

FRST90030 Forests in the Asia Pacific Region

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: November, Parkville - Taught on campus. Intensive subject from 19th November - 30th November 2012. International field tour
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hours lectures and 24 hours of tutorials, during two-week intensive international field tour Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	The Asia Pacific region is of crucial importance to Australia and to the future management of global forest resources. The region has over half the world's population and countries with the fastest growing populations and economies. This is placing increased demand on forest resources in the region and elsewhere. There are extensive spiritual and cultural associations between people and forests in this region and an extensive history of forest use and development. Using case studies from countries such as China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Japan, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam this subject deals with the main forest types in this region, the history of forest use, the current state of forests and forest management and the role of forests in the future development of this region. The subject is based on a field trip to a country in the Asia Pacific region (resources permitting).
Objectives:	At the completion of this subject students will have an advanced understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The forest ecosystems of the Asia Pacific region and their role in human development # Forest management and governance systems for different parts of this region # Current issues and future trends in forest policy and management in the Asia Pacific Region
Assessment:	Pre-tour reading assignment (1500 words) 20%, field tour journal 20%, field tour group work 10%, major assignment (3000 words) 50%
Prescribed Texts:	Leslie, RN (ed.), The Future of Forests in the Asia Pacific: Outlook for 2020. UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, Bangkok. Also available online at http://www.fao.org/docrep/011/i0627e/i0627e00.htm

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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Links to further information:	http://www.forests.unimelb.edu.au/subjects.html
Related Course(s):	Master of Forest Ecosystem Science
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	Sustainable Forests