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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021-2022 [Item 15 of the Provisional Agenda]

This document is prepared pursuant to Council Decision 2(LVI), which requested the Executive Director to report on the implementation status of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme (BWP) for the years 2021 and 2022. Following the introductory section, the document contains the activities as approved in Council Decision 2(LVI) in the same tabular format, but the columns on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' have been replaced by the column on the 'Implementation Status'.

The Reference Table showing the relevance of each activity to objectives/goals of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, ITTA; the Strategic Action Plan, SAP; the Global Forest Goals, GFG and to the Programme Lines is included in Annex I. Annex I also includes information on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' for each activity.

For the detailed terms of reference of each activity, please refer to the BWP 2021-2022 as approved in Council Decision 2(LVI).

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2021-2022, was adopted with Council Decision 2(LVI). It includes 40 activities divided into two parts. Part 1 includes 24 activities requiring financing through voluntary contributions, core budget, or other sources. The activities under Part 1 have been categorized into five groups according to their nature. Part 2 includes 16 administrative and financial activities that do not require financing. The financing status of the activities under Part 1 is reflected in Table 1.

Table 1: Overview on the Financing Status of the BWP 2021-2022

	Activity	Funding Status	US\$ pledged
GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES			
1	Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	Partial	77,000
2	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Partial	1,150,878
3	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	Partial	25,000
4	Enhancing teak management	Pending	NIL
5	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Full	475,538
6	Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber	Full	EU Grant
7	a) Criteria and indicators workshops	Pending	NIL
	b) Adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context	Pending	NIL
8	Statistical capacity building workshops	Partial	11,761
9	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Pending	NIL
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK			
10	Formulate a new ITTO Strategic Action Plan	Full	Funded under BWP 2018/19
11	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Pending	NIL
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Partial	60,000
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo	Partial	93,240
GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES			
12	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	Partial	30,000
13	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Pending	NIL
14	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Pending	NIL
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK			
15	ITTO communication strategy	Full	Funded under BWP 2018/19
16	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Partial	Core
17	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Partial	Core & 11,000
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)	Partial	Core
	c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant PR materials into Japanese	Partial	25.000
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK			
18	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Pending	NIL
19	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Partial	Core
20	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Partial	Core
21	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Partial	121,275
22	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Partial	Core
23	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Partial	Core & 10,000
24	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Partial	Core

The total funding sought under the BWP 2021-2022 is US\$6,206,760, including US\$1,860,000 approved under core operational costs. US\$4,346,760 is sought from voluntary contributions. Activity 6 on Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) is fully funded by an EU Grant of Euro 4 million and is not included in the calculation of the contributions sought/pledged under this BWP. At the time of preparing this report, voluntary contributions in the amount of US\$2,090,692 have been pledged (see Table 2).

Table 2: Voluntary contributions pledged under the BWP 2021-2022 (as of 28 October 2021)

Year	US\$ sought	US\$ pledged*
2021	US\$ 2,050,000	US\$ 1,852,923
2022	US\$ 2,296,760	US\$ 237,769
Total	US\$ 4,346,760	US\$ 2,090,692

Due to the shortfall in members' payments of their assessed contributions to the administrative account the activities approved under core budget are indicated as partially funded. Based on the status of the administrative account at the time of preparing this report, the expected shortfall in contributions to the core budget for 2021 is about US\$ 135,000. Also, several activities funded under core budget are ongoing work with expenses needing to be paid throughout the year (e.g., TFU, MIS, etc.). Due to the shortfall in timely payments to the administrative account, the production of TFU had to be put on hold and the MIS correspondents had to be asked to delay scheduled payments for the period from end of May to mid-August 2021.

In 2021 voluntary contributions to the BWP 2021-2022 were received from Japan, China, USA and the Netherlands. Contributions were also received from the CITES Secretariat, FAO, Soka Gakkai, the Precious Forest Foundation and Kisso-an. This report also includes one additional activity, Activity 41 'Facilitation of the Secondment of a Programme Officer from the Government of Korea'. This activity is a cooperation agreement under the MoU between the Korea Forest Service (KFS) and ITTO to enhance cooperation between KFS and ITTO through the secondment of a Programme Manager. The Programme Manager (Mr. Taesik Ham) has been seconded for the period from September 2021 to September 2024. The secondment is fully financed by KFS through a voluntary contribution of KRW 1.23 billion or approximately US\$1.1 million. This contribution is not included in the calculation of the contributions sought/pledged under this BWP. The voluntary contributions pledged to date are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Voluntary Contributions to the BWP 2021-2022 by donor

Members	US\$
Japan	809,791
China	200,000
USA	165,000
Netherlands	119,823
Subtotal (a)	1,294,614
Non-members	
CITES Secretariat	375,538
FAO	314,848
Soka Gakkai	93,240
Precious Forest Foundation, PFF	11,000
Kisso-an	1,452
Subtotal (b)	796,078
Total (a + b)	2,090,692
Grant Agreement	
EU Grant for IMM (Activity 7)	4,499,438*
Other contributions	
Secondment Korea Forest Service	1,109,958**

*Grant Agreement EU (€4,000,000)

** Cooperation Agreement KFS (KRW 1.23 billion)

In summary, out of the 24 activities requiring financing, two activities (Activities 10 & 15) have received full funding under the previous BWP and one activity is funded through an EU Grant (Activity 6). Out of the remaining activities, one activity (Activity 5, ITTO-CITES) has received full funding, 14 activities (including six activities approved under core budget) have received partial funding and 6 activities remain pending finance. Two activities funded from core budget also received voluntary contributions for additional components, i.e., Activity 17(a) and Activity 23.

Status, Progress, Achievements:

A brief summary of the status, progress and achievements of activities that have received partial or full financing under this BWP is given below. A more detailed account is provided in the Progress Report table.

Group 1 – Field oriented activities with engagement of/work in member countries

- **Activity 1 – Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests**

The Secretariat signed a contract with FAO in 2021 to extend the work carried out under Activity 2 of the previous BWP on a global study of supply-demand gaps for tropical timber to all timber. This extended study is to be published as part of FAO's State of the World's Forests (SOFO) report, scheduled for release at the World Forestry Congress in March 2022. Work also continued in 2021 to finalize the activity funded by the government of Germany (BMEL) reported under Activity 2 of the previous BWP. This included publication of TS 48 "Fiscal and non-fiscal incentives for sustainable forest management" and TS 49 "Tropical timber 2050", both available in all official languages on www.itto.int. If the pandemic situation allows, a final regional workshop on incentives for SFM will be convened in Africa before the end of 2021. Additional funding is still sought to continue this activity in 2022.

- **Activity 2 – Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains**

This activity is part of the Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain, LSSC pilot programme. It has received funding from the Germany, Japan, USA, China and FAO. In 2021, a total of US\$ 1,150,878 has been received in new funding for different components as indicated in the Progress Report below. No funding has been received for the GTTN Phase III component.

The Special Activity PP-A/53-323 funded by the Forestry Agency of Japan, on Capacity building for the implementation of "Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) by stakeholders in the Congo Basin countries, is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LV)/3 under agenda item 10.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.

- **Activity 3 – Strengthening participation of the private sector in the work of ITTO: industry-led legality compliance/due care training**

During 2021, work in Colombia and Guatemala begun under the previous BWP was completed and (in the case of Colombia), extended to an additional workshop. Consultations are underway with WRI and other partners with respect to proposals to extend the private sector training to one or more additional countries in 2022, with Guyana the focus of current discussions. Additional funding is required to extend training activities to other countries.

- **Activity 5 – Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES**

ITTO finalized a contract with the CITES Secretariat in 2021 to provide assistance to the CITES Tree Species Programme (CTSP). This contract provides ITTO with US\$ 375,538 to: i) carry out a study on agarwood producing species and organize a validation workshop to review the study; ii) co-organize an international training workshop on timber identification; iii) assist, advise and provide input to the mid-term and final review of the CTSP; and iv) participate in the meetings of the CTSP Advisory Committee. ITTO will also fund a project on sustainable management of mahogany in Ecuador under this activity as a contribution to the CTSP.

ITTO also continues to assist member countries in implementing CITES listings of tropical tree species outside of the CTSP with support from other donors (the USA pledged an additional US\$100,000 to this activity for 2021). This work includes:

- A project in Madagascar to support implementation of the use plan and monitoring/tracking of rosewood stockpiles (agreement signed, project team in place; tracking systems being evaluated);
- A project in Cameroon in collaboration with University of Adelaide (Australia) to implement DNA tracking and verification tests in supply chains of *Prunus africana* and *Pericopsis elata* (agreements signed with University of Adelaide and government of Cameroon; first workshop in Cameroon

- convened in August 2021; sample collection being planned);
- The project in Ecuador referred to above that will be considered as a contribution to the CTSP (agreement being negotiated).

ITTO continues to seek additional funding from donors for this activity since demand for support in implementing CITES provisions for tropical tree species from member countries remains strong.

- Activity 6 – Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber (IMM)**

IMM activities in 2021 were affected by the COVID pandemic which continued to make international travel largely impossible. As a result, the Project Steering Committee Meeting planned by IMM for March 2021 had to be postponed due to the COVID pandemic and was rescheduled for late 2021. The IMM Work Plan for 2022 will be discussed during that meeting. The IMM 2021 Work Plan was approved as a part of the IMM Progress Report for the period October 2019-October 2020 that was submitted in December 2020.

