

Recently funded projects

Funding of the projects and pre-project summarized below was announced at the 49th session of the International Tropical Timber Council in November 2013. Further details including full project documents are available on www.itto.int. In addition to these projects, funding of over US\$7 million was announced for various activities under the 2013-2014 ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP), most notably a nearly US\$5.5 million grant from the European Union to implement an independent market monitoring system for legal timber being placed on the EU market under its FLEGT-licensing scheme. More details on these BWP activities will be provided in the next issue of the TFU.

Promotion of sustainable management of African forests, Phase III Stage 2

Project number: PD 124/01 Rev.4 (M) (III 2)

Budget: Japan: US\$600 000

ITTO total: US\$600 000

Implementing agency: ITTO

This project was formulated pursuant to ITTC Decision 4(XXIX) to develop a framework of cooperation between ITTO and the ATO for the promotion and application of the ATO/ITTO principles, criteria and indicators for the sustainable management of African forests, with the aim of promoting credible assessment and certification systems. With the demise of ATO as an operational entity, the project has been implemented by ITTO since 2012, an arrangement that will continue for this penultimate stage of the project (see related article, page 11).

Forest seeds management and conservation: rehabilitation and restoration of degraded forests in Côte d'Ivoire with the involvement of local communities (refugees, internally displaced people and local populations)

Project number: PD 419/06 Rev.3 (F) EXT.-TICAD5

Budget: Japan: US\$1 800 000

ITTO total: US\$1 800 000

Implementing agency: Société de Développement des Forêts (SODEFOR)

The project will include the rehabilitation of 2000 ha of forest land degraded during Côte d'Ivoire's civil strife from 2002-2011. Rehabilitation activities will be undertaken through the establishment of taungya agroforestry plantations with the involvement of local populations (displaced persons and refugees), the production and dissemination of high-quality seeds and seedlings to local communities, the subcontracting of forest rehabilitation work to local communities and the distribution of processing equipment for the marketing of food products to improve the living conditions of these communities.

Strengthening mangrove ecosystem conservation in the biosphere reserve of north-western Peru

Project number: PD 601/11 Rev.3 (F)

Budget: Japan: US\$490 067, USA: US\$6 223

ITTO total: US\$496 290

Implementing agency: Mecanismos de Desarrollo Alterno (Alternative Development Mechanisms)

The main activities to be implemented in this project are: training of regional and local government officers in environmental standards and regulations; legal recognition of new protected areas in mangrove ecosystems; strengthening the management of the natural protected area of Tumbes Mangroves; implementation of participatory management mechanisms; training of local communities in resource management and environmental education campaigns; studies for the establishment of revenue-raising mechanisms to ensure mangrove-forest sustainability; and the promotion and support of business plans for the use of resources in ways that help mitigate threats to mangrove ecosystems.

Tropical forest governance in the region of Darien, Panama

Project number: PD 602/11 Rev.3 (F)

Budget: Japan: US\$300 402, USA: US\$50 000

ITTO total: US\$350 402

Implementing agency: WWF – Panama office

The main aim of this project is to support the implementation of the national Strategy for Illegal Logging Prevention and Control. Illegal logging is widespread in the country, and its negative effects hinder sustainable forest management through unfair price competition and the non-payment of stumpage fees and also lead to the loss of forest cover and biodiversity, including in the Darien National Park and other protected areas.

Development of quality-of-governance standards for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) in Papua New Guinea

Project number: PD 682/13 Rev.1 (F)

Budget: Japan: US\$149 744

ITTO total: US\$149 744

Implementing agencies: Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments at the University of Southern Queensland, in close collaboration with the PNG Forest Authority

The development objective of this project is to strengthen the governance of REDD+ strategy development and implementation in Papua New Guinea to achieve climate-change mitigation and national development goals through the sustainable management and enhancement of forest resources.

Strengthening the performance of the wood-processing sector in Guyana through building local capacity and the enhancing of national systems that promote forest products trade and sustainable utilization of forest resources

Project number: PD 687/13 Rev.1 (I)

Budget: Japan: US\$200 068, USA: US\$50 000

ITTO total: US\$250 068

Implementing agency: Guyana Forestry Commission

This project will help build the capacity of stakeholders (management, operators and regulators) in the forest sector to improve sustainability, efficiency and competitiveness and enhance the national system for inspection and certification that will facilitate the local sale and export of lumber.

Implementation and operationalization of a national information system for the sustainable management of forest resources (Côte d'Ivoire)

Project number: PD 692/13 Rev.1 (M)

Budget: Japan: US\$205 708, USA: US\$84 833

ITTO total: US\$290 541

Implementing agency: Department of Information Technologies, Statistics and Archives at the Ministry of the Environment, Water and Forests

The implementation of this project will achieve the full computerization of the forest statistics data collection and processing system and thereby contribute to improving decision-making in the forest sector.

Community-based restoration and sustainable management of vulnerable forests of the Rewa Delta, Viti Levu (Fiji)

Project number: PD 696/13 Rev.2 (F)

Budget: Japan: US\$310 576

ITTO total: US\$310 576

Implementing agency: Fiji Department of Forests, Ministry of Fisheries and Forests

This project seeks to reduce pressure on vulnerable forests through the establishment of demonstration sites for the rehabilitation and sustainable management of coastal and mangrove wetlands. The target communities are in the provinces of Rewa and Tailevu.

