



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
Garcinia Genetic Resources:
Linking Diversity, Livelihood and Management

at

College of Forestry, Sirsi
May 8 - 9, 2010



Jointly Organized by

Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad

Co-Sponsored by:

National Medicinal Plant Board, New Delhi
National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai
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Interest and activities concerning Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs) have been renewed worldwide during the last two decades as NWFPs contribute to the livelihood of rural people as well as provide crucial ecosystem services. Attempts have been done to domesticate these species and induct them into farming systems to reduce pressure on natural populations. This offers scientific, economic and social challenges to the biologists and has a bearing on sustainable use of NWFPs. *Garcinia* species are regarded as most important NWFPs of the Western Ghats because of their strong traditional use, value-added commercial products as well as due to their internationally recognized pharmaceutical properties.

Keeping this in the background, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and ICAR under auspicious of UNDP/GEF project on "Conservation and Sustainable use of cultivated and wild tropical fruit diversity: promoting sustainable livelihoods, food security, and ecosystem services" and in collaboration with National Medicinal Plant Board, New Delhi is organizing a National Symposium on *Garcinia* resources at College of Forestry, Sirsi, Karnataka during May 8th and 9th, 2010. The organizers cordially invite researchers, growers, industrialists, extension specialists, policy makers and marketing personnel who are engaged in *Garcinia* research and NWFP in general. A strong scientific discussion will be held with invited speakers. The symposium also aims to celebrate International Year of Biodiversity (IYB2010) and raise the public awareness on conservation and sustainable use of *Garcinia*.

Technical Sessions

- Session I Genetic Resources and Conservation
- Session II Domestication, Crop Improvement and Production
- Session III Product diversification, Post Harvest and Value-addition
- Session IV Industrial participation, Marketing and Export
- Session V Livelihood issues, Governance and Policies

Call for Papers: Submission of Extended Abstracts

The invited and abstract papers for oral or poster presentation of the national symposium must not exceed 2000 words or 4 pages (MS Word, Times New Roman, font size 12 for content and 14 for title). The extended abstracts should contain a title, author's name(s), address along with the telephone, fax number and email address, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussions, tables, figures and key references. The extended abstract should be e-mailed (e-mail ID: bjanagoudar56@gmail.com; vasukoppa@gmail.com) on or before 05 April, 2010. The official language of the symposium is English.

Exhibition

To showcase the rich biodiversity & the cultural heritage of the Uttara Kannada District, it is intended to hold an exhibition comprising of live specimens of different fruits with a major emphasis on *Garcinia* & Mango. In addition the by products made from *Garcinia* & Mango will also be displayed.

Key Dates

Submission of extended abstract:	05/April/2010
Notification of acceptance of extended abstract:	10/April/2010

Category	On due date (20th April 2010)	Spot Registration
Delegate	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 1500/-
Research Students	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 600/-
Industrial Partners	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 2500/-
Farmers	Rs. 100/-	Rs. 150/-

Sirsi is a nice place located right in the heart of Central Western Ghats, well connected by road. It is about 100 KM away from Hubli, a commercial centre. Southern Railway junction and an Air Port are located at Hubli. The nearest railway station on Konkan railways is Kumta (53 Km) and Karwar (110 Km). State transport buses ply between Sirsi and Hubli as well as Kumta every 30 minutes. Four large and reasonably well maintained hotels are located in this town. Nearest sight seeing places include: the Jog falls, Gokarn Temple, Om beach, Yana, Murdeshwar Beach *etc.*

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