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ITTO's Experience in Promoting SFM in the Tropics



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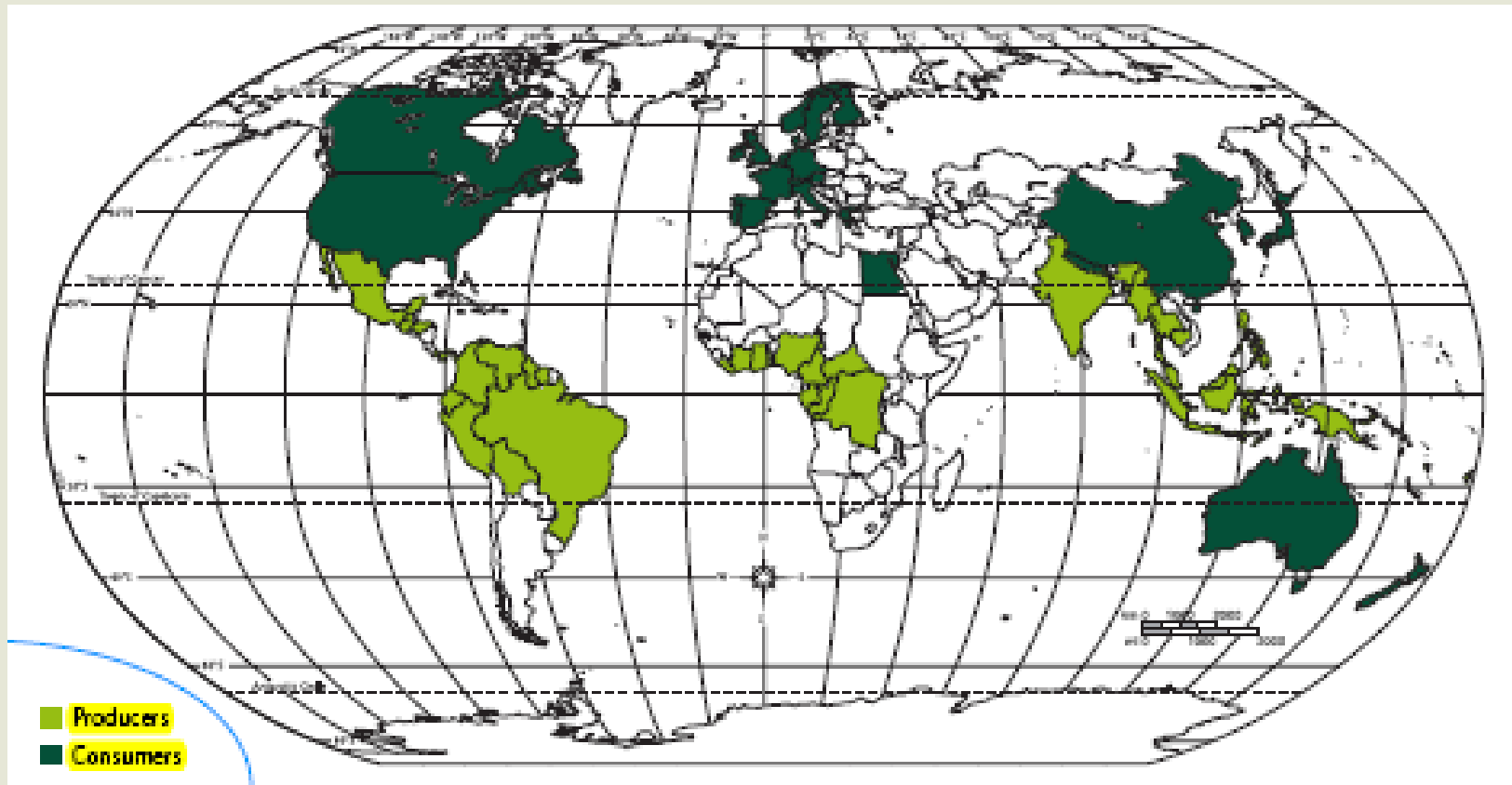


- an intergovernmental organization created by the ITTA (1983) in 1986
- has a small secretariat of about 40 people based in Yokohama, Japan
- is governed by the ITTC and Associated Technical Committees





ITTO members (60)



- ▶ 80% of the world's tropical forests
- ▶ 90% of the world's tropical timber trade

The ITTO mandate



Promoting sustainable development through trade, conservation and best-practice forest management



