



## Linking Wild Foods, Biodiversity and Forest-based Livelihoods: Towards an Outlook of Inclusive Food Systems in Asia to 2030

A week of online interactions about wild foods in Asia organized by the [Wild Foods, Biodiversity and Livelihoods Network \(WFBL\) SIANI Expert Group](#)

**March 8-12, 2021**

### I. **About the virtual forum**

This week-long virtual forum is the culminating event in a series of discussions, dialogues and an online campaign on wild foods that was carried out virtually in 2020 by the SIANI expert group. In different sessions to be held in the week of March 8-12, 2021, the WFBL Network will continue to explore the links of wild foods to customary tenure rights, traditional food systems and knowledge, biodiversity and community-based livelihoods.

The forum will provide a platform for interactions and conversations about wild foods in Asia with the aim of increasing awareness, support and recognition of the role of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) and wild foods for food security and community resilience towards an enabling policy environment. Moreover, it shall bring together multiple stakeholders from communities, civil society, academe and the public and private sectors to reflect on practices, policies, recommendations and insights on wild foods in the region towards an outlook of forest-inclusive food systems in Asia to 2030.

The event is supported by the Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI) in partnership with the Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme Asia (NTFP-EP-Asia).

## **II. Objectives**

1. Provide a platform to reflect on policy inputs, recommendations and insights from the expert group members, dialogue partners and contributors towards an indigenous peoples and local communities' (IPLC) agenda on wild foods in the South and Southeast Asia region.
2. Provide a venue for IPLCs and civil society to engage policy actors and donor institutions and stakeholders to support wild foods initiatives.
3. Increase awareness, support and recognition on the role of IPLCs and wild foods for food security and community resilience towards an enabling policy environment and enlivening a community of conscious practice.

## **III. Format**

The regional policy dialogue will be an online event. The main platform to be used will be Zoom, with recordings to be made available in the virtual forum platform and linked to the [NTFP-EP](#) and [SIANI](#) websites. Translations will be provided in English, Khmer, Thai, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Hindi whenever possible.

## **IV. Background**

The [WFBL Network](#) is an expert group supported by SIANI. SIANI facilitates collaboration of broad-based working groups towards a more holistic understanding of issues concerning food security, nutrition and the eradication of hunger through its Expert Group program.

The WFBL Network is composed of individuals and organizations from multiple sectors, tied together by a common interest to consolidate knowledge about wild foods in Asia and its links to food security, poverty reduction and sustainable forest management. The group was accepted into the SIANI program in late 2019 and officially launched activities in January 2020 last year.

Through a series of discussions and dialogues held virtually in 2020, the WFBL Network was able to explore the links of wild foods to customary tenure rights, traditional food systems and knowledge, biodiversity and community-based livelihoods. Likewise, the group also led country situation papers and case studies in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam to zoom in on the situation of wild foods and policies that affect food access and security within indigenous peoples and local communities' territories.

An online awareness campaign focusing on wild food stories was also started with the intention of building awareness about the value of wild foods and forests for food security and livelihoods. Through storytelling and reflections about personal encounters with wild foods, the campaign aims to engage the public to support the development of

inclusive food security policies as well as interventions that promote nature and people in conservation.

Inputs and recommendations for policy and future action coming from the discussions and papers will be shared in the presentations and policy briefs that will be presented during this dialogue. Outputs emerging from the week-long session will also be consolidated and circulated post-event and contributed to the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

## **V. Highlights and preliminary recommendations emerging from online discussions of the WFBL expert group**

### ***A dedicated network for wild foods***

The WFBL Network was launched with the objective of consolidating learnings and findings on the subject, sharing information and knowledge with stakeholders and the public, and developing strategic collaborations that would raise awareness and increase support for work on forests for food and livelihoods security in Asia. The work of the expert group is aligned to the vision of SIANI of “ending hunger, achieving food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture” towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2.

Members of the group were interested in attracting the participation of critical actors towards a more enabling environment with meaningful policies and actions that can reach and be felt by those at frontline of nature and biodiversity conservation – indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs). Due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the group’s interactions shifted to the virtual arena. On the upside, this facilitated the participation of an even wider community of practitioners, experts and advocates that were interested in finding solutions to the worldwide concern of achieving food secure and resilient communities.

With experts from different fields gathering together as a network to facilitate engaging dialogues on the role of forests and people for food security, the network was able to consolidate collective insights and learnings based on experiences of various stakeholders with wild foods and its links to tenure security, traditional food systems, knowledge and practices, biodiversity, and community-based livelihoods.

