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DECISION 3(XII)

CRITERIA FOR AND MEASUREMENT OF SUSTAINABLE TROPICAL FOREST MANAGEMENT

Recalling Decision 6(XI) of the Council which recognizes the importance of defining general criteria for and measurement of sustainable tropical forest management;

Noting that the Executive Director published and disseminated the definition, criteria and examples of indicators of sustainable management adopted in that Decision through the Publication of ITTO Policy Development Series, Publication Number 3 in accordance with Decision 6(XI);

Noting further views expressed by some producer and consumer delegations during the Consultative Panel of Producer and Consumer Members convened during the Twelfth Session of the Council that more utility would be gained by refining the text of the criteria on the basis of operational experience and field application;

The Council decides to:

1. Adopt the definition and criteria for sustainable forest management in the above publication and the text of the Annex to Decision 6(XI) as the basis for testing and demonstration of sustainable tropical forest management.
2. Request the Executive Director to disseminate as widely as practicable ITTO Policy Development Series, Publication No. 3.
3. Invite Member countries to encourage, at the national and management unit levels, the application of the criteria in the field, and to share information on their experience with Members of ITTO at the Thirteenth Session of the Council.
4. Request the Executive Director to report by 1995 on the results obtained from items above and other ITTO activities and to elaborate suggestions for the further adaptation of the criteria and indicators, if necessary, with the assistance of one or more international consultants, and provided that funds are available.
5. Invite consumer member countries to make funds available for the activities referred to above, in particular the establishment of demonstration areas for testing and demonstration of sustainable tropical forest management.
