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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021-2022 [Item 14 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in Council Decision 2(LVI) in the same tabular format, but the columns on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' have been replaced by the column on the 'Implementation Status'.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 Secretariat is proposing an extension of the BWP 2021-2022 for one year through 2023, so that the timing of the BWP is back in line with the financial biennium of the administrative budget.

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. In September 2021 one additional activity was included in Part 2, i.e., Activity 41, to facilitate the secondment of a Programme Officer from the Government of Korea, financed by the Korean Forest Service. 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 | Full | 2,484,798 |
| 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 | 600,538 |
| 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 | 80,000 |
| | c) Support for women's groups with gender empowerment and forest landscape restoration in Togo | Partial | 182,822 |
| GROUP 3 – COLLABORATIVE WORK/MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/INITIATIVES | | | |
| 12 | Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests | Partial | 55,288 |
| 13 | Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others | Partial | 110,000 |
| 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 | Full | 50,000 |
| GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK | | | |
| 18 | Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement | Partial | 20,000 |
| 19 | ITTO Annual Market Discussion | Partial | Core |
| 20 | Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals | Partial | Core |
| 21 | ITTO Fellowship Programme | Partial | 235,663 |
| 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\$3,953,870 have been pledged (see Table 2).

Table 2: Voluntary contributions pledged under the BWP 2021-2022 (as of 7 October 2022)

| Year | US\$ sought | US\$ pledged* |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| 2021 | US\$ 2,050,000 | US\$ 1,852,923 |
| 2022 | US\$ 2,296,760 | US\$ 2,100,947 |
| Total | US\$ 4,346,760 | US\$ 3,953,870 |

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 2022 is about US\$ 131,000 or 14.1%. In 2021, 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 2021-22 (to September) voluntary contributions to the BWP 2021-2022 were received from Japan, USA, China and the Netherlands. Contributions were also received from the CITES Secretariat, FAO, Soka Gakkai, the Precious Forest Foundation, Kisso-an and the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM). 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 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 | 971,442 |
| USA | 355,000 |
| China | 200,000 |
| Netherlands | 119,823 |
| Unearmarked funds & BPF | 60,000 |
| Subtotal (a) | 1,706,265 |
| Non-members | |
| Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) | 1,333,920 |
| CITES Secretariat | 400,538 |
| FAO | 314,848 |
| Soka Gakkai | 182,822 |
| Precious Forest Foundation, PFF | 11,000 |
| Kisso-an | 4,477 |
| Subtotal (b) | 2,247,605 |
| Total (a + b) | 3,953,870 |
| Grant Agreements | |
| EU Grant for IMM (Activity 7) | *4,499,438 |
| Other contributions | |
| Secondment Korea Forest Service | **1,006,502 |

*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, two activities (Act. 2 - LSSC; Act. 5 – ITTO/CITES) have received full funding, 15 activities (including six activities approved under core budget) have received partial funding and 4 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 was published by FAO in July 2022. Reporting was also completed 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.

- **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, Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) and FAO. In total, US\$ 2,484,798 has been received for the different components as indicated in the Progress Report below. No funding has been received for the GTTN Phase III component.

The sub-activities funded by the government of Germany (BMEL) reported under Activity 2 were completed by the end of 2021 and relevant reports were submitted and finalized. These sub-activities include: 2.1 a. “Supporting the establishment of the Business Information Exchange Platform”; 2.1 b. “Study of the Blockchain-based International Timber Tracking System for Building Sustainable Wood Supply Chains”; and 2.1 c. “Timber Trade Portal: Towards well-informed legal trade”.

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 (sub-activity 2.4), is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LVI)/3 under agenda item 10.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.

There are two new sub-activities under Activity 2 that have been approved by ITTO and fully funded by Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of Macao SAR, China in mid-2022, namely 2.10 “Supporting the Establishment and Operation of the Global Timber Index Platform for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains” and 2.11 “Supporting Pilot Collaborative Operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains”. The implementation of these two sub-activities has only recently commenced and they will be continued in 2023 and beyond. A progress report on the implementation will be provided to ITTC 59.

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

During 2022, work in Guatemala begun under the previous BWP was completed. 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 any other countries. This activity is expected to be continued into 2023 and beyond.

- **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\$ 400,538 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. All of the above activities were under implementation in 2022, with a final report to be submitted to the CITES Secretariat covering all work under the contract by November 2022.

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\$200,000 to this activity for 2021-22). 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.

All three of the above projects should complete activities in the first half of 2023. 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. This activity is expected to be continued into 2023 and beyond.