### ***What are wild foods?***

Wild foods are edible non-timber forest products (NTFPs), usually uncultivated plant species, fungi and animals that are not consciously domesticated but collected from the forests, or on the edges of forests and also on traditional gardens and agricultural lands. They are customarily included in the diet of local communities in different ways or forms. Some examples of wild foods are leaves, seeds and nuts, shoots and stems, root crops, fruits, flowers, fish, meat and insects.



### ***Situation of wild foods***

There is much knowledge about wild foods among indigenous and rural peoples as it forms part of their identity and culture. However, alongside that, we also recognize an overall decline in the knowledge about wild foods, including availability of these food sources. There are various reasons for this vanishing knowledge, some of which are: national policies affecting types of food grown and harvested in different regions, a lack of understanding about the role of wild and traditional food in local diets, changing land use and expansion of monocultures in different countries all over the world.

Sustaining community practice of wild foods is a challenge, especially in the context of economic constraints, lack of time to hunt and forage, and shifts in livelihoods and cultural preferences. Tenure issues such as encroachment and land grabbing, lack of recognition of ancestral territories, and extractive industries also threaten availability and consumption of wild foods and negatively impact biodiversity and community livelihoods. The difficulty in obtaining available data in general on the subject, including information on the nutritive values of wild foods has also been noted. This highlights the need for more time and attention in building a more nuanced profile and understanding of wild food sources and related traditional food systems.

### ***Wild foods and the way forward***

Given the situation, it is important to strengthen and sustain wild foods practice, traditions and knowledge through local and global action. Likewise, the need to establish and publicize the links between food and health should be made a priority. Co-relations between wild foods and access and consumption need to be further examined. As we

envision a more inclusive food system, it is important to keep in mind all food ways prevalent in the region –this means including rotational farming, gathering, fishing, trapping, food gardens and cultivation in the conversation. The strengths and vibrancy of these systems should be known better in various local contexts, along with the challenges that are faced. This implies the need for continuous updating of our work, with learning exchanges and interventions facilitated that would contribute to the documentation of the knowledge and status of wild foods, as well as addressing observed gaps and needs identified from our field work and studies.

Other emerging recommendations from discussions led by the expert group include:

- Bottom-up/locally-based strategies and solutions to address challenges and sharing these in appropriate and strategic platforms
- Need for better & stronger messaging, especially when it comes to encouraging engagement of the youth (to counter-message other influences)
- Nurturing the agency of communities so their voices are heard and they understand the policy arenas that impact their lives
- Organizing local groups for them to have their own economic identity
- Forging partnerships and exploring multi-stakeholder and multi-platform avenues for interventions
- Engaging in future research and action that encourages co-production of knowledge; involving communities and letting them lead these actions
- Advocacy and protest actions for better policies
- Awareness-raising and knowledge transfers across generations
- Supporting and upholding traditional systems and recognizing their contributions
- Sustainable farming, aquaculture, wild foods conservation and revitalization
- Sustainable trade and market engagements
- Linking our work to post-2020 Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) discussions, climate change, food summits and tenure rights. It is important to include wild foods in the dialogue so it isn't "missing from the picture"

The need to speak from a position of strength was also highlighted, affirming the wisdom of indigenous knowledge and learning as seen in the ways in which IPLCs manage and conserve the environment and natural resources.

With the virtual forum happening on March 8-12, 2021 the group aims to again bring the topic of wild foods to the fore, emphasizing the need for linkages and knowledge sharing on the value of wild foods for food security and nutrition and the wisdom of indigenous peoples and local communities on how we can better take care of the environment and natural resources for a food secure and sustainable future. These interactions shall point us towards an outlook of inclusive food systems in Asia to 2030.

