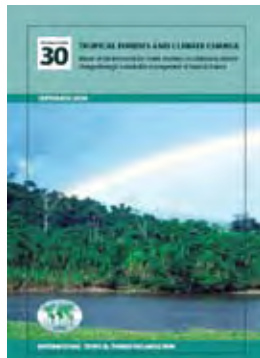


► **ITTO.2008. Tropical Forests and Climate Change. ITTO Technical Series 30. Yokohama, Japan. ISBN: 4-902045-40-0**

Available in English from: ITTO Secretariat (See page 2 for contact details); online under Publications at www.itto.or.jp



This report summarizes the deliberations of the International Expert Meeting on Addressing Climate Change through Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests, which met for three days in Yokohama, Japan, in May/June 2008. The meeting fully endorsed the potential role of sustainable forest management in the tropics in both mitigating climate change and helping communities adapt to it. It also generated realistic proposals for action for a range of international and national actors, including ITTO and its member countries and partners. The adoption and implementation of the meeting's recommendations will not only help in the development of forest related strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation, it will also strengthen the capacity of ITTO tropical member countries to tackle this critical issue.

► **ITTO.2008. Energy Grows on Trees. ITTO Technical Series 31. Yokohama, Japan. ISBN: 4-902045-44-3**

Available from: ITTO Secretariat (See page 2 for contact details); online under Publications at www.itto.or.jp



This report summarizes the presentations made and discussions that ensued at the International Conference of Wood-based Bioenergy which met in Hannover, Germany for three days in May 2007 as part of LIGNA 2007. The conference was sponsored by ITTO in collaboration with FAO and the government of Germany. The report reviews the current status of wood-based bioenergy and explores the growing use of wood residues, wood waste and dedicated bioenergy tree plantations for energy generation. Powerpoint slides presented by speakers on these and other related topics are appended.

► **ASB.2008. Policybriefs Nos. 10 and 11. Nairobi, Kenya.**

Available online in English at: <http://www.asb.cgiar.org/publications/policybriefs/>

The following short Policy Briefs were recently released by Partnership for the Tropical Forest Margins (ASB):



The Opportunity costs of Avoiding Emissions from Deforestation (ASB Policy Brief No. 10)

How valuable are the economic opportunities that farmers give up to reduce emissions from deforestation?

This bottom-up perspective helps clarify how to design incentives to change behaviour at the ground level.

REDD Strategies for High Carbon Rural Development (ASB Policy Brief No. 11)



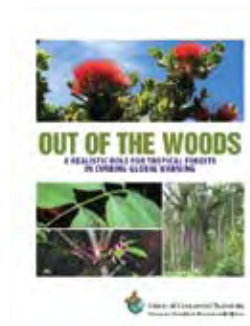
Carbon-rich agroforestry systems can help poor farmers benefit from global carbon markets and enhance the effectiveness of strategies to reduce emissions from deforestation.

This publication highlights key observations and implications regarding effective REDD strategies.

The ASB Policy Brief series specializes on avoided deforestation leading to sustainable benefits. They take lessons learned from experiences at the local or national levels and digest the information for a broad audience including key people whose decisions will make a difference to poverty reduction and environmental protection in the humid tropics.

► **Boucher, D. 2008. Out of the Woods – A Realistic Role for Tropical Forests in Curbing Climate Change. UCS Publications. Cambridge, MA, USA.**

Available online in English at: http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/global_warming/UCS-REDD-Boucher-report.pdf



This report, published by the Union of Concerned Scientists, is a detailed look at the reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) in tropical countries. It contains detailed economic analyses showing that REDD is an inexpensive approach compared with emissions reductions in the energy sectors of industrialized countries. The report concludes that the costs per ton of reducing current carbon dioxide emissions from deforestation by half—even with pessimistic assessments and including not only opportunity costs but also REDD's implementation,

transaction, administration, and stabilization costs—are less than a third of current (mid-2008) capped carbon market prices. Conservative estimates show that \$5 billion in funding annually could reduce deforestation emissions in the year 2020 by over 20 percent; that \$20 billion could reduce them by 50 percent; and \$50 billion could result in a drop of 66 percent. The report investigates factors that could positively or negatively affect this potential and concludes that REDD is the best prospect currently available for reducing greenhouse gas emissions while promoting sustainable development.

