

# Trees outside Forest: An Approach for Rural Home Domestic Energy Source

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**Abstract**—The term *Trees outside forests*, coined in 1995. The concept of *Trees outside forests* is increasingly gaining significance. More light is being shed every day on the exact role of *Trees outside forests* in sustainable natural resource management, and in rural and urban land management. *Trees outside forests* refers to trees on land not defined as forest and other wooded land. This may include agricultural land, including meadows and pasture, built-on land (including settlements and infrastructure), and barren land (including sand dunes and rocky outcroppings). One of the important features of rural energy is the dependence on locally available biomass resources. Approximately 96% of rural household are estimated to be using bio fuels. Fuel wood is the primary energy source for cooking used by rural households. Present study had been conducted in three sites of central India. These areas are having less than 5% forest cover. Participatory Rural Appraisail tools have been used for data collection from the sites. The analysis shows that TOF not only play significant role in fullfillment of energy need of these areas. But also noteworthy from enviormmnetal conservation point of view.

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