



INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL

Distr.
GENERAL

ITTC(LIX)/6
26 October 2023

Original: ENGLISH

FIFTY-NINTH SESSION
13 -17 November 2023
Pattaya, Thailand

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITTO BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021-2022 EXTENDED INTO 2023 – DECISION 2(LVIII) [Item 12(a) of the Provisional Agenda]

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in Council Decision 2(LVI) in the same tabular format, but the columns on 'Relevance' and 'Responsible Body' have been replaced by the column on the 'Implementation Status'.

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

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

The Biennial Work Programme (BWP) 2021-2022, was adopted with Council Decision 2(LVI) and it was extended into 2023 through Decision 2(LVIII). All future references in this document will therefore refer to the BWP 2021-2023. 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: Financing Status of the BWP 2021-2023 (as of 30 September 2023)

	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	2,567,798
3	Strengthening Participation of the Private Sector in the Work of ITTO	Partial	50,000
4	Enhancing teak management	Pending	NIL
5	Enhance cooperation between ITTO and CITES	Full	725,538
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	Partial	31,951
8	Statistical capacity building workshops	Partial	26,761
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	100,000
	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	80,000
13	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Partial	120,000
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 & 36,000
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)	Partial	Core
	c) Translation of ITTO website/relevant PR materials into Japanese	Full	75,000
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK			
18	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Partial	40,000
19	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Partial	Core
20	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Partial	Core
21	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Partial	337,770
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 2021-2023 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\$4,460,640 have been pledged (see Table 2).

Table 2: Voluntary contributions pledged under the BWP 2021-2023 (as of 30 September 2023)

Year	US\$ sought	US\$ pledged
2021	US\$ 2,050,000	US\$ 1,852,923
2022	US\$ 2,296,760	US\$ 2,100,947
2023	n/a	US\$ 506,770
Total	US\$ 4,346,760	US\$ 4,460,640

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. 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 2021-23 (to September) voluntary contributions to the BWP 2021-2023 were received from Japan, USA, China, the Netherlands, and Finland. 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, although Mr. Ham returned to Korea in August 2023 and a replacement (Dr. Soomin Lee) has been seconded for the period from September 2023 to September 2026. 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 funding sought/pledged under this BWP. The voluntary contributions pledged to date are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Voluntary Contributions to the BWP 2021-2023 by donor (as of 30 September 2023)

Members	US\$
Japan	1,122,147
USA	620,000
China	283,000
Netherlands	119,823
Finland	5,247
Unearmarked funds & BPF	60,000
Subtotal (a)	2,210,217
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	7,295
Subtotal (b)	2,250,423
Total (a + b)	4,460,640
Grant Agreements	
EU Grant for IMM (Activity 7)	*4,687,440
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, 16 activities (including six activities approved under core budget) have received partial funding and 3 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 at www.itto.int/technical_report/. This activity is now complete.

- **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\$ 2,567,798 has been received for the different components as indicated in the Progress Report below.

The sub-activities funded (pledged/accounted under the previous BWP) 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), was reported as fully completed (with its technical and financial aspects) in Document CRF(LVI)/2 under CRF agenda item 8.3 dealing with completed BWP-based Activities.

Two sub-activities under Activity 2 are 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 two sub-activities were approved and funded in May 2022 and the implementation commenced in June 2022. The implementation is on track with all planned outputs and activities executed on time. The completion report and technical reports for both sub-activities have recently been submitted, and both will be completed soon according to the agreements and workplans.

Another sub-activity “Guidelines and Recommendations on Contracts and Practices for the International Trade in Tropical Timber” has been approved and funded by ITTO under Activity 2 in January 2023. The implementation is on track with planned activities executed on time. ATIBT as the Executing Agency submitted the first progress report in May 2023. This sub-activity is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

ITTO will continue its efforts to promote legal and sustainable supply chains for tropical timber into 2024 and beyond.

- **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 2023, 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 2024 and beyond.

- **Activity 4 – Enhancing teak management**

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. This activity in the Mekong Subregion concluded at the end of September 2022. The outcomes achievements of this activity are presented in Document CRF(LVII)/2 under CRF agenda item 8.3 dealing with completed BWP-based Activities. A proposal for a follow-up activity has been approved by BMEL, Germany at US\$1,413,364 for a period of three years. The activity will be implemented under the BWP 2024-2025 (Activity 3) 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 also funded 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 2022-23. A final report was submitted to the CITES Secretariat covering all work under the contract in November 2022, and the final payment under the contract was received in the first quarter of 2023. The Ecuador project successfully also completed all activities and submitted a final report (available on the ITTO website) in the first half of 2023.

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\$325,000 to this activity for 2021-23). This work includes:

- A project in Madagascar to support implementation of the use plan and monitoring/tracking of rosewood stockpiles (project activities to be completed by end of 2023);
- 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* (sample collection in Cameroon completed and wood/bark samples en route to Australia; planned completion in early 2024);
- Participation in various CITES working groups (agarwood, NDFs, etc) and in relevant CITES fora (Plants and Standing Committees, CoP meetings, etc).

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 2024 and beyond.

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

The IMM project successfully completed activities at the end of December 2022, with the final report submitted to the EU/EC at the end of June 2023 and the final payment to ITTO under the contract with the EU received by the end of September 2023 as per contract provisions. The Project Steering Committee, meetings of which were repeatedly postponed since March 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, was convened for a final time in Brussels in November 2022. The IMM Work Plan to complete this activity was finalized during this meeting.

IMM activities during its final year in 2022 continued to be affected in some countries by external factors, including the COVID pandemic. Travel within Europe and to Indonesia took place during the first half of 2022, but travel was reduced again in the second half, due to COVID infections among the IMM team and chaotic travel conditions caused by staff shortages at European airports. The Work Plan focus during 2022 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 in three separate sessions on 17 and 18 May 2022 in Jakarta. A consultation of European private sector, NGOs, and consultancies was held in June 2022, during the Carrefour International du Bois trade show in France. Feedback from trade and FLEGT/EUTR Competent Authorities in key EU countries was also sought as part of the annual IMM survey.