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

IMM activities in 2022 continued to be affected by the COVID pandemic, which made international travel difficult. Some travel within Europe and to Indonesia took place during the first half of the year, but travel activities were reduced again in the second half, due to travel related COVID infections among the team and chaotic travel conditions caused by staff shortages at European airports.

The Project Steering Committee Meeting, which had been planned by IMM for March 2021, had to be postponed due to the COVID pandemic and was rescheduled several times, with the current planning for a final PSC in late 2022. The IMM Work Plan to complete this activity will be discussed during that meeting. The IMM 2021 and 2022 Work Plans were approved as a part of the IMM Progress Reports for 2020 and 2021 that were submitted to the EU in December 2020 and 2021, respectively.

As the IMM project is scheduled to complete activities in December 2022, the focus of the Work Plan for the year has shifted towards activities under Result 3 “A long-term strategy for sustaining the Independent Market Monitoring system beyond this project is defined in consultation with the EU and VPA partner countries”.

Government, private sector, and CSO stakeholders in Indonesia were consulted on the IMM’s past, ongoing, and potential future activities and operational structure in three separate sessions on 17 and 18 May 2022 in Jakarta. A consultation of European private sector, NGOs, and consultancies was held on 1 June 2022, during the Carrefour International du Bois trade show in Nantes. Feedback from trade and FLEGT/EUTR Competent Authorities in key EU countries is also being sought as a part of the annual IMM survey.

From among the remaining VPA partner countries, IMM will also consult stakeholders in Ghana and Viet Nam, which are widely considered most likely to be the next countries to start FLEGT-licensing in the foreseeable future. The IMM Ghana correspondent has already interviewed several key timber exporters in Ghana for the IMM feedback survey. Stakeholders from government agencies and CSOs were consulted in two separate webinars on 18 August 2022. Similar consultations in Viet Nam are planned in the fourth quarter of the year.

Other IMM activities, such as market updates and newsletters, also continued during 2022. The IMM 2022 Work Plan provides for production of four “modular” reports (rather than a single Annual Report as prepared for 2021) covering trade and market updates, feedback from the stakeholder consultations, and trade survey results. These are to be published between April 2022 and April 2023. This new reporting format was developed in response to feedback that the Annual Reports were not accessible enough and published at rather long intervals. The first Modular Report was published in May 2022, with the second one scheduled for publication in September, a third in December and a final one in April or May 2023.

This activity will be completed by June 2023 and a report on its successful completion will be provided to the 59th ITTC.

- **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 a special services agreement (SSA) with an international consultant and a regional consultant for the implementation of this BWP Activity referenced as PP-A/55-336. The consultants prepared a 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 from ITTO member countries in Africa and representatives of relevant forest-related stakeholders. The final version of the revised/adapted C&I are currently undergoing translation with final editing, layout/design and publication to be complete by the end of 2022. PP-A/55-336 is to be reported in Document CRF(LVI)/3 under the CRF agenda item 5.(v).

- **Activity 8 – Statistical capacity building workshops**

The purpose of this activity is to strengthen capacities in statistical reporting (i.e., the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire). Due to the pandemic situation and the uncertainty it generated, no physical statistical workshop could be organized in 2022.

The next regional workshop to be considered is planned to be organized physically in Latin America in 2023 depending on the Covid situation. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.

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

a) PP-A/56-340-1 (Indonesia) and PP-A/56-340-2 (Peru) are to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LVI)/2 under the CRF agenda item 8.3 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 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 were presented to Council at its 57th session and adopted under Decision 5(LVII).

- **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 2023, 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 2023 for Africa. This activity is to be reported in detail in Document CRF(LVI)/3 under CRF agenda item 5 (policy work).

(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(LVI)/3 under CRF agenda item 8.3 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, in cooperation with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the Network of Central African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions (RIFFEAC), is being planned for the second part of COP15 in Montreal, Canada in December 2022 to share the outcome of the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity
- **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 contributed and actively participated in the following forums in 2022:
 - The Working Party on Commodities (PROBA).
 - APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry (MMRF5).
 - 21st and 22nd meetings of the APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT).
 - 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 8).
 - 2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.
 - 19th Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) meeting of the Parties.
 - ATIBT Biennial Forum, General Assembly and 70th anniversary at Carrefour International du Bois.
 - United Nations Forum on Forests (17th Session).
 - XV World Forestry Congress.
 - 26th session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and 8th World Forestry Week.Later in 2022, ITTO plans to participate in the upcoming Nature for Life Hub (UNDP); and the CBD, CITES and UNFCCC COPs.
- **Activity 14 – Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM**
ITTO contributed to the finalization of the FAO FRA 2020 report and continued to collaborate with FAO during 2022, including co-hosting a side event on the contribution of C&I to SFM at the World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Korea in May 2022.

