

Recently funded projects

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The projects summarized below were financed in the first half of 2009. In addition to these projects, partial funding totaling almost \$100 000 was provided for activities on community forest enterprises, updating SFM guidelines and outreach from ITTO's 2008-09 Work Program. The Freezailah Fellowship Fund also received \$200 000 in additional funding. A total of almost US\$2.5 million was committed for projects, pre-projects and activities during the period.

Demand and Supply of Tropical Wood Products in China Towards 2020

Project number:	PD 480/07 Rev.2 (M)
Budget:	ITTO: US\$263 420 CAF: US\$147 468 Total: US\$410 888
Implementing agency:	The Institute of Forestry Policy and Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF)

This project is a follow up to ITTO PD 25/96 Rev.2 (M) "China's Consumption of Forest Products and its Demand for them from the International Tropical Forest Products Market by the Year 2010". At present China not only has become the largest importer of tropical logs in the world, but is also a global timber processing center and important exporter of tropical wood products. China plays an increasingly important role in the global processing and trading chain of tropical wood products. With the rapid development of the wood processing industries and housing starts, China's demand for tropical wood products will continue to increase and this will certainly affect the world timber market. Therefore it is of great significance to analyze and forecast future supply and demand of China's tropical wood products. The project will give a complete picture of China's demand and supply of tropical wood products to 2020 through in-depth investigations on productive capacity of tropical wood processors, the end uses of imported tropical logs and consumer's preference, and analysis of regulations and policies related to wood products trade. This project is aimed at providing reliable information on China's tropical forest product markets which could be used as a reference by both tropical log exporting countries in making market strategies and by domestic policy makers.

Sustainable Forest Production and Conservation with Community Participation in the Chepigana Forest Reserve of Darien, Panama

Project number:	PD 482/07 Rev.2 (F)
Budget:	ITTO: US\$470 108 Government of Panama: US\$48 628 ANCON: US\$188 688 Total: US\$707 424
Implementing agency:	National Association for Nature Conservation (ANCON)

This project will promote the sustainable management of the forest resources in the Chepigana Forest Reserve (CFR), with the goal of achieving social, economic and environmental

sustainability in an important part of the corridor that stretches from Punta Patiño Nature Reserve through to Darien National Park. Overall, the proposal envisages determining the volume of sustainable production of tropical timber in the CFR, while critical forest assets are conserved and local quality of life is improved. More specifically, it intends to seek the production and commercialization of timber and non-timber forest products from the CFR on the basis of environmental, economic and social sustainability, while simultaneously increasing conservation of forest values in the Bagre Highland Biological Corridor, which forms an integral part of the CFR. Major outputs include the development of an integrated management plan and other required planning tools for the CFR, the training of locals in forest management and administration of the CFR and its buffer zone and the enhancement of sustainable natural resource management and sustainable development in Barge Highlands Biological Corridor and its buffer zone.

Participatory Rehabilitation and Management Project for Mangroves and Watersheds in the Coastal Area of the Douala/Edéa Wildlife Reserve – "Douala-Edéa Mangrove Project" (Cameroon)

Project number:	PD 492/07 Rev.3 (F)
Budget:	ITTO: US\$676 231 Cam-Eco: US\$154 021 Total: US\$830 252
Implementing agency:	Cameroon Ecology (Cam-Eco)

This project is derived from the implementation of the pre-project PPD 130/06 Rev.1 (F) "Identification of a Project for the Regeneration and Management of Mangrove Forests Surrounding the Douala/Edéa Reserve, Department of Sanaga-Maritime, Cameroon". Mangrove ecosystems in the Douala/Edéa Reserve are under strong extractive pressure from local communities who seek to harvest their much sought after wood, and also because of other inappropriate uses, notably slash-and-burn farming practices, harvesting of fuelwood and production of charcoal, and overexploitation of non-timber forest products. The project objective is to ensure the sustainability of mangrove resources in order to improve the living conditions of surrounding communities. It specifically intends to contribute to the sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems around the Douala-Edéa Wildlife Reserve (RFDE) and associated watersheds. The project's expected outputs are a participatory management scheme for the mangrove

ecosystem in the project area and improved living standards for surrounding communities through the development of a local community economy having a low impact on mangrove ecosystems. Through a dynamic and participatory process involving capacity-building for all stakeholders, the local communities established in and around the RFDE, together with those located in the adjoining watershed areas, will participate in the development of a management master-plan for the mangrove areas surrounding the RFDE. In parallel with this management master-plan development process, a number of pilot income-generating activities (IGAs) will be developed by these communities. IGAs having lesser impact on the mangrove ecosystems will be promoted in order to better involve local forest communities and raise their interest in the conservation of mangrove ecosystems.

