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DECISION 7(XXXI)

MANGROVE FOREST ECOSYSTEM WORK PLAN

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the importance of the role played by mangrove forest ecosystems, including in the economy of developing countries with sea coasts;

Noting the significant contribution of ITTO to the sustainable management of mangrove forest ecosystems, including its collaborative activities with the International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems;

Reiterating the benefits to be derived from the sustainable management of mangrove forests to individual Members in assisting the achievement of the objectives of the ITTA, 1994;

Recalling Decision 9(XXIX) which requested the Executive Director to, *inter alia*, develop a workplan to assist Members in the conservation, rehabilitation, and utilization of mangroves;

Noting the draft workplan presented by the Executive Director at this session;

Further noting the statements of support from different Members on ITTO's initiative on mangroves;

Recognizing that the draft workplan provides a useful reference for Members considering mangrove projects;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to convene a workshop prior to its Thirty-Second Session, to bring together mangrove experts from a range of countries and relevant organizations based on the terms of reference, keeping in mind the following goals:
 - Share experiences in mangrove forest conservation, rehabilitation, and sustainable management;
 - Identify areas where other organizations are already working, and conversely, areas where ITTO could take action, taking into account its available resources, comparative advantage, and relevance to the Organization's goals; and
 - Assess the links of products from mangrove forest ecosystems with the objectives of the Organization as set out in the ITTA, 1994, Article 1, and the impact on international markets;
2. Encourage Member Countries to participate in this workshop to ensure ITTO's institutional capacity, constraints, goals and comparative advantages are taken into account; and, to enhance their understanding of sustainable mangrove forest management;

3. Convene an Expert Panel, with ten members, comprising four members each from producer and consumer Member Countries and representatives of two other organizations (NGOs, research, etc.) to be selected by the Executive Director, to modify the draft ITTO Mangrove Workplan taking into account all comments made by Members of this session, and the report of the workshop mentioned above; and to present to the Thirty-second Session of the Council the modified draft for consideration;
4. Assist Member Countries, as appropriate, on the sustainable management of their mangrove forests, *inter alia*, through the development of national mangrove forest policies, programmes and projects where appropriate, consistent with their national forest strategies, through the submission of proposals in the normal project proposal process; and
5. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member Countries for the activities set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 in the amount of \$174,270.00, and to arrange for financing from Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund if sufficient earmarked pledges are not received.

ANNEX A

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR MANGROVE WORKSHOP AND EXPERT PANEL

Item	Estimated Amount
Workshop	
Moderator	\$2,000
DSA and travel for 20 invited participants *	\$70,000
Facilities, rental and host country services *	\$10,000
Interpretation	\$20,000
Printing and translation of final workshop report	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$10,000
Panel	
DSA and travel for 10 participants **	\$35,000
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$ 157,000</i>
ITTO Program Support Costs (11%)	\$17,270
Total	\$174,270
* Assumes a three-day workshop	
** Assumes a three-day panel	

ANNEX B

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKSHOP

- (a) The Secretariat will develop a program for the workshop. The purpose of the workshop shall be to:
- Share experiences in forest mangrove conservation, rehabilitation, and management;
 - Identify areas where other organizations are already working, and conversely, areas where ITTO could meaningfully contribute given its available resources, comparative advantage, and relevance to the organizations goals; and
 - Assess the links of products from mangroves forest ecosystems with the objectives of the organization as set out in the ITTA, Article 1, and the impact on international markets.
- (b) The duration of the workshop should be three days.
- (c) The workshop attendance should include:
- Member countries;
 - Relevant representatives from international organizations;
 - Relevant mangrove experts;
 - Relevant representatives from non-governmental organizations; and
 - Relevant representatives from private sector groups.
- (d) The workshop should result in a paper assessing current efforts on mangroves and relevant actors involved, gaps and opportunities, and the relationship of mangroves forest ecosystem to internationally traded products.

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