## VI. Schedule Overview

Monday, 8 March	Tuesday, 9 March	Wednesday, 10 March	Thursday, 11 March	Friday, 12 March
		<b>SIDE EVENT 2</b> <b>What's cooking? Discovering wild tastes in Asia</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Manila time)  <i>Cook show and stories on revitalization of traditional food</i>	<b>SIDE EVENT 3</b> <b>Conversations with women and youth food heroes</b> 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Manila time)  <i>IPLC women and youth open space</i>	
<b>SIDE EVENT 1</b> <b>Wild food voices and stories</b> 3:00-3:30 p.m. (Manila time)	<b>MAIN EVENT</b> <b>Session 1</b> <b>Opening session: An outlook on wild foods and inclusive food systems in Asia towards 2030</b> 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Manila time)  <i>Keynote presentations</i> <i>Expert Group perspectives and insights</i>	<b>MAIN EVENT</b> <b>Session 2</b> <b>The state of wild foods in South and Southeast Asia</b> 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Manila time)  <i>Country Paper presentations and updates from the region</i>	<b>MAIN EVENT</b> <b>Session 3</b> <b>Regional Dialogue on Wild Foods, Biodiversity and Livelihoods: Enabling and enriching policy and practice</b> 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Manila time)  <i>Keynote presentations on policy and practice</i> <i>Q&amp;A/Discussion</i> <i>Synthesis and Closing</i>	<b>SIDE EVENT 4</b> <b>Slow and sustainable: The future of food</b> 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Manila time)  <i>NFTP-EP and Slow Food networks showcasing Wild Foods of Asia</i>

Note: Registration details in the virtual forum website.

## VII. Session Descriptions

### Main events:

#### 9 March 2021 (3:00-5:00 p.m. Manila time) | Opening session: An outlook on wild foods and inclusive food systems in Asia towards 2030

In the opening session, we will hear the voices of experts from different sectors on the importance of wild foods and the roles that indigenous peoples and local communities play in ensuring food security for all. Keynote presentations featuring voices from communities, research and the academe, policy actors and donors will be shared.

Lightning talks featuring members of the SIANI Expert Group on Wild Foods, Biodiversity and Livelihoods Network will highlight important insights and realizations on being part of an initiative working on the links between wild foods, biodiversity and community-based livelihoods.

**Agenda:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Who</b>
3:00-3:05 pm	Welcome to Participants and Overview of the Opening Session and Introduction to the Virtual Forum and the EG WFBL	Moderator: Femy Pinto, NTFP-EP Asia
3:05-3:15 pm	Opening Keynote 1	Teodoro Brawner Baguilat Jr., ICCA Consortium President
3:15-3:40 pm	Lightning Talks 1 – Each speaker is given 3-5 minutes	Dr. Prasert Trakansuphakon, PASD- Thailand Ms. Yun Mane, CIPO- Cambodia Peter Kallang, ICCA Consortium Southeast Asia – Malaysia (TBC) Madhu Ramnath – NTFP-EP India Nonette Royo -The Tenure Facility
3:40-3:50 pm	Opening Keynote 2	Esse Nilsson, Senior Policy Advisor for Rural Development and Food Security, Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)
3:50-4:15 pm	Lightning Talks 2 – each speaker is given 3-5 minutes	Matthew Fielding, SIANI Dr. Denise Matias, ISOE Dr. Grace Wong, Stockholm Resilience Centre Maria Rydlund, SSNC Dr. Doris Capistrano, Resilient Landscapes (TBC)
4:15-4:25 pm	Opening Keynote 3	Ms. Maria Teresa Guia- Padilla, Chair, NTFP-EP Asia and EG Member
4:25-4:55 pm	Lightning Talks 3 -each speaker is given 3-5 minutes	Dr. Jeremy Ironside, McKnight Foundation/NTFP-EP Asia Trustee Dr. Clarissa Arida, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity Mathew John, Last Forest Enterprises-India (recorded) – (TBC) Dr. Ramon Razal, UPLB- Philippines Dr. Hong Truong Luu – Vietnam (TBC) Gordon John Thomas, PACOS Trust, CSO Forum delegate
4:55 – 5:00pm	Wrap-up/ Final Welcome to the Forum	Moderator

## 10 March 2021 (3:00 -5:00 p.m. Manila time) | The state of wild foods in South and Southeast Asia

Part of the work carried out by the WFBL Expert Group is the production of research papers and case studies on the situation of wild foods in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam. Country paper leads will be presenting their findings on wild food challenges and concerns, best practices and recommendations towards better and more inclusive food systems in Asia. Updates from other countries in the region will also be shared. Presentations will be followed by comments from a panel of invited reactors from the different countries, along with an interactive plenary discussion and Q&A.