ITTO will continue to collaborate with relevant international C&I processes and will continue to serve on the FAO FRA Advisory Board. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.

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, exhibitions and website updates, as well as participation in various webinars and other international events. The Council welcome the draft communication strategy (presented to the Council at its 57th session (Document ITTC(LVII)/16)), as an ambitious plan to improve ITTO's visibility and messaging and support its fundraising efforts, noting that additional resources would be needed for its implementation. Progress on implementation of the strategy is described the table below. 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). The cost of producing the TFU increased in 2022 due to increases in printing and shipping as a side-effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and shipping bottlenecks. The Secretariat found ways to reduce cost for now, but a budget revision may be needed at the time of approval of the next BWP if the situation remains.

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 for TAG/CSAG involvement in Council work in 2021. Funding has been provided to support attendance of TAG and CSAG at the 58th ITTC. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.
- **Activity 19 – ITTO Annual Market Discussion**

With travel still difficult/impossible in 2021, the Secretariat collaborated with TAG in the preparation and conduct of the 2021 Market Discussion which was held virtually on the theme “Challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic” in conjunction with the virtual Fifty-seventh Session of ITTC. The TAG plans to convene the 2022 Market Discussion on the theme “Carbon markets and the timber industry: an opportunity for a paradigm shift?” which will take place in conjunction with the 58th ITTC Session, scheduled to be physically convened on 7-11 November 2022. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.

- **Activity 20 – Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals**
Due to COVID-19 the 57th Expert Panel was conducted electronically. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-57]. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.
- **Activity 21 – ITTO Fellowship Programme**
The Fellowship Selection Panel will meet during the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2022 to the Council. The Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC/LVIII/8) 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. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.
- **Activity 22 - ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)**
Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) were published in 2021 and the same number are on schedule to be delivered in 2022. All correspondents continue working and as of August 2022 have managed to deliver their reports on time despite ongoing pandemic disruptions in many countries. The report is distributed to over 18,000 registered readers and further disseminated by many of these readers. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.
- **Activity 23 - Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics**
In 2022, 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, the inclusion of new products in the next review of the World Customs Organization Harmonized System and reviewing common statistical activities undertaken with partner organizations. The next meeting will be held virtually in January 2023.

The ITTO online statistical database was updated twice in 2022 (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 1990-2021 uploaded. The next updates will be in February 2023 and August 2023 covering the period 1990-2022. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.

- **Activity 24 – Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation**
The draft of the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022 is being prepared in 2022 and will be presented to the 58th ITTC. Following Council input, further data collection, analysis and editing, the Biennial Review 2021-22 will be published in 2023 for distribution ahead of ITTC 59.

A long-term study on the consumption and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products is currently co-funded under this activity and will be published with the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022. A second study on wood processing conversion factors in Africa will be commissioned in early 2023 and if completed in time will also be published with the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022. More details of these studies will be provided during the 58th ITTC Session and/or to the CEM. This activity is expected to continue into 2023 and beyond.

