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Field Data Collection Expert (Ref. No. C46)

India Country Program

The ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding is a national institute working towards identifying and evolving varieties of species used in afforestation and social forestry that will contribute to the national goal of achieving a growth of 3 to 4 cubic meters of biomass per ha per year within the ecological considerations applicable to the area. The Institute has pioneered in operationalising tree improvement programs and precision silviculture to increase wood and forest products while addressing concerns on climate change, with state-of-the-art infrastructure and expertise for the successful application of biotechnological tools in commercially important forestry species. The institute has broadened its horizon to keep pace with the current requirements. It conducts basic and applied research for tree improvement, resulting in high-impact factor journal publications, products, patents and public-private partnerships.

ICFRE-IFGTB is looking for a Field Data Collection Expert.

1. Overview

The job holder will be based in Coimbatore and report to the National Project Co-ordinator (NPC), India; and will closely work with ITTO's Secretariat. S/he will be responsible for collecting data for scientific research involving multiple stakeholders along the teak and other valuable supply chains and micro-financing schemes for longer rotation in India.

2. Qualifications:

Qualifications and principal tasks of the Field data collection expert are as below.

- BA, BSc or higher degree (an advantage) in agricultural economics, rural development, business administration, natural resource management and related studies.
- A demonstrated experience in field data collection for scientific research involving multiple stakeholders along the teak and other valuable supply chains.
- Adequate technical competence to steer and facilitate group discussions and in-person interviews to gather relevant information addressing research questions and objectives.
- Interviewing and facilitation skills: active listener, knows how to apply probing techniques and keeps neutral while managing group dynamics.
- Note-taking and recording: accurate, enriched with key points, quotes and relevant details.
- Effectively communicates both in English and Tamil/Malayalam/Hindi (verbal and written).
- A good understanding of local contexts and cultures and knowing how to use this effectively
- Good skills in the use of standard software packages (MS Office).

Desirable Personal attributes and competencies:

- Dynamic, passionate and self-motivated.
- Excellent facilitation and team building capacity;
- Values the sharing of information and continuous improvement in a cooperative atmosphere of constructive evaluation and learning, and is committed to staff development;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in a multicultural environment and across different task

teams.

3. Summary of responsibilities

The principal task of the Field data collection expert is to support the National Project Co-ordinator to collect data for scientific research involving multiple stakeholders along the teak and other valuable supply chains and micro-financing schemes for longer rotation in India.

The field data collection expert will carry out the following specific activities:

- Translate the data collection protocols (questionnaires and guidelines) provided by the NPC from English to the required local language,
- Attend the online training session(s) organised by ITTO on using the data collection protocols,
- If necessary, assist NPC to provide training to enumerators on how to use data collection protocols,
- Support NPC in selecting stakeholders for interviews and focus group discussions,
- Conduct focus group discussions (FGDs) among the rural forest owners/users, local communities and smallholders engaged in growing teak and other valuable tree species,
- Conduct in-person interviews with stakeholders in the teak and other valuable species supply chains using the semi-structured questionnaires prepared by ITTO, including pre-tests of earlier questionnaire drafts.
- Translate non-numerical data from local language to English,
- Input collected data into data entry sheets and conduct initial plausibility checks,
- Support ITTO staff/NPC/ Project Technical Committee with data cleaning by following up with respondents on unclear/implausible/missing responses if needed.

4. Terms and conditions

The duration of the assignment will be 5 months over the period of January 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025. **After completing this short-term assignment, no employment of any kind will be offered.**

This is a Locally Recruited position. ICFRE-IFGTB offers competitive remuneration in local currency commensurate with skills and experience. The duty station will be based in Coimbatore, India.

5. Application process

A walk in interview is scheduled for **09 December 2024** from 10 am onwards.

No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.

Interested candidates may please bring your CV, relevant documents and a Cover Letter stating your expertise for the position. The selected candidates will be informed.

To learn more about ICFRE-IFGTB, please visit our websites at <https://ifgtb.icfre.gov.in>.

ICFRE-IFGTB is an equal-opportunity employer. It fosters a multicultural work environment that values gender equality, teamwork, and respect for diversity.

ICFRE-IFGTB has its discretion for qualification and disqualification criteria as per suitability and availability of candidates or cancel the hiring at all.

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