Trinidad & Tobago

Investment Opportunity Profile

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Background

- General description of country

- Water resources

- Wildlife resources

- Forest resources
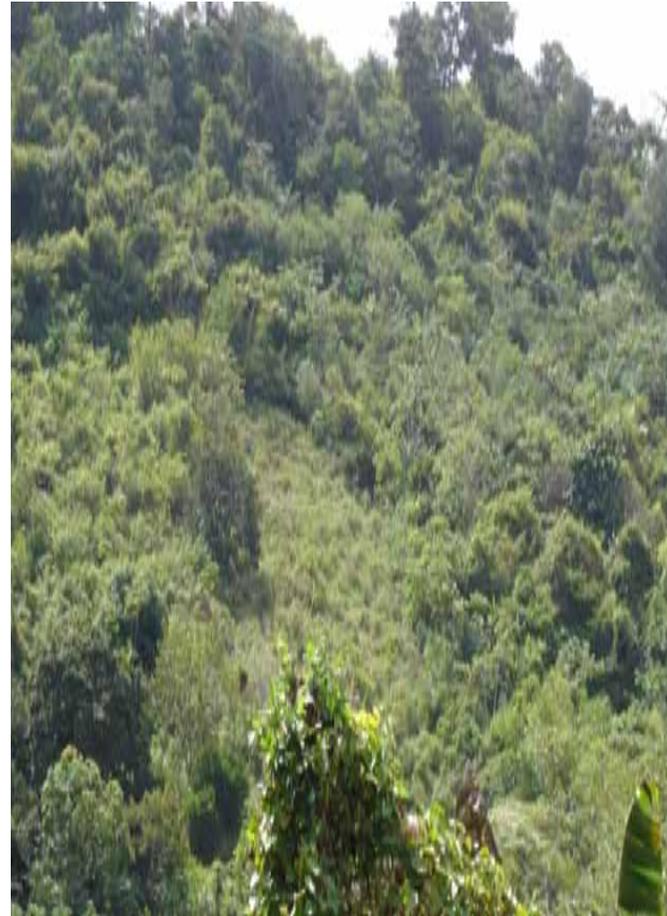
Forest products utilization

- Natural forest and plantations

- Industries: sawmills, furniture shops, etc.

- Volume of timber harvested

- Volume of timber imported & exported

Other forest products & services

- Non timber forest products

- Recreation & ecotourism

- Bottled spring water

- Carbon sequestration & trading

Factors Affecting Investing

- External risk factors

- Infrastructure & utilities

- Legal & regulatory framework

- Financial systems

Forestry Sector Outlook

- Low unemployment
- Government's social infrastructure programs
- Government's policy favors sustainable growth and development
- Multiple use management of forests
- Party to conventions, agreements, etc.
- Balance between industry & environment

Challenges

- High cost of land

- High cost of labor

- Active NGO and CBO involvement

- Strict environmental laws & requirements

Conclusion

- Government supports SFM
- Opportunities: plantations, ecotourism, NTFP, agroforestry
- Legal & financial systems are in place
- Political climate is good
- Benefits: increase land value, community enhancement, carbon trading, opportunity to expand

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