

Joint Mitigation and Adaptation (JMA): A Community Forestry Approach

Registration Information

Dates: 30 May – 4 June 2016

Course location: Bangkok, Thailand; Samut Songkhram Province (site visit)

Course fee:
US\$ 1,500 (includes training plus field trip to Bang Kaew)

*Registration is open until 20 May 2016.
RECOFTC reserves the right to cancel the course
in the event of insufficient enrollment.*

We need to generate new ways of achieving joint mitigation and adaptation outcomes. Can the age old practice of community forest management offer solutions for the modern problem of climate change?

The global community urgently needs to find practical and cost effective strategies for addressing climate change. One of the strategies for doing so is through activities that jointly address mitigation and adaptation – known as Joint Mitigation and Adaptation (JMA). JMA has been recognized in both the recent Paris Agreement and the mandate of the Green Climate Fund as a priority area for development. However, despite this growing interest, governments and practitioners often lack practical models and tools to effectively link mitigation and adaptation.

Forests are well known for their role as carbon sinks. But less appreciated is their potential for supporting local and national adaptation. Community forestry – a well-recognized institution in Asia-Pacific – can serve as an easily accessible and cost effective strategy to respond to emerging climate change needs and implement JMA. This course is designed for practitioners seeking to expand their “toolkit” for addressing JMA. In addition to covering the basic theoretical foundations of JMA, this course will explore innovative and practical strategies for its implementation. This will be done by drawing extensively on community forestry experiences with JMA in the region, including an optional field trip to one of RECOFTC’s demonstration sites on the Gulf of Thailand.



Course objectives

This course will cover topics and skills that are fundamental to community forestry and JMA, including:

- Integrated landscape management;
- Sustainable livelihood development;
- Participatory climate change vulnerability assessment;
- Strategies for linking adaptation initiatives to local government ; and
- Securing sustainable JMA financing.

Who should join?

This course is designed for those involved in climate change, forestry, and/or natural resource management, including:

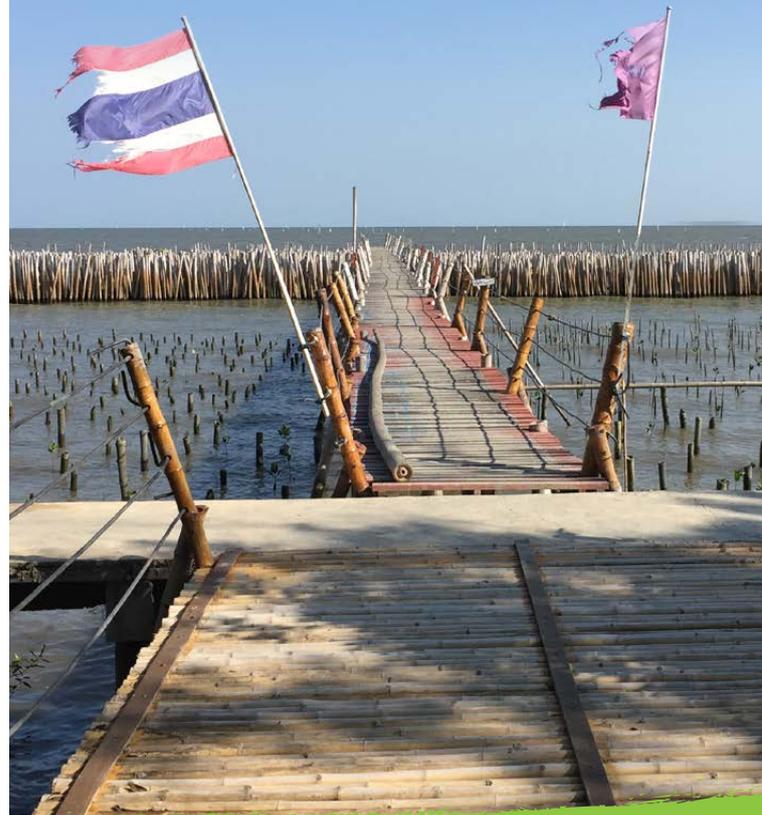
- Policymakers and government officials;
- NGO and civil society practitioners;
- Private sector representatives; and
- Trainers and researchers from capacity development and educational institutions.

To reserve your place in this course, or for more information, please contact:

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Samut Songkhram, located in the picturesque Gulf of Thailand, suffers from coastal problems common throughout the region: storm surges, rising sea levels, and coastline erosion. The community of Bang Kaew has taken matters into their own hands. With catalytic support from RECOFTC, this community has generated innovative community mangrove management solutions to complex problems. A visit to Bang Kaew community will allow participants to learn firsthand how climate change impacts are affecting local lives and livelihoods, and how coastal mangroves and bamboo based bioengineering systems have been employed as a JMA response.



RECOFTC training courses use unique and highly effective approaches to experiential learning based on adult learning principles. Through a range of participatory exercises, participants explore information and knowledge based on their own experiences. This form of analysis and reflection results in a deeper understanding of JMA, community forestry, and integrated landscape management, and allows for the identification of best practices and key lessons.

At the end of the training, action planning is conducted so that participants have a chance to consider how they will take their learning forward. RECOFTC training courses are action oriented, and monitoring and evaluating the application of training knowledge is an integral part of the capacity development process that extends beyond the end of the course.