



THIRTY-SECOND SESSION
13 - 18 May 2002
Bali, Indonesia

DECISION 3(XXXII)

**ITTO GUIDELINES FOR THE RESTORATION, MANAGEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF
DEGRADED AND SECONDARY TROPICAL FORESTS**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 6(XXX) regarding the need to develop guidelines for the management of secondary tropical forests, tropical forest restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forest lands in close collaboration with FAO, IUCN and other organizations;

Further recalling the ITTO Yokohama Action Plan 2002-2006, which makes specific reference to the restoration of degraded forests, secondary forest management and rehabilitation of degraded lands;

Welcoming the report of the Expert Panel on Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests [Document ITTC(XXXII)/6];

Also welcoming the additional comments on the report made during the Thirty-second Session of the Council;

Noting the large areas of degraded and secondary forests that already exist in the tropics and the increasing threat to tropical forest resources through further degradation or subsequent conversion into non-sustainable land uses;

Recognizing the current and potential contribution of degraded and secondary forests to the livelihoods of forest-dependant people, the sustainable management of tropical forest resources and the sustainable supply of timber and non-timber forest products;

Also recognizing the need for ITTO to assist Member Countries to develop operational guidelines to build capacity and help accelerate progress towards Objective 2000;

Further recognizing that the collaboration between ITTO and IUCN, WWF, CIFOR, FAO and others, initiated through Decision 6(XXX), contributes to raising the awareness of restoration, management and rehabilitation of degraded and secondary tropical forests both nationally and internationally;

Decides to:

1. Adopt the ITTO Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests contained in the document ITTC(XXXII)/6;
2. Request Members and other interested parties to provide detailed comments and observations by 30 June 2002;
3. Request the Executive Director to prepare and publish the *"ITTO Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests"* taking into account observations received and to distribute the publication widely to Members and other interested parties;

4. Request the Executive Director to undertake the following actions to promote and test the Guidelines and their application by Members:
 - a. Hold six sub-regional workshops to promote the understanding of the Guidelines, provide feedback and encourage further regional or country level initiatives in this area;
 - b. Publish an information brochure summarizing the Guidelines (“Guidelines at a Glance”) in the three official languages of ITTO to be widely distributed;
 - c. Encourage Member Countries to apply the Guidelines on a pilot scale and to submit project proposals to ITTO where appropriate;
5. Commend the Guidelines as an international reference standard to Members and the international community in general as a major contribution towards the sustainable utilization and conservation of tropical forests and their genetic resources;
6. Request the Executive Director to strengthen the cooperation between ITTO and IUCN, WWF, FAO, CIFOR and other Organizations to implement the above activities on restoration, management and rehabilitation of degraded and secondary tropical forests;
7. Review progress of implementation of this Decision at the Thirty-fifth Session of the Council and to decide on further actions in collaboration with IUCN, WWF, FAO, CIFOR and other Organizations; and
8. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member Countries to meet the financial requirements of this Decision, not exceeding US\$350,000.00. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 July 2002, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

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