From the remaining VPA partner countries, IMM also consulted 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. Stakeholders from government agencies and CSOs in Ghana were consulted in two separate webinars in August 2022. Similar consultations in Viet Nam took place in November.

Other IMM activities, such as market updates and newsletters, also continued during 2022. The IMM 2022 Work Plan provided 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 were 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. A final report on the successful completion of this activity will be presented 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. 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. Additional funds were pledged to this activity at ITTC 58 to allow the revised/adapted C&I to undergo editing, layout/design and publication which is expected to be finalized by ITTC 59 when this activity will be completed.

- **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 and travel difficulties it generated, no physical statistical workshop could be organized in 2022.

The next regional workshop is planned to be organized physically in Latin America (likely Mexico) in early 2024. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 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) were reported in detail in 2022 in Document CRF(LVI)/2 under the CRF agenda item 8.3 dealing with completed BWP-based Activities. Both activities are completed.

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). The ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2022-2026 was published in all working languages of the Organization, plus Japanese, in June 2022 and is available for download at www.itto.int/council_committees/action_plans/.

- **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 2024, 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. A series of virtual workshops aimed at disseminating the FLR guidelines were organized in 2021 for the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions. These efforts continued in 2022 and 2023 for Asia-Pacific region with collaborating partners. Reporting of this activity will be featured 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(LVII)/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 collaborating to draft the programme document for 2024-2025, aimed at implementing the ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative in support of the implementation of tropical forest-related goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. To share the valuable lessons learned from the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity, a joint ITTO-CBD side event was organized during CBD COP 15 in Montreal in partnership with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the Network of Central African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions (RIFFEAC).
- **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 were conducted virtually because of the ongoing COVID-19 exigencies in place; in person attendance at relevant meetings recommenced from 2022. The table on pages 24 - 26 provides a list of meetings, events and activities that ITTO participated at and contributed to, during the course of this BWP.
- **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. The Secretariat has also participated in the 32nd meeting of the Montreal Process during the Asia Pacific Forest Commission meetings in Sydney, Australia in October 2023. 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 2024 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 welcomed 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. The use of electronic communications (e.g. website, e-newsletters, social media and webinars) increased substantially during 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). In 2022, the cost of producing the TFU increased substantially due to increases in printing and shipping as a side-effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and shipping bottlenecks; the Secretariat found ways to keep production within the allocated budget, which impacted the production schedule of the year. Outreach efforts have been strengthened in 2023, especially around international days; speaking engagements at international fora and in Japan; and implementation of the communication strategy, as presented at ITTC57, for those elements with minimal cost implications.

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 and 59th ITTC. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 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 convened the 2022 Market Discussion on the theme “Carbon markets and the timber industry: an opportunity for a paradigm shift?” which took place in conjunction with the 58th ITTC Session, convened in hybrid mode (physical and virtual attendance) on 8 November 2022. The theme for the 2023 Market Discussion, to be convened in Pattaya, Thailand during 59th session of the ITTC on 14 November 2023 is “Tropical Timber Industry: Challenges and Opportunities from Changing Priorities”. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 and beyond.
- **Activity 20 – Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals**
The 58th Expert Panel was conducted electronically. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-58]. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 and beyond.
- **Activity 21 – ITTO Fellowship Programme**
The Fellowship Selection Panel will meet during the Fifty-ninth Session of the Council and will make recommendations for awards under the Fellowship Cycle 2023 to the Council. The Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel (Document ITTC/LIX/7) 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 2024 and beyond.
- **Activity 22 – ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)**
Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) were published in 2021 and 2022 and the same number are on schedule to be delivered in 2023. 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 2024 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. Another virtual meeting was held in January 2023.

The ITTO online statistical database was updated twice in both 2022 and 2023 (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 1990-2022 uploaded. The next updates will be in February 2024 and August 2024 covering the period 1990-2023. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 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 was presented to the 58th ITTC in November 2022. Following Council input, further data collection, analysis and editing, the Biennial Review 2021-22 was published in 2023 and will be distributed at ITTC 59.

A long-term study on the consumption and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products was co-funded under this activity and published with the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 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
1. Incentives for green-growth value chain investments in tropical forests	<p>In 2018-20, ITTO undertook six tropical country case studies to analyze the impact of existing (and the potential impact of new) incentives for promoting investment in productive forest to achieve deforestation-free landscapes and value chains for green growth. It also undertook a study of potential gaps between supply and demand for tropical timber and the impacts of/prospects of recovery from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on tropical timber trade. Using remaining funds from the 2018-19 BWP activity, this activity will complete an additional case study and a proposed workshop in Africa that could not be completed as planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If additional funds are pledged, the work will be extended to cover an additional case study and workshop in both Asia and Latin America, as well as to produce policy briefs on the outcomes of the supply-demand/COVID 19 impact study.</p> <p>Estimated new funding sought US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$75,000 Year 2022–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops undertaken and case studies developed in up to three ITTO producer countries • Participation of ITTO Secretariat in relevant related meetings/initiatives 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$77,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022/23 US\$73,000</p> <p>The Secretariat signed a contract with FAO in 2021 to extend the work carried out under Activity 2 of the previous BWP on a global study of supply-demand gaps for tropical timber to all timber. This extended study 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/technical_report. This activity is now complete.</p>
2. Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains	<p>Support development of innovative solutions to providing assurances of sustainability and legality, including developing/implementing sustainable forest management plans and developing/implementing sustainable supply chains including timber tracking systems and other tools. Under the 2018-20 BWP, ITTO developed a programme on legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) for tropical wood and forest products and worked with relevant partners to increase assurance of legality and sustainability through the establishment of a green supply chain platform that links legal and sustainable forest products to markets. Using remaining funds under 2018-20 BWP, the following work will continue into 2021-2022: building the LSSC-GGSC platform; organizing regional LSSC-GGSC training workshops; conducting a study on blockchain applications in timber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 tropical forest operators and other industrial sector representatives entities with increased capacity for SFM and/or sustainable supply chains developed • Increased trade in sustainable/legally verified timber from these forest concessions/ private sector entities 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$2,567,798 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022/23 NIL</p> <p>This activity has received a total of US\$2,567,798 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

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
	<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>		<p>sub-activity was completed by the end of 2021 and relevant reports were submitted and finalized.</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>This sub-activity is now complete.</p> <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 will be sought under the 2024-25 BWP to further expand the website.

