



FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION
2 – 7 December 2019
Lomé, Togo

DECISION 7(LV)

GUIDELINES FOR FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION IN THE TROPICS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling the ITTO Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests published in 2002 which represented the first international effort to provide overall guidance on tropical forest restoration;

Also recalling the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2018-2019 which called for the updating of the ITTO Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests to take into account global emerging issues and priorities;

Further recalling the report on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR): Analysis of ongoing FLR Programs of CPF Members and Revision of ITTO Restoration Guidelines [Document CRF (LII)/4];

Welcoming the draft Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics [Document CRF(LIII)/4] which have been developed in collaboration with CIFOR, FAO, IUCN, IUFRO, UN-Environment, WeForest and WRI under a joint initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) on Forest Landscape Restoration;

Also welcoming the comments on the draft Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics made before the current Session;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to revise the draft Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in the Tropics [Document CRF (LIII)/4], taking into account Members comments made during the current Session of ITTC as well as those submitted to the Secretariat by 15 January 2020;
2. Request the Executive Director to post the revised draft Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in the Tropics incorporating Members comments made by 15 January 2020 on the ITTO Website in the three official languages from 1 March to 20 March 2020;
3. Adopt the Guidelines through an electronic non-objection procedure;
4. Request the Executive Director to prepare and publish the adopted FLR Guidelines and to distribute the publication widely to Members and other interested parties;
5. Request the Executive Director to undertake the following actions to promote the FLR Guidelines and their application by Members:
 - a. Publish a policy brief summarizing the FLR Guidelines (“Guidelines at a glance”) in the three official languages of ITTO;

- b. Encourage Members to apply the FLR Guidelines in the Tropics considering the national circumstances of Member countries and to submit project proposals to ITTO where appropriate;
6. Encourage Members, the private sector, local communities and stakeholders to use the FLR Guidelines in the Tropics as a reference document and a contribution towards the restoration of degraded tropical forest landscapes;
7. Request the Executive Director to report on implementation of this Decision at the next Council Session.

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