An IMM trade consultation in Italy, which had initially been planned for May 2020 and was rescheduled for September 2021 had to be postponed again, to 2022. Instead, the IMM held a webinar on 24 June 2021, presenting latest trade trends and survey results to an audience of roughly 100.

Another development relevant to IMM in 2021 was the release of initial findings of the FLEGT/EUTR Fitness Check. The preliminary findings have raised a question mark over the future of the FLEGT VPA process in general. Publication of final results of the Fitness Check has been delayed until late 2021, however, and IMM has decided to postpone stakeholder consultations regarding a potential second phase of IMM beyond 2022 as a result. Such consultations may be carried out in 2022 when the future of the FLEGT VPA process is clearer.

Despite the COVID pandemic, regular trade and stakeholder surveys continued in all countries covered by the IMM, except for the Republic of Congo. Surveys are scheduled to be completed by the end of October. All other IMM activities, such as market updates and newsletters, also continued during 2021.

The IMM 2020 Annual Report is being prepared in a new format, which should allow easier access to relevant information. It will be finalized by the time of ITTC57. IMM also updated its website in 2021. The new design improves the user experience and increases the accessibility of trade data and market information. The VPA partner country and key EU country profile pages were improved and extended as a part of the relaunch. IMM completed a special study on progress of FLEGT recognition in private and public green procurement policies in 2021. A second special study on EU paper trade and awareness of FLEGT in the paper sector is currently underway.

- Activity 7 - Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management**

(b) Adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context

ITTO signed the special service agreement (SSA) with an international consultant and a regional consultant for the implementation of this BWP Activity referenced as PP-A/55-336. Both consultants circulated the draft background document which was reviewed by the ITTO Secretariat, and was subject to technical validation during a regional workshop from 28-30 September 2021, attended by ITTO Focal Points in ITTO member countries in Africa and representatives of relevant forest-related stakeholders.

- Activity 8 – Statistical capacity building workshops**

An online regional statistical workshop gathering all ITTO African member countries and 9 FAO West African members will be organized over 5 days from the 25th October to the 29th October 2021. There will be two plenary meetings (one on the 25th October and one on the 29th October) and group meetings during the remaining days during which countries will be grouped by geographical location. Other international organizations such as ATIBT or CIFOR will also make presentations during the plenary meetings.

The next regional workshop to be considered is planned to be organized in Latin America in 2022 either virtually or physically depending on the situation.

- Activity 9 - Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests**

- PP-A/56-340-1 (Indonesia) and PP-A/56-340-2 (Peru) are to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LV)/3 under the agenda item 10.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.

Group 2 – Normative work on policy guidelines or other strategic work

- **Activity 10 - Formulate a new Strategic Action Plan**

A draft ITTO Strategic Action Plan will be presented for Council's consideration under agenda item 14, documents ITTC(LVII)/9 and ITTC(LVII)/10.

- **Activity 11 – Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members**

(a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women

ITTO's *Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering of Women* have been incorporated since 2019 into the project formulation process by members submitting project proposals through the Regular Project Cycle where these guidelines need to be taken into consideration. Project submissions evaluated by the ITTO Expert Panel ensure that these guidelines are referred to/considered in proposals being submitted. The same approach is taken with the new concept note approach as of December 2020 and considered where applicable. ITTO is in discussion with collaborating partners on the organization of an international workshop on The Role of Women in the Forest Sector (including primary processing) in 2022, pending further funding being made available.

(b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in the Tropics

The 'Guidelines for FLR in the Tropics' were developed by ITTO in collaboration with many partners including AFoCO, CIFOR, FAO, IUCN and IUFRO under a joint initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on FLR. In these Guidelines, the six principles of FLR are presented into 32 guiding elements to put FLR into effect in the field. ITTO seeks to encourage the use of these voluntary guidelines to apply them as a reference and guiding document in the development of FLR interventions at the national and subnational levels as well as in making finance available for FLR; and to promote their use as a vehicle for increasing capacity in tropical countries to undertake FLR, in combination with other specific guidelines, tools and approaches. The activity aims to promote the use of the new FLR guidelines at the national and subnational levels in all three tropical regions, to contribute to the successful design, planning, implementation and monitoring of FLR interventions in ITTO members. Two virtual meetings for the dissemination of the FLR guidelines were organized in August and September 2021 for Asia-Pacific and Latin America, with a third scheduled for the first half of 2022 for Africa. This activity is to be reported in agenda item 5 (policy work) of CRF.

(c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo

The pilot project PP-A/56-341 (Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo), is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LV)/3 under agenda item 10.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.

Group 3 – Collaborative work/meetings with other organization/initiatives

- **Activity 12 - Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests**

The MOU between ITTO and CBD was renewed in February 2021 and both Secretariats are currently exploring activities of mutual interest to operationalize the MOU in support of the implementation of tropical forest-related goals and targets of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. A joint ITTO-CBD side event is being planned for the second part of COP15 in Kunming, China in May 2022.

- **Activity 13 – Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others**

All cooperation and consultation with CPF members and select individual CPF members in 2021 have been conducted virtually because of the ongoing COVID-19 exigencies in place. ITTO has participated at and contributed to all the CPF meetings, events and activities in 2021, including supporting several activities conducted by the UNFF and FAO individually while contributing to the work of the CPF. In Addition, ITTO was represented in the UNFCCC FACT Dialogues co-hosted by the UK and Indonesia as a member of the Trade & Markets Group, highlighting ITTO efforts in the field of tropical SFM and international trade. Support was also extended to the APEC-EGILAT 19 meeting in February as well as contributing to an APEC EGILAT Workshop in May and September 2021. At the request of the IAG, ITTO's collaboration with key partners will also be considered by Council under agenda item 16 (Document ITTC(LVII)/13).

- **Activity 14 – Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM**

ITTO contributed to the finalization of the FAO FRA 2020 report.

Group 4 – Communication and outreach-related work

- **Activities 15 – 17**

Activities in Group 4 have resulted in a broad range of communication products, such as publications, videos, newsletters, social media posts, virtual exhibitions and website updates, as well as virtual participation in various webinars and other international events. Work to develop a communication strategy commenced in 2021 and the Secretariat will present a draft for the consideration of the Council at its 57th session (Document ITTC(LVII)/16). It is worth noting that the use of electronic communications (e.g., website, e-newsletters, social media and webinars) has increased substantially as a result of the pandemic. The shortfall in members' contributions to the administrative budget affected the Organization's outreach work in 2021, for example by causing the temporary suspension of the Tropical Forest Update (TFU) (work on the TFU recommenced in mid-August 2021).

Group 5 – Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

- **Activity 18 – Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement**

Due to the 57th ITTC being held virtually, no travel assistance was required in 2021. Funding is required to support attendance of TAG and CSAG at the 58th ITTC, scheduled to be held physically in Yokohama in November 2022.

- **Activity 19 – ITTO Annual Market Discussion**

Due to the pandemic the TAG recommended postponing the 2020 Annual Market Discussion until Council convened with representatives of member countries and the trade able to participate physically. However, with travel still difficult/impossible in 2021, the Secretariat is collaborating with TAG in the preparation and conduct of the 2021 Market Discussion which will be held virtually on the theme "Challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic" in conjunction with the virtual Fifty-seventh Session of ITTC.

- **Activity 20 – Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals**

Due to COVID-19 the 56th Expert Panel was conducted electronically. The report will be presented to the Council under Item 10(b) of the Provisional Agenda (Document ITTC(LVII)/5).

- **Activity 21 – ITTO Fellowship Programme**

The Fellowship Selection Panel will meet virtually prior to the Fifty-seventh Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2021 to the Council. The Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC/LVII)/12) including the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme, will be presented to the Council as part of the presentation of the BWP progress report.

- **Activity 22 - ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)**

Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) are scheduled to be published in 2021 and are planned for 2022. All correspondents continue working and as of October 2021 have managed to deliver their reports on time despite pandemic lockdowns. The report is distributed to over 18,000 registered readers.

- **Activity 23 - Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics**

In 2021, the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS) meeting was held online. Main topics discussed were the continuous improvement of the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire by updating definitions of certain products, increasing the response rates, and reviewing common statistical activities undertaken with partner organizations. The next meeting will be held virtually in January 2022.

The ITTO online statistical database was updated twice in 2021 (February and August) with the most current production and trade figures for primary wood products and for the trade of secondary wood products covering the period 1990-2020. The next updates will be in February 2022 and August 2022 covering the period 1990-2021.

- **Activity 24 – Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation**

The draft Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation for 2019-2020 was presented to and considered by the 56th ITTC. The Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2019-2020 was published in August 2021 and complemented with a summary analysis of the Indian timber demand and supply from 2010 to 2030. The full Indian market study has been published in September 2021.