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			<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) was completed in 2022 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. <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) was completed in 2022 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), was reported complete in 2022 in the document CRF(LVI)/2 under CRF agenda item 8.3 dealing with completed BWP-based Activities. With the satisfactory financial audit report, the BWP-Activity is fully completed (with its technical and financial aspects). <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 sub-activity was completed in 2022 with the following results:</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.

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised as Myanmar Timber Legality Assurance System (MTLAS) (draft version) underwent Public Consultation after MFCC approval on 28th June 2022. Expert round table meetings to update and fill gaps in the MTLAS discussed the possibility of independent third-party monitoring in the MTLAS assessment. • Consultations and reviews were carried out for the development of a digitalized timber tracking system. A contractor was engaged to develop a software covering log sawing to export. • MFCC collaborated with representatives from PEFC International and PEFC South-East Asia with several meetings held to ensure PEFC's ongoing support for 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. <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 systematically analyzed 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. Upon request of the donor (Government of Japan), the activities in Myanmar were cancelled. The sub-activity was completed in March 2023 and delivered the following outputs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Legislation and other initiatives for legal timber trade in China 2) Status of timber legality verification by business entities in China 3) Details of Vietnam's timber exports to Japan during 2018-2021 with a focus on products made using imported high-risk species 4) Study of Vietnam's plantation timber supply chain: good practices to promote legal and sustainable timber products

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			<p>5) Produced 2 Summaries for business entities of technical reports in English and Japanese</p> <p>6) Held public seminar: 210 people attended (mostly business entities) from 15 countries (mainly Japan)</p> <p>2.7 Global Forest Education</p> <p>Funding pledged: US\$133,848 Funding pending: NIL</p> <p>In collaboration with FAO and IUFRO, the sub-activity started on 6 July 2020 and was due to be completed by the end of 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation the sub-activity was extended until 30 September 2021 when ITTO successfully 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://lsscours.com/ <p>2.8 Development of Three Country Profiles to Populate the Timber-Lex Online Legal Database</p> <p>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 completed in 2021 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</p> <p>Funding pledged: US\$70,000 Funding pending: NIL</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			<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 was completed in 2022 with submission to FAO of reports 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.</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)</p> <p>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 (with a grant from Macau SAR) and the implementation commenced in June 2022. • The implementation is now complete, with all planned outputs and activities executed in time, some of which exceeded expectations. • The GTI Platform has been established and attracted more than 160 enterprises from the 7 pilot countries from Indonesia, Malaysia, Gabon, the Congo, Brazil, Mexico, and China. • A large number of trainings and communication with the focal points and sample enterprises were conducted online/offline. • The total 8 issues of GTI monthly index reports and an annual report have been released in 5 languages, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese to reach wider audience. • The GTI report release conference and the international workshop on global timber market trends were convened in December 2022 in Macao, with 170 participants from 12 countries attending in person or virtually. • The dynamic database and the Global Timber Index website have been set up and put into use. • GTI related activities of promotion, dissemination and collaboration were conducted. • The completion report and technical reports have been submitted, and this sub-activity will be completed prior to ITTC 59 according to the agreement and workplan.

