

- 1. Project Title** : Strengthening collaborative tree seed supply systems for restoration in Asia
- 2. Name of the Principal Investigator** : Dr. Rekha R. Warriar, Scientist-G
- 3. Name of the funding agency** : UK-DARWIN
- 4. Date of start & end; Total duration** : 2022-2025; 3 years
- 5. Total Budget** : Rs.27.00 lakhs

6. Objectives

- 1) Identify gaps in seed source availability for native species
- 2) Improve access to information about seed sources and seed origins by forestry authorities and FLR implementers
- 3) Improve understanding of seed quality considerations and community roles in sourcing native tree seed among ≥ 10 FLR implementers in the country
- 4) Identify and test approaches for connecting FLR implementers and local seed producers

7. Overall progress since the implementation of the project:

The UK-DARWIN funded project, is aimed at improving tree seed supply for forest and landscape restoration. The project focusses on the availability of seed sources of different native forest species, impart training to local forest nurseries to help them understand the need to identify seed origin and methods for documenting it through seed supply chains. About 100 forest nursery operators, seed suppliers and seedling distributors from Tamil Nadu were interviewed for assessing current capacities and plan modules for training programmes based on their requirements. Three trainings were imparted to the grass root level staff of the forest department to support the Tamil Nadu Greening Mission programme. The results were presented in an International Workshop in Bandung, Indonesia in February 2024.