

Recently funded projects

The projects summarized below were financed in the third quarter of 2010. In addition to these projects, funding was also recently provided for several projects under the Community Forest Management and Enterprises (CFME), Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT), and Trade and Market Transparency (TMT) thematic programs. Details of these projects are provided following the regular project listings, with the relevant thematic program indicated in the first three letters of the project number (ie, "CFM" = CFME; "TFL" = FLEGT; see [www.ito.int](http://www.itto.int) for more details of the thematic programs). Funds were also pledged during the first half of the year for capacity building for implementing CITES for tropical timber species and for a workshop on trans-boundary conservation areas under ITTO's 2010-11 Work Program. The US\$1.4 million committed for approved projects, pre-projects and activities during the period, combined with the \$2.6 million in grants under the thematic programs (plus \$5.2 million allocated earlier in 2010) gives a total of US\$9.2 million in ITTO support pledged to member countries in the first three quarters of 2010.

Achieving sustainable management of mangrove forests in China through local capacity building and community development

Serial number: PD 460/07 Rev.2 (F) – Phase II

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$155,585
Government of China: US\$90,112
Total: US\$245,697

Implementing agencies: Beijing Forestry University in collaboration with Fujian Zhangjiakou Mangrove Nature Reserve

Summary

This project aims to contribute to the sustainable management of mangroves in China through local capacity building and community development. Its specific objectives are: i) to enhance capacity of the local forestry institutions in mangrove management; and ii) to reduce community reliance on mangrove resources as a source of income by introducing suitable income generating activities.

Capacity building for CDM-Forestry in the framework of SFM emphasizing community forests and poverty alleviation in Ghana

Serial number: PD 450/07 Rev.2 (EI)

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$402,516
Government of Ghana: US\$110,039 In kind
Michigan Technological University: US\$94,500
SAMARTEX: US\$59,200 In kind
Total: US\$666,255

Implementing agency: Forestry Research Institute of Ghana (FORIG)

Summary

The project intends to develop the capacity for CDM-Forestry in Ghana via a community rehabilitation of Ghana's degraded forests targeted at poverty alleviation in conjunction with sustainable forest management (SFM), and by involving the private sector and native communities. The specific objective of the project is to improve capacity for CDM-Forestry in Ghana via a community forest targeted at poverty alleviation in conjunction with SFM.

Thematic programs

Strengthening capacity of stakeholders for the development of community-based plantation forest at three selected areas in Indonesia

Serial number: CFM-PD 001/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$468,283
Government of Indonesia: US\$88,560
Total: US\$556,843

Implementing agency: Directorate of Plantation Forest Development, Directorate General of Production Forest Development

Summary

The government of Indonesia has initiated new policies and legislation allowing local communities to be actively involved in forest management especially in the state production forest. Community-based plantation forest (CBPF, launched in 2007) is offered as a priority program in Indonesia to achieve SFM. Constraints to the development of HTR include limited managerial and technical capacity. The project will improve the knowledge and skills of CBPF owners in managing their forest. It will enhance the capacity of communities to plan, utilize, monitor, manage and market their forest resources, which is critical to reduce illegal logging and associated trade. Expected outputs of the project include: 1) Improved capacity of community groups in developing community based plantation forest (CBPF) management plan and in forest cultivation; 2) Increased number of facilitators and technical persons in the field of forestry at the district level, provincial and central to guide the community in managing their plantation forest; 3) Improved market access for forest products from CBPF and other plantation business.

Increasing access to markets and capital for teak plantation smallholders in Thailand

Serial number: CFM-PPD 005/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$28,800
Government of Thailand: US\$22,800
Total: US\$51,600

Implementing agency: Forest Resource Management Office 3 (Lampang), Royal Forest Department of Thailand

Summary

Smallholder tree plantations are contributing significantly to income generation in rural households. Many countries have developed policies and regulations to establish such plantations, involving in many cases various forms of government subsidy schemes. However, there are still considerable barriers in government legislation to create a supportive environment for enabling smallholder access to markets. The main objective of this pre-project is development of a full proposal to improve both the quality and quantity of the supply base for high value timber plantations, at the same time increasing income and contributing to poverty reduction through smallholder forestry in rural areas of Thailand.