► **Brouwer, M. 2008. Amazon Your Business. Second edition. Meindert Brouwer Partner in Communications. Bunnik, The Netherlands. ISBN: 978-90-811942-1-1**

Available in English, Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch through: www.amazonyourbusiness.nl

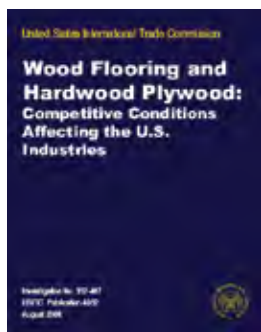


Amazon Your Business is the first guide to sustainable products from the rainforests and rivers of Amazon countries. Countries covered include Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela, all of which are also

ITTO member countries. This second edition was partly sponsored by ITTO and contains an interview with ITTO Executive Director Emmanuel Ze Meka. Following the publication of the first edition in June 2007, a number of entrepreneurs in Europe and in the USA are working to import sustainable Amazon products found within the pages of the book. This book contributes to the international marketing of sustainable products from the Amazon and thus to forest conservation, poverty alleviation and the growth of a sustainable forest economy in the region. It is a valuable source of information on sustainable forest management practiced within the Amazon.

► **United States International Trade Commission. 2008. Wood Flooring and Hardwood Plywood: Competitive Conditions Affecting the U.S. Industries. Investigation No. 332-487, USITC Publication 4032. Washington DC, USA.**

Available in English online at: <http://hotdocs.usitc.gov/docs/pubs/332/pub4032.pdf>

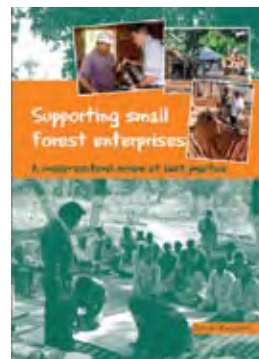


This report responds to a request by the Senate Finance Committee for information on and analysis of the trends and new developments in the global wood flooring and hardwood plywood industries that have affected the competitive position of the U.S. industries in the U.S. market.

The report covers four major areas: (1) an overview of the U.S. market; (2) a description of the U.S. industries and the principal foreign industries supplying the U.S. market; (3) an examination of U.S. trade patterns and the factors affecting trade patterns; and (4) an analysis of the factors affecting the competitive position of U.S. producers and the principal foreign suppliers in the U.S. market.

► **Macqueen, D. 2008. Supporting Small Forest Enterprises. International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). ISBN: 978-1-84369-684-1**

Available in English and French online at <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=13548IIED>

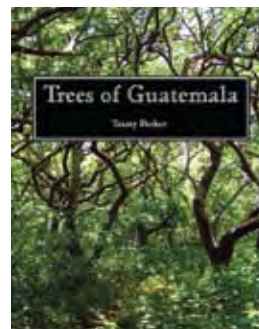


This report reviews the growing consensus on best practice in small enterprise support, both within and outside the forest sector. Small and medium forest enterprises (SMFES), which account for 80-90% of forestry businesses in many developing countries and up to 50% of forest-based

employment, often face a difficult business environment. The report describes how a framework known as 'market system development' unites attempts to strengthen enterprise associations, facilitate better provision of financial and business development services, and improve the business environment for SMFES. It concludes with specific recommendations for support to SMFES at the international and national levels.

► **Parker, T. 2008. Trees of Guatemala. The Tree Press. Texas, USA. ISBN: 978-0-9718739-0-2**

Available in English through: <http://www.thetreepress.com/> or www.amazon.com



The detailed botanical descriptions and illustrations for the 2,300 species and varieties of native and introduced trees covered in this book will be useful to foresters, ecologists, botanists, wildlife biologists, students, tree enthusiasts as well as backyard gardeners. Over 930

detailed pen-and-ink illustrations complement many of the detailed descriptions, including a glossary of botanical terms with illustrations included to clarify the terms used. The mixture of temperate and tropical zones, with cold mountain ranges and hot, tropically influenced lowlands, make Guatemala a country with an extremely diverse range of tree species. This book is an essential reference for anyone interested in them.