

# Recently funded projects

Full or partial funding for the following new projects was announced at the 48th session of the International Tropical Timber Council in 2012. Several projects were also funded in 2012 through ITTO's Thematic Programmes; these are listed at the end of this section. Donors also supported activities under ITTO's Biennial Work Programme in 2012, including significant new contributions to the ITTO-CITES Programme. Total funding for ITTO's projects, programmes and activities in 2012 came to US\$9 million. More information on projects and activities funded by ITTO is available from the ITTO Secretariat ([itto@itto.int](mailto:itto@itto.int)) or on [www.itto.int](http://www.itto.int).

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## **Building the capacities of forestry training institutions members of the Network of Central African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions (RIFFEAC) for providing SFM training for forest concessions - Capacity building for sustainable management of tropical rainforests and biodiversity conservation in the ITTO Congo basin countries**

**Project number:** PD 456/07 Rev.4 (F)

### **Budget:**

ITTO - US\$4,408,557  
Japan - US\$3,523,645  
Switzerland - US\$270,000  
Belgium - US\$97,037  
Outstanding balance - US\$517,875  
RIFFEAC Training Institutions - US\$110,300  
**Total - US\$4,518,857**

**Implementing agency:** RIFFEAC Secretariat

This project will contribute to building human resources capacities required to achieve sustainable forest ecosystem management in the Congo basin by reconciling social economic imperatives and the maintenance of ecological balances. The project specifically intends to build the capacities of environmental and forestry training institutions in Central Africa under the aegis of the regional organization RIFFEAC to ensure they are capable to train qualified personnel to implement sustainable forest management, while ensuring biodiversity conservation in the Congo Basin. This project was funded as part of ITTO's collaborative program with CBD.

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## **Improving forest functions in Bengkulu Province (Indonesia) through community participation in rehabilitation of degraded forest by using local prospective commodities**

**Project number:** PD 477/07 Rev.4 (F)

### **Budget:**

ITTO - US\$338,256  
Japan - US\$338,256  
Government of Indonesia - US\$92,168 (in kind)  
**Total - US\$430,424**

**Implementing agency:** Forestry Service of Bengkulu Province

The project aims to contribute to the sustainable management of tropical forests in Indonesia's Bengkulu province through rehabilitation of degraded forest lands with promising indigenous species. Rehabilitation activities will be carried out by local communities in the project site. The specific objectives of the project are: (i) to implement suitable technology for the production of high quality planting materials of locally adapted species for plantations; and (ii) to improve stakeholder involvement in forest management and community development through successful plantations of local indigenous species.

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## **Establishing a Geographic Information System for the Sustainable Management of the Forest Areas of Togo**

**Project number:** PD 581/10 Rev.2 (F)

### **Budget:**

ITTO - US\$345,840  
Japan - US\$345,840  
Government of Togo - US\$219,683  
**Total - US\$565,523**

**Implementing agency:** Office of Forest Development and Exploitation (ODEF)

This project aims to contribute to the optimization of forestry potential and sustainable management of forest areas in Togo. It specifically intends to improve the management of forest geo-spatial information. Expected outputs are: collection and processing of forest sector data based on the use of modern equipment and methodology; stakeholders trained in the use of forestry GIS; and a system of decentralized geo-spatial information management for forests.

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## **Promoting biodiversity conservation in Betung Kerihun National Park (BKNP) as the trans-boundary ecosystem between Indonesia and State of Sarawak Malaysia (Phase III)**

**Project number:** PD 617/11 Rev.3 (F)

### **Budget:**

ITTO - US\$1,283,191  
Switzerland - US\$503,486  
Japan - US\$434,661  
USA - US\$3,412  
Outstanding balance - US\$341,632  
Government of Indonesia - US\$224,920  
**Total - US\$1,508,111**

**Implementing agency:** Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation (PHKA), Ministry of Forestry (MOF), Indonesia

The main objective of the project is to promote the sustainable conservation and management of the Betung Kerihun National Park (BKNP), which was established in 1992 through Ministerial Decree and was enlarged to 800 000 ha, in the context of trans-boundary ecosystem management between Indonesia and Malaysia (Sarawak). The project builds on the outcomes of ITTO Project PD 26/93 Rev.1 (F) "Development of Betung Kerihun Nature Reserve as a national park, Phase I" and PD 44/00 Rev.3 (F) "Implementation of a community-based trans-boundary management plan for the Betung Kerihun National Park, West Kalimantan, Indonesia, Phase II".

