

IUFRO Research Group 3.08 Small-scale Forestry

# Small-scale and Community Forestry and the Changing Nature of Forest Landscapes

Sunshine Coast, Australia

11-15 October 2015

The IUFRO 3.08 Small-scale Forestry group would like to announce that its next conference will be held on the Sunshine Coast, Australia.

The conference explores the important role that small-scale and community plays in afforestation and reforestation of rural landscapes. It will bring together researchers with an interest in small-scale and community forestry with a focus of understanding the issues associated with ecological, institutional and anthropogenic factors that influence the way forests and forests landscapes evolve and are managed. Further details can be found on the conference website: <http://www.smallscaleforestry.org/>

## Call for papers

The first call for papers has opened and closes on 6 March. Abstracts should include a paper title, details of authors and their affiliations. The abstract should be no more than 150 words and indicate whether they are to be considered for oral or poster presentation. Abstracts should be submitted via the on line submission facility <http://www.smallscaleforestry.org/call-for-papers.html>

Presentation slots are limited and there are likely to be more papers submitted than slots available. A further call for papers will be made in early April, with additional papers accepted subject to remaining available presentation slots. Papers not accepted for oral presentation will be accepted for poster presentation.

## Venue and logistical aspects

The conference will be hosted by the Tropical Forestry Group at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) and will be held under the auspices of the IUFRO Research Group 3.08 Small-scale Forestry in conjunction with the PARTNERS network. Local field visits will be coordinated through the Noosa Landcare and local forestry groups.

The conference will follow the standard IUFRO Group 3.08 format with a Sunday evening welcome, 3 ½ day conference program including a ½ day field trip on the Tuesday afternoon, conference dinner on Wednesday night, with the conference concluding Thursday mid-day. The conference will be followed by a 2 ½ day post conference field trip which will explore the forests, lakes and beaches of the World Heritage Listed Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world and has a rich history which includes logging and sand mining activities and more recently, eco-tourism.



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