PROGRESS REPORT

BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021-2022

GROUP 1 – FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
1. Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	<p>In 2018-20, ITTO undertook six tropical country case studies to analyze the impact of existing (and the potential impact of new) incentives for promoting investment in productive forest to achieve deforestation-free landscapes and value chains for green growth. It also undertook a study of potential gaps between supply and demand for tropical timber and the impacts of/prospects of recovery from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on tropical timber trade. Using remaining funds from the 2018-19 BWP activity, this activity will complete an additional case study and a proposed workshop in Africa that could not be completed as planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If additional funds are pledged, the work will be extended to cover an additional case study and workshop in both Asia and Latin America, as well as to produce policy briefs on the outcomes of the supply-demand/COVID 19 impact study.</p> <p>Estimated new funding sought US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$75,000 Year 2022–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops undertaken and case studies developed in up to three ITTO producer countries • Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant related meetings/initiatives 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$77,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 US\$73,000</p> <p>The Secretariat signed a contract with FAO in 2021 to extend the work carried out under Activity 2 of the previous BWP on a global study of supply-demand gaps for tropical timber to all timber. This extended study is to be published as part of FAO's State of the World's Forests (SOFO) report, scheduled for release at the World Forestry Congress in March 2022. Work also continued in 2021 to finalize the activity funded by the government of Germany (BMEL) reported under Activity 2 of the previous BWP. This included publication of TS 48 "Fiscal and non-fiscal incentives for sustainable forest management" and TS 49 "Tropical timber 2050", both available in all official languages on www.itto.int. If the pandemic situation allows, a final regional workshop on incentives for SFM will be convened in Africa before the end of 2021. Additional funding is still sought to continue this activity in 2022.</p>
2. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	<p>Support development of innovative solutions to providing assurances of sustainability and legality, including developing/implementing sustainable forest management plans and developing/implementing sustainable supply chains including timber tracking systems and other tools. Under the 2018-20 BWP, ITTO developed a programme on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) for tropical wood and forest products and worked with relevant partners to increase assurance of legality and sustainability through the establishment of a green supply chain platform that links legal and sustainable forest products to markets. Using remaining funds under 2018-20 BWP, the following work will continue into 2021-2022: building the LSSC-GGSC platform; organizing regional LSSC-GGSC training workshops; conducting a study on blockchain applications in timber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 tropical forest operators and other industrial sector representatives entities with increased capacity for SFM and/or sustainable supply chains developed • Increased trade in sustainable/legally verified timber from these forest concessions/ private sector entities 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$1,150,878 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 US\$149,122</p> <p>This activity has received a total of US\$1,150,878 in new funding for different components as indicated below. No funding has been pledged for GTTN, Phase III.</p> <p>2.1 Supporting the establishment and operation of the Global Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) Platform</p> <p>2.1 a. Supporting the establishment of the Business Information Exchange Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The platform has been established in initial operation since August 2019, including the LSSC-GGSC website and the GGSC index.

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	<p>tracking systems; developing the Timber Trade Portal (TTP) website; as well as other events and activities.</p> <p>Additional funding is requested under this BWP for the implementation of the Global Timber Tracking Network, GTTN, Phase III from 2021 onwards. GTTN, established in 2012 as an open alliance with the objective to promote the operationalization of innovative tools for wood identification and origin determination, to assist the fight against illegal logging and related trade around the globe, has brought together stakeholders concerned about illegal logging and associated trade including key institutions for the integrative use of innovative technologies such as DNA fingerprinting or stable isotope markers for timber species identification and tracking. GTTN Phases I and II have been largely research/science oriented. If funding is provided, ITTO will take over the coordination of GTTN as part of the LSSC Programme Line, PL1 with focus on the application of the tools developed under GTTN Phases I and II, raising awareness on timber tracking tools and their applications, and implementing tracking systems in ITTO producer member countries.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$1,300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$650,000 Year 2022–US\$650,000</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The function and structure of the LSSC-GGSC website (http://itto-ggsc.org) has been constructed and in operation since June 2020. The website was initiated online with Chinese and English versions available, and French version was recently developed and many improvements have been made. The GGSC index has been initially operated with data collected since January 2020 and monthly on the GGSC website were published. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 19 index reports have been published and disseminated on GGSC website. ➤ 2 pilot GGSC-African index reports were published in April and May of 2020 but were quickly being affected by the pandemic. ➤ The cooperation between GGSC and Gabon Asian Timber Association (UFIAG) was established, and the GGSC-Gabon index was published on GGSC website since July 2021. The GGSC business information exchange platform has been initiated and developed. GGSC communicated periodically with timber associations of more than 10 countries and agencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A contact group was set up for periodical communication and information exchange between GGSC and more than 10 African enterprises with forest concessions from Gabon, Cameroon and Congo. ➤ GGSC held 6 online meetings with UFIAG member enterprises from January to August 2021. ➤ An online/on-site combined workshop was conducted in July 2021 with participants of more than 20 African timber enterprises from Gabon, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville and Equatorial Guinea. Discussions were focused on how to improve legality and sustainability in their timber trade with China. <p>2.1 b. Study of the Blockchain-based International Timber Tracking System for Building Sustainable Wood Supply Chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The study was approved and commenced in July 2020, with the funds reallocated from Madagascar rosewood activity (former Activity 4 under BMEL contract). This sub-activity is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. The blockchain architecture applicable to the timber tracking system and the suitable tracking verification method were identified. The applicable blockchain technology was identified and introduced.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews and surveys were conducted with various stakeholders from research institutes, blockchain utilized companies, wood market and logistics, end users and related finance organizations as well as relevant government agencies. • The detailed wood supply chain flowchart with all stages from standing trees to end users was identified. • Designed a data collection tracking methodology to deal with identified risks and difficulties. • The field simulation in Africa was delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic. • Communication with related companies from targeted countries Gabon, Cameroon and China have been resumed. <p>2.1 c. Timber Trade Portal: Towards well-informed legal trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sub-activity was approved and commenced in March 2021, with the funds also reallocated from former Activity 4 of the BMEL contract. The implementation is on track and expected to be completed by the end of 2021. • Consultants were contracted for 6 new profiles which are currently being developed. Some country profiles are nearly finished, while others are expected to be done by the end of September. • ATIBT has contracted a consultant for an update of the Congo profile which is currently in progress. • Nearly all profiles, general text and news items have been translated and are ready to be placed on the new website. • The website design was finished and the entire website is being transformed to reflect the new design, and will be online in October. • The draft marketing strategy is finished, ready for input from ATIBT and subsequent implementation once the new website is finished. • Discussions with ITTO and GGSC were conducted for possible incorporation on the website of elements of the ITTO MIS reports and the GGSC Index reports. <p>2.2 Promotion of Smallholders' Forest Landscape Restoration in West Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP-A/55-334 (BMEL-LSSC Activity #3) is nearing its completion with the finalization the report on the regional strategy for promoting FLR-related policies in West Africa, by the team of consultants working under the leadership of Prof. Juergen Blaser.

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			<p>2.3 Development of training curricula for Central African countries on Legal and Sustainable supply Chains (LSSC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP-A/55-334 (BMEL-LSSC Activity #5) is also nearing its completion with the finalization four training modules and associated simplified guidebook by four consultants working under the supervision of the network of forestry training institutions in Central African (RIFFEAC, in French acronym). <p>2.4 Capacity building for the implementation of Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC) by stakeholders in the Congo Basin countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP-A/53-323 (funded by the Forestry Agency of Japan), is to be reported in detail in the document CRF(LV)/3 under agenda item 10.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities. <p>2.5 Strengthening SFM standards and timber legality framework in Myanmar (PP-A/56-342A) Funding pledged: US\$378,930 Funding pending: NIL</p> <p>The activity agreement was signed on 7 January 2021 by ITTO and Myanmar Forest Certification Committee (MFCC).</p> <p>The following progress has been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised the MTLAS as a version number (V.1.02) based on "ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for Legality of Timber", "MTLAS Gap Analysis Report", and "Evaluation of MTLAS and Myanmar CoC Dossier". • A webinar on the Myanmar Forest Certification System endorsement was hosted by PEFC international on 16 August and the public consultation, to give feedback on this new system, runs from 16 August to 14 October. However, PEFC suspended the assessment of the Myanmar forest certification system due to concerns that Myanmar-based stakeholders are unable to participate in the assessment process. The donor requested the organization of a PSC meeting to review the implementation of project activities relating to forest certification system in the country. <p>2.6 Analysis of timber legality assurance systems and good practices in China, Myanmar and Viet Nam for sustainable timber trade (PP-A/56-342B) Funding pledged: US\$344,100</p>

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			<p>Funding pending: NIL</p> <p>The activity officially started on 17 February 2021 with IGES (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies) as the Executing Agency (EA). Specifically, this activity is to systematically analyze existing legality assurance systems/equivalent schemes and good practices in China, Myanmar and Viet Nam to support both Japanese and international stakeholders for a legal and sustainable timber trade.</p> <p>The following progress has been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st PSC meeting was virtually convened on 26 April 2021. • The EA has started to undertake desk studies and communications with potential consultants from Vietnam and China to carry out surveys and data collection. Work in Myanmar is pending due to civil unrest. • The 2nd PSC meeting was virtually convened on 30 August 2021. <p>2.7 Global Forest Education Funding pledged: US\$133,848 Funding pending: NIL</p> <p>In collaboration with FAO and IUFRO, the activity officially started on 6 July 2020 and was due to expire on 25 November 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation the project was granted an extension until 30 September 2021.</p> <p>ITTO has completed its obligations on the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Assessment of Forest Education in the Asia and Pacific Region with the support of RECOFTC. • Online Learning Course on Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC OLC), launched at the International Conference on Forest Education held in June 2021, accessible through the following link: LSSC online course web https://lsscourse.com/ <p>2.8 Development of Three Country Profiles to Populate the Timber-Lex Online Legal Database Funding pledged: US\$24,000 Funding pending: NIL</p> <p>ITTO signed a contract with FAO in September 2020 through which US\$24,000 was provided for ITTO to develop case studies on Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador to update the FAO Timber-Lex database of</p>

