



Forest-based Eco-tourism Management in Thailand: Harmonizing Local People and Forests in the Context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

(Priority for FEALAC Member Countries)

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TICA : Thailand International Cooperation Agency

is a national focal point for Thailand's international development cooperation. TICA was established in 2004 to realize Thailand's aspiration to be a contributor of development cooperation. Believing that global challenges are best addressed by international cooperation and global partnership, today we continue to strengthen our contribution to achieve global development agenda through various capacity-building and human resources development programmes. In response to the recent changes in the global landscape of development cooperation, especially through the concept of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, TICA continues to realign our focuses in order to deliver Thailand's commitment to be a relevant partner in global agendas including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

AITC : Annual International Training Course

was initiated in 1991 as a framework in providing short-term training for developing partners. Today, the AITC remains one of TICA's flagship programmes. It offers not only a training experience, but also a platform in exchanging ideas and establishing professional network among participants from across the developing world. Aiming at sharing Thailand's best practices and experience to the world, the AITC training courses focus on development topics of our expertise currently categorized under five themes namely, "Sufficiency Economy Philosophy" or SEP, Food Security, Public Health, Climate Change, and Other topics related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Royal Forest Department

Royal Forest Department, RFD, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE) is tasked to monitor and promote forest conservation in Thailand, encourage community forest management, coordinate relevant research, and monitor wood industry. Promoting sustainable ecotourism has been among the department's prioritized mission. Through various projects implementation both at national and community levels, the department acquires a number of best practices and lessons learned in forest-based eco-tourism management and stands ready to share the experiences with the world.

AITC Theme : SDGs

This training course falls under the AITC theme – “Other topics related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. We believed that each SDGs is designed to address specific challenges that by nature have no boundaries. Therefore, all goals can be achieved through cooperation, be it a government or private, or capacity building or human resources development.

Course Objectives

This training course aims at sharing Thailand's experiences in community-based eco-tourism management, with an emphasis to forest-based cases. At the end of this course, participants are expected to;

- Understand concept of community-based eco-tourism management and its contribution to sustainable forest conservation.
- Understand economic, social and environmental implication as well as roles of all stakeholders in forest-based eco-tourism management.
- Be able to formulate relevant plans and policies applicable to the case of their respective countries.

Course Methodology

Training methodologies to be used during this four-week training course include;

- lecture
- group discussion
- field visit and excursion

Assignment and Evaluation

- In-class participation.
- Group assignments.
- Submission and 15 minutes presentation of "Country Report".
- Pre- and Post- evaluation.
- Attendance - Participants are required to attend all activities organized during the course. TICA reserves the rights to revoke its fellowship offered or take appropriate action in case a participant is in attendance of less than 90 percent of the training hours.

Course Outline

This training course covers various topics in community-based eco-tourism management and techniques for eco-tourism promotion, as well as a number of case studies of forest-based eco-tourism management in Thailand such as;

- Community-based Innovation for Eco-tourism
- Creative Economy and Eco-tourism Innovation
- Ecosystem Rehabilitation for Eco-tourism Management
- Cultural Tourism Innovation
- Community Product Development for Eco-tourism Promotion (OTOP)
- Community-based Eco-tourism Management in Urban Area
- Conservation for Bird Watching Tourism
- Wetland Management for Eco-tourism
- Elephant Conservation for Eco-tourism
- Zoo Management for Eco-tourism
- Wild Animal Management for Eco-tourism
- Marine National Park Management for Eco-tourism
- Mangrove and Seashore Resources Management for Eco-tourism
- Dry land rehabilitation program, and,
- Logistics facilities, garbage and wastewater management for Eco-tourism

Participant Criteria

Candidates must possess qualifications as specified in "Guideline for Thailand's Annual International Training Course Programme" No. 2 "Qualifications" as well as following qualifications;-

- Currently working with substantial experience on eco-tourism management and promotion in forestry or other related sectors to be able to actively participate in the class. Policy makers, planners and managers in eco-tourism field will be given priority.
- In good health and be able to physically carry out intensive field visits and excursions.

Apart from the AITC eligible countries/territories, nomination of candidates from the following FEALAC member countries is welcomed;

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| - Australia | - New Zealand |
| - Brunei | - Republic of Korea |
| - Japan | - Singapore |

Application

- Candidates must be nominated/ endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/territories as well as Australia, Brunei, Japan New Zealand, Republic of Korea and Singapore by the closing date for application.
- Complete nomination documents must be submitted to TICA through the Royal Thai Embassy/ Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations/Royal Thai Consulate-General accredited to eligible countries/ territories.

(See "List of Eligible Countries" for more information)

Number of Participants

20 persons

Training Institution and Venue

Royal Forest Department
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
61 Paholyothin Road,
Chatuchak,
Bangkok.

Selection and Confirmation

- Selection of participants will be given priority to applicants from FEALAC member countries.
- Particular attention shall be paid to the candidates' background, their current position, and practical use they expect to make of the knowledge and experience gained from training on the return to their positions.
- Selection of participants is also based on geographical distribution and gender balance.
- Successful applicants will be informed approximately 4 weeks before the beginning of training course.
- Successful applicants must return duly completed and signed acceptance form by the deadline to confirm their participation in the programme.

Terms of Awards

For AITC Eligible Countries - AITC Training Fellowship* include training fee, return economy-class, airfare, accommodation, allowance, insurance, airport transfer and social programme.

For Non-AITC-Eligible FEALAC Member Countries - AITC Training Fellowship* include training fee, accommodation, allowance, insurance, airport transfer and social programme.

* Subject to rates and conditions established by TICA

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