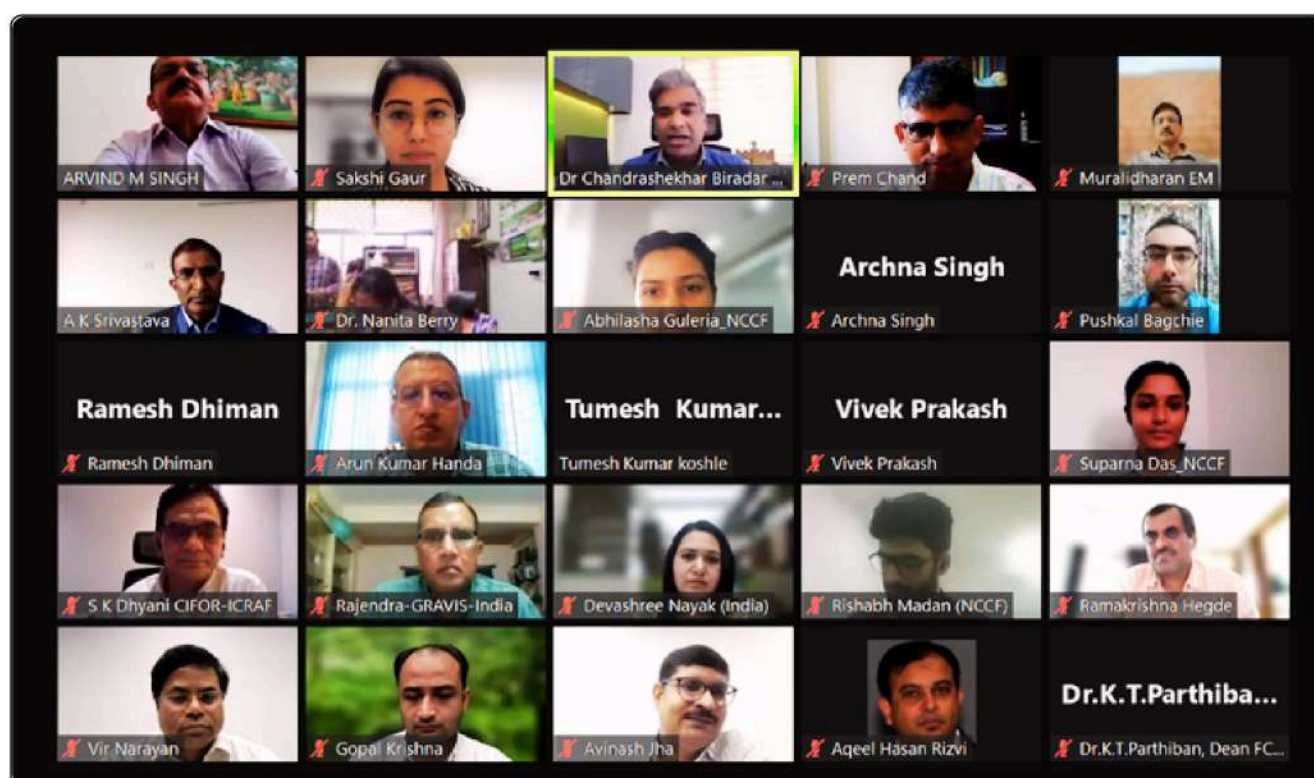
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- **Brainstorming session on the Accreditation of Nurseries and certification of Quality Planting Material (QPM) certification scheme (29 Aug 2022)**

The first Brainstorming session on the Accreditation of nurseries and certification of Quality Planting Material (QPM) under the USAID Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI) program was held online on 29th August 2022. The session was jointly organized by the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF) and the Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF). The main agenda of the session was to bring together experts from various stakeholder categories engaged in the management of QPM including, NGOs, relevant ministries, business industries, and technical/academic organizations to appraise the status of the development process and progress so far for the inclusion of a Star Rating mechanism in the ambit of QPM Certification scheme.