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			<p>country laws and regulations impacting forests. This work has been completed and the profiles uploaded to the FAO Timber Lex database (https://timberlex.apps.fao.org).</p> <p>2.9 Review of Sustainable Forest Trade in the Lower Mekong Region Funding pledged: US\$70,000 Funding pending: NIL</p> <p>ITTO signed a contract with FAO in September 2021 through which US\$70,000 was provided for ITTO to carry out an analysis of forest product trade from Lower Mekong Region (LMR) countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam) with a focus on trade with China. This work was just beginning in October 2021 and a more complete progress report will be provided at ITTC 58.</p> <p>Work under the LSSC activity will continue into 2022 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be allocated to relevant LSSC components in accordance with donor instructions.</p>
<p>3. Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO: Industry-led legality compliance/ due care training</p>	<p>ITTO will continue working with the Trade Advisory Group as well as organizations such as WRI, the Global Timber Forum and FAO (a CPF partner) through its FLEGT Program, as well as other major and relevant international and regional organizations (IOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private sector associations that are working in this area to pilot and eventually scale up capacity on due care. The training model will follow one that has been proven successful – delivered by industry actors, who understand the challenges, needs and vocabulary of businesses and industry in producer countries who are involved in the international trade. Training modules were developed and delivered in Colombia, Guatemala and Peru under the 2018-20 BWP; remaining funds pledged to that activity will be used to extend training to an additional country in 2021-22. If additional funds are pledged under this BWP, this work will be extended to other countries/regions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$50,000 Year 2022–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to an additional five target countries assisted with pilot trainings held for private sector • Technical Assistance provided to target countries by international experts / organizations 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$25,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$25,000 Year 2022 US\$50,000</p> <p>During 2021, work in Colombia and Guatemala begun under the previous BWP was completed and extended to allow an additional workshop in each country before the end of the year.</p> <p>Consultations are underway with WRI and other partners with respect to proposals to extend the private sector training to one or more additional countries in 2022, with Guyana the focus of current discussions. Additional funding is required to extend training activities to other countries.</p>

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4. Enhancing teak management	<p>This activity will promote sustainable teak development regionally and globally in plantation and natural teak forests that give a special attention to plantations which are of increasing importance in many countries. The activity will have a regional approach and is aimed at enhancing the contribution of sustainable teak management to the protection of tropical forests in participating countries, as well as promoting legal and sustainable teak industry and trade. During the period of the BWP 2018-2019, the activity has received an amount of US\$1,236,250 from the German Government as an earmarked allocation for activities in the Mekong Sub-region. An additional fund of US\$250,000 is needed for the period of 2021-2022 to continue the activity on organizing a regional workshop in LAC and supporting participants to the 4th World Teak Conference, Ghana 2021.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2021–US\$150,000 Year 2022–US\$100,000</p>	Improved teak management and utilization in three ITTO regions (Asia, Africa, Latin America)	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$150,000 Year 2022 US\$100,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available for this activity under this BWP, progress has been made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>In 2018, the proposal entitled ‘Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Subregion’ was formulated. The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany (BMEL) provided an amount of US\$ 1,236,250 to support the implementation of this activity.</p> <p>The following progress has been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing agreement between ITTO and BMEL was finalized during ITTC 54 in Yokohama in 2018 and subsequently MoUs between ITTO and four implementing agencies in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam were concluded in December 2018 while a MoU with Myanmar was finalized in October 2019; • Inception workshop was held in Bangkok on 23-25 April 2019 with the participation of representatives from the donor country, the five implementing agencies and ITTO; • Most of planned activities in the region have been successfully implemented but the implementation of a few field activities has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; • Main events held during 2019-2021 period include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training Workshop on Teak Propagation Technique and Silvicultural Practices on 5-9 August 2019 at the Elephant Conservation Center in Lampang Province, Thailand. ➤ Regional Workshop on Sustaining Teak Forests in Mekong Basin at AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center in Yangon, Myanmar on 24-27 September 2019 in collaboration with AFoCO. The 2nd Project Steering Committee Meeting and National Teak Forum in Lao PDR: “Sustainable Teak Value Chains for Sustainable Local Development”, in Vientiane and Luang Prabang Provinces, Lao PDR on 18-21 February 2020 Technical Meeting for Vietnam Component was organized for teak value chain assessment on 22-25 February 2020 in conjunction with the National Teak Forum in Lao PDR. ➤ The Virtual 3rd PSC meeting hosted by Kasetsart University was conducted on 9 December 2020. Three remarks were

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			<p>given by Mr. Adisorn Noochdumrong, Director-General of the Royal Forest Department (RFD) of Thailand and Chair of PSC Committee, Dr. Hwan-ok Ma, ITTO Projects. Manager, and Mr. Matthias Schwoerer, the representative of BMEL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It should be noted that the numbers of affected cases and death toll as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly increased in the five participating countries after April 2021. In order to connect and share experience among project staff and the interested individuals during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, seven monthly webinar on different teak related issues hosted by Kasetsart University have been conducted since January 2021. ➤ The publication of the edited book entitled “Sustainable Management of Teak (<i>Tectona grandis</i>) in the Mekong Region” is in progress. This edited book aims at presenting a comprehensive assessment of natural forest management and plantations in the Mekong Region where natural teak forests exist. The book will have around 30 articles that sourced from original articles as well as edited parts of project outputs, including research and review papers that have been produced during the course of this project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-monthly ITTO Teak Project's Newsletters created. Up to now, 13 issues have been published (http://www.teaknet.org/). • Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 4th World Teak Conference (WTC) was postponed from August 2020 to August 2022. During the conference, a special session on Sustainable Teak Management in Mekong Sub-region will be organized. • A Project Facebook page has been created and its content has been updated regularly (https://web.facebook.com/ITTO-TEAK-IN-Mekong393301941225768/). <p>This work will continue into 2022 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be used towards the implementation of this activity as proposed and approved.</p>

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<p>5. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES</p>	<p>Continue to assist Members to implement CITES listings of timber species. Pursuant to Decision 5(XLVI) on “Multi-Donor Mechanism to Facilitate Enhanced Cooperation between ITTO and CITES”, ITTO successfully completed implementation of a second grant of approximately US\$6,200,000 (EUR5,000,000) from the European Union (through the European Commission) in 2016. Matching contributions from other donors of over US\$3,000,000 were received by ITTO during the four-year EU/EC grant period. While the EU/EC in 2016 decided to provide further funding for work on CITES-listed tree species directly to the CITES Secretariat, other ITTO donors are encouraged to continue to support ITTO’s CITES-related work through this activity to enable ITTO to continue assisting the CITES Secretariat with implementation of the CITES Tree Species Program (CTSP) and to assist member countries to implement CITES listings of timber species.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$200,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$100,000 Year 2022–US\$100,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to three countries with projects implemented to improve CITES implementation for listed tree species • Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant CTSP and other CITES meetings/ activities • Reduced number of trade suspensions of CITES listed timber species 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$475,538 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 NIL</p> <p>ITTO finalized a contract with the CITES Secretariat in 2021 to provide assistance to the CITES Tree Species Programme (CTSP). This contract provides ITTO with US\$ 375,538 to: i) carry out a study on agarwood producing species and organize a validation workshop to review the study; ii) co-organize an international training workshop on timber identification; iii) assist, advise and provide input to the mid-term and final review of the CTSP; and iv) participate in the meetings of the CTSP Advisory Committee. ITTO will also fund a project on sustainable management of mahogany in Ecuador under this activity as a contribution to the CTSP.</p> <p>ITTO also continues to assist member countries in implementing CITES listings of tropical tree species outside of the CTSP with support from other donors (the USA pledged an additional US\$100,000 to this activity for 2021). This work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project in Madagascar to support implementation of the use plan and monitoring/tracking of rosewood stockpiles (agreement signed, project team in place; tracking systems being evaluated); • A project in Cameroon in collaboration with University of Adelaide (Australia) to implement DNA tracking and verification tests in supply chains of <i>Prunus africana</i> and <i>Pericopsis elata</i> (agreements signed with University of Adelaide and government of Cameroon; first workshop in Cameroon convened in August 2021; sample collection being planned); • The project in Ecuador referred to above that will be considered as a contribution to the CTSP (agreement being negotiated). <p>ITTO continues to seek additional funding from donors for this activity since demand for support in implementing CITES provisions for tropical tree species from member countries remains strong.</p>

6. Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber	<p>ITTO finalized a 4.4 million euro contract (including EUR 375,000 to be provided as an in-kind contribution by ITTO) with the European Union (through the European Commission) in 2014 to establish an Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) system for FLEGT-licensed timber entering the EU market. The IMM undertook baseline studies of the EU market in 2014-15 prior to being suspended because of the impairment of ITTO funds in mid-2016. IMM activities recommenced in 2017, with all foreseen activities progressing as scheduled during 2018-20. The contract with the EU/EC has been extended until the end of 2022 to take advantage of the one-year suspension of the IMM and budget savings. Progress on this BWP activity is regularly reported to the CEM under its Policy Work agenda.</p> <p>Activity No.: PP-A/49-291 EU Contract Number: DCI-ENV/2013/316-244</p> <p>Estimated cost: Fully funded by EU grant of EUR 4 million</p>	IMM system developed and implemented	<p>Funding pledged: This activity is fully funded by a EU grant of EUR 4 million</p> <p>IMM activities in 2021 were affected by the COVID pandemic which continued to make international travel largely impossible. As a result, the Project Steering Committee Meeting planned by IMM for March 2021 had to be postponed due to the COVID pandemic and was rescheduled for late 2021. The IMM Work Plan for 2022 will be discussed during that meeting. The IMM 2021 Work Plan was approved as a part of the IMM Progress Report for the period October 2019-October 2020 that was submitted in December 2020.</p> <p>An IMM trade consultation in Italy, which had initially been planned for May 2020 and was rescheduled for September 2021 had to be postponed again, to 2022. Instead, the IMM held a webinar on 24 June 2021, presenting latest trade trends and survey results to an audience of roughly 100.</p> <p>Another development relevant to IMM in 2021 was the release of initial findings of the FLEGT/EUTR Fitness Check. The preliminary findings have raised a question mark over the future of the FLEGT VPA process in general. Publication of final results of the Fitness Check has been delayed until late 2021, however, and IMM has decided to postpone stakeholder consultations regarding a potential second phase of IMM beyond 2022 as a result. Such consultations may be carried out in 2022 when the future of the FLEGT VPA process is clearer.</p> <p>Despite the COVID pandemic, regular trade and stakeholder surveys continued in all countries covered by the IMM, except for the Republic of Congo. Surveys are scheduled to be completed by the end of October. All other IMM activities, such as market updates and newsletters, also continued during 2021.</p> <p>The IMM 2020 Annual Report is being prepared in a new format, which should allow easier access to relevant information. It will be finalized by the time of ITTC57. IMM also updated its website in 2021. The new design improves the user experience and increases the accessibility of trade data and market information. The VPA partner country and key EU country profile pages were improved and extended as a part of the relaunch. IMM completed a special study on progress of FLEGT recognition in private and public green procurement policies in 2021. A second special study on EU paper trade and awareness of FLEGT in the paper sector is currently underway.</p>
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<p>7. Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management</p>	<p>(a) Criteria and indicators workshops. This work was facilitated by a similar activity under the 2018-2019 BWP. Using remaining funds from that activity (which was not fully implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic), this activity will continue and expand on the work provided for in 2018-2020 by convening a C&I workshop in a producer member country. If additional funds are made available, this work (which will promote the new ITTO criteria and indicators approved in 2016 with focus on new member countries) will be extended to provide for up to an additional 3 national workshops on C&I (incorporating related topics such as auditing, certification, international reporting requirements, etc. into the workshops.</p> <p>Estimated new funds sought: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$75,000 Year 2022–US\$75,000</p>	<p>Up to four national C&I training workshops convened</p>	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$75,000 Year 2022 US\$75,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available for this activity under this BWP, progress has been made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>Planning continues to convene one C&I training workshop in a producer member country that has not so far benefited from such training. Since there are several such countries, and since several other countries that have benefited from this training did so over a decade ago.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2022 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be used to expand the number of C&I workshops under this activity once travel becomes possible.</p>
	<p>(b) Adapt the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context. This Activity aims at adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context, in view of strengthening cooperation and collaboration between ITTO and African member countries on C&I, for the promotion of SFM contributing to make progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Global Forest Goals (GFG).</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$140,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021: US\$60,000 Year 2022: US\$80,000</p>	<p>Revised and updated C&I for African tropical forests to be published in 2021 and disseminated for policy planning tasks and for use by all relevant stakeholders involved in SFM issues in ITTO member countries in Africa, as well as a tool for promoting LSSC</p>	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$60,000 Year 2022 US\$80,000</p> <p>Despite no new funds being made available for this activity under this BWP, progress has been made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>A team of two consultants (international and regional consultants) had been reviewing the existing ITTO SFM-related guidelines with a view to linking the most relevant ones to the draft revised and updated “<i>ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Management of African Tropical Forests</i>”. The consultants also assessed the current status and/or application of C&I in ITTO member countries in Africa, as well as the experiences in applying ITTO C&I and other existing sets of C&I for SFM (FSC and PAFC-PEFC) for the implementation of national and international forest governance policies (such as VPA-FLEGT) in African countries. A regional workshop was held on 28-30 September 2021 for the validation of results of the abovementioned reviews which will lead to the preparation of the draft of a new set of C&I adapted to African context which will be finalized in 2022.</p> <p>If additional funds are made available, they will be used for additional work to disseminate and promote ITTO C&I for SFM in Africa.</p>

8. Statistical capacity building workshops	<p>Upon request, provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.</p> <p>Estimated new funds sought: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$50,000 Year 2022–US\$50,000</p>	Up to three country-level and/or regional workshops conducted	<p>Funding pledged: US\$11,761 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$38,239 Year 2022 US\$50,000</p> <p>An online regional workshop gathering all ITTO African members and 9 FAO west African countries will be organized in Oct. 2021.</p> <p>The next regional workshop to be organized is planned to be in Latin America either virtually or physically in 2022 depending on the pandemic situation.</p>
9. Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber producing forests	<p>Under the 2018-2020 BWP, the Government of Japan provided funding of US\$ 2,210,526 to this activity to develop projects to strengthen the capacities of national and local authorities in Indonesia and Peru to take urgent action for prevention and response to forest fires. The implementation agreements for these two activities were concluded in August 2020 and these activities are expected to start in November 2020. This activity is funded as part of the Programmatic Line 2 titled “Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services” and Programmatic Line 4 titled “Emerging Issues and Innovation” under the Programmatic Approach of the new financing architecture which is subject to a pilot phase implementation.</p> <p>The following activity will assist the development/ revision of national strategies and action plans by assessing implementation challenges for six selected countries (two per tropical timber producing region) through a multi-stakeholder, participatory gap analysis of the current strategies and action plans for the prevention and management of forest and land fires. The analysis will be conducted in collaboration with partners, including the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) supporting various regional forest fire networks in the tropics. This activity will also assist the participation of ITTO forest fire project team members in key international forest fire events.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$140,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$70,000 Year 2022–US\$70,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six national assessments conducted • Collaboration with partners including the Global Fire Monitoring Center and synergies for prevention and management of forest fires in the tropics enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$70,000 Year 2022 US\$70,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available to this activity under this BWP, work continued in 2021 on the following two Japan-funded activities described in the Implementation Approach column: PP-A/56-340-1: Capacity Building on Forest and Land Fire Management in Indonesia and PP-A/56-340-2: Forest Fire Prevention and Response in Tropical Forests and Forest Plantations in Peru. Progress in implementing these projects will be reported to the CRF under its agenda item 10.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.</p> <p>If additional funding is made available, the gap analysis will be carried out in collaboration with GFMC as proposed.</p>

GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK

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10. Formulate a new ITTO Strategic Action Plan	<p>Consultancy work and Working Group Meeting to prepare a draft of the next ITTO Strategic Action Plan for consideration of the Council at the 57th ITTC.</p> <p>Estimated cost: Fully funded through pledges to the BWP 2018-2019 (extended into 2020)</p>	New ITTO Strategic Action Plan formulated and approved	<p>Funding pledged: This activity was fully funded under the BWP 2018-2019</p> <p>A total of four Working Group meetings were held in the preparation of a draft Strategic Action Plan 2022-2026, supported by Secretariat and two consultants. The WG Report and the Proposed Strategic Action Plan 2022-2026 will be considered by Council at the 57th ITTC under item 14 of the provisional agenda (Documents ITTC(LVII)/9 and ITTC(LVII)/10).</p>
11. Developing and operationalizing ITTO's policy guidelines to members	<p>(a) Operationalizing the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women</p> <p>This activity will facilitate operationalization of the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women guidelines across all ITTO activities and initiatives.</p> <p>With the balance of funds remaining from previous pledges, ITTO is in discussion with other partners on the organization of an international workshop on The Role of Women in the Forest Sector (to include the primary processing sector) in 2022, pending additional funding being received. ITTO continues to seek donor support for further implementation of this activity.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$185,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$90,000 Year 2022–US\$95,000</p>	Gender guidelines fully implemented in all of ITTO's operations	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$90,000 Year 2022 US\$95,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available for this activity under this BWP, progress has been made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>A planned workshop in 2021 in collaboration with other partners, on The Role of Women in the Forestry Sector based on the balance of previous pledges and additional funding being made available, is postponed to 2022 due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic situation.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2022 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be used for the organization of this international workshop to facilitate wider dissemination and the implementation of the ITTO GEEW.</p>

