

Mangrove forests: protecting, sustaining and providing



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Mangrove forests form a vital link between land and sea. They protect coastlines, sustain the traditional cultures of coastal populations, and provide sources of fish and game, firewood, medicines, tannins and fodder. Large areas of mangrove forests are being destroyed or degraded each year, however, through over-use, mis-use and land-use change.

Recognizing the plight of mangrove forests and their essential role, ITTO is implementing a broad portfolio of projects in partnership with local, national and international organizations. The aim is to reverse the loss and degradation of mangrove forests in the tropics so they continue to protect, sustain and provide.



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