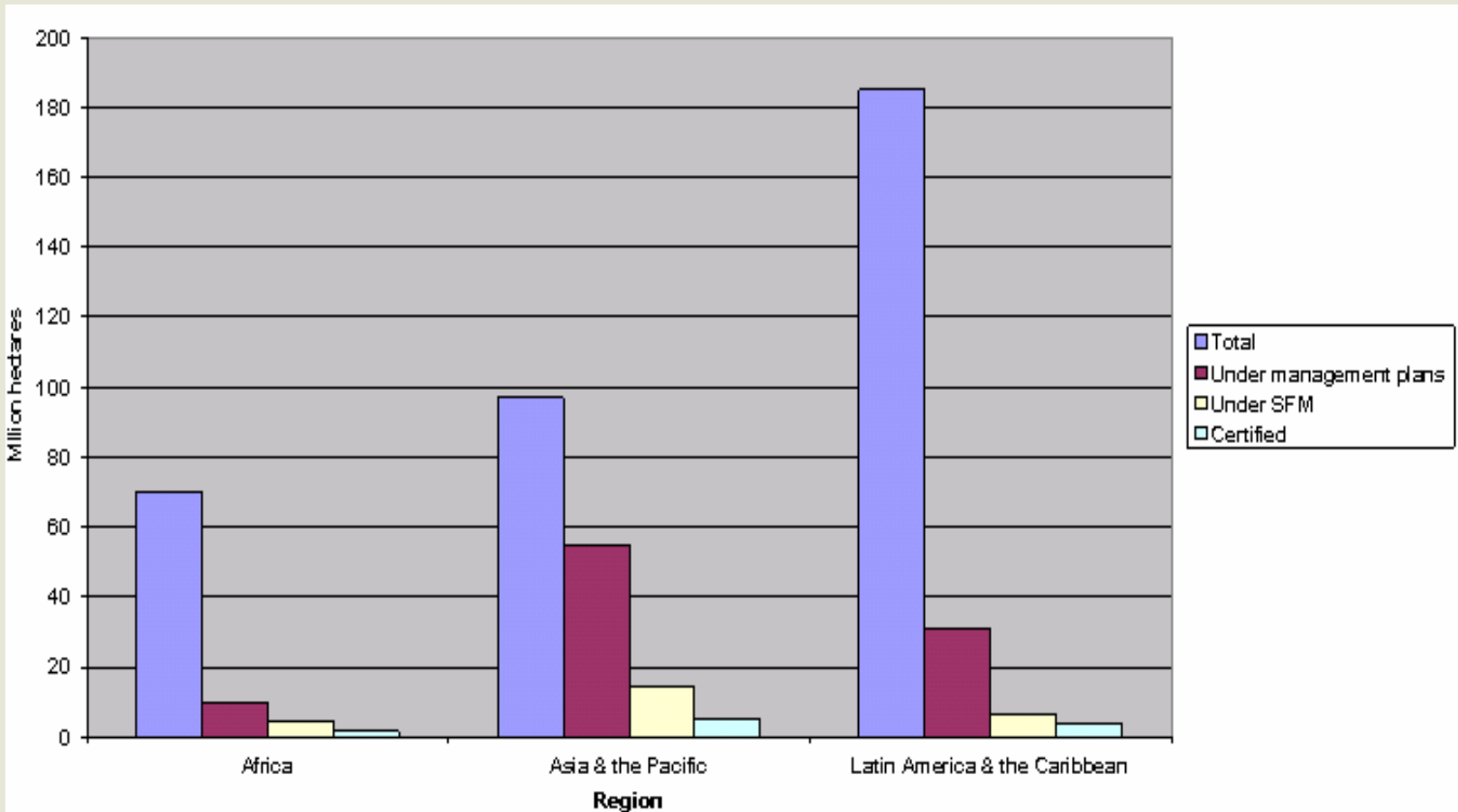
ITTO project portfolio



- provided grants worth more than **US\$300 million** to translate policies into action in the field
- more than **400 projects** funded
- about **150 projects** under implementation
- more than **500 local, full-time professionals** employed in the tropics
- Nearly all ongoing projects include capacity building activities towards **SFM in the tropics**



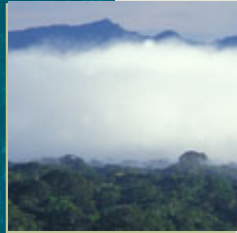
Key finding of *Status of Tropical Forest Management 2005*



Source: ITTO 2006. *Status of Tropical Forest Management 2005*.

The overall proportion of the PFE under SFM remains very low, at less than 5% of the total PFE

Conclusion



SFM has expanded in the tropics but much more needs to be done to promote it widely. More field action is needed.

SFM in the tropics is contributing to

- Achievement of **sustainable development****
- Conservation of **biodiversity****
- Reduction of **greenhouse gas emissions****

ITTO looks forward to substantially contributing to address the issue of climate through **the reduction of emissions from tropical deforestation in partnership with relevant stakeholders.**

Thank you !