

The projects summarized below were financed at the Forty-fourth session of the International Tropical Timber Council, which was held November 3-8, 2008. In addition to these projects, funding of US\$ 4.6 million was also provided for new thematic programs on climate change mitigation and forest law enforcement, as well as for capacity building for implementing CITES for tropical timber species and other activities from ITTO's 2008-09 Work Program. A total of US\$8.6 million was committed for approved projects, pre-projects and activities at the session.

Sustainable Utilization and Marketing of Selected Non-Timber Forest Products to Support the Handicraft Industry and the Development of Rural Communities (Philippines)

Project number:	PD 448/07 Rev.2 (I)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 354,672 Government of the Philippines: US\$ 95,410 Total: US\$ 450,082
Implementing agencies:	Forest Products Research and Development Institute (FPRDI) in collaboration with Federation of Philippine Crafts Fair Traders Inc. (FPCFTI)

This project follows-up on a completed project on the utilization, collection and trade of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) in the Philippines [PD 15/96 Rev.2 (M,I)]. It will generate more information on the availability, growth, extraction intensity, processing and marketing of selected NTFPs in the project areas in Quezon and Camarines Norte Provinces. Training seminars will be conducted to upgrade the skills and productivity of NTFP extractors and handicraft workers and producers. It will organize and assist small handicraft producers groups to strengthen their production and marketing capabilities. The project will also establish data/information on gender roles in extraction, processing and marketing of NTFPs and handicrafts.

Reviving Forestry Education in Liberia

Project number:	PD 506/08 Rev.1 (I)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 292,522 Government of Liberia (FDA and Ministry of Education): US\$ 59,727 Total: US\$ 352,249
Implementing agencies:	The Forest Development Authority (FDA) and the Ministry of Education (MoE), supporting the Forestry Training Institute (FTI), Tubmanburg

The project will support the reestablishment of forest education activities for middle level forestry technicians at the Forestry Training Institute (FTI) located in Tubmanburg. The project deals with the establishment of a functional curriculum, the training of trainers and immediate practical training of the currently registered students in the FTI. In addition, the project will support a national working group that conducts a strategic review of forest education in Liberia as a whole.

Timbers of Tropical Africa Part 2: Group 7(2) within the PROTA Programme

Project number:	PD 479/07 Rev.2 (M)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 596,419 PROTA Contribution: US\$ 457,216 Total: US\$ 1,053,635
Implementing agency:	Plant Resources of Tropical Africa (PROTA)

This is a follow-up to a project on the 500 'Timbers of Tropical Africa' from the currently more important timber-producing taxonomic families (Commodity group 7(1); ITTO Project PD 264/04 Rev. 3 (M,I)). This project focuses on the 570 'Timbers of Tropical Africa' from currently less important timber-producing taxonomic families (Commodity group 7(2)).

Verifying the Legality of Timber Forest Products in Peru

Pre-project number:	PPD 138/07 Rev.1 (M)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 79,844 Executing Agency Contribution: US\$ 23,050 Total: US\$ 102,894
Implementing agencies:	Bosques Sociedad y Desarrollo (BSD) – Technical Secretariat for the Roundtable on National Dialogue and Consensus

This project will contribute to sustainable forest management taking into account market requirements related to the origin and sustainability of Peruvian timber. Project activities will strengthen voluntary chain-of-custody networks and generate competitive forest products on the basis of socially and environmentally sound practices.

The Study and Demonstration of the Management of Secondary Forests in Tropical Regions for the Purpose of Enhancing Economic and Ecological Benefits (China)

Project number:	PD 294/04 Rev.4 (F) – Phase II
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 180,373 Government of China: US\$ 57,381 Total: US\$ 237,754
Implementing agency:	Guangdong Academy of Forestry (GAF)

This project is aimed at accelerating sustainable forest management through better management of tropical secondary forests (TSF) in China. Its specific objectives are: a) to establish demonstration forests in two selected provinces for the study and demonstration of management of TSF including planted trees and non-timber forest products; and b) to train forestry staff and villagers in TSF rehabilitation techniques.

