

Preparation of Training Manual on Inventory of Trees Outside Forest(TOF)

FSI is one of the few organizations in Asia that has been carrying out TOF assessments since early 1990s. Looking at the expertise of FSI in this field, it was felt by FAO that FSI can play the role of a leading institution in Asia to impart training on assessment of trees outside forests to participants from various South-Asian and South-East Asian countries. Prior to organizing the training program it was felt that a Training Manual encompassing all the details of assessment of Tree Outside Forests (TOF) be prepared. It was in this context that Forest Survey of India (FSI) received a consultancy from the Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to prepare a "Training Manual on Assessment of TOF".

The training manual has been prepared by the officials of FSI. It encompasses all aspects of TOF assessment, viz. collection of data in different formats, survey methods, processing of data and its analysis and use of different statistical tools in survey. The procedures for data collection, analysis techniques and formats for recording data during field surveys have been elaborately dealt with. The training manual has been written with the idea to make the reader aware of the various survey methodologies used to assess TOF with particular emphasis on conventional methodology, so that the reader is able to apply the methodology in his/her own country.