<p>(b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics</p> <p>Production of outreach and communication materials for the dissemination of the newly adopted ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics, participation in international FLR events and holding of three country and/or regional workshops (one in each tropical timber producing region).</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$190,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021: US\$60,000 Year 2022: US\$130,000</p>	<p>Dissemination of the newly adopted guidelines in ITTO producing member countries</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$60,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 US\$130,000</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the dissemination of FLR-related guidelines has been carried out through virtual meetings or webinars targeting ITTO member countries in Latin America and Asia-Pacific regions. The findings of these meetings will be compiled in reports to be made available on the ITTO website and reported under agenda item 5 (policy work) of CRF.</p>
<p>(c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo</p> <p>This Activity is funded to contribute to and operationalize the ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women (GEEW) and the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (FLR). This activity reflects conformity with some elements under Decision 8(LV) and fits well under the pilot phase of the Programmatic Approach of the new financing architecture Third Programme Line (PL3) titled "Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods". Funds are available for 2021 (<i>US\$93,240 provided by Soka Gakkai</i>). Any additional funds pledged will replicate this activity in two other African countries to be decided in due time.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$300,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021: US\$93,240 Year 2022: US\$206,760</p>	<p>Putting into practices two ITTO Guidelines (GEEW and FLR)</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$93,240 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 US\$206,760</p> <p>The pilot activity PP-A/56-341, on Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo, is reported in detail in the document CRF(LV)/3 under the agenda item 10.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.</p>

GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status									
12. Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	<p>In line with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which will be adopted at CBD COP 15 in May 2021, this activity will promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assist the participation of selected ITTO biodiversity project team members in CDB COP 15 which will take place in China in May 2021 with the organization of a joint side event with CBD to share ITTO experiences and in related international meetings.Revise the programme document of the Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity to support the implementation of the MoU between ITTO and CBD for 2021-2025Support the implementation of the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative (Programme) 2021-2025 and disseminate its outcomes at international biodiversity events <p>Estimated cost: US\$105,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$55,000 Year 2022–US\$50,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participation of ITTO stakeholders in CBD COP 15 supportedA joint ITTO/CBD side event organized at COP 15ITTO/CBD program document for collaborative initiative revisedCollaboration with CBD enhanced	<table><tr><td>Funding pledged:</td><td>US\$30,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Funding pending:</td><td>Year 2021</td><td>US\$25,000</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Year 2022</td><td>US\$50,000</td></tr></table> <p>Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all CBD COP15 meetings in 2021 have been held virtually and relevant segments attended by ITTO. The MOU between ITTO and CBD was renewed in February 2021 and both Secretariats are currently exploring activities of mutual interest to operationalize the MOU in support of the implementation of tropical forest-related goals and targets of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.</p> <p>A joint ITTO-CBD side event is being planned for the second part of COP15 in Kunming, China in May 2022 to share the outcome of the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity.</p>	Funding pledged:	US\$30,000		Funding pending:	Year 2021	US\$25,000		Year 2022	US\$50,000
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	Year 2022	US\$50,000										

13.Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	<p>Promoting and integrating the role of productive forest and trade in major global processes (UNFF, CPF, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD, UN Environment, and UNCTAD etc.) for achieving SDG and Global Forest Goals through sustainable forest management and legal and sustainable supply chains.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$75,000 Year 2022–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of ITTO in UNFF16 in 2021 and up to four CPF meetings in 2021 and 2022 • Contributions to up to three CPF joint initiatives in 2021 and 2022 	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$75,000 Year 2022 US\$75,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available for this activity under this BWP, progress has been made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all CPF and CPF partners meetings, events and activities were held virtually in 2021 and ITTO has participated at and contributed to all CPF meetings, events and activities in 2021, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at a UNFF Expert Group meeting on the Assessment of the Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic on sustainable forest management • Contributed inputs on ITTO's activities to the CPF Workplan 2021-2024 • Inputs on the CPF Report presented at the UNFF16 • panelist at the UNFF16 Session 27 April 2021 on Thematic Priorities for the UNFF16 – Progress towards achievements of the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) • Panelist at the CPF side event held during the UN High Level Political Segment (HLPF) on 'The role of forests in a time of crisis: sustainable production and consumption patterns to turn the tide on deforestation' • Contributed as joint partner (in collaboration with the FAO & IFURO) on the formulation of the CPF Joint Initiative on Forest Education • Participated at the UNFF Expert Group Meeting on the Mid-term Review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAG) 17-18 November 2021 • Participated at the UNFCCC COP26 FACT Dialogues as a member of the Trade & Markets Group, highlighting ITTO activities on the SFM and trade in tropical wood and non-wood products, expected to feed into the G2G meetings and Ministerial Dialogues prior to and at COP26 in Glasgow • Participated at the APEC-EGILAT 19 Meeting, 19-20 February on Cross-Organizational Information Exchange & • Participated in the APEC-EGILAT Workshop on Advancing the Trade in Legally `harvested Forest Products, May & September 2021. • Participated in the CPF consultation group meetings for the XV
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			<p>World Forestry Congress in March, June and September 2021. Under the CPF FLR initiative (Tier II), which was funded by GEF, ITTO secured US\$38,867 (in 2019) to promote guidelines for tropical FLR. ITTO and IUFRO have jointly produced four FLR learning modules.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2022 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be used towards the implementation of this activity as proposed and approved.</p>
14. Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	<p>This work was also facilitated by a similar activity under the previous BWP. Remaining funds from that activity together with any new pledges will continue and expand on the work in 2021-2022.</p> <p>Funds will be used to allow the Secretariat to participate in international C&I related meetings/discussions/initiatives, including the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest Reporting, initiatives to take advantage of synergies between ITTO and FAO forest reporting (FRA including the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire) and relevant meetings of other C&I processes.</p> <p>Estimated new funds sought: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$25,000 Year 2022–US\$25,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant meetings attended • collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$25,000 Year 2022 US\$25,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available for this activity under this BWP, progress has been made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>ITTO contributed to finalization of the FAO FRA 2020 report in 2020-21 using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>If additional funds are made available, ITTO will contribute to additional FRA-related activities and collaborative C&I related activities in 2022.</p>

GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH-RELATED WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
15.ITTO communication strategy	<p>Develop a communication strategy to optimize the use of ITTO's knowledge, communication resources and outreach capabilities in fulfilling the Organization's mission and to support fundraising tailored to specific target groups.</p> <p>Estimated cost: Fully funded through pledges to the BWP 2018-2019 (extended into 2020)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strategy that sets out the Organization's communication programme, and the tools, approaches, stakeholders, timing and resources for its implementation • Actions aimed at raising awareness and building capacity for the effective implementation of the communication strategy 	<p>Funding pledged: This activity was fully funded under the BWP 2018-2019</p> <p>ITTO engaged the services of Burness (www.burness.com), a communication agency supporting non-profits, to assist the Secretariat in developing the communication strategy.</p> <p>A draft communication strategy as prepared by the consultants in liaison with the Secretariat will be presented to the Council at its 57th session (Document ITTC(LVII)/16). Work to prepare the strategy included: assessment of ITTO communications and landscape research; audience research; message development; message testing; and drafting an opinion piece for potential placement in a major media outlet.</p>
16.ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	<p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$390,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$195,000 Year 2022–US\$195,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to four TFU issues per year published in three ITTO working languages 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2021 Core Budget Year 2022 US\$195,000</p> <p>The TFU is distributed in hardcopy to about 14 000 individuals and organizations in more than 160 countries and is also available on the ITTO website and via the TFU app (which can be obtained from the App Store and Google Play).</p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, two editions of the TFU had been published in 2021. Production was suspended in May–August 2021 due to shortfalls in members' contributions to the administrative budget. Work recommenced in mid-August.</p>

<p>17. Public relations, education and outreach</p>	<p>Regular work. Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches a wide audience by conducting:</p> <p>(a) Communication activities: Undertaking regular communication and outreach activities including, inter alia, managing the ITTO website (e.g. postings, and improvements in functionality and appearance); publishing and disseminating ITTO reports and publications (e.g. annual reports, project and activity reports, newsletters, TFU articles, news stories and events); producing and disseminating public relations materials (e.g. brochures, calendars, infographics, pamphlets, posters, videos and photographic images) to convey the work of the Organization; and other ad hoc initiatives, including in collaboration with other partners.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$360,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$180,000 Year 2022–US\$180,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular website and social media post on the work of the Organization • Up to two new policy/technical series documents published and disseminated • Up to 8 TFU issues widely distributed • Up to 10 issues of Tropical Forest News newsletter widely distributed • New videos, posters, and pamphlets published • Two annual reports in three languages published • Photo database enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs Funding pending: Year 2021 Core Budget Year 2022 US\$180,000</p> <p>(a) <u>ITTO website:</u> The ITTO website has been regularly updated in 2021 with a wide-range of information on ITTO's work, including news; calls for proposals; information for the International Tropical Timber Council and its committees; publications, including the TFU and the Policy Development and Technical series; a statistical database; the Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation; the Market Information Service; information on ITTO Fellowships; a list of forthcoming events; outputs of project work (with a comprehensive search engine); a photo gallery; and quick links to various areas of the site. New or modified sections or pages on the site in 2021 include: ITTO contact points; Council's advisory bodies/groups; projects/concept notes for donor consideration; the Sustainable Development Goals; and a quick link to the LSSC online course.</p> <p><u>Social media:</u> ITTO has a longstanding presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube. Regular postings are made across all social media accounts. Key data on social media are included in the Organization's annual reports.</p> <p><u>Videos:</u> At the time of preparation of this report, a total of 120 videos were available on ITTO's YouTube channel, showing various aspects of the Organization's work.</p> <p><u>Promotional materials:</u> At the time of preparation of this report, the monthly e-newsletter <i>Tropical Forest News</i> has around 2,700 subscribers and nine issues have been distributed in 2021.</p> <p><u>Annual report and project/activity reports:</u> The 2020 ITTO annual report was published on the website in August 2021. French, and Spanish editions were posted in September 2021.</p> <p>Three Technical Series publications have been published in 2021: <i>Fiscal and Non-fiscal Incentives for Sustainable Forest Management</i>; <i>Tropical Timber 2050</i>; and <i>Not Only Timber</i>, the latter was funded through a MoU signed with the Precious Forest Foundation in January</p>
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2021 amounting to USD 11,000. The *Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation 2019–2020* was published in August 2021.

