







Background

Scientists estimate that tropical forests host up to 80% of the total terrestrial biodiversity of the planet. Since approximately 80% of the tropical forests are outside protected areas, it is necessary to promote biodiversity conservation outside protected areas, including in timber production forests. This side event will analyse concrete results of initiatives of ITTO and partners in forest concessions where the ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests are being implemented.

The side event will also report on the results of the International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests, organized by ITTO in Quito, Ecuador in July 2010 with the support of the CBD Secretariat, IUCN and the Government of Ecuador. Conservation and management of more than 10 million hectares of transboundary conservation areas are currently being supported through ITTO projects in the tropics.

Programme

16:30	Welcoming remarks	ITTO
16:35	Panel debate Conservation of biodiversity in timber production forests Practical examples from private companies	 Panelists: Dr. Jeff Sayer, former director of CIFOR, former director of IUCN forest conservation programme, Professor at James Cook University, Australia Mr. IBW Putra, Alas Kusuma, Indonesia Mr. Gerald Steindlegger, WWF Mr. Canecio Munoz, Sinar Mas, Indonesia
17:05	Questions and answers	Moderator: Mr. Eduardo Mansur, ITTO
17:30	Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests	Presentation of the results of the International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests held in Quito, Ecuador, in July 2010 – ITTO / CBD / IUCN. Government of Ecuador (tbc)
17:40	Questions and answers	Moderator: Hwan Ok Ma, ITTO
17:55	Closing remarks	Japan Forest Agency