



# PARTNERING TO SUSTAIN THE WORLD'S TROPICAL FORESTS

*Tree planting in Meru Betiri  
National Park, Java, Indonesia.  
Photo: T. Bruder*

## WHAT IS SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP?

**Mobilizing** stakeholders at all levels to enable a collective global response to forest degradation and deforestation.

**Collaborating** with other leaders in the field of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) to benefit from shared knowledge and experience in building resilient tropical forests.

**Building** on ITTO's strong partnerships, experience and resources to promote and enhance existing SFM mechanisms.

## BUILDING LASTING PARTNERSHIPS TO SUSTAIN & PROTECT THE WORLD'S TROPICAL FORESTS.

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) is an intergovernmental organization promoting the conservation and sustainable management, use and trade of tropical forest resources. **For nearly 30 years we have been the global leader in the sustainable management of tropical forests**, pioneering and facilitating solution-focused partnerships and projects between governments, industry, local communities, non-governmental organisations and research institutions globally.

We are dedicated to fostering collective, strategic action to achieve tangible benefits for climate change, biodiversity conservation, species protection and community livelihoods. We recognize that active participation by stakeholders at all levels is required to bring about positive change. **This is why initiating and driving both global and local partnerships is integral to our work.**

OUR MEMBERSHIP  
CURRENTLY INCLUDES

**70+**

COUNTRIES  
INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN UNION

COVERING  
**80%**  
OF THE WORLD'S  
TROPICAL FORESTS  
AND

**90%**  
OF THE TROPICAL  
TIMBER TRADE



# INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED & UNIQUELY POSITIONED

Since 1987, ITTO has mobilized more than US\$400 million to fund over 1000 projects and activities that have successfully engaged the private sector, governments, industry, NGOs and local communities.

As a result of these achievements, ITTO is recognized as the leading global forum for the sustainable management and use of tropical forests. Trusted by both consumers and producers of tropical timber, we are uniquely positioned to support and strengthen collaboration at all levels to put effective policies into practice.

We facilitate discussion on equal terms between producers and consumers, and build on longstanding local partnerships to implement local projects, enhance capacity, and encourage sustained economic growth.

BY PARTNERING WITH ITTO, ORGANISATIONS BECOME PART OF A STRATEGIC, TARGETED GLOBAL RESPONSE TO **POVERTY ALLEVIATION, FOREST PROTECTION, BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION & CLIMATE CHANGE.**

### WE PARTNER WITH:

<p><b>GOVERNMENTS &amp; THE PUBLIC SECTOR</b> TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE</p> 	<p><b>INDUSTRY &amp; THE PRIVATE SECTOR</b> TO ENSURE SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> 	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS</b> TO ENHANCE EXISTING INITIATIVES</p> 	<p><b>LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b> TO HELP PROTECT THEIR LIVELIHOODS &amp; NATURAL RESOURCES</p> 	<p><b>RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS</b> TO PIONEER INNOVATION IN TROPICAL FOREST MANAGEMENT &amp; GOVERNANCE</p> 
<p><b>IMPACT:</b> <i>Strengthens forest legality and market transparency. Encourages effective leadership, generates valuable dialogue and enhances policy application.</i></p>	<p><b>IMPACT:</b> <i>Provides guidelines and specialized training for SFM practices. Supports industry security and efficiency through capacity building and developing new technologies to improve production techniques.</i></p>	<p><b>IMPACT:</b> <i>Provides cost-efficient, streamlined and sustainable local implementation of global priorities. Collaboration with international partners such as UNREDD and FAO to enhance global mechanisms such as REDD+.</i></p>	<p><b>IMPACT:</b> <i>Builds local knowledge and capacity in SFM. Facilitates access to markets and forest resources and helps negotiate fair prices for forest products.</i></p>	<p><b>IMPACT:</b> <i>Develops independent SFM mechanisms and tools. Ensures new knowledge and research outcomes are shared and practically applied.</i></p>

## PARTNER WITH US

A concerted global response is the only way to effectively sustain the world's tropical forests. To continue to foster and enhance international efforts between governments, industry, NGOs and local communities, we need your support. Download our Strategic Action Plan for 2013-2018 at [www.itto.int/publicity\\_materials](http://www.itto.int/publicity_materials), which outlines ITTO's key programmes of work and opportunities for donor support.

By partnering together, we can help sustain the world's tropical forests. Our work over the last 30 years has reduced forest degradation and deforestation, improved species protection and biodiversity conservation, and created more resilient livelihoods but there is still much to achieve. To learn more about ITTO, our partnerships and how to support our projects, visit us at [www.itto.int](http://www.itto.int).

*Cordillera del Condor, Ecuador.  
Photo: Fundación Natura*

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