Promoting conservation of selected high-value indigenous species of Sumatra

Project number: PD 710/13 Rev.1 (F)

Budget: Japan: US\$479 976

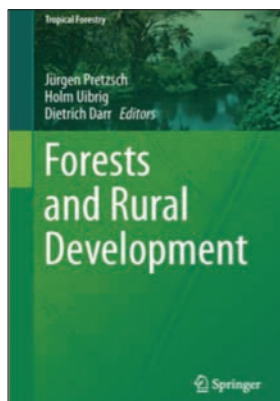
ITTO total: US\$479 976

Implementing agency: Forest Research Institute, Forestry Research and Development Agency, Indonesian Ministry of Forestry

The overall objective of this project is to contribute to the sustainable management, conservation and use of high-value indigenous species in Sumatra. The specific objective is to improve conservation by revitalizing the existing conservation and regeneration program and increasing control of the harvesting of high-value Sumatran tropical indigenous species.

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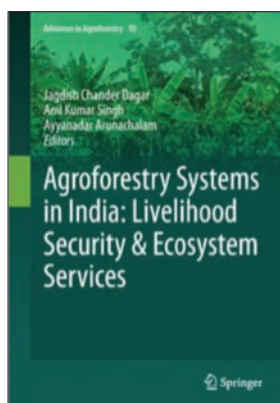
Pretzsch, J., Darr, D., Uibrig, H. and Auch, E. eds., 2014. *Forests and rural development*. Springer Dordrecht, Heidelberg, New York and London.

ISBN (print): 978-3-642-41403-9; ISBN (ebook): 978-3-642-41404-6

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This book provides an overview

of the complex challenges and opportunities related to forest-based rural development in the tropics and subtropics. Applying a socioecological perspective, the book traces the changing paradigms of forestry in rural development, summarizes the major aspects of the rural development challenge in forest areas, and documents innovative approaches in fields such as land use, technology and organizational development, rural advisory services, financing mechanisms, participative planning, and forest governance. Calling for an approach that balances market forces with government interventions, the book shows that forests in rural areas have the potential to provide a solid foundation for a green global economy.



Dagar, J.C, Singh, A.K. and Arunachalam, A. 2013. *Agroforestry systems in India: livelihood security & ecosystem services*. FAO Forestry Advances in Agroforestry, Vol. 10. Springer Dordrecht, Heidelberg, New York and London.

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This book, the first attempt to compile Indian research on agroforestry, represents a bold step towards authoritative accounts of agroforestry in different ecoregions of South and Southeast Asia. It will be useful for researchers, scientists, students and policymakers, not only those involved in the discipline of agroforestry but also those in related disciplines, such as agriculture, fisheries, forestry, biological sciences, environmental sciences (including climate change), natural resource management, ecology and social sciences.



Baycheva, T., Inhaizer, H., Lier, M., Prins, K. and Wolfslehner, B., eds. 2013. *Implementing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management in Europe*. European Forest Institute, Joensuu, Finland, and Barcelona, Spain.

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This report is based on a European Forest Institute project on implementing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management (C&I) in Europe (see article on page 15). It provides a guide through the various development phases and uses of C&I, starting by exploring their general conceptual base and finishing with an analysis of the pan-European experience spanning more than ten years. The report provides solid background information for future decisions, including on a potential revision of the pan-European C&I and improving their use as a tool to facilitate the implementation and communication of sustainable forest management at all levels.

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Capacity building on reduced impact logging (RIL) in dry inland forest in the permanent forest of Peninsular Malaysia

Project number: PD 722/13 Rev.1 (I)

Budget: Japan: US\$226 041

ITTO total: US\$226 041

Implementing agency: Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia

The objective of this project is to strengthen human resource development in Peninsular Malaysia through a capacity-building program to produce an adequate number of qualified skilled personnel, both on the staff of state forestry departments and in the private sector. The project will focus on personnel training and will concentrate on activities such as field-training for forest workers and seminars for professional development.

Feasibility study on the certification of ONAB's national plantation estates (Benin)

Project number: PPD 167/13 Rev.1 (M)

Budget: USA: US\$68 794, Republic of Korea: US\$20 000

ITTO total: US\$88 794

Implementing agency: Office Nationale du Bois (ONAB)

This pre-project aims to contribute to the sustainable management of forest resources through the certification of forest products from natural forests and plantations in Benin under sustainable management plans. Specifically, it aims to gather the necessary information for formulating a project proposal to promote forest certification in Benin.

Development of a program to strengthen the traceability of legally sourced forest products in Guatemala

Project number: TFL-PPD 040/13 Rev.2 (M)

ITTO total budget: US\$ 74,586

Implementing agency: Instituto Nacional de Bosques (INAB)

It is estimated that more than 95% of forest product flows in Guatemala are extracted out of the control of the government. The lack of information on the domestic market for forest products is widespread and leads to a lack of transparency. This pre-project, funded under ITTO's TFL-PPD thematic programme in 2013, aims to:

- improve the traceability and legality of forest products from Guatemalan forests; and
- analyze the traceability and legality conditions of forest products in Guatemala and develop a project proposal to establish effective monitoring and control mechanisms.