

What is ITTO?

ITTO is an intergovernmental organization promoting the conservation and sustainable management, use and trade of tropical forest resources.

What is the ITTO Fellowship Programme?

Established in 1989, the ITTO Fellowship Programme provides funds to individuals to assist them in developing expertise in tropical forest management and sustainable tropical forest industries and trade.

- **Focus on gender balance**—about 30% of all fellowships have been awarded to women, increasing to nearly 50% in the last five years
- **Wide-ranging**—the Programme has supported Fellows from 49 ITTO member countries

Freezailah Fellowship Fund

The ITTO Fellowship Programme is financed through the Freezailah Fellowship Fund by voluntary contributions from member countries, especially Japan, the USA and the Netherlands, with contributions from Australia, Sweden, the United Kingdom and private-sector bodies. ITTO welcomes contributions from any party interested in supporting the ITTO Fellowship Programme. Contact the ITTO Secretariat (details on back page) for more information.



Application

Two calls for applications are made per year

- In February, for activities starting after July
- In August, for activities starting after the following February

Who is eligible to apply?

- Nationals of ITTO member countries (see ITTO website)
- Most Fellowships are awarded to nationals of tropical timber-producing countries

What activities can be supported?

- Participation in conferences and workshops, short-term training courses and training internships
- The preparation, publication and dissemination of technical documents
- Post-graduate studies

What amount does the Fellowship fund?

- Up to US\$10 000 per individual may be awarded (the historical average is US\$5800)

How many Fellowships are awarded?

- 50–60 Fellowships are usually awarded each year, valued at about US\$300 000
- As of mid-2014, a total of about 1300 Fellowships valued at US\$7.1 million had been awarded through the ITTO Fellowship Programme to graduate students, academics, researchers, government officials, and the staff of non-governmental organizations and forest companies

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The ITTO Fellowship Programme

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Building capacity for sustainable tropical forest management, sustainable tropical forest industries and a sustainable tropical timber trade



Fellowship stories

The following four stories illustrate some of the ways in which the ITTO Fellowship Programme is helping build capacity for sustainable tropical forest management, sustainable tropical forest industries and a sustainable tropical timber trade in ITTO member countries.



Cristhian Gutiérrez Patzi (Bolivia), aged 30, agroforestry management technician and specialist at Nendive Atipay Foundation, used his ITTO Fellowship to research wood marketing strategies for forest companies and family businesses at the World Forestry Institute in 2011:

"The ITTO Fellowship has had a great impact on my professional career. I am now applying the knowledge of timber marketing and marketing strategies learned during the Fellowship in forest communities and small enterprises in Bolivia. Those strategies have already had an impact on the marketing of forest products for the benefit of the local population and sustainable forest management."



Daniela Pauletto (Brazil), aged 34, assistant professor at Universidade Federal do Oeste do Pará, undertook the International Course in the Diversified Management of Natural Tropical Forests: Management in the Face of Climate Change Challenges at Centro

Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza in Costa Rica in 2008:

"During my participation in the course, I became interested in payments for environmental services (PES) schemes and model forests. I recently participated in a selection process for a university post, and one of my strengths was my knowledge of PES schemes, climate change and forest management gained through the Fellowship."



San Win (Myanmar), aged 54, pro rector, University of Forestry, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, received two ITTO Fellowships in 2003 and 2008:

"Through the ITTO Fellowships I documented the shifting cultivation practices of various hill tribes, and some are truly sustainable for soil while reducing impact on the remaining natural forests. The ITTO Fellowship enhances the capacities of foresters in their research and understanding of forestry and related fields."



Paul Bosu (Ghana), aged 47, senior research scientist at the Forestry Research Institute of Ghana, received two ITTO Fellowships, for a Masters programme at Northern Arizona University in 1993 and for an environmental leadership course at the Smithsonian Institute in 2009:

"The Fellowship enabled me to visit experts and laboratories in the USA to complete my Masters. Through that I was able to identify natural enemies of a certain tree pest, develop protocols for managing the pest in the field, and improve my skills in forest health management. As a result I had the opportunity to undertake a PhD in forest entomology. Since returning to Ghana, I have applied my skills in supporting Ghana's mixed-species forest plantation efforts."

ITTO Fellowship Network

The ITTO Fellowship Network is a social media platform to facilitate interaction and knowledge-sharing among ITTO Fellows and alumni. The Network:

- Promotes the sharing of knowledge and information among ITTO Fellows and alumni on the sustainable management and use of tropical forests and related issues
- Provides a forum for collaborative work among ITTO Fellows and alumni
- Provides a platform for pursuing common interests, such as career development opportunities
- Disseminates publications produced by ITTO and ITTO Fellows and alumni.

The Fellowship Network is open to all. Join and share your experiences and ideas to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests!

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