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# ***Forest Restoration and Ethnoecology: A Dual Lens on Tropical Landscapes***

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**Friday, December 5, 2025**  
**11:00am – 12:30pm in Grinter hall 376**  
**Or via zoom <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92254194426>**



Dr. Prasit Wangpakapattanawong is a 2025 Fulbright Thai Visiting Scholar at University of Maryland, College Park and an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at Chiang Mai University, Thailand. His presentation will introduce the work of Chiang Mai University's Forest Restoration Research Unit (FORRU), which develops methods to restore indigenous forest ecosystems for biodiversity conservation, planting 20–30 native tree species to accelerate succession and enhance natural regeneration. The presentation also focuses on the relationships between people and plants in Northern Thailand, integrating ecological science with cultural knowledge.

The will share studies on wild food plants, home gardens, and medicinal plants among ethnic groups such emphasizing their role in nutrition, health, and biodiversity conservation.