### Agenda:

Time	Topic	Who
3:00-3:10 pm	Welcome to Participants and Overview of the Session	Moderator: Ruth Canlas, NTFP-EP Philippines
3:10-3:20 pm	Keynote message	Dharmendra, Paharia from Jharkand, India
3:20- 3:30 pm	Role of Wild Foods for the Food Security of Kreung's Indigenous people, Chuy village, Ta Veng Leu commune, Ratanakiri province	Sim Bunthoeun, NTFP-EP Cambodia IPLC representative (TBC)
3:30 -3:40 pm	Wild Foods: Practices and Policies on Food Security and Resource Management in India	Madhu Ramnath, NTFP-EP India
3:40 -3:50 pm	Vietnamese Paper on Wild Food: Practices and Policies on Food Security and Resources	Dr. Hong Truong Luu – Vietnam (TBC) Institute of Ecology/NTFP-EP Vietnam (TBC) and IPLC representative (TBC)
3:50 –4:00 pm	Food Uniformity and its Implication towards National Food Security	Jusupta Tarigan, NTFP-EP Indonesia IPLC representative from Sungai Tohor
4:00- 4:10 pm	The State of Wild Foods in the Philippines	Giovanni Reyes, BUKLURAN Philippine ICCA Consortium Datu Benny Cumatang, AGMIHICU
4:10 – 4:20 pm	Updates from other countries in the region	Gordon John Thomas, PACOS Trust Malaysia Dr. Prasert Trakansuphakon, Thailand
4:20 – 4:35 pm	Roundtable reactions from invited panelists	ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry national focal points of Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines and Vietnam (TBC) UN Food Systems Summit national dialogue convenors (TBC)



4:35 – 4:45 pm	Plenary Q&A	Moderator: Ruth Canlas, NTFP-EP Philippines
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Synthesis and Closing	Dr. Jeremy Ironside, WFBL Expert Group Steering Committee

### **11 March 2021 (3:00-5:00 p.m. Manila time)| Regional dialogue on wild foods, biodiversity and livelihoods: Enabling and enriching policy and practice**

Linking wild foods, biodiversity and livelihoods is not possible without cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders. In this regional dialogue on policy and practice, presentations and messages from local communities as well as national and regional actors will be lined up, followed by a roundtable discussion on an agenda for policy and action for wild foods in Asia. Discussions will revolve around reflections on the regional situation of wild foods across the region and areas for synergy towards an enabling environment that would support the transformation of our food systems into a more sustainable and inclusive one.

#### **Agenda:**

Time	Topic	Who
3:00-3:05 pm	Welcome to Participants and Overview of the Session	Moderator: Dazzle Labapis, NTFP-EP Asia
3:05-3:20 pm	Opening remarks and keynotes	Dr. Ramon Razal, NTFP-EP Asia, University of the Philippines Madeleine Fogde, SIANI (TBC) Giovanni Reyes, Philippines ICCA Consortium
3:20-3:30 pm	Regional outlook about Inclusive Food Systems in Asia – with a perspective about Wild Foods, Biodiversity and Livelihood - what have we learned and our collective recommendations	Madhu Ramnath, NTFP-EP India
3:30 -3:45 pm	Feature Presentation on Indigenous led education and action:  food festivals, mobile field school and initiatives on cultural revival, and strengthening identity and agency  Q & A and Reactions from EG/DP, other Speakers and Participants	Jenne de Beer, Conchita Calzado, Melvin Guilleno, SPNKK (tbc)
3:45-4:15 pm	<b>Dialogue 1:</b> Interventions on tenure security and IPLC rights, biodiversity	Nonette Royo, The Tenure Facility

	protection, and food security and nutrition – relevance to WFBL  Q & A and Reactions – with EG/DP and Participants	Dir. Theresa Mundita Lim, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity  Dr. Mulia Nurhasan, CIFOR  Moderator:  Crissy Guerrero, NTFP-EP Asia
4:15-4:45 pm	<b>Dialogue 2:</b> Enabling Environment for Wild Foods, Biodiversity and Livelihood in Asia through cross-sectoral and integration frameworks and policy  Q & A and Reactions from EG/DP	Dr. Dian Sukmajaya, ASEAN Secretariat/Food, Agriculture & Forestry Division  AMS representative Thailand (TBC)  Mr. Abdelkarim Sma, IFAD Asia-Pacific  Moderator:  Femy Pinto, NTFP-EP Asia
4:45-5:00 pm	Synthesis & Closing	EG / WFBL Network

### Side events:

#### **8 March 2021 (3:00-3:30 p.m. Manila time) | Wild food voices and stories**

*Listen to wild food voices and stories in and watch on-demand films about forests and food in different parts of Asia!*

Forests are where the wild foods are. Go into the wild through your screen and see for yourself the landscapes where wild foods in Asia can be found. Meet the people who are knowledgeable in traditional food systems. Listen to guardians of forests and learn from their wisdom, especially how they are safeguarding our environment for generations to come. Be inspired by community-led action on social forestry and sustainable livelihoods. Find out how the pandemic is affecting life ways of forest-dependent peoples. Take time to listen to wild voices and stories in this online film festival and resource gallery on forests and food. Wild food voices and stories will be available on-demand, hosted in the forum's platform.