Promoting the Rehabilitation, Management and Sustainable Use of Tropical Bamboo Forests in the North-Western Region of Peru

Project number:	PD 428/06 Rev.2 (F)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 502,978 Government of Peru: US\$ 140,000 PERUBAMBU: US\$ 146,400 Total: US\$ 789,378
Implementing agencies:	Peruvian Association for Bamboo – PERUBAMBU in cooperation with the National Institute for Natural Resources – INRENA

This project aims to ensure the rehabilitation and sustainable management of degraded or endangered tropical forests with bamboo stands and to effectively contribute to poverty alleviation in an area with a high level of unmet basic needs and hence with a high level of deforestation (185 000 ha/year). The native communities and poor rural populations are to be the main beneficiaries of this project, as their income levels will increase through the sale of sustainably harvested products.

Institutional Strengthening of ANAM for Integrated Fire Management in the Tropical Forests of Panama

Project number:	PD 441/07 Rev.2 (F)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 463,115 ANAM: US\$ 295,300 Total: US\$ 758,415
Implementing agency:	National Environmental Authority (ANAM)

This project, which arose from an ITTO-financed pre-project (PPD 72/03 Rev.1 (F) “Technical Assistance for the Development of a Project Proposal on Institutional Strengthening for Forest Fire Prevention, Mitigation and Management in the Natural and Planted Forests of Panama”) will provide for institutional strengthening to prevent, mitigate and manage forest fires in the natural and planted forests of Panama.

Improving the Enabling Conditions for Sustainable Management of Sandalwood Forest Resources in East Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia

Project number:	PD 459/07 Rev.1 (F)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 593,163 Government of Indonesia: US\$ 125,000 Total: US\$ 718,163
Implementing agencies:	Forestry Service of East Nusa Tenggara Province in collaboration with Forest Production Agency, Ministry of Forestry and University of Nusa Cendana Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara

This project aims to contribute to the sustainable management of the sandalwood resource in East Nusa Tenggara Province. Its specific objectives are: i) to strengthen the enabling conditions for sustainable management of the sandalwood resource; and ii) to improve local capacity for managing the sandalwood resource.

Development and Implementation of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of Planted Forests and Community Forests (Thailand)

Project number:	PD 470/07 Rev.1 (F)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 209,574 Government of Thailand: US\$ 49,100 Total: US\$ 258,674
Implementing agencies:	Royal Forest Department in collaboration with the Department of National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Thailand

This project aims to improve availability of timber and non-timber forest products (NTFP) from sustainable and legal sources through establishment of a comprehensive system of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management in Thailand.

Development of the National Reforestation Policy and Afforestation Strategy Consistent with the Liberian 3C Approach

Project number:	PD 507/08 Rev.1 (F)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 396,310 Government of Liberia: US\$ 109,010 In kind Total: US\$ 505,320
Implementing agency:	Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

This project aims to develop forest plantations and undertake forest restoration activities as an effective means of promoting the conservation and sustainable management of Liberia’s forest and wildlife resources, to maintain environmental quality and to improve the flow of benefits to all segments of society.

Assessing the Policy and International Framework to Facilitate the Development of an Integrated Grazing Policy for Sustainable Forest Management in India

Pre-project number:	PPD 142/08 Rev.1 (F)
Budget:	ITTO Contribution: US\$ 79,969 Winrock International India: US\$ 20,000 Total: US\$ 99,969
Implementing agency:	Winrock International India

The development objective of this pre-project is to contribute towards sustainable forest management by promoting integrated grazing management practices that are socially acceptable and ecologically sound. The pre-project proposes to undertake an assessment of grazing and livestock-related issues in seven agro-ecological zones covering approximately 20 percent of the total forest cover/area of the country and 30 percent of the total livestock population.

Producers

Africa

- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Congo
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Togo

Asia & Pacific

- Cambodia
- Fiji
- India
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Vanuatu

Latin America

- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Panama
- Peru
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Venezuela

Consumers

- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Egypt
- European Community
- Austria
- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Japan
- Nepal
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Republic of Korea
- Switzerland
- United States of America