The report *Forest Product Conversion Factors: Tropical Logs and Sawntwood* was published online in June 2021.

The Climate Investment Funds and the World Bank with ITTO support released the publication *Designing Fiscal Instruments for Sustainable Forestry* in April 2021.

ITTO was featured in a chapter of *A Better World, volume 7*, published by the Human Development Forum in March 2021, showcasing ITTO's work related to SDG 17.

Links to newsletters produced under an ITTO project to develop teak resources in the Mekong Subregion have been disseminated through ITTO's website and other media.

Public relations:

Most PR events planned for 2021 have been either cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. Nonetheless, ITTO participated in many virtual/hybrid events in 2021, noteworthy examples including: webinars on the Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics; IUFRO World Day; FAO's webinar De-risking agriculture supply chains—Including forests in due diligence processes; celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the Yokohama International Organization Center; a webinar exploring lessons in fire management in Indonesia; the launch of the Peruvian fire management project; an FAO/EFI webinar on MSMEs, forest governance and livelihoods; a side-event of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests as part of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; the FAO–ITTO–IUFRO-led International Conference on Forest Education; the 19th meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; and the 2021 edition of the Yokohama International Forum.

ITTO's work has also been featured in other media, noteworthy examples including those associated with El Comercio (Peruvian major newspaper); Double-Helix; the G-7 communiqué issued in May 2021; the Global Landscapes Forum; the Climate Investment Funds; the IISD SDG knowledge hub; ATIBT; Form International; the CBD; Guatemala's National Forest Institute; Mongabay; RTV Slovenia; Stabroek News; and Togo's Savoir News.

	<p>(b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora): Exhibiting the work of ITTO at relevant international events during the biennium [e.g. XXV World Forestry Congress; CBD, CITES and UNFCCC COPs; sessions of UNFF; COFO 26], and other fora not covered under other BWP activities.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$180,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$90,000 Year 2022–US\$90,000</p>	<p>Exhibiting the work of ITTO at up to five international fora</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>(b) Most of the listed events have been cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. Nonetheless, ITTO participated virtually in several major forums in 2021, including: the virtual segment of CBD COP-15; the FAO–ITTO–IUFRO-led International Conference on Forest Education; UNFF-16; and the 19th meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade.</p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, ITTO applied to become a sponsor of the XV World Forestry Congress; joint participation by ITTO–FFPRI at an event to be hosted by the Indonesian Pavilion and a virtual booth at UNFCCC COP-26; and had submitted materials for a virtual display at the Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2021–Action Hub and the Africa Climate Week 2021.</p>
	<p>(c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant public relations materials into Japanese.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2021–US\$25,000 Year 2022–US\$25,000</p>	<p>Comprehensive Japanese language coverage of ITTO's work on the ITTO website</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 25,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 US\$25,000</p> <p>(c) The Government of Japan allocated US\$25,000 in 2021 to cover the cost of translating into Japanese the ITTO website, the annual report and other promotional materials. The translation of the 2020 annual report was completed and posted on the website at the time of preparation of this report. Relevant parts of the ITTO website have also been translated.</p> <p>Voluntary contributions of US\$25,000 are sought to continue translation into Japanese in 2022.</p>

GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	
18.Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	<p>Regular work. Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$80,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$40,000 Year 2022–US\$40,000</p>	<p>At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022</p>	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$40,000 Year 2022 US\$40,000</p> <p>Due to the 57th ITTC being held virtually, no travel assistance was required for 2021.</p> <p>If additional funds are made available, they will be used to provide travel support to TAG and CSAG in 2022.</p>
19.ITTO Annual Market Discussion	<p>Regular work. The themes for the Annual Market Discussions will be determined at the Council Sessions immediately preceding the discussions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$70,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$35,000 Year 2022–US\$35,000</p>	<p>ITTO Annual Market Discussions convened in 2021 and 2022</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs Funding pending: Year 2021 Core Budget Year 2022 US\$35,000</p> <p>Due to the pandemic the TAG recommended postponing the 2020 Annual Market Discussion until Council is convened with representatives of member countries and the trade able to participate physically. The Secretariat is collaborating with TAG in the preparations and conduct of the 2021 Market Discussion which will be held virtually on the theme “Challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic” in conjunction with the Fifty-seventh Session of the ITTC.</p>
20.Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	<p>Regular work. Convene up to two meetings of the Expert Panel each year.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$280,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$140,000 Year 2022–US\$140,000</p>	<p>Meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2021 and 2022</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded under Core Operational Costs Funding pending: Year 2021 Core Budget Year 2022 US\$140,000</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to convene the Fifty-sixth Expert Panel in Yokohama, Japan in June 2021. The EP conducted the proposal review by electronic means. The report will be presented to the Council under Agenda Item 10(b) [Document ITTC/(LVII)/5].</p>
21.ITTO Fellowship Programme	<p>Regular work. The objective of the Fellowship Programme is to develop human resources and enhance professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines, with a view to promoting sustainable management of tropical forests, efficient utilization and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information on the international trade in tropical timber.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$800,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$400,000 Year 2022–US\$400,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 130-140 fellowships awarded in 2021 and 2022 • Fellowship alumni network maintained 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$121,275 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$278,725 Year 2022 US\$400,000</p> <p>The Progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme will be attached to the Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC(LVII)/12) and will be presented to the 57th Session of the ITTC as part of the BWP progress report under Provisional Agenda Item 15. Additional funding will be required for this activity to award Fellowships in 2022.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	
22. ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	<p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$420,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$210,000 Year 2022–US\$210,000</p>	<p>Twenty-three (23) Tropical Timber Market Reports published annually in 2021 and 2022)</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2021 Core Budget Year 2022 US\$210,000</p> <p>Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) are scheduled to be published in 2021 and are planned for 2022.</p> <p>All correspondents continue working and as of October 2021 have managed to deliver their reports on time despite pandemic lockdowns. The report is distributed to over 18,000 registered readers.</p>
23. Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	<p>Regular work. The Secretariat will undertake activities to improve statistical databases, maintain access to international forest products trade databases and to maintain involvement in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire process.</p> <p>Updating of the online statistical database in Feb. 2021, in August 2021, in Feb. 2022 and Aug. 2022.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$40,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$20,000 Year 2022–US\$20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in two meetings of the Intersecretariat Working Group • Updating and refinement of JFSQ • Updating the online statistical database twice a year 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2021 Core Budget Year 2022 US\$20,000</p> <p>The Intersecretariat Working Group meeting was held online in January 2021 and the next IWG will also be held online in January 2022.</p> <p>ITTO's online statistical database was updated twice in 2021 (Feb. and Aug.) and will be updated twice in 2022 (Feb. and Aug.).</p> <p>This activity also funded 3 market studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study on conversion factors of tropical logs and sawnwood published in June 2021 on the ITTO website. The study estimates the conversion factors for a wide range of tropical timber species based on weight, using data on wood and bark density and wood moisture content. Additional funds from Activity 24 were used to finance the study. • A study on plantation development and productivity in Brazil which was co-funded with FAO and should be published in a joint ITTO-FAO publication on planted forests in 2022. The study is an overview of plantations in Brazil, the current investments and policies towards their development and the challenges they are currently facing. The total cost of the study was US\$11,304, with US\$10,000 funded by FAO and US\$1,304 funded by Activity 23. • A study on plantation development and productivity in the subtropical and tropical provinces of China which also should be published in a joint ITTO-FAO publication on planted forests in 2022. The study is an overview of plantations in the subtropical and tropical provinces of China, the current investments and policies towards their development and the challenges they are currently facing.

