

Press Release

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MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

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Victoria, Malaysia – Supporting best practice by strengthening continuous training.

The Alliance for Responsible Forest Management (ARFM) strives to develop and foster best practice in forestry across the tropical world for governments, communities and businesses.

We believe that continuous education is a key strategy to address issues such as deforestation, forest degradation and sustainable land-use, thus improving livelihoods, gender balance, employment opportunities, environmental stewardship and sustainability.

While we have made great strides to improve education across the tropical world, we have more to accomplish. We need your help to continue pursuing our mission. This is why we would like you to consider donating to our current campaign to operationalise ARFM in Costa Rica, Ghana and Thailand, representing Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia-Pacific, respectfully.

If you wish to contribute, please visit us online at www.arfm.org/donate, or give us a call at +6087 599 800. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be more than happy to provide you with any additional information about how you can support our forest education efforts. The ARFM is a registered Malaysian charitable Foundation, tax number: C 58523036060, and all donations are tax deductible.

We greatly appreciate your efforts and support. Please get in touch if you want to be directly involved in our efforts to improve and deliver best practice in tropical forestry.

Sincerely

ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Dr Michael Galante

Founder, Secretary-General



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Call to Action

- Promote the implementation of regional-specific best practice material utilising over 30 years of peer-reviewed research and applied knowledge in tropical forest management.
- Foster holistic, continuous, and responsible forest management on the ground by capturing proven, localised best practice approaches for all types and scales of commercial forestry.
- Provide forestry education to the public, civil, private and community sectors, which includes multidisciplinary topics and holistic management of forests, including sustainable yield, silviculture, forest restoration and conservation, community forestry and rights-based approaches, and forest management at the landscape level.
- Support continuing education and extension training to practitioners, certification bodies, auditors, government agencies, civil society, private sector and community forest organisations, including upper management and Directorship.
- Nurture stakeholder engagement and partnerships through the dissemination of information, facilitating networking and fostering collaborative action amongst stakeholders and communities.
- Support international Conventions, Agreements, and commitments through education and training, including the recent decisions at COP 26 to halt and reverse deforestation by 2030 and safeguard biological diversity in tropical forests, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework agreed in late 2022 under the Convention for Biodiversity.

Strengthening through Continuous Education

- Strengthening knowledge, education and awareness programmes to promote a better understanding of the relationships between forests, environmental sustainability, governance, and human needs.
- Partnerships and collaborations between education and research centres, governments, NGOs, private sector, international organisations and communities to promote and implement responsible forestry practices effectively.
- Development and implementation of innovative technologies can help improve the efficiency and responsibility of forest management practices.
- Effective policies and regulations to promote responsible practices, corporate governance, environmental services, legality and certification programmes and deforestation-free commodities.
- Collaboration with local and indigenous forest communities to regulate property rights, implement responsible practices and ensure benefits are shared equitably.

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