Enabling customary landowners to participate effectively in CFM and REDD schemes within four pilot areas of PNG

Serial number: CFM-PPD 006/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$116,588
Government of PNG: US\$25,000
Total: US\$141,588

Implementing agency: PNG Forest Authority

Summary

The pre-project proposal is a direct outcome of the PNG Forestry and Climate Change Policy Framework for Action, highlighting the need for engaging customary landowners at the local level and enhancing the capacity of government institutions at the national level. Forest communities in the four pilot areas are dependent upon forest products and services for subsistence and commercial purposes. The pre-project will enable the PNG Forest Authority to formulate a full project proposal to support CFM and REDD schemes in PNG through the establishment of a model platform for collecting and managing data and other information related to customary land ownership and forest quality. The pre-project will enable participating communities, the PNG Forest Authority and other stakeholders to systematically gather and consolidate forest and land tenure information using a single platform to jointly address the interrelated challenges of CFM and REDD.

Enrichment of young forest plantations with selected NTFPs for livelihood improvement and support of forest fringe communities in Atwima Mponua District of Ghana, in order to secure and protect the resources on a sustainable forest management basis

Serial number: CFM-PPD 007/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$149,000
Government of Ghana: US\$137,000
Total: US\$286,000

Implementing agency: Rural Development and Youth Association (RUDEYA)

Summary

The development goal of this pre-project is to establish sustainable Community Forest Management and Enterprises (CFME) to reduce rural poverty through improved livelihood options, reduced land degradation, and soil fertility management in a young reforestation area in the Atwima Mponua District of Ghana. The project will use a participatory approach to initiate and establish pilot forest enterprises for short to long-term management of young forest plantations for 150 farmers using beekeeping, grains of paradise and black pepper. It is envisaged that at the end of the pre-project business management groups are established and the 150 forest dwellers will have agreed legal rights to the land and forest resource they are managing. This will help improve community participation in sustainable forest management, enhance livelihoods, promote community based forest enterprises and reduce poverty among taungya farmers and forest communities.

International conference on forest tenure, governance and small and medium forest enterprises with focus on Asia-Pacific

Serial number: CFM-PA 009/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$242,950
Total: US\$242,950

Implementing agency: ITTO Secretariat

Summary

The Activity focuses on Activities 32 and 47 of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2010-2011 approved by the 45th Session of the ITTC (Decision 2/XLV), requiring ITTO to organize an international conference on forest tenure, governance and small and medium forest enterprises with focus on the Asia-Pacific region. The Activity will also develop a global study on gender in relation to tropical forests, to assess the status of gender equity in forest ownership and forest enterprises in the tropics. The Conference will complete a series of similar conferences organized by ITTO and partners with previous focus on Latin America (Brazil, 2007) and Africa (Cameroon, 2009).

Developing collaborative management of Cibodas Biosphere Reserve, West Java Indonesia

Serial number: TFL-PD 019/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$496,670
Government of Indonesia: US\$94,608
Total: US\$591,278

Implementing agency: Balai Besar Taman Nasional Gunung Gede Pangrango Mountain Gede Pangrango National Park, Directorate General Forest Protection and Natural Conservation

Summary

The project will support the implementation of a collaborative management activity as the key tool for the effective management of the Cibodas Biosphere Reserve. The specific objective of the project is to strengthen forest law enforcement and governance, conservation, and the sustainable use of biodiversity and environmental services rendered by the Cibodas Biosphere Reserve. The expected outputs of the project are: 1) increased stakeholder commitment to the effective management of the Cibodas Biosphere Reserve; 2) development of an integrated management plan for the Cibodas Biosphere Reserve; and 3) enhanced community awareness on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and environmental services, and on forest law enforcement and governance.