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	
24. Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	<p>Regular work. Publication of the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation for 2019-2020 in August 2021 and preparation of the draft elements for the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation for 2021-2022 in 2022.</p> <p>Undertaking one or two market studies per biennium which are published along with the review.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$120,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$60,000 Year 2022–US\$60,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial review and assessment 2019-20 published in 2021 • Draft elements of the 2021-22 Review considered at the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council in 2022 • Undertaking one or two market studies per biennium 	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs Funding pending: Year 2021 Core Budget Year 2022 US\$60,000</p> <p>The Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2019-2020 was published in August 2021 and the draft of the next review will be prepared in 2022 and presented to the 58th ITTC.</p> <p>A market study on India's timber supply and demand 2010 to 2030 was published in September 2021. A second market study will be identified in early 2022.</p>

Part 2 – ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (NO FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS)

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
25. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2021-2022. ITTA, 2006, Article 24] [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reviewed at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2021 – 2022 under Item 15 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LVII)/11].
26. Consider the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2023-2024. [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2023-2024 considered at the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council in 2022 	The draft BWP 2023-2024 will be prepared in 2022 for consideration at the 58 th ITTC.
27. Decide on eligibility of approved actions, projects and pre-projects for funding out of Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. ITTA, 2006, Article 21] [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises the Council on eligibility of actions, pre-projects and projects for funding out of Sub-Account B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-seventh Session of the Council and advise on eligibility for funding out of Sub-account B.
28. Decide on project work, including financing, taking into account the recommendations made by the Committees on project proposals and on-going and completed approved projects. ITTA, 2006, Articles 20, 21, 25]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions taken at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council at its Fifty-seventh Session will review the recommendations of the Committees and will decide on project work including financing.
29. Make allocations from unearmarked funds available in the Bali Partnership Fund and/or Special Account to fund implementation of eligible approved actions, projects and pre-projects. ITTA, 2006, Article 21; [ITTC Decision 4(XXX)]	Regular Sessions' work. The Panel established under ITTC Decision 4(XXX) advises Council on allocations of unearmarked funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations made at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund Account will meet during the Fifty-seventh Session of the Council to decide on allocations from available unearmarked funds.
30. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programmatic approach and the four programme lines during the pilot phase period (2020-2022). [ITTC Decision 8(LV) and Decision 4(LVI)]	The Secretariat will update Council on the pilot phase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	Progress on the implementation of the Programmatic Approach under both Decisions and the four Programme Lines will be reported to Council under Provisional Agenda item 17 (a). The review/evaluation of the pilot phase 2020-2022 will be recommended to Council to be postponed.

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
31. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of pre-projects, projects and activities under the Thematic Programmes Sub-Account. ITTA, 2006, Article 20(6)] [ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	As informed to the 56 th ITTC, in the absence of any new pledges to the Thematic Programmes and given that all funded projects have been reported completed, there is nothing to report under this Activity.
32. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). [ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Meetings of the IAG considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will receive the Report of the 35 th IAG under Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LVII)/2].
33. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of the Committees presented at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 19 of its Provisional Agenda including relevant project and policy work.
34. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). [ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 19 of its Provisional Agenda, including any recommendations on selected projects for ex-post evaluation.
35. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. ITTA, 2006, Article 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website, including through the project search function, the TFU, the electronic newsletter Tropical Forest News, the ITTO YouTube channel, outreach materials and in the Annual Reports.
36. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider one thematic ex-post evaluation report at the Fifty-fifth Session of the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management, under Item 9(a) of the Provisional Agenda.
37. Review the independent audited statements for the 2020 and 2021 financial years, and make recommendation to the Council for their approval. ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of independent auditors disseminated to members and summaries published in ITTO Annual Reports in 2021 and 2022 	The report of the independent auditors on the 2020 Financial Year will be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) at its Thirty-sixth Session, [Document CFA(XXXVI)/6]. The CFA may recommend approval of the report to the Council.
38. Examine and make recommendations to Council, regarding the approval of the Organization's administrative budget proposals for the financial years 2022 and 2023. ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget proposals will be included in Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh CFA Reports to be presented at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The CFA at its Thirty-sixth Session will review the draft Biennial Administrative Budget for 2022 and 2023. The CFA may recommend approval of the budget to the Council.

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
39. Review the assets of the Organization to ensure prudent asset management and that the Organization has sufficient reserves to carry out its work. ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the independent auditors for the financial years 2020 and 2021 presented at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 • Meetings and reports of the investment oversight panel as appropriate 	The CFA will conduct a review of the Organization's assets at its Thirty-sixth Session as part of the regular work.
40. Examine and make recommendations to Council, on the budgetary implications of the Organization's work program, and the actions that might be taken to secure the resources needed to implement it. ITTA, 2006, Article 26(3)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision on the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 presented at the Fifty-sixth Session of the Council in 2020 	The CFA will conduct a review at its Thirty-sixth Session as part of the regular work.
Additional Activity			
41. Facilitate the secondment of a Programme Officer from the Government of Korea	Cooperation Arrangement under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Korea Forest Service (KFS) and ITTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance cooperation between KFS and ITTO through the secondment of a Programme Officer 	A Programme Officer (Mr. Taesik Ham) has been seconded to the ITTO Secretariat for the period from September 2021 to September 2024. The secondment is financed by KFS through a voluntary contribution of KRW 1.23 billion (approx.. US\$ 1.1 million).

Annex I

Activity relevance and responsible body

Activity		ITTA/ITTC	ITTO SAP	UNSPF	Programme Line	Responsible Body
GROUP 1 –FIELD ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH ENGAGEMENT OF/WORK IN MEMBER COUNTRIES						
1	Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI) and 2(XLIII)	SP1, SP2, SP4	GFG1, GFG2, GFG4	PL 1	Council, Joint Committees
2	Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)	SP1, SP2	GFG2, GFG5	PL 1	CEM
3	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	CEM/CFI (L)/4; Report item 9 (IV) and (v); Annex C	SP2, SP6	GFG-6	PL 1	Council, CEM, CFI
4	Enhancing teak management	Articles 1(a), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r)	SP1, SP2, SP5, SP6	GFG2, GFG6	PL 1	CFI
5	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Article 15 ; Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII), 5(XLVI)	SP2, SP3, SP6	GFG1, GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	PL 1, PL 2	Council
6	Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber	Articles 1(d), (k), (n), (o)	SP1, SP2, SP5	GFG2, GFG5, GFG6	PL 1	CEM
7	a) Criteria and indicators workshops	Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1	GFG5, GFG6		Council/CRF
	b) Adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context					
8	Statistical capacity building workshops	Article 28(5)	SP5, SP6	GFG6		CEM
9	Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber-producing forests	Article 1(m); Decision 6(XXXIII)	SP4	GFG1, GFG6	PL 2, PL 4	CRF
GROUP 2 – NORMATIVE WORK ON POLICY GUIDELINES OR OTHER STRATEGIC WORK						
10	Formulate a new ITTO Strategic Action Plan	Article 24(3)	SP1 – SP6	Crosscutting		Council
11	a) Operationalizing ITTO Policy guidelines on gender equality and empowering women	Decision 2(L)	SP1 – SP6	GFG6		Council
	b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics	Decisions 7(LV)	SP4	GFG1, GFG6		CRF
	c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo	Decision 2(L)	SP2, SP-4	GFG1, GFG2	PL 3	CRF

GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES						
12	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	Article 1(m), (r); Decision 6(XLIV)	SP3	GFG3, GFG4	PL 2	Council/CRF
13	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Article 15; Decision 7(XXX)	SP6	GFG6		Council
14	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1	GFG5, GFG6		Council, CRF
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK						
15	ITTO communication strategy	Article 1, Decision 5(XXVII)	SP5, SP6	GFG6		Council
16	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Articles 27, 28	SP5	GFG6		Council
17	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Article 1, Decision 5(XXVII)	SP5, SP6	GFG6		Council
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)					
	c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant PR materials into Japanese					
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK						
18	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)	SP6	GFG6		Council
19	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Article 1(e), (h)	SP5	GFG6		Joint Committees
20	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Article 26; Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)	SP1 - SP6	GFG1 - GFG6		Council and Committees
21	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Decision 4(XXVII)	SP6	GFG6		Council
22	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Articles 27, 28	SP2, SP5	GFG2, GFG6		CEM
23	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Article 27	SP5	GFG6		CEM
24	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Article 28	SP5	GFG6		Council

Reference Tables**ITTO SAP Strategic Priorities (SP)**

SP 1	Promote good forest governance and financing for sustainable forest management
SP 2	Increase the contribution of tropical forests to national and local economies through international trade
SP 3	Enhance the contribution of tropical timber producing forests to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
SP 4	Reduce tropical deforestation and forest degradation and enhance provision of environmental services
SP 5	Improve the quality and availability of information on tropical forests, timber markets and trade
SP 6	Build and develop human resource capacity to implement SFM and increase trade in forest goods and services from sustainably managed forests

UNSPF Global Forest Goals (GFG)

GFG 1	Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and enhance the contribution of forests to climate change
GFG 2	Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people
GFG 3	Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests
GFG 4	Mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management and strengthen scientific, technical and technological cooperation and partnerships
GFG 5	Promote sustainable governance frameworks to implement sustainable forest management, including through the United Nations forest instrument, and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
GFG 6	Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels, including within the United Nations system and across CPF member organizations, as well as across sectors and relevant stakeholders

ITTO Programme Lines (PL) *(approved for a pilot phase from 2020-2022 under Decision 8(LV))*

PL 1	Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)
PL 2	Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
PL 3	Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods
PL 4	Emerging Issues and Innovation