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			<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)</p> <p>Funding pledged: US\$347,200 Funding pending: NIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-activity was approved and funded in May 2022 (with a grant from Macau SAR) and the implementation commenced in June 2022. • The implementation is now complete, with all planned outputs and activities executed in time. • The collaborative operation mechanism for blockchain-based timber traceability system was designed, laid a theoretical foundation and organizational guarantee to carry out the blockchain-based timber traceability. • The coordination group of the BTTS was set up, providing a valuable practical case of the collaborative operation mechanism. • The pilot operations of blockchain-based timber traceability were successfully carried out in DCR (log) and Gabon(sawnwood) supply chains. • With the support of pilot enterprises and other stakeholders, valuable suggestions were collected and analyzed with a view to solving the practical problem of blockchain-based timber traceability. • The pilot findings were fed back to the pilot institutions and disseminated widely among the stakeholders. • A timber traceability guide, which provided basic methodological guidance on how to conduct the blockchain-based timber traceability, was developed and disseminated widely among the stakeholders. • A report on the pilot operation of blockchain-based timber traceability system prepared and finalized based on the analysis of the data and information related to the pilot operation. • The completion report and technical reports have been submitted, and this sub-activity will be completed prior to ITTC 59 according to the agreement and workplan. <p>2.12 Guidelines and Recommendations on Contracts and Practices for the International Trade in Tropical Timber (PP-A/53-323)</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			<p>Funding pledged: US\$45,000 Funding pending: NIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sub-activity was approved and funded in January 2023 and the implementation commenced soon afterwards. • It aims at elaborating a reference document formalizing and re-specifying the rules in force in the international trade in tropical timber, and defining guidelines and recommendations for contract wording, which should cover the framework of the contract and the proposal of a common language taking into account the differences in practices between the markets. • The implementation is on track with planned activities executed on time. • ATIBT as the EA submitted the progress report with the first draft of documents in French in May 2023. • This sub-activity is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. <p>Work under sub-activities 2.10 and 2.11 will continue into 2024 and beyond under a new activity in the 2024-25 BWP. If additional funds are made available, they will be allocated to additional LSSC related components/sub-activities 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</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\$50,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022/23 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 additional country in late 2023 or early 2024 (possibly Guyana). Additional funding is required to extend training activities to other countries. This activity is expected to be continued into 2024 and beyond.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
	Year 2021–US\$50,000 Year 2022–US\$50,000		
4. Enhancing teak management	<p>This activity will promote sustainable teak development regionally and globally in plantation and natural teak forests that give a special attention to plantations which are of increasing importance in many countries. The activity will have a regional approach and is aimed at enhancing the contribution of sustainable teak management to the protection of tropical forests in participating countries, as well as promoting legal and sustainable teak industry and trade. During the period of the BWP 2018-2019, the activity has received an amount of US\$1,236,250 from the German Government as an earmarked allocation for activities in the Mekong Sub-region. An additional fund of US\$250,000 is needed for the period of 2021-2022 to continue the activity on organizing a regional workshop in LAC and supporting participants to the 4th World Teak Conference, Ghana 2021.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$250,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2021–US\$150,000 Year 2022–US\$100,000</p>	Improved teak management and utilization in three ITTO regions (Asia, Africa, Latin America)	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$150,000 Year 2022/23 US\$100,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available for this activity under this BWP, progress has been made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>In 2018, the proposal entitled ‘Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Subregion’ was formulated. The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany (BMEL) provided an amount of US\$ 1,236,250 to support the implementation of this activity. This activity in the Mekong Subregion concluded at the end of September 2022. The outcomes achievements of this activity are presented in Document CRF(LVII)/2 under CRF agenda item 8.3 dealing with completed BWP-based Activities. A follow-up activity has been submitted to BMEL, Germany and approved at US\$1,413,364 for a period of three years. The activity will continue under the BWP 2024-2025 (Activity 3) and beyond.</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</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\$725,538 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022/23 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 also funded 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 2022-23. A final report was submitted to the CITES Secretariat covering all work under the contract in November 2022, and the final payment under the contract was received in the first quarter of 2023. The Ecuador project successfully completed all activities and submitted a final report (available on the ITTO website) in the first half of 2023.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
	<p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$100,000 Year 2022–US\$100,000</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\$325,000 to this activity for 2021-23). 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 (project activities to be completed by end of 2023); • 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> (sample collection in Cameroon completed and wood/bark samples en route to Australia; planned completion in early 2024); • Participation in various CITES working groups (agarwood, NDFs, etc) and in relevant CITES fora (Plants and Standing Committees, CoP meetings, etc). <p>ITTO continues to seek additional funding from donors for this activity since demand for support in implementing CITES provisions for tropical tree species from member countries remains strong. This activity is expected to be continued into 2024 and beyond.</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>The IMM project successfully completed activities at the end of December 2022, with the final report submitted to the EU/EC at the end of June 2023 and the final payments to ITTO under the contract with the EU expected by the end of September 2023 as per contract provisions.</p> <p>The Project Steering Committee, meetings of which were repeatedly postponed since March 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, was convened for a final time in Brussels in November 2022. The IMM Work Plan to complete this activity was finalized during this meeting.</p> <p>IMM activities during its final year in 2022 continued to be affected in some countries by external factors, including the COVID pandemic. Travel within Europe and to Indonesia took place during the first half of 2022, but travel was reduced again in the second half, due to COVID infections among the IMM team and chaotic travel conditions caused by staff shortages at European airports. The Work Plan focus during 2022 shifted towards activities under Result 3 “A long-term strategy for sustaining the Independent Market Monitoring system beyond this</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			<p>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 in three separate sessions on 17 and 18 May 2022 in Jakarta. A consultation of European private sector, NGOs, and consultancies was held in June 2022, during the Carrefour International du Bois trade show in France. Feedback from trade and FLEGT/EUTR Competent Authorities in key EU countries was also sought as part of the annual IMM survey.</p> <p>From the remaining VPA partner countries, IMM also consulted 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. Stakeholders from government agencies and CSOs in Ghana were consulted in two separate webinars in August 2022. Similar consultations in Viet Nam took place in November.</p> <p>Other IMM activities, such as market updates and newsletters, also continued during 2022. The IMM 2022 Work Plan provided 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 were 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.</p> <p>A final report on the successful completion of this activity will be presented to the 59th ITTC.</p>
7. Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	(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	Up to four national C&I training workshops convened	<p>Funding pledged: NIL</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$75,000 Year 2022/23 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 conditions allow. There are several such countries, and several</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
	<p>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>other countries that benefited from C&I training a decade or more ago will also be considered.</p> <p>This work will continue into 2024 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>(b) Adapt the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context. This Activity aims at adapting the 2016 ITTO Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for SFM to African context, in view of strengthening cooperation and collaboration between ITTO and African member countries on C&I, for the promotion of SFM contributing to make progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Global Forest Goals (GFG).</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$140,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021: US\$60,000 Year 2022: US\$80,000</p>	<p>Revised and updated C&I for African tropical forests to be published in 2021 and disseminated for policy planning tasks and for use by all relevant stakeholders involved in SFM issues in ITTO member countries in Africa, as well as a tool for promoting LSSC</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$31,951 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$60,000 Year 2022/23 US\$48,049</p> <p>Despite no new funds being made available for this activity in 2021-22, progress was made using limited resources remaining from similar activities funded under previous BWPs.</p> <p>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. Additional funds were pledged to this activity at ITTC 58 to allow editing, layout/design and publication of the revised/adapted C&I, which is expected to be finalized by ITTC 59 when this activity will be completed.</p>
8. Statistical capacity building workshops	<p>Upon request, provide assistance (in liaison with FAO and other partners) to member countries to strengthen their statistics collection and enhance reporting.</p> <p>Estimated new funds sought: US\$100,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$50,000 Year 2022–US\$50,000</p>	<p>Up to three country-level and/or regional workshops conducted</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$26,761 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$38,239 Year 2022/23 US\$35,000</p> <p>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 and travel difficulties it generated, no physical statistical workshop could be organized in 2022.</p> <p>A regional workshop for Central America is to be organized in early 2024 in Mexico. ITTO Central American member countries will also be invited to participate to the workshop and to share their experience on data collection at national level and discuss the potential problems they face when collecting forest products data. The workshop will also be an opportunity to discuss and clarify potential issues with the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire submission.</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
			This activity is expected to continue into 2024 and beyond.
<p>9. Prevention and management of fire in tropical timber producing forests</p>	<p>Under the 2018-2020 BWP, the Government of Japan provided funding of US\$ 2,210,526 to this activity to develop projects to strengthen the capacities of national and local authorities in Indonesia and Peru to take urgent action for prevention and response to forest fires. The implementation agreements for these two activities were concluded in August 2020 and these activities are expected to start in November 2020. This activity is funded as part of the Programmatic Line 2 titled “Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services” and Programmatic Line 4 titled “Emerging Issues and Innovation” under the Programmatic Approach of the new financing architecture which is subject to a pilot phase implementation.</p> <p>The following activity will assist the development/ revision of national strategies and action plans by assessing implementation challenges for six selected countries (two per tropical timber producing region) through a multi-stakeholder, participatory gap analysis of the current strategies and action plans for the prevention and management of forest and land fires. The analysis will be conducted in collaboration with partners, including the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) supporting various regional forest fire networks in the tropics. This activity will also assist the participation of ITTO forest fire project team members in key international forest fire events.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$140,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$70,000 Year 2022–US\$70,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six national assessments conducted • Collaboration with partners including the Global Fire Monitoring Center and synergies for prevention and management of forest fires in the tropics enhanced 	<p>Funding pledged: NIL Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$70,000 Year 2022/23 US\$70,000</p> <p>Despite no new funding being made available to this activity under this BWP, the work continued in 2021 and 2022 on the following two Japan-funded activities described in the Implementation Approach column: PP-A/56-340-1: Capacity Building on Forest and Land Fire Management in Indonesia and PP-A/56-340-2: Forest Fire Prevention and Response in Tropical Forests and Forest Plantations in Peru. The outcomes of these projects have been reported to the CRF under its agenda item 8 (Report on Completed Projects and Pre-projects).</p> <p>ITTO provided support for the participation of three forest fire experts from ITTO producer member countries in the 8th International Wildland Fire Conference (16-19 May 2023, Porto, Portugal). During this event, these experts shared their experience and best practices in an ITTO-hosted workshop titled “Tropical Forest Fire Prevention for Integrated Fire Management: From Guidelines to Best Practices in Field Implementation” on 16 May 2023.</p> <p>A follow-up activity has been developed and will continue under the BWP 2024-2025 (Activity 7).</p>

