



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS (CEEE)

Undertake research on natural resource management and environmental economics.

3. Outreach programmes in Environmental management

Facilitating local bodies in environmental management

Demonstrating models of local level management options through ecoclubs, or bhoomithra clubs

4. Consultancy Services

Conducting field studies

Suggesting policy instruments

Base line data support for EIA and conducting EIA

5. Data base management in environment sector

6. Knowledge dissemination

Working papers/occasional papers

Mass media programmes

Collaborative activities

Director
Centre of Excellence in
Environmental Economics
Kerala Agricultural University
Thrissur .Kerala .India

For further information
please contact
.....

Dr. P. Indira Devi
Director & Professor
(Agricultural Economics)
College of Horticulture
Kerala Agricultural University,
Thrissur - 680 656
0487 -2438327 (Off.)
Tel: 8281978875(Mob)
Fax : 91-487-2370790
Email: indiradevi.p@kau.in

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS (CEEE)



**KERALA
AGRICULTURAL
UNIVERSITY**

Vellanikkara, Thrissur - 680656



CEEE-The Mandate

Policy formulations for development interventions presently focus on qualitative dimensions of development and its sustainability. The goal of growth with quality and equity, thus forms the basis of streamlining projects and programmes. Kerala, as in the case of many other sectors, is endowed with rich natural resource base coupled with favorable human development index. This situation warrants special attention while formulating development projects i.e. the environmental costs/benefits are to be properly accommodated in developmental decision making and appropriate policy instruments are to be suggested that suit the social and political behavior of the region. This necessitates adequate research support and trained human resource and a body for effective linkage between researchers and policy makers.

The changing social and legal systems also pose great challenges and call for interventions by environmental economists. The Food safety and Standards Act, The Organic Farming policy, and waste management challenges are a few among them. The threat of climate change and demographic pressure on the quality and quantity of already shrinking resource base is a matter of great concern.

Centre of Excellence in Environmental Economics is established to support and assist this task of management of diverging interests of natural resource and environmental conservation and aid in the development strides of the state of Kerala. The centre is established with the financial support from the department of environment and Climate change, Government of Kerala.

Vision

The vision of the centre is to build up a cadre of natural resource/environmental economists, scientists, policy makers planners and administrators which will discuss, assess and research the issues confronting environmental management and development. The centre will act as the analytical and advisory body for the management of environmental issues considering the wider dimensions of economic growth with social equity, justice and sustainability. The centre is envisaged to play a catalytic role in the sustainable economic development of the state of Kerala.

Major objectives

- Knowledge generation through research on key issues in natural resource and environmental management in the state.
- Capacity Building in research and teaching in the subject in a multidisciplinary perspective
- Facilitate policy process in environmental management through dialogue between researchers and policy makers, networking, training and information dissemination.

- Establish contact/networking with national and international bodies for capacity building and research collaboration and information sharing.
- Function as an advisory/supporting body for the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Kerala.

Activities

1 Capacity building in environmental management /Climate change.

Conduct trainings for line departments (Dept of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Pollution Control Board, and Health and Family welfare, Local Bodies)

Offer training programme in Environmental management to practitioners/policy makers/planners.

Conduct short workshops/seminars in the area of environmental management

2. Conducting research for policy prescriptions for environmental management

Undertake valuation studies and impact studies to aid in Environmental Impact Assessment exercises/policy support

Conduct Baseline survey to document the current status of environmental resources