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 | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>1. Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests</p> | <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 | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Funding pledged:</td> <td style="width: 30%;">US\$77,000</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funding pending:</td> <td>Year 2021</td> <td>NIL</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Year 2022</td> <td>US\$73,000</td> </tr> </table> <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 was published by FAO in July 2022. Reporting was also completed 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. Additional funding is still sought to continue this activity to allow more country workshops in 2023</p> | Funding pledged: | US\$77,000 | | Funding pending: | Year 2021 | NIL | | Year 2022 | US\$73,000 |
| Funding pledged: | US\$77,000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Funding pending: | Year 2021 | NIL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Year 2022 | US\$73,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains</p> | <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 | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Funding pledged:</td> <td style="width: 30%;">US\$2,484,798</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funding pending:</td> <td>Year 2021</td> <td>NIL</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Year 2022</td> <td>NIL</td> </tr> </table> <p>This activity has received a total of US\$2,484,798 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. This sub-activity was completed by the end of 2021 and relevant reports were submitted and finalized. | Funding pledged: | US\$2,484,798 | | Funding pending: | Year 2021 | NIL | | Year 2022 | NIL |
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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 is in operation since June 2020. The website was initiated online with Chinese, English and French versions available. • The GGSC index has been initially operated with data collected since January 2020 and published monthly on the GGSC website at http://itto-ggsc.org/site/article_zsbg/id/44. • The GGSC business information exchange platform has been initiated and developed. GGSC communicated periodically with timber associations of more than 10 countries and agencies, and meetings and workshops were conducted. <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 was completed by the end of 2021 and relevant reports were submitted and finalized. The conceptual framework for a blockchain based timber tracking system was developed. The case studies were completed with an alternative scheme of contracting experts in in Gabon and Cameroon through online consultations and meetings as well as field trips. <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. • This sub-activity was completed by the end of 2021 and relevant reports were submitted and finalized. • The TTP website (https://www.timbertradeportal.com) has been completely renewed and made easier to use. The website was expanded to include an additional 6 country profiles and fully translated into Chinese, and has seen increasing visitor numbers. • Additional funding is still sought to further expand the website in the last quarter of 2022 or beyond. <p>2.2 Promotion of Smallholders' Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in West Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP-A/55-334 (BMEL-LSSC Activity #3) is completed with the finalization and submission of the report on the regional strategy for promoting FLR-related policies in West Africa, as well as outreach materials, 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 completed with the finalization and submission of four training modules and associated simplified guidebook by four consultants working under the supervision of the network of forestry and environmental training institutions in Central Africa (RIFFEAC). These LSSC-related training modules are available in English, French and Spanish, on ITTO website since 26 July 2022. <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)/2 under CRF agenda item 8.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities. <p>2.5 Strengthening SFM standards and timber legality framework in Myanmar (PP-A/56-342A)</p> <p>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). The following progress has been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Standards Council approved “Myanmar Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification Standard (2020)” as Myanmar National Standard (MMS 32:2022 Myanmar Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification) on 16 May 2022 to facilitate the development of SFM certification. • The revised MTLAS (draft version) is now subject to the Public Consultation after MFCC approval on 28th June 2022. Expert round table meetings to update and fill gaps in the MTLAS have discussed the possibility of independent third-party monitoring in the MTLAS assessment. • Consultations and reviews are being carried out for the development of a digitalized timber tracking system. A manufacture has been engaged to develop a software from log sawing to export. • MFCC has been working and collaborating with representatives from PEFC International, PEFC South-East Asia and regular meetings have been held to ensure PEFC’s ongoing support for current project activities as well as synergies between project partners. In addition, MFCC participated in many webinars, including the PEFC Standard and Tools, and Expanding Group Certification through collaboration amongst the PEFC alliance. |

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| | | | <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)</p> <p>Funding pledged: US\$344,100 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. • The 3rd PSC meeting was virtually convened on 19 May 2022. <p>While IGES has implemented the project by conducting desk-research, contracted consultants, and online interview surveys, field surveys should also be conducted to achieve the project goals. In the third PSC meeting in May 2022, IGES proposed and requested approval from the PSC to extend the project period (no-cost extension of the project) to conduct a field survey in September and/or October. The PSC acknowledged the importance of the field survey and recommended the no-cost extension of the project period until 31 March 2023.</p> <p>To specify importers' interests, needs, and challenges (Output 1), 18 Japanese companies were identified and interviewed. The companies' business types cover traders of timber and timber products, home builders, manufacturers of joinery and furniture, and retailers. Those interviewed companies import/use products from China and Vietnam, including sawn timber, plywood, laminated veneer lumber (LVL), wood pellets, woodchips, wood joinery, flooring, paneling, and furniture (bed frame), using domestic planted species or imported ones.</p> |

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| | | | <p>The Activity has continually reviewed available statistical data to understand timber production and trade and analyzed the legal frameworks of China and Vietnam. More specifically, the amended Chinese Forest Law has been studied via desk review and an interview survey conducted with China's research organizations and industry associations. Regarding Vietnam's component, in collaboration with the consultant, the risk-associated timber products exported to Japan and the legal framework focusing on the "Decree 102/ND-CP/2020 on Vietnam Timber Legality Assurance System have been studied.</p> <p>In collaboration with the consultant in China, interview surveys with 35 Chinese companies have been done. For Vietnam, a research plan for the field survey (planned for September and October) has been formulated.</p> <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 country laws and regulations impacting forests. This work has been</p> |

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| | | | <p>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 began in October 2021 and required reports have been submitted to FAO. Several rounds of revisions have been undertaken on the main outputs (report on exports/industry structure and trends toward sustainability in Mekong countries; report on China's imports from Mekong region countries and provisions to ensure legality/sustainability) which are expected to be completed prior to ITTC 58.</p> <p>The following two new sub-activities under Activity 2 have been approved by ITTO and fully funded by Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of Macao SAR, China in mid-2022. The implementation of these sub-activities had only recently commenced at the time of preparing this report. These two sub-activities will therefore be continued under the 2023-24 BWP and full progress reports will be provided in the first progress report on the implementation of the next BWP.</p> <p>2.10 Supporting the Establishment and Operation of the Global Timber Index Platform for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains (PP-A/53-323F) Funding pledged: US\$986,720 Funding pending: NIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-activity was approved and funded in May 2022. • The agreement for implementation between ITTO and the implementing agency was signed in late May 2022. • The implementation commenced in June. It is on track according to the workplan and expected to complete in June 2023. <p>2.11 Supporting Pilot Collaborative Operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Supply Chains (PP-A/53-323G) Funding pledged: US\$347,200</p> |

