



**IFGTB is conducting an Awareness training workshop on  
“Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild fauna and flora  
(CITES)” for various implementation agencies in North and North-east India  
during 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013 at Coimbatore**

An “awareness training workshop on Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild fauna and Flora (CITES)” is planned to be conducted at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore for various agencies involved in CITES implementation in North and North-Eastern regions of India. This training programme is being conducted under the direction and funding support from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Govt. of India. It is the third phase of such training being conducted at IFGTB. In the first and second phases of trainings which were held during 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2012 and January 16-18, 2013 respectively, officers from State Forest Departments, Customs and Excise, Police, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Forestry Research Institutes from south India and Central and Western India were trained. In the current phase of training North and North-Eastern regions of India are being planned to be covered.

CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival. It was conceived because the trade in wild animals and plants crosses borders between countries and the effort to regulate it requires international cooperation to safeguard certain species from over-exploitation. India is a party to CITES since 1976 and it is actively involved in CITES related activities.

The training is scheduled for three days on **19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March 2013** at IFGTB, Coimbatore. The training programme mainly covers about wildlife trade in India, CITES, its structure, mode of working, procedures and criteria for inclusion of species, Indian plant and animals species including birds, fishes and insects in various CITES Appendices and other issues related to CITES. Various implementation agencies in North and North-east India like State Forest Departments, Customs and Excise, Police, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are requested to depute 2 to 3 persons preferably working at senior Range Officer

/DCF/inspector/preventive/intelligence officer level to attend this training. It is also requested that nominations of staff/officers to attend the training may kindly be sent at the earliest. Further, the deputed staff may kindly be requested to contact CITES Training Coordinator at IFGTB- **Dr. Maheshwar Hegde** (Ph. 09442118932 email: [hegdem@icfre.org](mailto:hegdem@icfre.org)) for conveying their travel plan and any other details of training.