Equipping small and medium sized enterprises in China for procurement of tropical timber from legal and sustainably managed forests

Serial number: TFL-PD 017/09 Rev.1

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$322,056
Government of China: US\$112,820
Industry Association (China): US\$70,160
Total: US\$505,036

Implementing agency: The Institute of Forestry Policy and Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF)

Summary

Small and medium sized wood processing enterprises (SMFES) in China play a vital role in the domestic and international markets for processing wood products as they account for around 90% of the total output value of China's timber enterprises. The project will provide the means for SMFES to become equipped for procurement of timber from legal and sustainably

managed tropical forests. SMFES in Zhangjiagang in Jiangsu Province, Huzhou and Jiashan in the Zhejiang province and in Shanghai will be surveyed to assess the status of their procurement management. Training and advice will be delivered to enterprises along with information (via a technical bulletin) on marketing, trade, procurement and corporate social responsibility. Policy suggestions will be made and selected SMFES will be guided through COC certification. A web-based platform for better communication between SMFES, government and other stakeholders will be established.

Development and implementation of a species identification and timber tracking system with DNA fingerprints and stable isotopes in Africa

Serial number: TFL-PPD 023/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$89,437.50
Government of Germany: US\$89,437.50
vTI: US\$21,000
Total: US\$199,875

Implementing agency: Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute (vTI), Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries

Summary

Based on experiences from pilot-studies in Cameroon and Latin-America the pre-project will develop a full project proposal on 'Development and implementation of a species identification and timber tracking system in Africa with DNA fingerprints and stable isotopes' with regional focus on the timber producing countries Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo Dem. Rep, Congo Rep, Gabon, Ghana, and Kenya as an important timber transit country. The pre-project will (a) define the role and contribution of collaborating agencies; (b) seek support and agreements with the governments of African countries involved in the project; (c) draw conclusions from former pilot studies to define the technical work plan; (d) identify the stakeholders and define their roles in the full project; and (f) seek additional financial support for the full project. Expected outputs of the full project to be developed include (a) a timber tracking system with DNA and stable isotopes working for 5 important timber species in Africa; (b) reference databases on genetic and isotopic spatial patterns ready for control uses; and (c) facilities for DNA-fingerprinting and stable isotopes with trained staff in timber producer and timber consumer countries.

Improvement of forest law enforcement at the national level to promote forest governance in Guatemala

Serial number: TFL-PD 024/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$543,899
Government of Guatemala: US\$200,880
IUCN: US\$40,200
Total: US\$784,979

Implementing agency: National Institute of Forests (INAB)

Summary

The project will improve the effective implementation of sustainable forest management plans in Guatemala, through strengthening the capacity of forest institutions to enforce the forest management legislation and relevant regulations, as well as through the provision of better services and instruments for the promotion of sustainable forest management. It will strengthen the capacity of INAB to control forest law enforcement through improvement of observation systems and inter-institutional coordination at the national, regional and local levels. The project will increase the involvement of civil society, institutions and local governments in the implementation of activities aimed at strengthening actions to reduce illegal activities and ensure compliance with current forest laws and regulations, among other activities focused on improving forest governance.

Improving resilience of the tropical timber sector to the impacts of global and regional economic and financial crises

Serial number: TMT-SPD 002/10

Budget: ITTO Contribution: US\$150,000
Total: US\$150,000

Implementing agency: ITTO Secretariat

Summary

The proposal is a response towards the lack of resilience of the tropical forestry sector to the impacts of the recent global financial and economic crisis. It will particularly address the concern of itto producer member countries that detailed analyses of the impacts of the crisis and policy responses are required to enable them to be better prepared for future economic and financial downturns. In addition, the study will address the concern of itto consumer member countries that the analyses will improve the understanding of the underlying factors impacting demand for tropical wood products in consumer markets. The proposal focuses on increasing the resilience of the tropical timber sector to the threats arising from global economic and financial shocks by increasing the capacity of itto producer member countries to manage, adapt, recover from and anticipate such crises. The study will develop a knowledge base for informed decision-making at international, regional and national levels on strategies for minimizing the risks to the tropical timber sector from global economic and financial shocks.

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