QPM Brainstorming Session

- **National Launch of USAID Trees Outside Forests in India Project, 8 Sept 2022**

On September 8, 2022 the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Government of India and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), officially launched the program, "Trees Outside Forests in India" and NCCF was also participated in this program as one of the consortium partners. Secretary for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Ms. Leena Nandan, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Patricia A. Lacina highlighted the U.S.-India cooperation on climate change and forestry. USAID's forestry activities in India support important priorities of the U.S. and Indian governments, contributing to the Forestry Pillar of the Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue in support of the U.S.-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership



National Launch of USAID Trees Outside Forests

- **Brainstorming session on “Developing a Certification Standard for Sustainable Management of Non-Timber TOF Products (NTTPs) (6 Oct 2022)**

A brainstorming session on “Developing a Certification Standard for Sustainable Management of Non-Timber TOF Products (NTTPs)” was organized jointly by NCCF and CIFOR-ICRAF at NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Pusa Campus, New Delhi, in hybrid mode, on October 6, 2022, with an aim to collectively delineate the plan of action to achieve the Activity 1.2.1.3 of the TOFI Program that mandates “Field test certification scheme for NTTPs and Review of the outcomes with stakeholders and facilitate recommendations”. The entire event was structured in two sessions, where Mr. A. K. Bansal, Former Addl. D.G. of Forests, Chairman SDG NWFP, chaired the sessions, and Dr. S. K. Dhyani, Country Coordinator, CIFOR_ICRAF and Dr. Devendra Pandey, Former D.G., FSI, Chairman SDG TOF, co-chaired the first and the second sessions respectively.



NTTPs Brainstroming Session

- **National Workshop on Promoting Trees Outside Forests Certification Standard, 30 Jan 2023)**

NCCF organized a National Workshop on Promoting Trees Outside Forests Certification Standards, jointly with CIFOR-ICRAF, on January 30, 2023 at New Delhi, under the umbrella of the Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI) Program, with an aim of raising awareness of and promoting the TOF certification scheme among the various stakeholders and collectively identifying areas in the regulations governing imported timber as well as in the building codes and procurement strategies, through which the use of certified TOF products may be stimulated. The event comprised of three technical sessions and was chaired by Dr. Devendra Pandey (IFS Rtd.), Former DG, FSI and Chairperson, NCCF ToF Certification Scheme.



ToF Promotion National Workshop

ICFRE Policy Research Study – “Popularization of the Use of Wood and Wood Substitutes as Per the National Forest Policy and Modalities for Facilitating Industries for Its Optimum Utilization”

The Indian Council of Forest Research and Education (ICFRE) awarded a Policy Research Study on “Popularization of the Use of Wood and Wood Substitutes as per the National Forest Policy and Modalities for Facilitating Industries for Its Optimum Utilization” to the Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF). The ToRs of the Study aimed at current utilization and demand of wood and wood substitutes in India and the factors impacting on the same. In addition, the study attempts to suggest measures necessary to promote use of such products and optimising utilization of wood and wood substitutes by the industries.

The policy research study adopted a methodology comprising of extensive desk-based research, and a questionnaire survey conducted among the key stakeholders categories of the wood sector in the country namely Wood-based industries, Architects and builders, Research institutions and universities, Government departments, Farmers federations/FPOs, and civil society organisations. In addition to the questionnaire-based survey, Focused Group Discussions and One-on-one discussions with some key experts in most of the stakeholder categories, had been held along with a field visit to Saharanpur – an important wood product (furniture) cluster. NCCF has successfully submitted the report to ICFRE in March 2023 after its due completion.

Major recommendations that have emerged from this Policy Research Study are as mentioned below:

- **It is necessary to establish a National System of Collection and compilation of annual production of wood and wood substitutes in the country**, due care has to be taken to reach species-specific details identifying the demand of different wood-based products as well as data of imported timber.
- **Tri-partite collaborations among Industry, Producers, and Researchers**, three main stakeholders in the production value chains, can bring in the interest of the industry to support the cultivation of suitable tree species by the farmers/tree growers for producing the requisite raw material and the research institutes can facilitate R&D to develop variants of tree species along with compatible agroforestry models for different agro-ecological regions. Carbon projects development taking the support from the Forest department to facilitate carbon credit revenue share to the farmers.
- Government support through **enabling policy framework** is necessary to support diverse aspects of the wood-based industry.
- a. Industry and Farmer Collaboration to meet the demand and supply of wood-based raw material is already a well-established model in the Pulp and paper segment. Other wood-based industries can also rely on such means of collaborations to reduce their carbon footprint as well as ensuring sustainable raw material supplies.

