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Forest Biodiversity**

Achievements & Scalability of CBD-ITTO Joint Initiative on Biodiversity

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ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity

In line with CBD COP 10 in Aichi, Japan , ITTO and CBD launched the ITTO-CBD collaborative initiative in 2011, recognizing the **importance of biodiversity in production forest landscapes outside protected areas**.

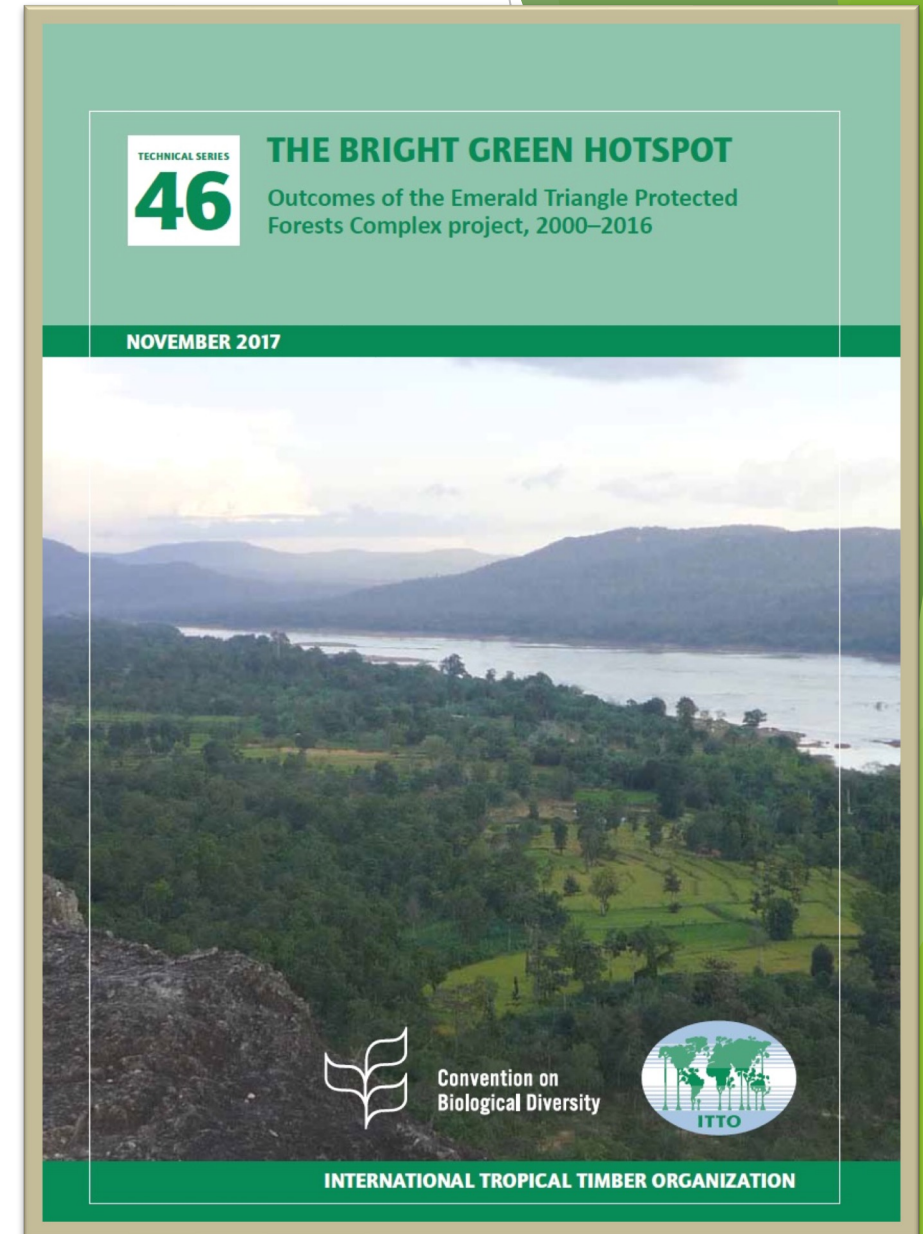
The initiative was designed to

- 1) Enhance the local capacity for **biodiversity conservation in production forests** and for the rehabilitation of degraded and secondary forests.
- 2) Improve the conservation and management of protected areas, especially in association with **buffering protected areas**, and transboundary conservation.
- 3) **safeguard tropical forest biodiversity** in forestry interventions, including in REDD+related projects.
- 4) Improve the **welfare of local communities and indigenous groups** through biodiversity conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources.



ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity

- The initiative has been pursued by the wider application of the **ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests** (2009)
- These guidelines are designed to assist policymakers and forest managers by bringing together in one place the specific actions that are needed to **improve biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in tropical production forests**



Implementation of ITTO-CBD Initiative



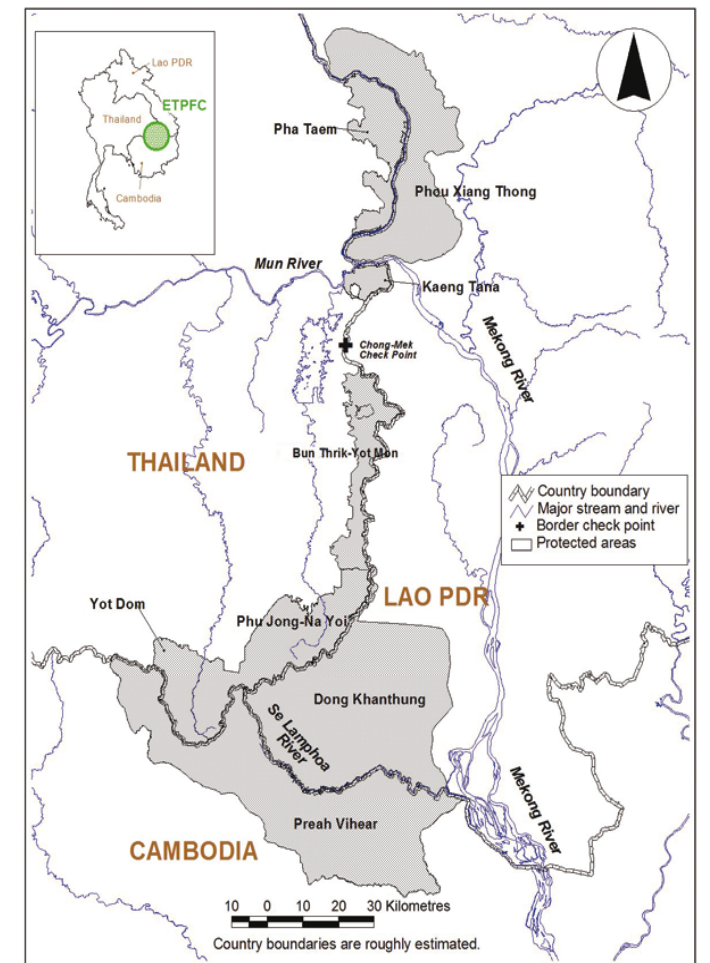
In the ten years to 2020, the collaborative initiative supported 16 projects in 23 tropical forest countries with a total value exceeding USD13 million

Project title		Countries in which the project took place
1	Capacity-building for sustainable forest management and conservation in the Congo Basin	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon
2	Management of the Emerald Triangle Protected Forests Complex	Cambodia, Thailand
3	Mangrove ecosystem conservation in the northwestern Peru biosphere	Peru
4	Transboundary biodiversity conservation in the Betung Kerihun National Park	Indonesia, Malaysia
5	Buffer zone management of the Pulong Tau National Park with local communities	Malaysia
6	Integrated natural resource management in the Tacaná Volcano range	Guatemala, Mexico
7	The conservation of selected high-value indigenous species in Sumatra	Indonesia
8	The rehabilitation and sustainable forest management of sacred forests at Ramsar sites 1017 and 1018	Benin
9	Capacity-building in the Congo Basin for sustainable forest management and use of satellite imagery	Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda
10	Capacity building of Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization member countries in managing Amazonian forests	Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela
11	Transboundary biodiversity conservation in the Tanintharyi Range	Myanmar
12	Community-based restoration and sustainable forest management in mangrove forests of the Rewa Delta	Fiji
13	Capacity building for sustainable forest management in tropical dry forests on the north coast of Peru	Peru
14	Restoration and sustainable forest management of sacred forests at Ramsar sites 1017 and 1018 ^a	Benin
15	Developing a forest landscape restoration programme based on ITTO guidelines	Guatemala
16	Restoration of Cibodas Biosphere Reserve involving local stakeholders	Indonesia

Achievements of ITTO–CBD Initiative

Notable achievements of the ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative supported 16 projects in 23 tropical forest countries included:

- the expansion of a **Peruvian mangrove protected area** by more than 700 000 hectares;
- a better understanding of animal movements and habitat conservation in the **Emerald Triangle Forests** between Cambodia and Thailand;
- more than 120 hectares of mangrove forest planted in **Fiji**;
- more than 400 foresters in **Central Africa** trained in sustainable forest management.



