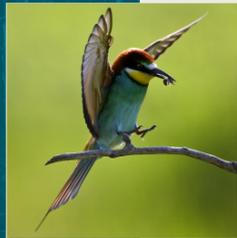




Status of Tropical Forest Management 2011

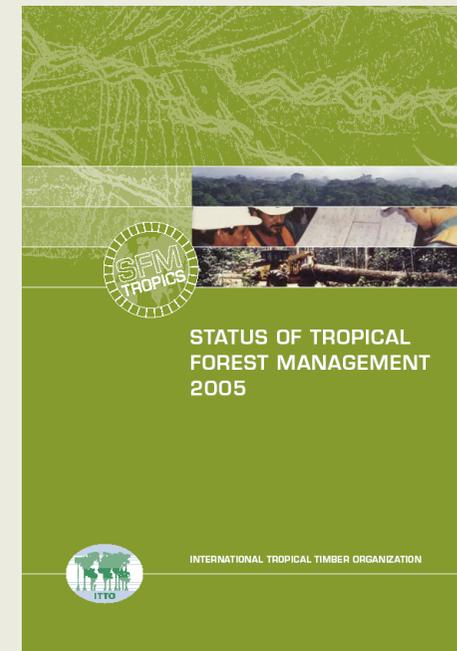


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Background

- Status of Tropical Forest Management ('SFM Tropics') report first published in 2006
- In 2008-09 work programme Council initiated follow-up report to SFM Tropics 2005
- ITTO member countries requested to submit information on status of forest management





Results of 2005 report

- Natural tropical PFE estimated at **814 m ha**, comprising **353 m ha** of production PFE and **461 m ha** of protection PFE
- Area of natural forest under management plans estimated at **96.2 m ha**
- **10.5 m ha** of natural production PFE certified



Results of 2005 report

Total PFE under SFM estimated at **36.4 m ha**.

Of the total:

- **25.2 m ha** in production PFE
- **11.2 m ha** in protection PFE



Purpose of SFM Tropics 2011

To update and improve these estimates

- Estimate area of tropical forest set aside as production and protection PFE and under SFM
- To detect trends in these
- To inform climate-change debate, particularly on REDD
- To provide a comprehensive and up-to-date insight into forest management in tropics



Methodology

- Member countries requested to supply information – in ITTO C&I reporting format
- Partner organizations – especially FAO and UNEP-WCMC – provided data
- Authors compiled country profiles using submitted C&I reports, data from partner organizations, and other sources, including consultations with in-country experts and stakeholders
- Profiles reviewed by in-country, regional and international experts
- Global analysis based on country profiles



C&I reporting format

No of countries submitting		Score	
2005	2010	2005	2010
23	32	1.5	1.9

0 = no information submitted, 1 = information given was not of use for reporting; 2 = information given was partly of use for reporting; 3 = information given was useful for reporting

- **EIGHT countries prepared their reports *without requesting ITTO's limited financial assistance***
 - Indicates growing capacity to generate and supply data as part of routine work
- But still considerable problems with data availability and quality for many indicators of SFM



Methodology (cont'd)

‘Sustainably managed’ forest = the sum of forest management units that:

- Are independently certified or making progress towards certification
- Have fully developed, long-term (10 year +) management plans and evidence they are being implemented
- Are ‘model’ forests with information on management quality
- Are community-based units with secure tenure and known high-quality management



Proviso for comparison between surveys

- Differences in methods used (according to nature of data available) means country information **not always directly comparable** between surveys – e.g. India non-tropical/tropical



Results of 2011 report

- Natural tropical PFE estimated at **761 m ha** (slight decrease from 2005 due to better data), comprising **403 m ha** of production PFE and **358 m ha** of protection PFE
- Area of natural forest under management plans estimated at **183 m ha**, an increase of **69 m ha** since 2005 (>60% increase)
- **17 m ha** of natural production PFE certified, an increase of **6.5 m ha** (>60% increase)



Results of 2011 report (cont'd)

Total PFE under SFM estimated at **53.3 m ha**, up from 36.4 m ha (almost 50% increase).

Of the total:

- **30.6 m ha** are in the production PFE (up from 25.2 m ha, >20% increase)
- **22.7 m ha** are in protection PFE (up from 11.2 m ha, >100% increase)



Results of 2011 report (cont'd)

- New international measures to combat illegal trade introduced
- Increased transparency, increased stakeholder participation, and increased interest in SFM at community level
- Many countries positioning for REDD
- More international assistance required for forest inventories, particularly given the information demands of REDD
- More progress needed to clarify concept of PFE



Results of 2011 report (cont'd)

- Trend towards decentralization and greater recognition of Indigenous and local people not yet matched by flow of resources to support SFM at decentralized levels
- Forest law enforcement still often weak
- Resources allocated to forest management seriously inadequate
- Information continues to improve but still far from adequate, ITTO and partners (eg FAO) should work together to overcome this problem



Summary of trends – production PFE

Region	Area of forest in:			
	Production PFE	Production PFE under management plans	Certified forest	Production PFE under SFM
Africa	↔	↑	↑	↑
A/P	↑	↑	↑	↔
LAC	↑	↑	↑	↑
All tropics	↑	↑	↑	↑

Note: A/P = Asia and the Pacific; LAC = Latin America and the Caribbean



Summary of trends – protection PFE

Region	Area of forest in:		
	Protection PFE	Protection PFE under management plans	Protection PFE under SFM
Africa			
A/P			
LAC			
All tropics			

Note: A/P = Asia and the Pacific; LAC = Latin America and the Caribbean



Conclusions

- Overall, there appears to have been **some progress** towards SFM in tropical forests in the period 2005 to 2010
- REDD is important as a potential funding source but needs to be combined with other ways to add value to tropical forests to ensure they are not converted to more lucrative land-uses



Dissemination and PR

- Hard copies of report in 3 official languages
- Summary of report in 4 languages
- Web page and USB stick versions
- International launch in Bern; regional launches in Malaysia, DRC, Brazil and Guatemala ITTC as part of ITTO's IYF activities
- Worldwide press coverage



Thank you