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| | | | <p>Funding pending: NIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-activity was also approved and funded in May 2022. • The agreement for implementation between ITTO and the implementing agency was signed in late May 2022. • The implementation for this sub-activity was commenced in June. It is on track according to the workplan and expected to complete in June 2023. <p>Work under several of the above sub-activities included in the LSSC activity will continue into 2023 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 2022, work in Guatemala begun under the previous BWP was completed. 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> |
| <p>4. Enhancing teak management</p> | <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</p> | <p>Improved teak management and utilization in three ITTO regions (Asia, Africa, Latin America)</p> | <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> |

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| | <p>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> | | <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; • 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 2022 period include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Workshop on “Plus Tree Selection, Seed Orchard Establishment and Agro-Forestry” on 21-25 February 2022. Two training courses on Teak planting techniques were organized in May and June 2022 in Son La province, Viet Nam. The Myanmar component organized a technical meeting with all project members in April, 2022. • A virtual training workshop on Teak Value Chain Analysis was organized on 25 February 2022 and a physical training workshop was organized during 6-10 June 2022 in Ha Noi, Vietnam. • National project team members from Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam joined the XV World Forestry Congress held in Seoul, Korea in May 2022 and shared the lessons of the teak project through articles, posters and presentations. • Final PSC meeting was physically held in Bangkok, Thailand on 1 September 2022 along with a regional workshop for value-added teak products on 2 September 2022. • National project team members from the five countries joined the 4th World Teak Conference held on 5-8 September 2022 in Accra, Ghana and the outcomes of the project were actively shared in particular at the ITTO Teak Session. • A new teak book “Teak in Mekong for a Sustainable Future” has been prepared with 27 chapters and it was officially launched at the World Teak Conference. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-monthly ITTO Teak Project's Newsletters created. Up to now, 18 issues have been published (http://www.teaknet.org/). • A Project Facebook page has been created and its content has been updated regularly (https://web.facebook.com/ITTO-TEAK-IN-Mekong393301941225768/). <p>If additional funds are made available, they will be used towards the implementation of this activity as proposed and approved.</p> |
| 5. Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES | <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\$600,538 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\$ 400,538 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. All of the above activities were under implementation in 2022, with a final report to be submitted to the CITES Secretariat covering all work under the contract by November 2022.</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\$200,000 to this activity for 2021-22). 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. |

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| | | | <p>All three of the above projects should complete activities in the first half of 2023. 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> |
| <p>6. Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber</p> | <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> | <p>IMM system developed and implemented</p> | <p>IMM activities in 2022 continued to be affected by the COVID pandemic, which made international travel difficult. Some travel within Europe and to Indonesia took place during the first half of the year, but travel activities were reduced again in the second half, due to travel related COVID infections among the team and chaotic travel conditions caused by staff shortages at European airports.</p> <p>The Project Steering Committee Meeting, which had been planned by IMM for March 2021, had to be postponed due to the COVID pandemic and was rescheduled several times, with the current planning for a final PSC in late 2022. The IMM Work Plan to complete this activity will be discussed during that meeting. The IMM 2021 and 2022 Work Plans were approved as a part of the IMM Progress Reports for 2020 and 2021 that were submitted to the EU in December 2020 and 2021, respectively.</p> <p>As the IMM project is scheduled to complete activities in December 2022, the focus of the Work Plan for the year has shifted towards activities under Result 3 “A long-term strategy for sustaining the Independent Market Monitoring system beyond this project is defined in consultation with the EU and VPA partner countries”.</p> <p>Government, private sector, and CSO stakeholders in Indonesia were consulted on the IMM’s past, ongoing, and potential future activities and operational structure in three separate sessions on 17 and 18 May 2022 in Jakarta. A consultation of European private sector, NGOs, and consultancies was held on 1 June 2022, during the Carrefour International du Bois trade show in Nantes. Feedback from trade and FLEGT/EUTR Competent Authorities in key EU countries is also being sought as a part of the annual IMM survey.</p> <p>From among the remaining VPA partner countries, IMM will also consult stakeholders in Ghana and Viet Nam, which are widely considered most likely to be the next countries to start FLEGT-licensing in the foreseeable future. The IMM Ghana correspondent has already interviewed several key timber exporters in Ghana for the IMM feedback survey. Stakeholders from government agencies and CSOs</p> |