**Agenda:**

Time	Topic	Who
3:00-3:05 pm	Welcome and introductions	Femy Pinto, Executive Director of NTFP-EP Asia
3:05 – 3:10 pm	Sneak preview of what's in store for wild foods week	
3:10 – 3:15 pm	What are wild foods?	Animated video explainer on wild foods from the SIANI Expert Group Wild Foods, Biodiversity and Livelihoods network
3:15 – 3:20 pm	Spotlight on other videos in store Snippets from films featured in the virtual forum	Grant Barraquias and Diana San Jose, NTFP-EP Asia
3:20 – 3:25	Sharing of information about the virtual platform, events and interactions during wild foods week	
3:25 -3:30	Cultural presentations	Ruth Siringan, NTFP-EP and from the WFBL network

### **10 March 2021 (10:30-11:30 a.m. Manila time) | What's cooking? Discovering Wild Tastes in Asia**

*Attend this session if you are curious about wild food recipes! On the menu for this session are food stories and cooking demos using natural ingredients from nature's bounty. Learn how communities prepare and cook wild food, and how chefs living in urban areas are connecting with local producers and highlighting natural, organic ingredients in the dishes they serve. Find out more about community-led and local action on revitalization of wild foods.*

Traditional wild food recipes are “tales as old as time”, passed on from generation to generation and forming part of the culture and identity of peoples. Knowledge on these wild tastes encompasses harvest, preparation, conservation and management and has been around since time immemorial. In this session, we will have demonstrations of community-style wild foods cooking as well as fusion cooking with wild food ingredients. Join this event and be inspired by community-led initiatives on revitalization of wild food species.

**Agenda:**

Time	Topic	Who
10:30 -10:35 am	Welcome and introductions	Moderators: Diana San Jose, NTFP-EP Asia Merry Tobing, NTFP-EP Indonesia
10:35 – 10:45 am	Wild flower fried rice cooking demonstration from Indonesia (Bunga honje/bungs kecombrang and tumis melinjo)	Mrs. Lily Tristiningsih and Nadia Miranti, Slow food Yogyakarta/ Omah Garengpoeng Cullinary

		School, Borobodur village, Central Java (Indonesia)
10: 45 – 10:55 am	Recipe from the Papua Jungle Chef	Chef Charles Toto, Papua Jungle Chef (Indonesia)
10:55 – 11:05 am	Recipe from Agimat at Ugat Foraging Bar	Chef Kalel Demetrio, Agimat at Ugat Foraging Bar and Kitchen (Philippines)
11:05 – 11:15 am	Wild foods of Thailand	Mr. Songphonsak Ratanawilailak (Mulu), PASD, Thailand
11:15 – 11:25 am	Plenary/Q&A interviews	Moderators
11:25- 11:30 am	Closing remarks	NTFP-EP Asia

### **11 March 2021 (10:30-11:30 a.m. Manila time)| Conversations with women and youth food heroes**

*An exclusive session with indigenous women and youth in Asia on food security and current realities*

It takes a village to ensure food security and women and youth are at the forefront, leading the way. In this exclusive session, we will have candid conversations with women and girls about their experiences in foraging food from the wild and cultivating food through traditional ways. We will learn from local food heroes themselves about gender roles in food collection and preparation and ask if these roles and practices have changed over time, and in what ways. In this open space for women and girls, we will delve deep into the current realities of food security in their local contexts and ask them what their hopes and dreams are towards a more food secure future.

#### **Agenda:**

Time	Topic	Who
10:30 – 10:35 am	Opening and introduction of speakers	Grant Barraquias, NTFP-EP Asia
10:35 -10:45 am	Keynote presentation from ICCA Youth Co-Chair	Sefa Tauli, Global Youth Biodiversity Network Steering Committee member and ICCA Consortium Youth Group co-chair
10:45 – 10:55 am	Keynote Presentation: ICCA youth in the Philippines	Coleen Sumonda, Higaonon youth, Siloo Ananggi Itoy Amusig (SAIA) community, Impahanong, Bukidnon (Philippines) Kristel Quierrez, Dumagat youth leader
10:55 – 11:00 am	Presentation from Malaysia	Irene Mositol, Coordinator of the Kivatu Nature Farm, PACOS Trust (Malaysia)

