

# Kerala Forest Seed Centre (KFSC)



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Peechi - 680653, Thrissur, Kerala

## Kerala Forest Seed Centre

The Kerala Forest Seed Centre (KFSC) was established in September 2003 jointly by the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) and the Kerala Forest Department (KFD) under the World Bank assisted Kerala Forestry Project. It is located in the KFRI main campus at Peechi.

The main objective of the Centre is to collect seeds of superior trees/stands, process, grade, store and supply to KFD and other government departments, non governmental agencies, farmers and other interested in seed of forest tree species for propagation. In addition to supply of quality seeds of forestry species, facilities will be also used to undertake research in seed science and technology in tropical forestry species and to provide training to forestry professionals, researchers, students and others interested in seeds.

The KFSC is headed by a senior scientist of KFRI having professional training and experience in Silviculture and seed science & technology. He is supported by Forest Range Officer and two Foresters from KFD to facilitate the programme and activities of the KFSC.

### Facilities available in KFSC

KFSC has facilities for processing, grading and storage of seeds at low temperature, seed testing

for pests and diseases and certification for seed weight, purity and viability.

### Species for which seeds are available

Seeds of teak (*Tectona grandis*), rosewood (*Dalbergia sissooides* and *D.latifolia*), bamboo, rattan and several other tropical species in Kerala will be available for sale. The list of tree seeds will be provided on request.

### How to obtain seeds

Seeds in ready stock can be purchased from KFSC on all working days between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Requests for purchase of seeds may be sent to the Scientist-in charge, KFSC. A quotation shall be provided to the purchaser, indicating the total cost for supply and handling charges. On remittance of full payment of the cost by cash or bank draft (payable to the Register, KFRI), the seeds shall be sent by parcel/post/courier.

For seeds of species which may not be available in stock, order will have to be placed well in advance , at least three months before the seeding time of the species.

### Seed certification

The seeds supplied will be certified for source, purity, germination percentage and number of seeds per kilogram or gram.

Further information can be obtained from

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