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| | | | <p>were consulted in two separate webinars on 18 August 2022. Similar consultations in Viet Nam are planned in the fourth quarter of the year.</p> <p>Other IMM activities, such as market updates and newsletters, also continued during 2022. The IMM 2022 Work Plan provides for production of four “modular” reports (rather than a single Annual Report as prepared for 2021) covering trade and market updates, feedback from the stakeholder consultations, and trade survey results. These are to be published between April 2022 and April 2023. This new reporting format was developed in response to feedback that the Annual Reports were not accessible enough and published at rather long intervals. The first Modular Report was published in May 2022, with the second one scheduled for publication in September, a third in December and a final one in April or May 2023.</p> <p>This activity will be completed by June 2023 and a report on its successful completion will be provided to the 59th ITTC.</p> |
| 7. Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management | <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>(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</p> | <p>Up to four national C&I training workshops convened</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</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, as soon as Covid conditions allow. There are several such countries, and several other countries that benefited from C&I training a decade or more ago will also be considered.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2023 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 easier.</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> |

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| | <p>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> | | <p>Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the US Forest Service, the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC), the Korea Forest Service and other partners. In addition, 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 were presented to Council at its 57th session and adopted under Decision 5(LVII).</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 2023 due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic situation.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2023 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> |

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| <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\$80,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 US\$110,000</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. A virtual workshop for the Asia-Pacific region addressing FLR climate finance and carbon benefits, in partnership with the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), was held 28-30 September 2022.</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 (US\$93,240 provided by Soka Gakkai). 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\$182,822 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 US\$117,178</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(LVI)/2 under the agenda item 8.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.</p> <p>The implementation of PP-A/56-341-A, which is the continuation of the pilot phase, started in April with the disbursement of the first instalment. It is reported in detail in the document CRF(LVI)/3 item 10.3.</p> |

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

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| <p>12. Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests</p> | <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 2021-2025 • Support 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 supported • A joint ITTO/CBD side event organized at COP 15 • ITTO/CBD program document for collaborative initiative revised • Collaboration with CBD enhanced | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Funding pledged:</td> <td style="width: 35%;">US\$55,288</td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 35%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funding pending:</td> <td>Year 2021</td> <td>US\$25,000</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Year 2022</td> <td>US\$24,712</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all CBD COP15 meetings in 2021 were held virtually and relevant segments attended by ITTO. The MOU between ITTO and CBD was renewed in February 2021 to support their efforts to conserve biodiversity, implement SFM, restore degraded forest landscapes, and encourage the sustainable use of forest resources. Both Secretariats are exploring activities of mutual interest 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, in cooperation with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the Network of Central African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions (RIFFEAC), is being planned for the second part of COP15 in Montreal, Canada in December 2022 to share the outcome of the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity.</p> | Funding pledged: | US\$55,288 | | | Funding pending: | Year 2021 | US\$25,000 | | | Year 2022 | US\$24,712 | |
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| <p>13.Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others</p> | <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: US\$110,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$40,000 Year 2022 NIL</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 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. |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITTO contributed and actively participated in the following forums in 2022 (as at the time of preparation of this report): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Working Party on Commodities (PROBA). • APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry (MMRF5). • 21st and 22nd meetings of the APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT). • 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 8). • 2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. • 19th Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) meeting of the Parties. • ATIBT Biennial Forum, General Assembly and 70th anniversary at Carrefour International du Bois. • United Nations Forum on Forests (17th Session). • XV World Forestry Congress. • 26th session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and 8th World Forestry Week; <p>Also in 2022, ITTO plans to participate in the upcoming Nature for Life Hub (UNDP); and the CBD, CITES and UNFCCC COPs.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2023 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be used towards the implementation of this activity as proposed and approved.</p> |
| <p>14. Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM</p> | <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 the finalization of the FAO FRA 2020 report and continued to collaborate with FAO during 2022, including co-hosting a side event on the contribution of C&I to SFM at the World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Korea in May 2022.</p> <p>If additional funds are made available, ITTO will contribute to additional FRA-related activities and collaborative C&I related activities in 2023.</p> |

GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH-RELATED WORK

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| <p>15. ITTO communication strategy</p> | <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>The draft communication strategy was presented to the Council at its 57th session (Document ITTC(LVII)/16). The Council welcomed the strategy because it constituted an ambitious plan to improve ITTO’s visibility and messaging and support its fundraising efforts. The Council noted that additional resources would be needed for implementation.</p> <p>In 2022, the Secretariat implemented activities described in the communication strategy with minimal cost implications, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of stories on international days relevant to the work of the Organization to highlight the value of sustainable tropical forestry for sustainable development and overcoming complex global challenges. The stories were disseminated via social media posts and monthly newsletters. • Publication of an opinion piece reflecting thought leadership on sustainable tropical forestry (the piece was published in Mongabay in June and republished by Ensia in July). • Publication of success stories on activities and projects that created clear linkages with the Sustainable Development Goals. • Continued participation in relevant meetings and conferences, such as those listed under activity No. 13. • Improvements to the ITTO website, such as the addition of a new section for learning materials. |
| <p>16. ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)</p> | <p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$390,000 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>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>Three editions of the TFU were published in 2021. Production was suspended in May–August 2021 due to shortfalls in members’ contributions to the administrative budget. At the time of preparation of this report, two TFU issues have been published in 2022 and work has commenced on a third issue.</p> |

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| <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</p> <p>(a) <u>ITTO website:</u> The ITTO website has been updated regularly during the biennium 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 the ITTO Fellowship Programme; vacancies; forthcoming events; 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 during the biennium include: ITTO contact points; Council's advisory bodies/groups; projects/concept notes for donor consideration; the Sustainable Development Goals; and Learning materials.</p> <p><u>Social media:</u> ITTO has a longstanding presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube. Regular postings have been made across all social media accounts during the biennium. 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 122 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> had around 2,700 subscribers. Twelve issues were distributed in 2021 and 9 (to date) in 2022.</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. The annual report for 2021 has been published on the ITTO website in September 2022. The translation into French and Spanish is ongoing. Three Technical Series publications were 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 funded through a MoU signed with the Precious Forest Foundation in January 2021 amounting to USD 11,000. The <i>Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation</i></p> |
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2019–2020 was published in August 2021. Two more technical reports are under production and expected to be released before the end of 2022.

Two policy briefs were published in 2022: *Improving Outcomes for Biodiversity and People* and *Lessons for Working Well Together in African Forests*.

Other reports published during the biennium, include: *Forest Product Conversion Factors: Tropical Logs and Sawntwood* in June 2021; *Designing Fiscal Instruments for Sustainable Forestry* in April 2021 (a publication by the Climate Investment Funds and the World Bank with ITTO support) in April 2021; *India Timber Supply and Demand 2010–2030*, in September 2021; *A new national policy for the Peruvian forest*, in June 2022 and *Teak in the Mekong for a Sustainable Future*, in September 2022.

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 were disseminated through ITTO's website and other media.

Public relations:

Most PR events planned for 2021 were either cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. Nonetheless, ITTO participated in many virtual/hybrid events in 2021, including: webinars on ITTO's *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 micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, forest governance and livelihoods; a side-event of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests held as part of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; the FAO–ITTO–IUFRO-led International Conference on Forest Education; the 19th and 20th meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; and the 2021 edition of the Yokohama International Forum.

ITTO participated in several international forums in 2022, as described under activity No. 13. ITTO was a gold sponsor of the XV World Forestry Congress and an active participant in various sessions; the Organization staffed a display booth during the Congress. ITTO will have a booth at UNFCCC COP 27 and has applied for a booth at CBD

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| | | | <p>COP15. ITTO's work has been featured in other media, including El Comercio (a major Peruvian newspaper); the G-7 communiqué issued in 2021 and 2022;; Mongabay; RTV Slovenia; <u>Stabroek News</u>; Togo's Savoir News; Dai-Nihon Shiran-kai; the Timber Trade Journal, and media associated with the Global Landscapes Forum, the Climate Investment Funds, the IISD SDG knowledge hub, ATIBT, Double-Helix, Form International, the CBD, Soka Gakkai, Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Guatemala's National Forest Institute. ITTO provided information for an article published in the New York Times on 28 August 2022 entitled "Wood Is Life': A Hong Kong Sawmill's Last Days"</p> |
| | <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 were cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic in 2021. Nonetheless, ITTO participated virtually in several major forums during that year, 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 (EGILAT) and UNFCCC COP26.</p> <p>ITTO participated in the following international forums in 2022 (as of the time of preparation of this report):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and 8th World Forestry Week. • The Working Party on Commodities (PROBA). • APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry (MMRF5). • 21st and 22nd meetings EGILAT. • 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 8). • 2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. • 19th CBFP meeting of the Parties. • ATIBT Biennial Forum, General Assembly and 70th anniversary at Carrefour International du Bois. • United Nations Forum on Forests (17th session). • XV World Forestry Congress (ITTO was a gold sponsor and staffed a booth). <p>ITTO is planning to participate in the upcoming 26th session of the Committee on Forestry; the Nature for Life Hub (UNDP); and the CBD, CITES and UNFCCC COPs.</p> |

