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Progress report of ITTO Fellowship Programme

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ITTO Fellowship Programme (since 1989)

	1st Phase	2nd Phase	3rd Phase
Period	1989-1992	1993-1999	2000 - now
Focus	Forest industry and timber trade	ITTO's Year 2000 objective (SFM)	Sustainable management, use and trade of tropical forest resources
Funding	Project PD60/89	Project PD1/93	Freezailah Fellowship Fund



Objective (Freezailah Fellowship Fund)

To develop human resources and enhance professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry, tropical timber industries and related disciplines

with a view to promoting:

- sustainable management of tropical forests
- efficient utilization and processing of tropical timber
- better economic information on the international trade in tropical timber





Outreach of the Fellowship Programme

1. ITTO website

- Information about Fellowship Program
- On-line application
- Fellowship Network

2. TFU

- Fellowship reports are normally highlighted in each issue of TFU

The screenshot shows the ITTO website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'ITTO at work', 'Council & Committees', 'Projects', 'Publications', 'News & Events', 'Statistics database', and 'About ITTO'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads 'ITTO at work > Capacity building > Fellowship Programme'. The main content area is titled 'ITTO Fellowship Programme' and includes a sub-header 'ITTO offers Fellowships through the Freezalah Fellowship Fund to promote human resource development and to strengthen professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines. The goal is to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests, the efficient use and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information about the international trade in tropical timber.' A 'Current Status' section states that as of December 2013, the programme has enabled over 1250 young and mid-career people from over 40 countries to pursue their professional development. A 'Fellowship Network' section features a globe icon and a link to 'Apply For Fellowship' with an 'APPLY' button. A sidebar on the right contains 'Links', 'Recent awardees', and 'Quick Links'.

The screenshot shows a Fellowship report page with a red header 'Fellowship report'. The title is 'Population dynamics of commercial tree species after selective logging in Myanmar' by Rosy Newin. The author's affiliation is the Forest Research Institute, Myanmar. A photograph shows a forest worker in a blue cap and shirt marking an experimental plot in a forest. The caption reads: 'Marked: A forest worker demarcates an experimental plot at the study site. Photo: R. Newin'. The text below the photo discusses the Bago Mountains in Myanmar, noting that they have the best growth rates and highest stockings of teak (*Tectona grandis*). It mentions that 11.9% of the country's total teak-bearing forests (Aung Thant Zin 2000) are in the Bago Mountains and that the minimum exploitable diameters at breast height (dbh) are 73 cm in moist forests and 63 cm in dry forests. The report concludes that the system is to sustainably harvest teak-bearing forests every 30 years.



News from last year till today

Fellowship Network since 2014

- Available at <http://www.ittofellownet.org/>
- More than 600 members registered as of the end of October 2015
- Updated constantly
- Workshops, job offers, open discussions, events, recent publications

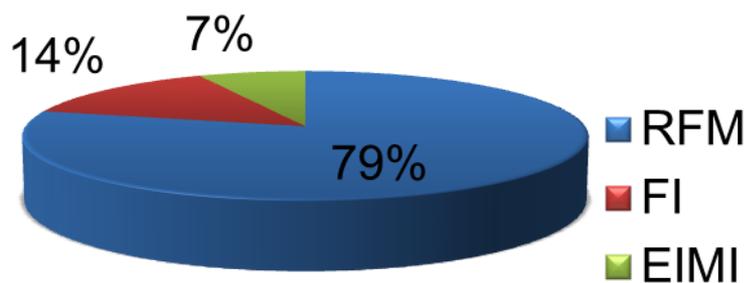




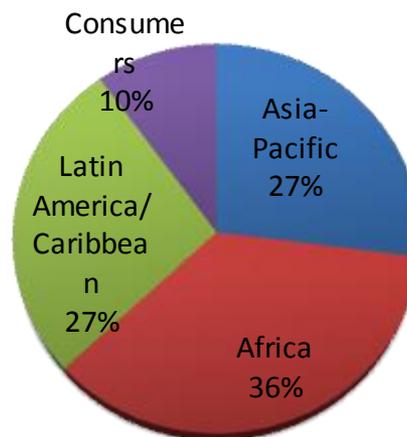
Status of Fellowship Awards

How many fellowships are awarded?

- Total of 1,324 fellows
- Attention is given to gender balance - 37% are women
- 50 – 60 fellows per year



Fellowships by region





Status of Fellowship Awards (1989 – now)

How much does the Fellowship fund?