- **Due Diligence regulations for wood-based trade (import & exports) in alignment with international regulations such as EU timber regulations, US Lacey Act, etc.** is the need of the hour. Certification of forest and Trees outside Forest (ToF) resources can be looked at as enabling tools.
- **Trained resources and manpower in wood and wood substitutes** can be a step forward to lay the foundation of green construction and resulting acceleration in the use of wood and wood substitutes.
- **Quality assurance:** There is a need to incentivize the adoption of national standards and code of practices related to wood and woody products or to make basic standards mandatory to ensure that manufactured materials have minimum product quality to enhance consumer satisfaction.
- **For promoting use of wood and wood substitutes** Government should take lead in constructing demonstrative green public buildings using wood and wood substitutes wherever possible, and also enhance the utilization of wood substitutes in various government funded/supported affordable housing schemes and incentivize the use of green materials similar to use of solar panels and solar water pumps.



Popularization of the Use of Wood and Wood Substitutes as per the National Forest Policy and Modalities for Facilitating Industries for its Optimum Utilization

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PEFC CoC Initial Auditor's training

NCCF along with PEFC successfully conducted PEFC Chain of Custody Auditors' Initial Training 2022. The training was conducted online on 1st and 2nd September 2022. The training was attended by 22 auditors and observers from different national and international certification bodies as well as the accreditation bodies.

The comprehensive training course covered the PEFC Chain of Custody standard, PEFC Trademarks standard, PEFC CB requirements standard, Accreditation requirements for CBs and ABs, and PEFC & CB engagements. The training was conducted for the Auditors, Reviewers and Certification Decision Makers. The initial training is mandatory for the auditors to conduct audits for PEFC CoC Standards.



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Policy Advocacy and Research

NCCF is a network of experts and professionals in the fields of forestry, agroforestry, environment, climate change, biodiversity, certification, auditing, research, management, business enterprise, governance, and industry, etc. Often on important conservation issues, NCCF has played its policy advocacy role and tried to bridge the gap between policymakers and the practitioners. NCCF has also conducted desk research and stakeholder consultation to make some concrete recommendations to the government on matters concerning certification, trees outside forests, achieving the 33% goal of forest/tree cover, meeting nationally determined contributions to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO₂e through additional forest and tree cover by 2030, compensatory afforestation fund, draft national forest policy etc.

Forging Sustainable Partnerships: GIZ and NCCF

A conference call was organized, in Feb 23 between Mr. Kundan Burnwal from GIZ, joined by Mr. AM Singh, Mr. Sachin Jain, and Mr. Richard Bright, gathered to explore and discuss potential collaboration opportunities. This meeting held the promise of advancing crucial initiatives towards sustainable forestry and green credit program(GCP).

Mr. Kundan initiated the discussion with an informative overview of the Green Credit Program, shedding light on GIZ's past collaborations with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). He also elucidated the objectives of the "RESTORE AND CONSERVE AND PROTECT FOREST AND TREE COVER FOR NDC IMPLEMENTATION IN INDIA" (RECAP4NDC) program.

Mr. AM Singh, DG (NCCF), contributed valuable insights into the various standards developed by the organization. Notable examples included the standards for Tree Outside Forests (TOF), the newly developed eco-tourism standards, and guidelines for quality planting material (QPM). These standards underlined NCCF's commitment to promoting sustainable forestry practices.

In a detailed presentation, Mr. Richard Bright provided an in-depth overview of NCCF's Carbon Registry-India initiative. He discussed its current status and identified potential areas for collaboration with GIZ. The integration of carbon registry data with GIZ's initiatives hinted at a powerful synergy.

Mr. Sachin Jain, on behalf of NCCF, expressed keen interest in embarking on a pilot waste management project under the Green Credit Program, making use of the RECAP4NDC framework. This demonstrated the willingness to engage in practical projects that align with environmental objectives.

Notably, Mr. Kundan Burnwal also recognized the natural synergy between GIZ's RECAP4NDC initiative and NCCF's efforts, particularly in leveraging the utilization of the Quality Planting Material (QPM) and Tree Outside Forests (TOF) standards. This recognition underscored the potential for collaborative efforts to drive meaningful change in sustainable forestry practices and environmental protection.

The call marked a significant step forward in fostering cooperation between GIZ and NCCF, with the potential to create a powerful force for positive environmental change in India.

Training Session on Carbon Program for IFS Officers in consultation with World bank

The NCCF and the World Bank have scheduled meetings to discuss the development of a training program for IFS officers at two different levels.