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| | <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\$ 50,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022 NIL</p> <p>(c) The Government of Japan allocated US\$25,000 in 2021 to cover the cost of translating the ITTO website into Japanese. The 2020 annual report and other promotional material were published in Japanese in 2021 and relevant website content was also translated into Japanese.</p> <p>In 2022, The ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2022–2026 and the policy briefs <i>Improving Outcomes for Biodiversity and People</i> and <i>Lessons for Working Well Together in African Forests</i> were published in Japanese. Content on the ITTO website continues to be translated into Japanese, and social media posts have been regularly published in Japanese via ITTO’s Twitter account. Lectures to schools and universities in Japan resumed in 2022, and communication has been strengthened with Japanese officials to increase dissemination of the Organization’s work to Japanese audiences.</p> <p>Voluntary contributions of US\$25,000 are sought to continue translation into Japanese in 2023.</p> |
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GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

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| 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: US\$20,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$40,000 Year 2022 US\$20,000</p> <p>Due to the 57th ITTC being held virtually, no travel assistance was required for 2021. Travel support has been made available to TAG and CSAG to participate at ITTC 58.</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</p> <p>With travel still difficult/impossible in 2021, the Secretariat collaborated with TAG in the preparation and conduct of the 2021 Market Discussion which was held virtually on the theme “Challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic” in conjunction with the virtual Fifty-seventh Session of ITTC. The TAG will convene the 2022 Market Discussion on the theme “Carbon markets and the timber industry: an opportunity for a paradigm shift?” which will take place in conjunction with the 58th 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 from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to convene the Fifty-seventh Expert Panel in Yokohama, Japan in June 2022. The EP conducted the proposal review by electronic means. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-57].</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\$235,663 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$167,093 Year 2022 US\$397,244</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(LVIII)/8) and will be presented to the 58th Session of the ITTC as part of the BWP progress report under Provisional Agenda Item 14. Additional funding will be required for this activity to award Fellowships in 2023.</p> |
| 22.ITTO Market Information Service (MIS) | <p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$420,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–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>Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) were published in 2021 and are on schedule to be delivered in 2022. All correspondents continue working and as of July 2022 have managed to</p> |

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| | Year 2022–US\$210,000 | | deliver their reports on time despite ongoing pandemic disruptions in many countries. The report is distributed to over 18,000 registered readers. |
| 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 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>The Intersecretariat Working Group meeting was held online in January 2022 and the next IWG will also be held online in January 2023.</p> <p>ITTO’s online statistical database was updated twice in 2022 (Feb. and Aug.) and will be updated twice in 2023.</p> <p>This activity is also funding 1 market study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special study which will be a long-term review of the consumption and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products in the world over the period 1990-2020. The aim of such a study will be to highlight the major shifts which occurred in the world particularly within the major producers and consumers of tropical timber over this period. The study should also present major factors such change in policies, consumption, or any other major effects which have impacted the consumption and production of topical wood products in the world. The statistical basis of the study will be the online ITTO statistical database which could be complemented by other statistical and analytical sources. The study will be published with the ITTO Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022 in August 2023. |
| 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"> • 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</p> <p>The Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022 will be published in August 2023 of which the draft was prepared in 2022 and presented to the 58th ITTC.</p> <p>A long-term study on the consumption and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products is currently co-funded with Activity 24 and will be published with the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022.</p> <p>A second market study will be identified in early 2023 and published with the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022.</p> |

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

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| 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 14 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LVIII)/7]. |
| 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 Secretariat is proposing to extend the BWP 2021-2022 for one year until 2023. A new BWP will be presented at the 59 th ITTC (in sync with the Biennial Administrative Budget for the Years 2024 - 2025). |
| 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-eighth 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-eighth 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-eighth 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). In accordance with Decision 8(LVII), the review/evaluation of the pilot phase 2020-2022 has been postponed until at least 2023, and a final decision on the timing and terms of reference of the review will be taken at ITTC 58. |

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| 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 36 th IAG under Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LVIII)/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 20 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 20 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-sixth Session of the Joint Committees under Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC-JC(LVI)/2]. |
| 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 2021 Financial Year will be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) at its Thirty-seventh Session, [Document CFA(XXXVII)/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 Council approved the Biennial Administrative Budget for the Years 2022 and 2023 at the 57 th ITTC in December 2021. |

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| 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-seventh 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-seventh 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 (US\$ 1,006,502). |

Annex I**Activity relevance and responsible body**

| Activity | | ITTA/ITTC | ITTO SAP | UNSPF | Programme Line | Responsible Body |
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| 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 b) Adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context | Decisions 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV) | SP1 | GFG5, GFG6 | | Council/CRF |
| 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 | | | | | | |
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| 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)

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| 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)

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| 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))*

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| 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 |