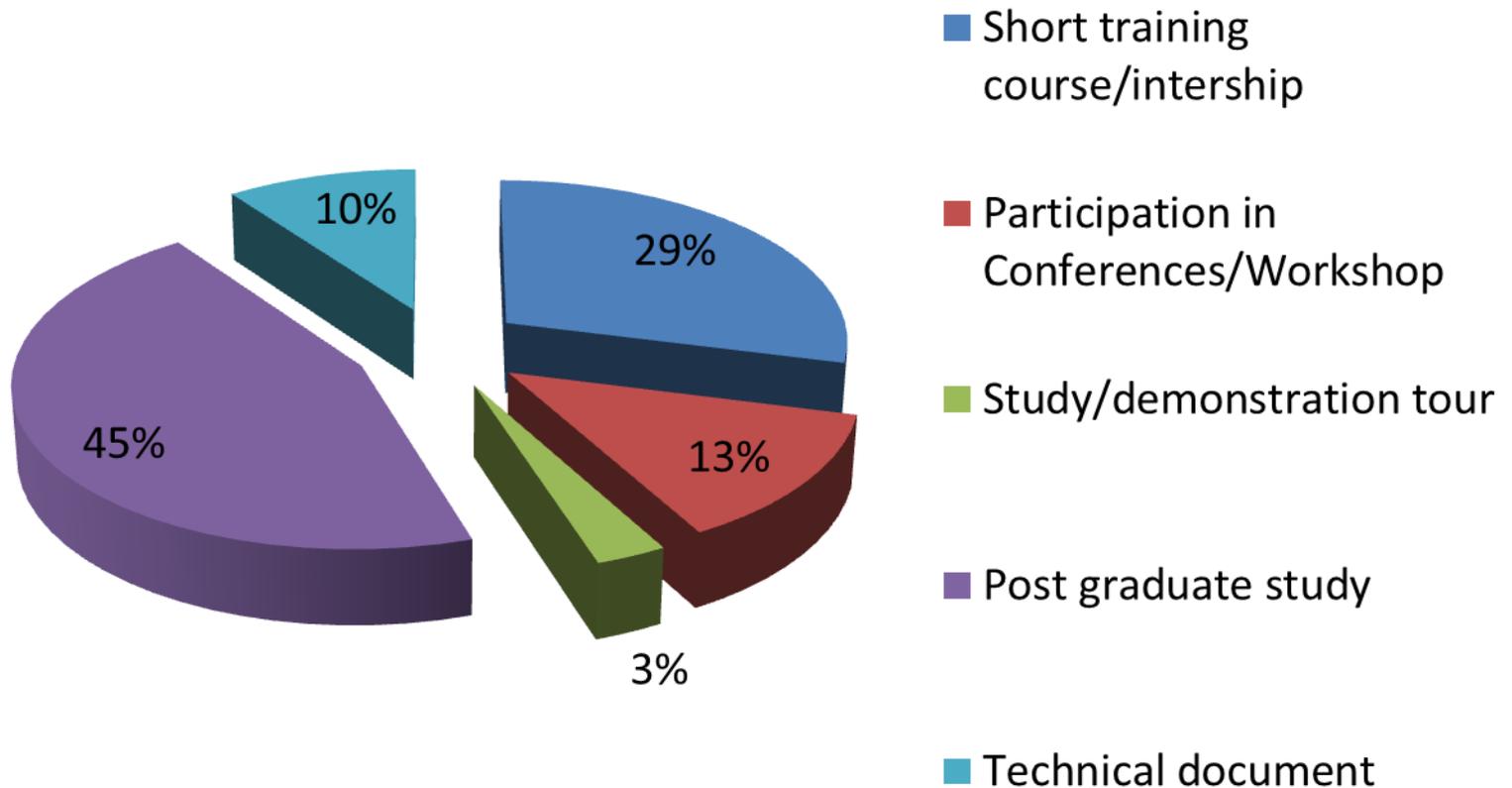
- Maximum US\$10,000 per person
- Average US\$5,711 per person
- Annually US\$300,000