Tropical Forest Conservation for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Enhancing Carbon Stocks in Meru Betiri National Park, Indonesia

Project number:	PD 519/08 Rev.1 (F)
Budget:	ITTO: US\$814 590 Government of Indonesia: US\$158 798 Total: US\$973 388
Implementing agency:	Forestry Research and Development Agency (FORDA)

This project is designed to contribute to conservation of tropical forests for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and enhancing forest carbon stocks through enhanced community participation in conservation and sustainable management of the Meru Betiri National Park (MBNP) as an integral part of the larger landscape in which they live. To this end, the project specifically intends to: (1) improve the livelihoods of local communities living inside and in the surrounding area of MBNP through participation in avoiding deforestation, degradation and biodiversity loss; and (2) develop a credible measurable, reportable and verifiable system for monitoring emission reductions from deforestation and forest degradation and enhancing forest carbon stocks in MBNP. Expected outputs of the project include: improved participation of communities in conservation forest management; alternative sources of income to improve the livelihoods of local communities living inside and in the surrounding area of MBNP developed; illegal logging and forest encroachment reduced and reported; capacity in resource base inventory and carbon accounting improved in measurable, reportable and verifiable forms; report on comprehensive baseline data and estimation of emissions reduction and carbon enhancement of the national park prepared; and system for monitoring emission reduction and enhancement of carbon stocks established and validated. The project also seeks to establish Public-Private Partnership(s) to facilitate its goal of conserving tropical forests for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD).

In addition to the above projects funded through the regular project cycle in the first half of 2009, ITTO committed funding totaling over \$150 000 in mid-2009 to the following activity and pre-project through its Thematic Programs on Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Promoting Environmental Services (REDD) and Tropical Forest Law Enforcement and Trade (TFLET). Subsequent issues of the *TFU* will report on projects, pre-projects and activities funded under the Thematic Programs together with those funded through the regular project cycle.

Building a voluntary carbon marketing scheme to promote sustainable forest management

Serial number:	RED-A 004/09
Budget:	ITTO: US\$97 180 Total: US\$97 180
Implementing agency:	ITTO

This proposal from the ITTO Secretariat to the REDDES program focuses on the development of a feasibility study for the establishment of a mechanism within ITTO to capture funds from private sector and other potential contributors to fund voluntary forest related carbon offsetting schemes, including REDD and payment for environmental services (PES) projects. Apart from the feasibility study, the activity will also generate a design and strategy for the implementation of the proposed scheme.

Strengthening the capacity of local communities of Chaiphum Province (Thailand) to manage community forests

Serial number:	TFL-PPD 005/09 Rev.1
Budget:	ITTO: US\$56 970 Government of Thailand: US\$21 708 Total: US\$78 678
Implementing agency:	Bureau of Community Forest Management, Royal Forest Department, Thailand

The Government of Thailand submitted this pre-project to the TFLET program to develop a project proposal aimed at enhancing forest law enforcement and governance and strengthening communities' capacities to use their forests for poverty alleviation in Chaiphum Province. At present, the necessary information for an adequate project design on this theme is lacking. The pre-project will facilitate collection and analysis of baseline information on community forestry in Chaiphum Province and will define clear strategies on how to solve problems inhibiting sound community forestry development. The development objective of the pre-project is to contribute to the sustainable development of rural communities of Chaiphum Province through the promotion of law enforcement, good governance and sustainable management and use of community forests. The specific objective is to develop a comprehensive project proposal aimed at strengthening the capacity of communities of Chaiphum Province to sustainably manage their forests.

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