

**INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL (ITTC)  
FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION  
14-19 November 2011, La Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala**

**FIELD VISIT TO COMMUNITY FOREST AND LAKE ATITLAN  
(SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2011)**

**BRIEF INFORMATION**

A field excursion will be organized for participants to the Forty-seventh Session of the ITTC on Sunday, 20 November 2011. This field excursion will cover the following:

**(a) Visit to Corazon del Bosque (Forest) Community**

The Corazon del Bosque Park is situated at kilometre 145 of the Western Highway in the El Novillero Village of the Department of Solola, the Corazon del Bosque Park, managed by the Guadalupeana Association. The park is located in the upper part of the multiple-use area in the Lake Atitlan Basin and it is a showcase of how the communities of Guatemala are striving to create a culture aimed at the protection and conservation of the environment through the promotion of environmental education and the implementation of environmental projects. Furthermore, the Association is one of the grassroots communities that make up the National Alliance of Community Forest Organizations, which seeks to strengthen community forestry in Guatemala.

At the park, participants will have the opportunity to explore the community forest and see first-hand how forest resources are managed to promote their conservation through the implementation of sustainable forestry projects to generate employment and thus provide sustainable livelihoods for the communities. Similarly, information will be provided on the work that community organizations have undertaken within the framework of national forest activities.

**(b) Visit to Lake Atitlán and the nearby villages of Panajachel and Sololá**

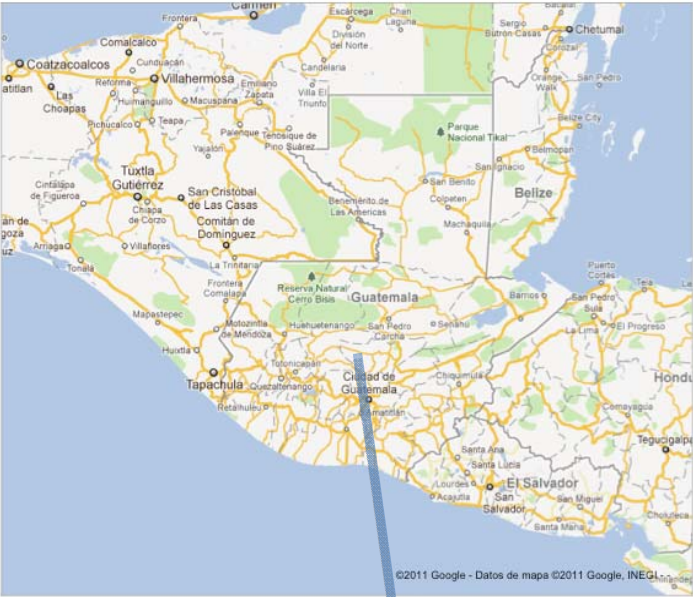
Lake Atitlán Basin is an important protected area of the country. The lake is shaped by three volcanoes on its southern flank: Atitlan (3,537 m.a.s.l.), Toliman (3,158 m.a.s.l.) and San Pedro (3,020 m.a.s.l.). It is located at an altitude of 1,560 meters above sea level and is 18 kilometres long. The depth of the lake varies and is unknown in many parts; however, it has been depth-sounded at more than 350 meters in some spots.

**PROGRAMME**

- 6:30 a.m. Bus departs from Porta Hotel Antigua  
*\*\* The trip will take approximately two and a half hours travelling towards the west of the country. It is recommended that participants have breakfast before departure.*
- 9.00 – 12.00 Visit Community Forest at Corazon del Bosque Park  
*\*\* Refreshments will be provided towards the end of the visit to the park  
\*\* The bus will depart the Park at 12.00 h. for the second part of the field visit to Lake Atitlán.*
- 13.00 – 17.00 Visit Lake Atitlán and nearby villages of Panajachel and Sololá  
*\*\* Lunch will be provided at this point, where participants will be able to enjoy the scenic beauty of the lake and purchase typical arts and crafts from Guatemala.*

Participants who wish to join this field excursion are requested to complete the Registration Form at the Reception area (in front of the Plenary Hall – Landivar). Registration for the trip must be submitted before 16.00 h. on Wednesday, 16 November 2011.

Map of Guatemala



Site of the Field Visit