For 2015, Unfortunately, we have not received full funding

The total amount received for 2015 is \$200,000

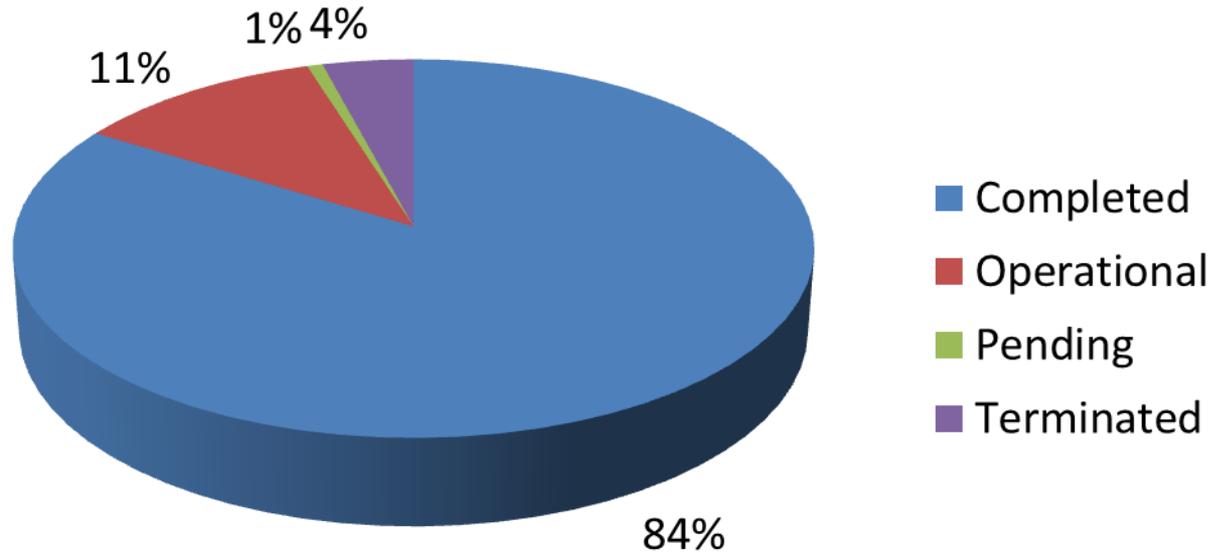


Type of Activities (1989-now)





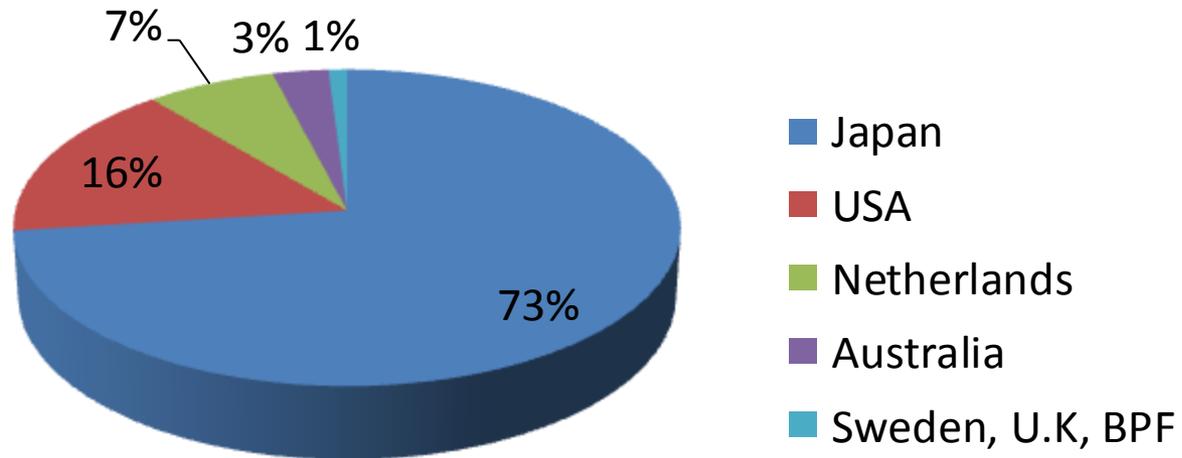
Current Status of Fellowship Awards (1989-now)





Funding of ITTO Fellowship Programme (1989 – now)

US\$7.9 million (voluntary contribution)





Funding

- US\$400,000 is requested for Year 2016
- To maintain the Programme at the level of 50-60 awards per year



Impact of Fellowship

An impact assessment of the Fellowship Programme, conducted in spring of 2010, showed that more than half of the respondents (59%) achieved a relevant job position or job promotion immediately after completion of their fellowships, and 83% replied that their job promotion was related to the skills and knowledge that they gained from their fellowship activities.





In appreciation

- Former fellowship Coordinator Dr. Chisato Aoki
- Left ITTO at the end of June 2015 after serving for the ITTO Fellowship Programme for over 22 years.
- She devoted herself in helping with capacity building of around 1,300 fellows in sustainable forest management in more than 45 ITTO member countries.
- She initiated creation of the Fellowship Network to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaborative work of the ITTO Fellows in 2014.





Thank you for your
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