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## **Traceability of Timber Produced by Forest Concessions and Native Communities in Madre de Dios and Ucayali**

**Project number:** PD 621/11 Rev.3 (M)

### **Budget:**

ITTO - US\$349,032  
Japan (Forestry Agency) - US\$200,000  
USA - US\$149,032  
CNF - US\$278,125  
**Total - US\$627,157**

**Implementing agency:** National Forestry Chamber (CNF)

This project is an output of pre-project PPD 138/07 Rev.1 (M) "Verifying the legality of timber forest products in Peru". It will be implemented involving small and medium timber producing enterprises (SMEs), including native communities and forest concessions in Madre de Dios and Ucayali, as well as timber processing and marketing SMEs located in these two regions as well as in Lima and Arequipa. It will promote the use of timber sourced from forests under sustainable management, with the aim of enhancing the transparency of timber marketing and improving forest governance in the Peruvian Amazon region through the participation of indigenous peoples and SMEs as key stakeholders in the conservation of forests.

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## **Development of guidelines for buffer zone management for Pulong Tau National Park and Involvement of Local Communities in management, Sarawak, Malaysia**

**Project number:** PD 635/12 Rev.2 (F)

### **Budget:**

ITTO - US\$517,450  
Japan - US\$242,690  
Switzerland - US\$224,760  
Japan Lumber Importers' Association (JLIA) - US\$50,000  
Government of Malaysia - US\$904,475  
**Total - US\$1,421,925**

**Implementing agency:** Sarawak Forest Department

This project will facilitate the establishment of 6000 ha of buffer zones in Sarawak's Pulong Tau national park (where management was strengthened under a previous ITTO project), and

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will secure a forest base to meet local communities' needs. It will study the multiple functions of buffer zones for environmental services like watershed protection, biodiversity conservation and research, and communal use. Guidelines for buffer zone management will be developed and submitted to the government for consideration. The project's outputs and activities will involve baseline surveys to determine the buffer zone's resources for integrated management, assessing local subsistence needs and how the buffer zone will be able to meet these needs.

### **Sustainable, mixed and pure forest plantation development in the transitional zone of Ghana's Biakoye district assembly, employing poverty reduction strategies**

**Project number:** PD 653/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$245,272  
Japan - US\$245,272  
Government of Ghana - US\$78,816

**Total - US\$324,088**

**Implementing agency:** PICODEV Ghana, in collaboration with Biakoye District Assembly, Nkonya-Ahenkro. Volta Region

This multi-dimensional project intends to contribute to sustained socio-economic development and environmental protection in the Biakoye area in Ghana's Volta Region. Its specific objective is to initiate a participatory poverty alleviation approach (innovative value added cassava processing and sale) to bring about sustainable forest enrichment and plantation development using tropical timber species of mixed stands and exotic teak (for timber and poles) and *Cassia siamea* (for fuelwood) in pure stands at selected sites in the Biakoye District Assembly area.

### **Integrated management of natural resources and biodiversity in the Tacaná volcano and its range of influence in Mexico and Guatemala**

**Project number:** PD 668/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$641,639  
Japan - US\$441,639  
USA - US\$200,000  
Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (HSI) - US\$67,697  
Municipalities (in kind) - US\$26,560  
Forest Agencies (CONAFOR, CONANP, CONAP and INAB; in kind) - US\$213,596

**Total - US\$949,492**

**Implementing agency:** Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (HSI)

The objective of the project is to contribute to improving living standards for 28 000 people in Guatemala and Mexico, based on the conservation and sustainable use of local natural resources. More specifically, it will launch a participatory process for natural resource and biodiversity management, conservation and use in the range of influence of the Tacaná volcano in Guatemala and Mexico.

### **Establishment of a National Forest Statistics Information Management System in Benin**

**Project number:** PD 678/12 Rev.1 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$398,704  
Japan - US\$388,704  
Sweden - US\$10,000  
Government of Benin - US\$119,129

**Total - US\$517,833**

**Implementing agency:** General Directory for Forest and Natural Resources (DGRFN)

This project aims to establish a national information and statistics management system for the sustainable management of forest resources in Benin. It will be implemented in a participatory way focusing on: (i) establishing a mechanism for consultation and coordination of the different structures for the collection and management of forestry statistics; (ii) developing and implementing reliable methods for collecting data; and (iii) establishing a modern and functional forest statistics management system. In implementing the project, particular emphasis will be placed on awareness-raising and capacity building for all stakeholders.

### **Study for the rehabilitation and sustainable management of sacred forests on RAMSAR sites 1017 and 1018 in Benin**

**Project number:** PPD 165/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$79,380  
USA - US\$39,380  
Japan - US\$20,000  
Rep. Korea - US\$20,000  
Benin (Ce.Sa.Re.N - NGO) - US\$17,600

**Total - US\$96,980**

**Implementing agency:** Ce.Sa.Re.N - NGO

Ramsar sites 1017 and 1018 in Benin are dotted with pockets of sacred forests with very rich biodiversity, representing a natural heritage of great value from their multiple biological, ecological and socio-economic functions. These forests are important for biodiversity conservation and play a crucial role in the lives of local people, but are subject to severe degradation that threatens the entire ecosystem and therefore the livelihoods of local people. This pre-project aims to gather the necessary information and data required for the preparation of a project dealing with the rehabilitation and sustainable management of these sacred forests.