Lessons learned from the ITTO–CBD Initiative

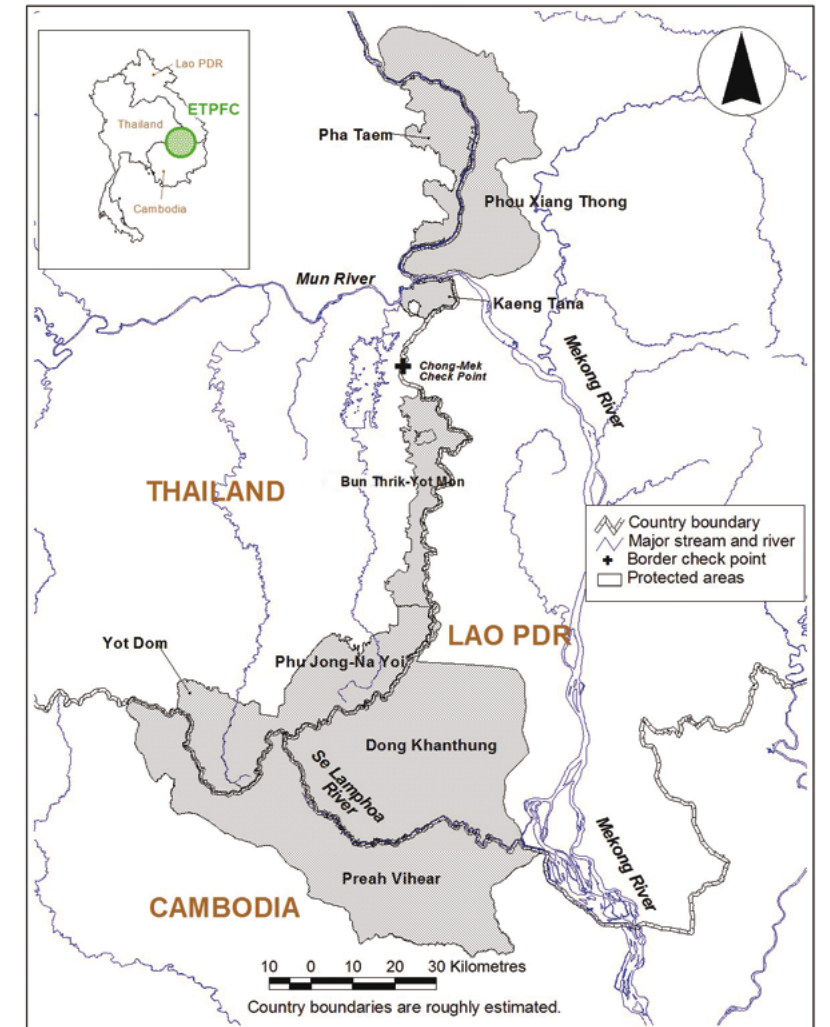
The important lessons learned in the implementation of the initiative's 16 projects can readily be applied to future projects under the initiative.

- All projects addressing conservation and sustainable forest management should consult regularly with **local communities and indigenous groups** and enable their effective involvement in the area of influence.
- Indigenous and other local communities must derive benefits from such projects, and **traditional land rights and practices** must be enabled to continue.
- Projects designed to improve livelihoods can have beneficial impacts on local incomes. **Clear indicators** should be established to measure the effectiveness of such projects in addressing long-term livelihoods, sustainability and biodiversity conservation.



Lessons learned from the ITTO–CBD Initiative

- **Political support** at high levels of government in participant countries is essential for the success of transboundary conservation and restoration projects and for sustaining outcomes over time.
- In terms of improving monitoring and outcomes, projects should include **measurable indicators for monitoring progress towards objectives**, such as: area of forest sustainably managed; area of forest restored; area of forest planted or enriched; area of improved habitat for focal species; and area surveyed or monitored.



Biodiversity in ITTO Pilot Programme Lines

- **Legal & Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)**
- **Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**
Maintain and/or enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services of tropical forests and forest landscapes, while maintaining the sustainable production of timber and other products and services.
- **Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods:**
Scale up the area of forest landscapes restored and increase the provision of goods and services from planted and restored forests, thereby generating opportunities for local employment.
- **Emerging Issues and Innovation**



ITTO Side Event at CBD COP 15

Presentation	Speaker
Welcome remarks	CBD Secretariat
Lessons from the Implementation of the Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity	Dr Ian Thompson Forest biodiversity Expert Canada
The role of “ <u>Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures</u> ” (OECMS) in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	Mr André Mader Institute for Global Environmental Strategies Japan
Ecologically responsible forest governance and biodiversity conservation in managed forests of the Amazon	Ms María Alexandra Moreira López Secretary-General, ACTO, Brazil
Management of the Emerald Triangle Protected Forests Complex for transboundary Biodiversity Conservation between Thailand, Cambodia and Lao	Prof Yongyut Trisurat Kasetsart University, Thailand
Sustainable Management of Tropical Rainforests and Biodiversity Conservation in the ITTO Congo Basin Countries	Prof Claude KACHAKA SUDI RIFFEAC (Network of C African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions), Cameroon

Enriching Biodiversity in Production Landscapes through Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainable Forest Management in the Tropics

- ▶ Date and Time: Thursday, 15 December 2022, 18:15 - 19:45 Montreal Time
- ▶ Venue: COP 15 side event room - 513 D, Montreal, Canada
- ▶ Moderator: Ms Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director

Moving forward: ITTO-CBD Initiative



- In 2021, ITTO and CBD extended their joint work to 2025 in a new MoU and will be continuing its **long-term commitment to enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity** in tropical forests production landscapes with the participation of local stakeholders.
- Need to facilitate **access to bilateral and multi-lateral funding sources**, including through Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund, for achieving the mutual objectives of ITTO and CBD to sustain forest biodiversity
- ITTO continues to work with, partners all over the world, to support the achievement of the **SDGs**, and efforts in line with the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030** as well as the **Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**





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