

2013-15 CONFORGEN Accomplishments

1. Information exchange and knowledge synthesis

a. FAO collaboration: contributing knowledge for national-level priorities addressing forest genetic resources (e.g. reporting nationally to the FAO's strategic forest genetic resource priorities).

(i) The report on *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* was published in 2014 with CONFORGEN input. The report is available on the CONFORGEN web site.

(ii) *The State of North America's Forest Genetic Resources* was prepared with CONFORGEN input and is now available on the web site. This report synthesizes data from Canada, US and Mexico for a regional review on the conservation and sustainable management of forest genetic resources.

b. Organize and deliver web-deployed seminars.

(i) Cuautemoc Saenz-Romero December 2013

(ii) Andreas Hamann February 2014

(iii) Dennis Joyce April 2015

c. Organize and deliver the Forum on Conservation of Forest Genetic Resources at the 2015 Canadian Forest Genetics Association conference, August 17-20th 2015, Fredericton, New Brunswick. The Forum was held and abstracts of the presentations are available on the CONFORGEN website in the "Forums" page.

2. Species specific conservation efforts

a. Review current species-specific conservation guideline template. New section has been added which includes the CONFORGEN survey results for the species. The new template will be emailed to Steering Committee members.

b. Review, approve and publish four guidelines. Draft guidelines were developed for: butternut, whitebark pine, white elm, black ash, Garry oak, western white pine, eastern white cedar.

3. CONFORGEN survey data products

a. Write a scientific paper on *ex situ* priorities for Canada. This is in preparation – will be completed and submitted to a journal by March 2016.

b. Approve guidelines for *ex situ* collection and storage of forest genetic resources. This has been done under the Canadian Forest Service's National Tree Seed Centre and they are available on the **CONFORGEN** website.

c. Collate and summarize results of the species of concern survey. This was done and presented to **CONFORGEN** members at the December 12th 2013 **CONFORGEN** Steering Committee meeting.