



FORTY-SECOND SESSION
7 – 12 May 2007
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

DECISION 3 (XLII)

**MULTIPURPOSE FOREST INVENTORY AS A TOOL
FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 2(XXIX), which indicates the full commitment of the Council to move as rapidly as possible to achieve ITTO's Objective 2000;

Recognizing that the broader issues around multipurpose forest inventories, and the fundamental importance of accurate and reliable data, are of great interest to many Members;

Further recognizing the resource intensive nature of forest inventory and the importance of thorough planning and preparation prior to execution of such inventories;

Noting that an accurate and up-to-date multipurpose forest inventory is essential to securing sustainable forest management in the wider context of improved governance and the capture of environmental service values in addition to securing a sustainable timber supply and up-to-date information on the status of high value species;

Further noting the ongoing dialogue on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from deforestation and degradation of forests in the context of climate change;

Recognizing the valuable information and expertise available in FAO;

Welcoming the recent Report of the Diagnostic Mission, which recommends that Papua New Guinea undertake prioritized actions towards achieving sustainable management of its tropical forest;

Noting that updated, wide-ranging forest inventory information has been identified by the ITTO Diagnostic Mission to Papua New Guinea as the most urgent priority;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to engage two consultants to review and synthesize relevant international experience on and latest practices for multipurpose forest inventory (*inter alia* timber, NTFPs, carbon, socio-economic and livelihood issues), including utilizing the situation in Papua New Guinea as a case study, as detailed in the annex;
2. Further request the Executive Director to provide for reporting of the outputs from these activities, if possible, at the Forty-third Session of Council in Yokohama in November 2007.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to seek from Member countries voluntary contributions not exceeding US\$105,000.00 to meet the expenses related to the afore-mentioned activities.

ANNEX

A. Terms of Reference for the Consultants on the review of practices

Through contact with organisations such as FAO, as well as interested Members:

- Identify the implications for inventory design and implementation of the information needs of policymakers and stakeholders for forest uses over and above timber harvesting, including:
 - rates of deforestation and degradation of forests;
 - the utilization of inventories in promoting improved and transparent forest governance;
 - strategic inventories on high value and/or endangered species; and
 - the requirements for accessing new and additional sources of funding, such as those potentially available for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from deforestation and degradation of forests in the context of climate change.

B. Terms of Reference for the Consultants on the Papua New Guinea case study

In close cooperation with the relevant authorities in Papua New Guinea and with key stakeholders and actors relevant to the sector:

- Analyze and summarise the forest information base currently available in Papua New Guinea on forest cover, growing stock, regeneration and forest disturbance patterns;
- Identify and define the criteria for the areas to be included in the inventory and the values to be inventoried;
- Consult with stakeholders to identify ownership, tenure and access issues related to forest inventory;
- Prepare a plan of action, including a budget, for a multipurpose inventory in Papua New Guinea, taking account of the findings on international experience, stakeholder views identified, skills availability and the scope for capacity building;
- Consider a range of alternative inventory design options in the plan of action and their implications in terms of skills, cost and effectiveness for different users;
- Present the plan of action in a format that can be readily disaggregated into discrete sub-components for funding by a range of donors and others;
- Work with two assigned local counterpart consultants during the whole period in Papua New Guinea as an aid to skills transfer and capacity building;
- Facilitate jointly a multi-stakeholder workshop to discuss findings and refine the plan of action.

Indicative Budget

Element	Unit Cost	No of Units	Cost	Cost by category
<u>Fees</u>				40,000
Two International consultants, two months each	10,000	4	40,000	
<u>Travel</u>				21,400
International airfares (PNG, Japan)	5,800	3	17,400	
Airfares in country			4,000	
<u>Subsistence</u>				13,200
DSA	220	60	13,200	
<u>Other Items</u>				20,000
Local consultant months	5,000	2	10,000	
Workshop costs			10,000	
Sub-total			94,600	94,600
Administrative costs (11%)			10,400	10,400
Total			105,000	105,000

This indicative budget assumes that the Government of Papua New Guinea will provide office accommodation, administrative and logistical support for the consultants during their time in the country and meet the costs of surface transport.

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