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

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
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). The ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2022-2026 was published in all working languages of the Organization, plus Japanese, in June 2022 and is available for download at www.itto.int/council_committees/action_plans/.</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 2022/23 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>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 2024, pending funding being made available.</p> <p>This work will continue under the BWP 2024-2025 (Activity 8(a)) and beyond.</p>

<p>(b) Disseminating the ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics</p> <p>Production of outreach and communication materials for the dissemination of the newly adopted ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics, participation in international FLR events and holding of three country and/or regional workshops (one in each tropical timber producing region).</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$190,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021: US\$60,000 Year 2022: US\$130,000</p>	<p>Dissemination of the newly adopted guidelines in ITTO producing member countries</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$100,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022/23 US\$90,000</p> <p>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. AFoCO-ITTO Capacity Building Workshop, titled "Forest Landscape Restoration in the Asia - Pacific Region: Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification in Forest Carbon Assessment" was held virtually on 4-6 July 2023. This workshop enhanced understanding of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) in forest carbon assessment and of the role of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in promoting FLR.</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 2022/23 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(LVII)/2 under the agenda item 8.3 dealing with BWP-based Activities.</p> <p>The implementation of PP-A/56-341A, which is the continuation of the pilot phase, started in April 2022 with the disbursement of the first instalment. It is reported in detail in the document CRF(LVII)/3 item 10.3.</p>

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

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
12. Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	<p>In line with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which will be adopted at CBD COP 15 in May 2021, this activity will promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist the participation of selected ITTO biodiversity project team members in CDB COP 15 which will take place in China in May 2021 with the organization of a joint side event with CBD to share ITTO experiences and in related international meetings. Revise the programme document of the Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity to support the implementation of the MoU between ITTO and CBD for 2021-2025. 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 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$80,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$25,000 Year 2022/23 NIL</p> <p>A joint ITTO-CBD side event was held on 15 December 2022 during CBD COP 15 (Montréal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022). This event provided a platform to disseminate the lessons from the implementation of the Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity and the conservation benefits of “other effective area-based conservation measures” (OECMS). This event also featured a presentation of best practices to accelerate ground-level restoration and SFM actions in the Amazon, Mekong and Congo Basin regions for enhanced biodiversity and livelihood benefits.</p> <p>During the UNFF 18 (8-12 May 2023), ITTO organized a side event with partners. This event showcased forest biodiversity targets in the Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework, as well as lessons learned from the implementation of the Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative.</p>
13. Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	<p>Promoting and integrating the role of productive forest and trade in major global processes (UNFF, CPF, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD, UN Environment, and UNCTAD etc.) for achieving SDG and Global Forest Goals through sustainable forest management and legal and sustainable supply chains.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$150,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$75,000 Year 2022–US\$75,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation of ITTO in UNFF16 in 2021 and up to four CPF meetings in 2021 and 2022 Contributions to up to three CPF joint initiatives in 2021 and 2022 	<p>Funding pledged: US\$120,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$30,000 Year 2022/23 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 including:</p> <p>In 2021:</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