The training program is specifically designed for the Carbon Training Program. Carbon, being an evolving field with ongoing developments both nationally and internationally, necessitates a continuous update for IFS officers to ensure they remain up-to-date and relevant. The forest departments and their officials have the potential to serve as a valuable resource for establishing connections with farmers involved in carbon projects and facilitating the distribution of carbon credit financial benefits to them.

In light of this, Mr. Anupam Joshi, in collaboration with the World Bank and NCCF, recognizes the importance of creating a comprehensive model for carbon training for these officials on two key fronts: First, enhancing their understanding of the subject matter and its policy-related aspects in collaboration with higher-ranking IFS officials. Second, it provides insights into the actual project development parameters and a deep understanding of the intricacies, as well as defining roles and responsibilities for implementation by field officers of the Forest department.

A formal proposal outlining these training objectives along with a draft training module for both the levels has been submitted to the World Bank for their consideration and approval.



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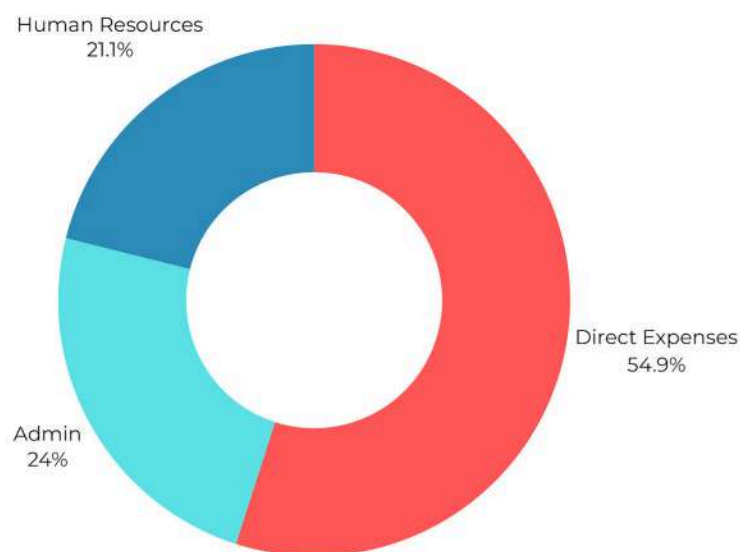
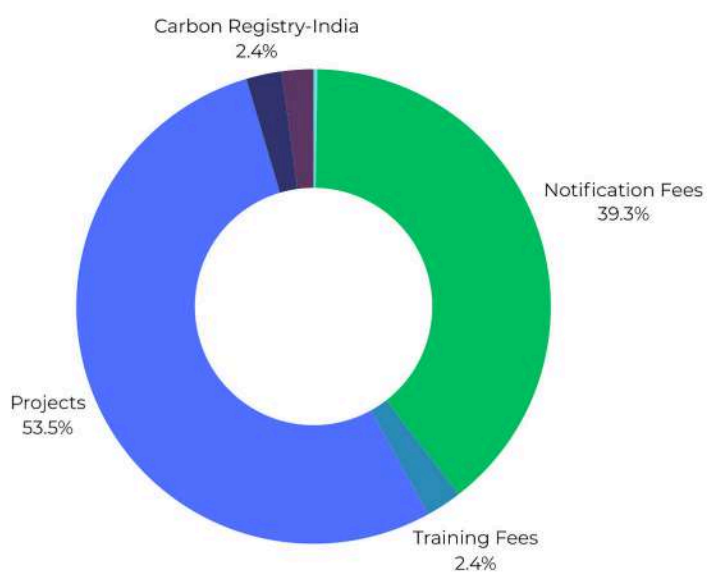
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Income in INR

Membership Fee	20,000.00
Notification Fees	30,01,000.00
Training Fees	1,86,855.00
Carbon Registry-India	1,85,000.00
Projects	40,86,676.00
Other Income	1,64,330.00
Total	76,43,861

Expenses in INR

Direct Expenses	35,57,726.00
Notification Fees Exp	22,65,027.00
Human Resources	13,66,342.00
Admin Expenses	15,51,054.00
Total	87,40,149





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The contributions of every member of the NCCF family are recognized and valued, and their continued cooperation and guidance are solicited for NCCF's future endeavors.



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