11:00 – 11:05 am	Presentation from AKAR Foundation	Pramasty Ayu Koes Dinar, AKAR Foundation; GAGGA partner (Indonesia)
11:05 – 11:10 am	Presentation from Indonesia	Susiliwati, Sungai Tohor (Indonesia)
11:10 – 11:25 am	Plenary Q& A and open space sharing and discussion on youth perspectives on wild foods, biodiversity and livelihoods	Moderators: Tes Matibag, NTFP-EP Asia Merry Tobing, NTFP-EP Indonesia
11:25 – 11:30 am	Synthesis and Closing	

## 12 March 2021 (3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Manila time) | Slow and sustainable: The future of food

*A pioneering partnership with Slow Food networks in Indonesia, the Philippines and India with wild foods in the spotlight.*

Learn what Slow Food is and what the Slow Food and NTFP -EP networks in Asia are all about. This session connects slow food advocates and food artisans to learn from each other's experiences in safeguarding, raising awareness and promoting wild foods from smallholder farmers and gatherers, indigenous peoples and local communities especially in this new normal. This session features presentations, videos, interviews about the work of the Slow Food network and partners in Asia, highlighting wild foods and their links to culture and biodiversity in urban and rural settings in at least 3 countries in Asia. Discover best practices and lessons towards a more sustainable way of producing, marketing and consuming good clean and fair food.

### Agenda:

Time	Topic	Who
3:00 – 3:05 pm	Welcome Remarks	Femy Pinto, NTFP-EP Asia
	Opening Remarks: Introducing Slow Food What is slow food? What is the importance of biodiversity, including wild foods, to the slow food movement? Short description of Ark of Taste	Mr. Dai Kitabayashi, Member of the Slow Food Indigenous Advisory Board/Slow Food Indigenous Peoples' Network
3:05 -3:10 pm	<u>Introducing the session:</u> -Who are part of this session and Program -Intro to next session: Examples of wild foods in Asia and NTFP -EP and slow food initiatives to conserve them: eg Ark of Taste products and presidia projects, NTFP-EP initiatives: fruits, spices, tubers, forest honeys	Crissy Guerrero, NTFP-EP Asia
3:10- 3:30 pm	<u>PHILIPPINES:</u>	

	<p><i>Negros – Batuan (SF initiative - Ark of Taste) – video and short commentary on other Wild Foods in Negros</i></p> <p><i>Palawan and other parts of the Philippines– Fruits, spices and others (NTFP-EP initiatives)</i></p>	<p>Ramon “ChinChin” Uy, Jr. - Slow Food Community of Negros Island</p> <p>John Vincent “Toto” Colili, Brooke’s Point, Palawan</p>
3:30 – 3:50 pm	<p><u>INDONESIA</u> Wild foods of the <i>Krayan</i> highlands (Kalimantan): fruits, spices, edible flowers – video and presentation</p> <p><i>PARARA Indonesian Ethical Store as an example of how wild foods are being used in new recipes Short video and slide show</i></p>	<p>Slow Food community Krayan</p> <p>Theophila “Tami” Aris Praptami - PARARA Indonesia Ethical Store / Slow Food Community PARARA Harvest of the Archipelago</p>
3:50 -4:10 pm	<p><u>INDIA</u> Examples of Wild Foods by a Slow Food Convivium Nilgiris in Southern India Specifics still to be finalized</p>	<p>Pavitra Vasudevan, Keystone Foundation</p>
4:10 -4:30 pm	<p>Open Forum (free flowing discussion) and sharing of inputs</p>	<p>Jusupta Tarigan, NTFP-EP Indonesia</p>
4:30 – 4:45 pm	<p>Synthesis /Recommendations and closing for future networking among NTFP-EP/SF communities in Asia Closing</p>	<p>Diana San Jose, NTFP-EP Asia</p>

### VIII. Expected outputs of the virtual forum

The expected outputs are the following:

- Presentations on current situation of wild foods in Asian countries, including challenges, models, best practices and recommendations
- Forged and strengthened partnerships among stakeholders
- Exchange of learnings among stakeholders, including an exclusive session for women and youth
- Response from stakeholders on country and regional recommendations
- Inputs to a policy brief on inclusive food systems, with special focus on wild foods, biodiversity and livelihoods, to be produced post-forum, consolidating messages and recommendations gathered from session contributions
- Documentation of initial plans for ongoing and future work to push for the recognition and support for community promotion of traditional food system and wild foods

The discussions and conclusions from the week-long online forum will guide the next actions of the WFBL Network.

## IX. Contact information

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## X. Registration Information



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