## Thematic programmes

The following projects were financed during 2012 under ITTO's thematic programmes on Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services in Tropical Forests (REDDES), Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (TFLET) and Trade and Market Transparency (TMT). For summaries of these projects see: [http://www.itto.int/thematic\\_programme\\_general/](http://www.itto.int/thematic_programme_general/).

**REDDES (Total - US\$815,156)**

### **Identification of a project on gender mainstreaming in the development of actions to control deforestation and forest degradation to improve the well-being of communities dependent on forests and other ecosystems in Central and West Africa**

**Project number:** RED-PPD 074/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$101,117  
Cameroon - US\$25,622

**Total - US\$126,739**

**Implementing agency:** African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests (REFACOF)

### **Demonstration, investigation and assessment of typical forest ecotourism resources in Hainan province, China**

**Project number:** RED-SPD 075/12 Rev.1 (F)

ITTO - US\$145,800  
China - US\$53,200

**Total - US\$199,000**

**Implementing agency:** Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF)

### **Rehabilitation of degraded forests for sustainable wood fuel production and climate change mitigation in the forest-savanna transition zone of Ghana**

**Project number:** RED-SPD 077/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$121,662  
Ghana - US\$47,698

**Total - US\$169,360**

**Implementing agency:** Forestry Research Institute of Ghana (FORIG)

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**Strengthening of governance and sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems in Guatemala as a climate change adaptation measure**

**Project number:** RED-SPD 079/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$146,751  
Guatemala - US\$68,472  
**Total - US\$215,223**

**Implementing agency:** National Forest Institute (INAB)

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**Improving efficacy of forestry policies and activities in Liberia through REDD+ demonstration projects**

**Project number:** RED-SPD 084/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$149,922  
Liberia - US\$158,796  
**Total - US\$308,718**

**Implementing agencies:** Forest Development Authority and Flora and Fauna International

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**Reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the Natchambonga and Djiyega community forests by promoting participatory forestry (Togo)**

**Project number:** RED-SPD 092/12 Rev.1 (F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$149,904  
Togo - US\$140,473  
**Total - US\$290,377**

**Implementing agency:** Water and Forest Authority

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**Advancing REDD+ in Ghana: Preparation of REDD+ pilot schemes in off-reserve forests and agroforests**

**Project number:** RED-PD 093/12 Rev.1(F)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$297,205  
Ghana - US\$69,749  
**Total - US\$366,954**

**Implementing agency:** Ghanaian National REDD+ Secretariat

**TFLET (Total - US\$416,878)**

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**Empowering civil society organizations and other non-state actors to effectively contribute to forest law compliance in Ghana**

**Project number:** TFL-SPD 028/12 Rev.1 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$147,701  
Ghana - US\$40,755  
**Total - US\$188,456**

**Implementing agency:** WWF West Africa Forest Programme

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**Marketing of timber from legal and sustainable sources by indigenous communities in Ucayali, Peru for the fair trade market**

**Project number:** TFL-SPD 029/12 Rev.1 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$137,941  
Peru - US\$92,350  
**Total - US\$230,291**

**Implementing agency:** Association for Integrated Research and Development (AIDER)

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**Improved governance and implementation of transparent negotiation mechanisms for indigenous community forestry in Atalaya (Ucayali), Peru**

**Project number:** TFL-SPD 030/12 Rev.1 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$131,236  
Peru - US\$60,027  
**Total - US\$191,263**

**Implementing agency:** Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (HSI)

**TMT (Total - US\$538,960)**

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**Preparation of the publication “Atlas of tropical timber species – 1st Edition: Technological characteristics and uses of 273 tropical timber species (and 17 temperate species)”**

**Project number:** TMT-SPD 010/12 Rev.1 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$ 138,033 (through ITTO-CITES Programme)  
France - US\$135,756  
**Total - US\$273,789**

**Implementing agency:** Center for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development (CIRAD)

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**Adaptation and application at the national scale of Trace Bois-Gabon (Gabon timber tracking) for the collection and processing of forest and timber statistics in Gabon**

**Project number:** TMT-SPD 011/12 Rev.2 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$138,996  
Gabon - US\$273,000  
**Total - US\$411,996**

**Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Water and Forest Resources, Central Division of Information Systems

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**Improving intra-African trade and market transparency in timber and timber products**

**Project number:** TMT-SPD 012/12 Rev.1 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$111,931 (through ITTO-CITES Programme)  
Ghana - US\$38,065  
**Total - US\$149,996**

**Implementing agency:** Ghana Timber Millers' Organization (GTMO)

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**Analysis of the economic impact of governmental procurement policies on tropical timber markets**

**Project number:** TMT-SPD 013/12 Rev.1 (M)

**Budget:**

ITTO - US\$150,000  
**Total - US\$150,000**

**Implementing agency:** ITTO

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