

DECISION 5(X)

ITTO GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT
OF PLANTED TROPICAL FORESTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

In accordance with Article 1(h) of the ITTA,

Noting the report of the Working Group to formulate "Guidelines for Management of Tropical Forest Plantations", established in Decision 2(IX);

Further noting that, in preparing these guidelines, the Working Group was asked to pay particular attention to environmental and social as well as economic considerations, and to consider as Tropical Forest Plantations:

- (a) pure plantations and monocultures
- (b) multi-species forests
- (c) agrosilvicultural forests (including dispersed planting in and between farmlands)
- (d) afforestation on degraded land (recultivation and protection)

Further noting the recommendation of the Permanent Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management contained on Document ITTC(X)/9 Rev.1 [PCF(VIII)/4].

Decides:

- (a) to adopt the ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Planted Tropical Forests contained in document ITTC(X)/9 Rev.1 [PCF(VIII)/4];
- (b) to commend the ITTO Guidelines as an international reference standard to Members and the international community in general as a major contribution towards the goal of sustainable utilization of tropical forest plantations and environment protection;

Requests the Executive Director to publish the document widely and promote its use throughout the international community, whilst not preventing member countries from pursuing project proposals, in accordance with the objectives of the ITTA, and, to make available US\$30.000 for this purpose.

Invites member countries to take the ITTO guidelines into account when submitting project proposals in this field.
