



Report on One day field Workshop on Mangroves

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The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore in collaboration Tamil Nadu State Forest Department conducted One day field Workshop on Mangroves for frontline field staff at Pichavaram mangrove field station, Cuddalore on 12.08.2021. Mr. K. Senthil, Senior Technical Assistant, IFGTB welcomed the participants, Dr. B. Nagarajan Scientist - G, IFGTB delivered the introductory speech on the importance of Mangroves with special emphasis on *Rhizophora*. It was followed by special addresses delivered by Dr. B. C. Archana Kalayani, IFS, HOD- SDPC Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Balasubramaniyan, ACF, and by Mr. Venkatesan, Forester (Retired) TNFD, Cuddalore. Dr. B.C. Archana Kalayani spoke about the historical significance of mangroves on the Indian forests and its role in combating climate change and carbon capture. She emphasized the cultural and social significance of mangroves and the threats it faces. Mr. Balasubramaniyan, delivered a speech on the current status of Mangroves in India with special reference to Pichavaram. Mr. Venkatesan, Forester (Retired) TNFD, discussed about the uses of mangroves, its role in tourism and its contribution to the livelihood of the local community. Dr. B. Nagarajan Scientist, IFGTB delivered a lecture on protection and population status of Mangroves globally and in India. Mr. M. Utchimahali, Senior Project Fellow, IFGTB delivered lecture on *Rhizophora* field research - Objective and importance. Mr. Y. Ashwin, JPF, IFGTB demonstrated the procedures and uses of Automated Mangrove Incubation Nursery Technology (AMINT). Vote of thanks was delivered Mr. Kamalakannan, Forester, TNFD.



Lecture delivered by Dr. B. Nagarajan



Special address delivered by Dr. B.C. Archana Kalyani



Practical session delivered by Mr. M. Utchimahali



Practical session delivered by Mr. Y. Ashwin



Group photograph taken at end of the session