			<p>Priorities for the UNFF16 – Progress towards achievements of the Global Forest Goals (GFGs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 & Implications of COVID-19 on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade of Tropical Timber and Forest Products • 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 • ITTO contributed and actively participated in the following forums in 2022 (as at the time of preparation of this report): • 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
--	--	--	--

Page 20

			<div>at Carrefour International du Bois</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• United Nations Forum on Forests (17th Session)• XV World Forestry Congress• 26th session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and 8th World Forestry Week <div>In 2022:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022 Nature for Life Hub (UNDP)• The 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)• COP27 to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change• COP15 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) <div>In 2023:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 18th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)• The 8th International Wildland Fire Conference• The (IUFRO) Forest Products Conference• CPF side-event at the SDG Summit 2023• The 2023 ANZIF Conference (scheduled in October) <div>This work will continue into 2024 and beyond. If additional funds are made available, they will be used towards the implementation of this activity as proposed and approved.</div>
14.Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	<div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>Estimated new funds sought: US\$50,000</div> <div>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions</div> <div>Year 2021–US\$25,000</div> <div>Year 2022–US\$25,000</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevant meetings attended• collaboration with FAO FRA enhanced	<div>Funding pledged: NIL</div> <div>Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$25,000</div> <div>Year 2022/23 US\$25,000</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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. The Secretariat has also participated in the 32nd meeting of the Montreal Process during the Asia Pacific Forest Commission meetings in Sydney, Australia in October 2023.</div> <div>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 2024 and beyond.</div>

GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH-RELATED WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
15. ITTO communication strategy	<p>Develop a communication strategy to optimize the use of ITTO's knowledge, communication resources and outreach capabilities in fulfilling the Organization's mission and to support fundraising tailored to specific target groups.</p> <p>Estimated cost: Fully funded through pledges to the BWP 2018-2019 (extended into 2020)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strategy that sets out the Organization's communication programme, and the tools, approaches, stakeholders, timing and resources for its implementation • Actions aimed at raising awareness and building capacity for the effective implementation of the communication strategy 	<p>Funding pledged: This activity was fully funded under the BWP 2018-2019</p> <p>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 2022–2023, the Secretariat implemented various activities set out in the communication strategy with minimal cost implications, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of stories for observances (international days) relevant to the work of the Organization to highlight the value of sustainable tropical forestry for sustainable development, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and overcoming complex global challenges. The stories were disseminated on the ITTO website, supported by social media and monthly newsletters. • Publication of an opinion piece reflecting thought leadership on sustainable tropical forestry (published in Mongabay in June 2022 and republished by Ensia in July 2022). Another opinion piece was published in 2022 by the German outlet <i>Schutzgemeinschaft Deutscher Wald</i>. Several media outlets featured ITTO's work, including <i>Timber Trades Journal</i>; the Japanese journal <i>Sanrin</i> of Dai Nihon Sanrin-kai; the websites of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Convention of Biological Diversity; communiqués issued by the G7 Ministers responsible for Climate, Energy and the Environment in 2021 and 2022; and <i>Seikyo Shimbun</i>. An article featuring ITTO's work was included in two editions of the publication <i>A Better World</i>, Volume 9, which was released during the SDG Summit in September 2023, and Volume 7, showcasing ITTO's work related to SDG 17. Various media outlets published material on ITTO's work or contacted ITTO for information and data for articles, including <i>The New York Times</i>. An ITTO case study on technological innovation on SFM was submitted and selected for FAO's 2024 State of the World's Forests report. • Publication of success stories on activities and projects that created clear linkages with the SDGs supported by social media and monthly newsletters. • The ITTO Executive Director and staff delivered keynotes and/or recorded messages for international meetings and observances, such as the 2022 edition of Nature for Life Hub; the Government of

			<p>Fiji's official release of videos on the sustainable management of mangroves (an output of an ITTO project); a meeting for the release of the first <i>Global Timber Index</i> (GTI) report; a special message for Mexico's Forestry Agency; the 2023 World Wildlife Day; the 23rd meeting of the APEC Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; the 50th anniversaries of the Korea Forest Service and the Malaysia Timber Industry Board; and the 2023 International Forestry Students Symposium. At the time of preparation of this report, another keynote was scheduled to be recorded for the 2023 ANZIF Conference to be held in October 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued participation in relevant meetings and conferences, such as those listed under activity No. 13. Improvements in the ITTO website, such as the addition of a new section for learning materials; an icon to increase visibility and access to ITTO guidelines and action plans; and a new page to host the monthly GTI reports.
16.ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	<p>Regular work.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$390,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$195,000 Year 2022–US\$195,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to four TFU issues per year published in three ITTO working languages 	<p>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. In 2022, the cost of producing TFU increased significantly due to increases in printing and shipping as a side-effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and shipping bottlenecks. The Secretariat found ways to keep production within the budget, which impacted on the schedule of the year. Three issues were published in 2022. At the time of preparation of this report, two editions had been published in 2023, with a third edition in preparation.</p>

