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ITTO side-event

Enriching Biodiversity in Tropical Production Landscapes through SFM

Date and time: Wed, 10 May 2023, 1:15–2:30 pm

Venue: Conference Room 8 at UNFF 18

The 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in December 2022 agreed on a new global biodiversity framework with four goals and 23 targets to be achieved by 2030, including target 10 which focuses on sustainable forestry. Forests are crucial habitats for 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity. The UN has established the Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 and the Decade for Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030 to promote inclusive and integrated approaches to ecosystem restoration and sustainable forest management (SFM).

The Joint ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity, established in 2011, has worked to

enhance biodiversity conservation in tropical forests and address deforestation and forest degradation through local stakeholder engagement. This collaboration was renewed until 2025 to support CBD Parties and ITTO member countries in their efforts towards biodiversity conservation, SFM, and sustainable use of forest resources.

This side-event will showcase forest biodiversity targets in the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, highlight lessons from the ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative, and share best practices for integrating biodiversity conservation and SFM in the Greater Mekong Subregion and the Amazon to promote healthy and productive forest landscapes.

Tentative Program

Moderation by Ms Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director

Keynote presentation: Partnerships and synergies in forest biodiversity in the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Ms Jamal Annagylyjova

Forest Biodiversity Officer, CBD Secretariat

10 min

Lessons from the implementation of the Joint ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity

Dr Ian Thompson

Forest biodiversity expert, Canadian Forest Service (retired)

10 min

Management of the Emerald Triangle Protected Forests Complex for transboundary biodiversity conservation between Thailand, Cambodia and Lao PDR

Prof Yongyut Trisurat

Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Thailand

10 min

Smallholder community forest management initiatives in Para State, Brazil: a collaborative framework for sustainable production

Dr Milton Kanashiro (online participation)

Embrapa (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation), Brazil

10 min

Q&A, and close