



REDD+ and tropical forests







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ITTO Mandate



To promote sustainable development through trade, conservation and bestpractice management of tropical forests



Means of achievement = sustainable forest management (SFM)



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What does SFM provide?

- Long-term supply of timber products
- Long-term supply of non-timber products
- Long-term supply of forest services (biodiversity, soil and water, socio-economic, etc.)
- Climate change mitigation benefits
- Climate change adaptation benefits







Issues for tropical countries

- What do SFM activities (eg establishment of PFE, RIL, pre-/post-harvest inventories, worker training, improving governance and controls) contribute to climate change mitigation/ adaptation?
- Need to involve/engage with private sector since 90% of tropical forest outside protected areas

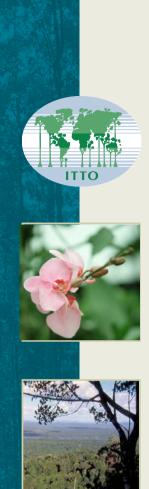
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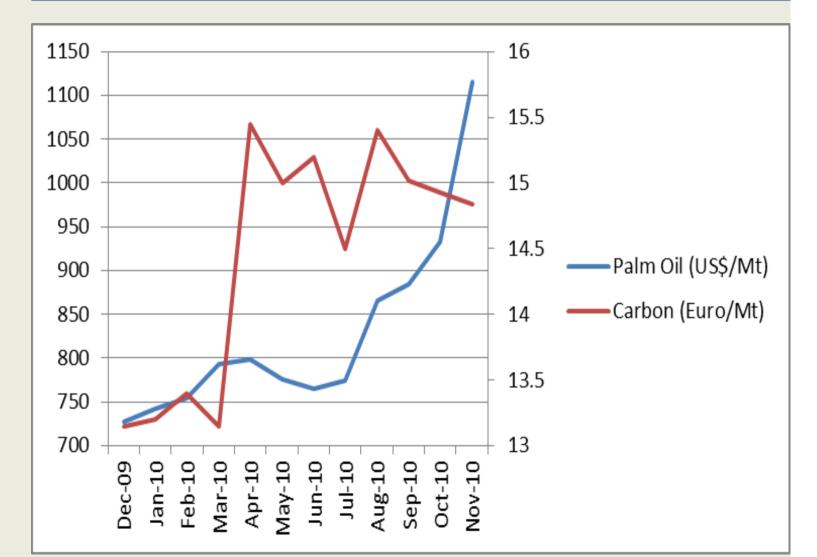




- Political will and governance structures
 often a barrier to SFM
- Willingness to pay for SFM has also been low, both domestically and internationally
- REDD+ will hopefully change that if funds generated can compete with alternative land uses



The competition



Sources: IMF and Point Carbon







The competition (cont.)

- IPCC default value for tropical wet forest = 200 tC/ha → about 3000 euro per hectare maximum gross carbon benefit; periodicity?
- Oil palm yields 4-8 t/ha/year (improved strains can produce much more); assuming 6 t/ha → over \$6000/ha/year
- Oil palm (and other agro-crops) also making case for carbon benefits
 - Conclusion: if we want to maintain natural tropical forests, we need revenues from all non-destructive uses including sustainable timber → engagement with private sector essential









ITTO's initiatives

- Already working with private sector (7&i; Marubeni; others to come)
- Establishing baselines and data from extensive ITTO project portfolio on contribution of accepted SFM practises to reducing GHG emissions
- Plans to study carbon sequestration by finished tropical wood products (some tropical wood products can last hundreds of years)
- REDDES Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services in Tropical Forests

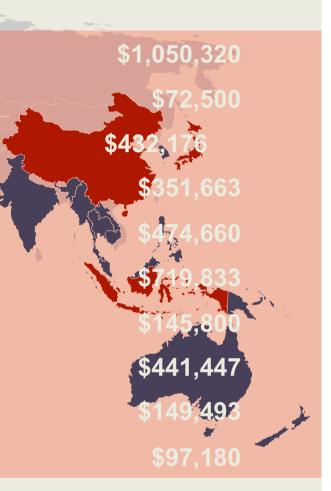
REDDES projects underway





REDDES project details

- Monitoring Pan-Amazonian forest (Brazil)
- Social processes for SFM (Guatemala)
- Resources assessment & monitoring (Guyana
- Communities and PES (Peru)
- Carbon stock inventory (Dem Rep Congo)
- Collaborative management for REDD (Ghana)
- PES in degraded/secondary forests (China)
- SFM to enhance carbon stocks (Indonesia)
- REDD in south Sumatra peatland (Indonesia)
- Voluntary carbon marketing scheme (ITTO)





Total allocation to date: USD 4 million

REDDES Budget













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