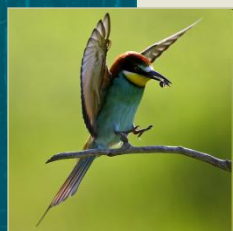




ITTO & CITES: Collaboration for trade in sustainably managed tropical tree species



INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION (ITTO)



Background



- ITTO mandate to promote tropical SFM highly relevant to CITES listed timber species
- Collaboration since early 1990s through participation in and support of CITES Timber Working Group and later Mahogany Working Group; several ITTC and CITES decisions call for cooperation
- Worked together in 2005-06 to develop a large capacity building project; this gave rise to phase 1 of the ITTO-CITES Program (2007-2010)
- Phase 2 proposal developed in 2011 and commenced last year (2012-2015)



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Major activities:

- Development of national/regional plans and projects
- Design of resource inventories
- Develop/implement improved management plans
- Undertake case studies on and develop guidelines for making NDFs
- Develop cost-effective regulatory systems for endangered/threatened timber species (tracking, etc.)
- CITES training workshops
- Other relevant activities developed with range states

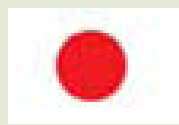
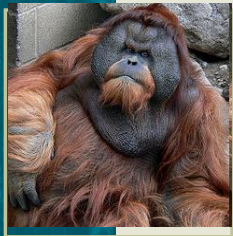




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Funding

- Phase 1 sought USD 3.75 million over 3.5 years under ITTO's 2006-07 and subsequent biannual work plans (BWPs); Phase 2 nearly \$10 million
- EU provided 80% of phase 1 funding (2.4 million euros) and will provide 75% (5 million euros) of phase 2 funding through grants from European Commission
- Remaining (and additional) funds pledged through BWPs at ITTO Council Sessions (USA, Switzerland, Norway, Japan, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, BPF, and private sector)





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Scope

- Funds cover 3 tropical regions – Africa, Latin America and Asia
- Focus of assistance on significant exporters of main CITES listed tropical timber species in trade (*Pericopsis elata* – afrormosia; *Gonystylus* spp. – ramin; *Swietenia macrophylla* – mahogany); phase 2 extending to other species (*Aquilaria* spp., *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia* spp., *Diospyros* spp., *Prunus africana*)
- Workshops and training materials will benefit all countries (including importers)





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Current status

- Activities underway in most target countries
- ITTO and CITES also implementing activities (eg toolbox, promotional video, manuals)
- Several regional studies/workshops convened already (develop afrormosia action plan; African workshop on potential new species for CITES listing; Mahogany Working Group; NDFs for timber species; log-sawn conversion factors for mahogany and cedrela; regional market study for cedrela; Asian workshop for ramin); more to come
- Advisory committee meets regularly (6th meeting in Nov 2012, 7th in March 2013)





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Selected outputs to date

- NDF report for *Pericopsis elata* in Cameroon, Congo
- Determine *Swietenia macrophylla* export quota in Peru and establish sample plots to provide reliable information on growth and response to impacts of mahogany and cedar
- CITES Secretariat missions (eg Peru)
- Continued measurement and analysis of longest running permanent sample plots of *Swietenia macrophylla* (started in 1997) in Brazil
- DNA tracing of ramin in Sarawak, Malaysia
- Exports of *Prunus africana* recommenced from Cameroon, DRC
- Listing proposals for Madagascar's threatened timber species





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Current status

- Continued strong interest from target and new countries; next instalment of EU funding expected this month to allow some of the more than 15 activities pending funding to proceed to implementation
- Additional \$1.25 million was requested under 2013-14 BWP at November 2012 ITTC session; \$250,000 already received from USA and Netherlands
- Eligibility for Program support:
 - member of ITTO
 - significant (or potentially significant) exporter of listed tropical tree species





Program outreach



- Programme website ([www.itto.int/ITTO at Work/CITES](http://www.itto.int/ITTO%20at%20Work/CITES))
- Quarterly newsletter
- Brochures, toolbox, video under development
- Regular reporting to ITTC and CITES as well as other important fora
- Additional regional workshops



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