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# “Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Trans-boundary Biodiversity Conservation: Empowering Forestry Communities and Women in Sustainable Livelihood Development”

## Concept Note

### 1. Background information

The need to reserve large areas of tropical forests through the establishment of transboundary conservation areas (TBCAs) has long been recognized by many countries and international communities as an important initiative to perpetuate ecosystems and biodiversity resources as well as the socio-economic benefits and environmental services the forests provide for mankind. ITTO alone has supported the establishment of over ten million hectares of TBCAs, nearly one million hectares of which are the Betung Kerihun – Danau Sentarum National Parks, located in West Kalimantan province of Indonesia.

### 2. Objectives

This workshop will facilitate an in-depth discussion on the lessons learned, benefits generated and challenges to promoting contribution of TBCAs to conservation of biodiversity and environmental services, to local livelihood and to sustainable development of the countries and region involved. Specifically, the workshop intends to:

- Share the experience in the implementation of ITTO TBCA projects in the ASEAN region
- Review the social, economic, environmental and policy impacts of TBCA projects
- Identify experience-based best strategies for optimizing contribution of TBCAs to local livelihood development and biodiversity conservation as well as to climate mitigation and adaptation involving forest communities and women
- Explore possibility of expanding TBCA to bordering tropical countries in Asia and the Pacific region taking potential benefits and costs of TBCA management into account
- Identify opportunities for increasing funding for TBCA through different funding initiatives and schemes
- Make meaningful recommendations for enhancing TBCA management operational capacity and its funding

### 3. Organizers and collaborators

The workshop is an initiative under the ITTO PD 617/11 Rev.4 (F): “Promoting Biodiversity Conservation in Betung Kerihun National Park (BKNP) as the Trans-Boundary Ecosystem between Indonesia and Sarawak State of Malaysia”; it is being organized by the Executing Agency, the Betung Kerihun National Park (BKNP) Agency, in close collaboration with the ITTO Secretariat, Forest Department Sarawak and other such partners as WWF Kalimantan, TFCA, Univ. of Tanjungpura and NGOs.

### 4. Venue and date

The workshop will be held in The City of Pontianak, West Kalimantan province of Indonesia on 6-8 March 2018.

### 5. Who should attend ?

- Government officials involved in policy formulation relating to forest conservation, sustainable forest management and TBCA development
- Forest managers, environmental NGOs, community-based organizations and other groups of stakeholder interested in livelihood development involving local communities and women





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- Scientists, researchers, academes and practitioners interested in TBCA management and development
- ASEAN TBCA projects managers

## 6. Sponsorship

Participants are encouraged to find their own financial resources to cover all costs for participating in the workshop. Limited sponsorship is only available for selected TBCA project managers in ASEAN countries, selected speakers and resource persons.

## 7. Language

The working language of the workshop is English.

## 8. Call for papers

Interested individuals and institutions are invited to submit quality papers relating to TBCA management and development including, inter alia, biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, livelihood development, capacity building needs, production of marketable NTFPs, market access for NTFPs and marketing capacity, fund raising strategies, utilization of NTFPs in TBCA, role of women and research needs, use of advanced technology for TBCA management, etc.

- About 10 to 12 of submitted papers will be selected by the Organizer based on their relative relevance and importance for presentation to the workshop by the respective authors; non-selected papers will be included in the workshop report as supporting papers
- Submission of papers
  - ✓ Abstracts no later than 22 January 2018
  - ✓ Notification of acceptance by the Organizer no later than 5 February 2018
  - ✓ Final papers (max 10 pages; A4 size) and presentations (up to 15 slides) no later than 25 February 2018

## 9. Tentative programme

The workshop will comprise Plenary, Thematic Group sessions, Panel Discussion and a one-day field trip. An early registration is encouraged due to the limited capacity of the workshop.

### Day 1 (afternoon): Plenary Session

- Opening
  - Report by the Organizing Committee
  - Keynote addresses by CBD, ITTO and MoEF Representatives
- Lessons learned from TBCA Projects in ASEAN countries
  - Presentation by Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Cambodia Representatives
  - Discussion

### Day 2: Morning;

- Presentations on challenges and opportunities of Trans-boundary Biodiversity Conservation in selected countries in Asia-Pacific Region
- Thematic Group Session (3 groups)
  - i) Establishing sustainable livelihood development mechanisms involving local communities and women as an incentive for forest resource and biodiversity conservation
  - ii) Developing markets for environmental services and NTFPs as a prerequisite for sustainable livelihood development
  - iii) Identifying capacity building and fund raising strategies for enhancing TBCA management and development

### Afternoon;

- Group presentation





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- Panel discussion: Empowering Forestry Communities and Women for Sustainable Livelihood Development to Support Trans-boundary Biodiversity Conservation in Asia-Pacific Region
- Conclusion

**Day 3: Field Trip to a mangrove ecosystem conservation project by WWF Kalimantan, located near Pontianak. Points of interest are wildlife conservation and livelihood development activities involving local communities and women.**

10. **Enquiries**

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