

**Report on the Meeting with
the Union Minister of National Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC)
concerning the participation of University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin (UFES)
in MuEuCAP**

4 July 2018

Ministry of National Resources and Environmental Conservation, Nay Pyi Daw

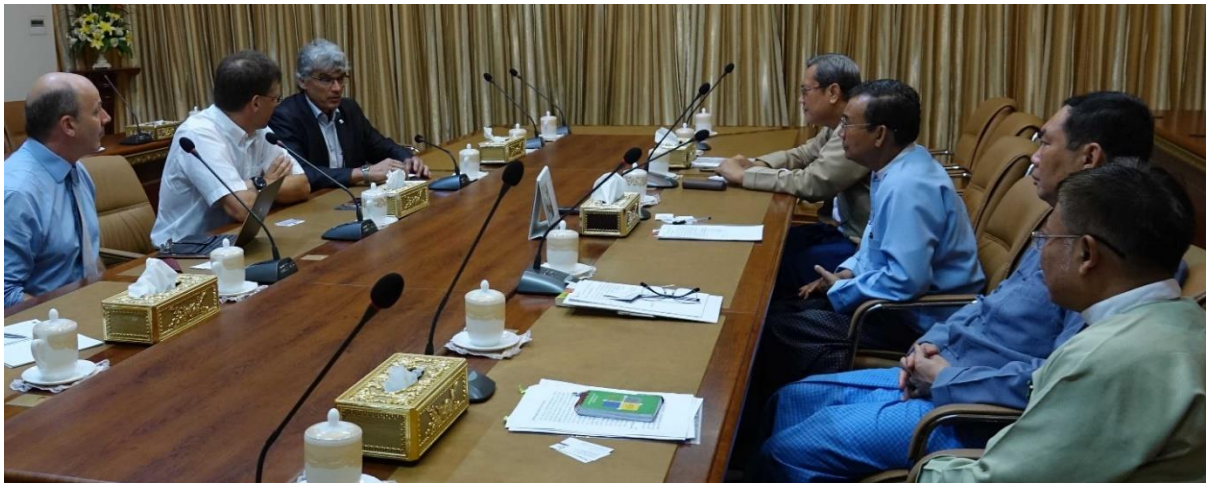


Figure 1: On 4 July 2018, senior members of the MuEuCAP project met with His Excellency the Minister of National Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC) and the Rector of the University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin in Nay Pyi Daw on 4 July 2018.

Participants:

- His Excellency The Union Minister of National Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC), U Ohn Win
- The Rector of the University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin (UFES), Prof Myint Oo
- Various officials of MONREC
- Dr Swen Renner, Project Coordinator, MuEuCAP
- Dr Sai Sein Lin Oo, National Coordinator, MuEuCAP
- Prof Christoph Kleinn, MuEuCAP Steering Committee and Professor of Forest Inventory and Remote Sensing in the Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology at Göttingen University, Germany
- Dr Paul Bates, Project Manager, MuEuCAP

Business:

A constructive meeting was held between four senior members of the MuEuCAP team, His Excellency the Union Minister of MONREC and his officials and the Rector of the University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin (UFES). The meeting included discussions and a PowerPoint presentation on the aims and objectives of the MuEuCAP project.

Item 1: Business

Introduction to MuEuCAP: The MuEuCAP team informed His Excellency the Union Minister of the structure and aims and structure of MuEuCAP project, namely:



Figure 2. Above: His Excellency the Union Minister of MONREC (centre) with the Rector of UFES (left); Below left: Dr Paul Bates making a PowerPoint presentation on the aims and objectives of MuEuCAP; Below right: Dr Christoph Kleinn in conversation with the Rector of UFES.

- This project involves 3 European and 4 Myanmar Universities, including the University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin.
- It is a three years programme (February, 2018 to February, 2021) and offers great opportunities for all participating organizations, including the Yezin University of Forestry and Environmental Science, which stands to benefit from:
 - enhanced international exposure
 - a dedicated budget of 66,861 euros (approx \$80,000) to be spent by the University of Forestry on new equipment, travel and support of staff salaries
 - opportunities for international training in forestry, both through experts coming to Myanmar and University of Forestry staff travelling to Europe
 - opportunities to discuss in detail the curriculum in environmental protection and enhance this curriculum as and where the University of Forestry sees fit
 - long term enhanced international networks in forestry and environmental science with universities throughout Europe and elsewhere leading to further future collaboration and external funding.

The MuEuCAP summarised the project by saying that it is about ‘supporting our colleagues at the Myanmar universities, analysing the curricula, and exchanging ideas – a sort of “international think-tank” to help our Myanmar colleagues to possibly implement modifications and enhancements to their programmes.



Figure 3. The Rector of the University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin (UFES), Prof Myint Oo.

Item 2: Output: His Excellency the Union Minister strongly supported the project and encouraged the The Rector of the University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Yezin to participate without delay.

The Rector agreed to follow the advice of the Minister.