

# ITTO Tropical Forest UPDATE

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## Status of tropical forest management 2011

In 1987 the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) commissioned a survey of tropical forest management in its member countries, which was published in 1989 (Poore et al. 1989). It concluded that an insignificant proportion of the world's tropical forests was managed sustainably, although some—but not all—of the conditions for sustainable management were present in a much larger area. In 2006 ITTO published a second survey (ITTO 2006), which used 2005 as its nominal reporting year and found significant although far from sufficient improvement.

In its 2008–09 Biennial Work Programme, the International Tropical Timber Council made provision for a further report on the status of tropical forest management, and it made funds available to member countries to assist in the preparation of national reports that were to be used as one of the sources of information. This special edition of the *TFU* summarizes the report that was produced as a result (ITTO 2011), which is, in effect, a third survey of the status of tropical forest management in the tropics.

**Special edition summarizing ITTO's latest report on the status of tropical forest management**