<p>17. Public relations, education and outreach</p>	<p>Regular work. Continue to ensure that ITTO reaches a wide audience by conducting:</p> <p>(a) Communication activities: Undertaking regular communication and outreach activities including, inter alia, managing the ITTO website (e.g. postings, and improvements in functionality and appearance); publishing and disseminating ITTO reports and publications (e.g. annual reports, project and activity reports, newsletters, TFU articles, news stories and events); producing and disseminating public relations materials (e.g. brochures, calendars, infographics, pamphlets, posters, videos and photographic images) to convey the work of the Organization; and other ad hoc initiatives, including in collaboration with other partners.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$360,000 Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$180,000 Year 2022–US\$180,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular website and social media post on the work of the Organization • Up to two new policy/technical series documents published and disseminated • Up to 8 TFU issues widely distributed • Up to 10 issues of Tropical Forest News newsletter widely distributed • New videos, posters, and pamphlets published • Two annual reports in three languages published • Photo database enhanced 	<p>(a) <u>ITTO website:</u></p> <p>The ITTO website has been updated regularly during the reporting period, 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; the 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 reporting period include for: ITTO contact points; Council's advisory bodies/groups; projects/concept notes for donor consideration; the Sustainable Development Goals; learning materials; the GTI report; and a new icon to improve the accessibility and visibility of the Organization's guidelines and action plans. Metrics on the website are provided in the Organization's annual reports.</p> <p><u>Social media:</u></p> <p>ITTO has a longstanding presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube. Regular postings have been made across all social media accounts over the reporting period. Key metrics on social media are included in the Organization's annual reports.</p> <p><u>Videos:</u></p> <p>At the time of preparation of this report, a total of 137 videos were available on ITTO's YouTube channel, showing various aspects of the Organization's work.</p> <p><u>Promotional materials:</u></p> <p>The monthly e-newsletter <i>Tropical Forest News</i> has around 2,700 subscribers. Twelve monthly issues were distributed in each of 2021 and 2022, with an additional five editions published during the 58th Council session in 2022. At the time of preparation of this report, seven monthly editions of <i>Tropical Forest News</i> had been published in 2023.</p> <p>Editions of the ITTO calendar have been produced and distributed every year during the reporting period; ITTO and SDG pins have been</p>
---	--	---	--

produced and distributed and five new posters were designed in 2023.

Annual report and project/activity reports:

Annual reports have been published for 2020, 2021 and 2022 and are available on the ITTO website at www.itto.int/annual_report.

Four Technical Series publications have been published under the current BWP: *Fiscal and Non-fiscal Incentives for Sustainable Forest Management*; *Tropical Timber 2050*; *Not Only Timber* (funded through an MoU signed with the Precious Forest Foundation); and *Expensive, Exploited and Endangered*. The *Biennial Review of the World Timber Situation 2019–2020* was published in August 2021 and the *2021–2022* edition was published in September 2023.

Two policy briefs have been published during the period spanned by the BWP: *Improving Outcomes for Biodiversity and People*; and *Lessons for Working Well Together in African Forests*. The *ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2022–2026* was also published during the reporting period, and the *ITTO Policy Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowering Women* was re-issued to match the style of ITTO Policy Series documents. *ITTO Criteria and Indicators for the Sustainable Management of African Tropical Forests* was under preparation at the time of writing.

Other reports published during the reporting period were: *Forest Product Conversion Factors: Tropical Logs and Sawwood*; *Designing Fiscal Instruments for Sustainable Forestry* (by the Climate Investment Funds and the World Bank, with ITTO support); *India Timber Supply and Demand 2010–2030*; *A New National Policy for the Peruvian Forest*; *Teak in the Mekong for a Sustainable Future*; *Global Assessment on Forest Education* (co-published with FAO and IUFRO); and IMM reports.

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*

			<p><i>for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics</i>; 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 by 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 Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; and the 2021 edition of the Yokohama International Forum.</p> <p>ITTO participated in several international forums in 2022–2023, 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 also had booths at UNFCCC COP27 and CBD COP15.</p> <p>ITTO's work has been featured in various media, including <i>El Comercio</i> (a major Peruvian newspaper); G-7 communiqués issued in 2021 and 2022; Mongabay; RTV Slovenia; Stabroek News; Togo's <i>Savoir News</i>; Dai-Nihon Shiran-kai; Timber Trades 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, Guatemala's National Forest Institute, and others. ITTO provided information for an article published in the New York Times on 28 August 2022 titled, "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>	Exhibiting the work of ITTO at up to five international fora	<p>(b) Most of the listed events in 2021 were cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. Nonetheless, ITTO participated virtually in several major forums in that year, including: the virtual segment of CBD COP15; the FAO–ITTO–IUFRO-led International Conference on Forest Education; UNFF16; the 19th meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; and UNFCCC COP26.</p> <p>ITTO participated in several international forums in 2022–2023, as listed under activity 13.</p>

	<p>(c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant public relations materials into Japanese.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$50,000 Expected funding sources: Voluntary contributions Year 2021–US\$25,000 Year 2022–US\$25,000</p>	<p>Comprehensive Japanese language coverage of ITTO's work on the ITTO website</p>	<p>Funding pledged: US\$ 75,000 Funding pending: Year 2021 NIL Year 2022/23 NIL</p> <p>(c) The Government of Japan allocated US\$25,000 in 2021, 2022 and 2023 to cover the cost of translating the ITTO website into Japanese. The respective annual reports and other promotional materials were published in Japanese during the period covered by the BWP, and relevant website content was also translated into Japanese.</p> <p>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 published regularly in Japanese via ITTO's Twitter account. Lectures to schools and universities in Japan resumed in 2022 and continued in 2023, and communication has been strengthened with Japanese officials to increase dissemination of the Organization's work to Japanese audiences, including through a display of ITTO posters at Tokyo Metro, ITTO's participation with a booth at Global Festa Japan 2023, the distribution of ITTO posters to schools in Yokohama (scheduled for October 2023), and the production of new brochures and newspapers by the City of Yokohama featuring up-to-date information on the work of the Organization.</p> <p>Voluntary contributions of US\$25,000 a year are sought to continue translation into Japanese in 2024–2025.</p>
--	--	--	---

GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL AND OTHER RECURRING WORK

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	
18.Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	<p>Regular work. Encourage support for the participation of TAG and CSAG members in Council Sessions.</p> <p>Estimated cost: US\$80,000</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Voluntary Contributions Year 2021–US\$40,000 Year 2022–US\$40,000</p>	At least four representatives from TAG and CSAG assisted to participate in the Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022	<p>Funding pledged: US\$40,000</p> <p>Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$40,000 Year 2022/23 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 and ITTC 59. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 and beyond.</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</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$35,000 Year 2022–US\$35,000</p>	ITTO Annual Market Discussions convened in 2021 and 2022	<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 convened the 2022 Market Discussion on the theme “Carbon markets and the timber industry: an opportunity for a paradigm shift?” which took place in conjunction with the 58th ITTC Session, convened in hybrid mode (physical and virtual attendance) on 8 November 2022. The theme for the 2023 Market Discussion, to be convened physically in Pattaya, Thailand on 14 November 2023 is “Tropical Timber Industry: Challenges and Opportunities from Changing Priorities”. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 and beyond.</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</p> <p>Expected funding sources: Core Operational Costs Year 2021–US\$140,000 Year 2022–US\$140,000</p>	Meetings of the Expert Panel convened in 2021 and 2022	<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 EP decided to also conduct the Fifty-eighth Expert Panel review by electronic means. The report will be presented to the Joint Committees under Agenda Item 1 [Document ITTC/EP-58].</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	
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\$337,770 Funding pending: Year 2021 US\$167,093 Year 2022/23 US\$295,137</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(LIX)/7) and will be presented to the 59th Session of the ITTC as part of the BWP progress report under Provisional Agenda Item 12. Additional funding will be required for this activity to award Fellowships under the BWP 2024-2025.</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 Year 2022–US\$210,000</p>	<p>Twenty-three (23) Tropical Timber Market Reports published annually in 2021 and 2022)</p>	<p>Funding pledged: Funded from Core Operational Costs</p> <p>Twenty-three issues of the Tropical Timber Market Report (TTMR) were published in 2021 and 2022 and the same number are on schedule to be delivered in 2023. 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 2024 and beyond.</p>
23.Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	<p>Regular work. The Secretariat will undertake activities to improve statistical databases, maintain access to international forest products trade databases and to maintain involvement in the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics and the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire process.</p> <p>Updating of the online statistical database in Feb. 2022, Aug. 2022 and July 2023</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>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.</p> <p>The Intersecretariat Working Group meeting was held at the ITTO headquarters in February 2023. During this meeting, the inclusion of the Harmonized System 2022 codes in the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire was undertaken. Data harmonization between databases of partner organizations was also discussed.</p> <p>ITTO's online statistical database was updated in July 2023 to be in line with the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022. The next update of the online database will be in July 2024.</p> <p>This activity also co-funded 2 market studies for the ITTO Biennial Review:</p>

Activity	Implementation Approach and Cost	Activity Targets	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special study on the consumption and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products in the world over the period 1990-2020 to be published in Sept. 2023. 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. • A special study on conversion factors (from weight to volume for tropical veneer and tropical plywood and from M2 to M3 for tropical veneer) of the tropical veneer and tropical plywood produced and exported by major tropical and non-tropical countries to be published in Dec. 2023. This study will complement the ITTO-FAO-UNECE study on conversion factors published in 2020. The consultant will also complement the study by discussing the technical properties of the species used for producing tropical veneer and tropical plywood, the proportion of composite tropical plywood vs 100% tropical plywood and the major business and industrial use of tropical veneer and tropical plywood as well as the main method of production of tropical veneer (slicing or peeling) per country when information is available.
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 draft of the Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2021-2022 was presented to the 58th ITTC in November 2022. Following Council input, further data collection, analysis and editing, the Biennial Review 2021-22 was published in 2023 and will be distributed at ITTC 59.</p> <p>A long-term study on the consumption and trade of tropical primary and secondary wood products was co-funded under this activity and will be published with a future Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation. This activity is expected to continue into 2024 and beyond.</p>

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

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
25. Consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme for 2021-2022. ITTA, 2006, Article 24] [ITTC Decisions 7(XXV), 2(XXXI), 9(XXXIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reviewed at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider the progress in the implementation of the ITTO BWP 2021 – 2022 extended into 2023 under Item 12(a) of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LIX)/6].
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 	In accordance with Decision 2(LVIII), the BWP 2021-2022 has been extended into 2023. A new draft BWP will be presented to the Council under Item 12(b) of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LIX)/8].
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-ninth 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-ninth 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-ninth 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 15). In accordance with Decision 8(LVII) the review/evaluation of the pilot phase 2020-2022 has been postponed until at least 2023. At ITTC 58, the Advisory Board recommended that the review be conducted in 2024 and reported to ITTC 60.

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
31. Consider progress in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of pre-projects, projects and activities under the Thematic Programmes Sub-Account. ITTA, 2006, Article 20(6)] [ITTC Decisions 9(XLIV), 10(XLIV)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	As informed to the 56 th ITTC, in the absence of any new pledges to the Thematic Programmes and given that all funded projects have been reported completed, there is nothing to report under this Activity.
32. Consider the reports of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG). [ITTC Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Meetings of the IAG considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will receive the Report of the 37 th IAG under Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LIX)/2].
33. Review the results of relevant project and policy work of the Committees. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of the Committees presented at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 19 of its Provisional Agenda including relevant project and policy work.
34. Approve selected projects for ex-post evaluation following procedures outlined in ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII). [ITTC Decision 3(XXVIII)]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects selected for ex-post evaluation approved at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider and approve the reports of the Associated Committees, under Item 19 of its Provisional Agenda, including any recommendations on selected projects for ex-post evaluation.
35. Consider and, if appropriate, take action to disseminate information on project findings and results. ITTA, 2006, Article 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	Information on project findings and results are available on the ITTO website, including through the project search function, the TFU, the electronic newsletter Tropical Forest News, the ITTO YouTube channel, outreach materials and in the Annual Reports.
36. Consider the reports of mid-term and ex-post evaluations on on-going and completed projects. ITTA, 2006, Articles 24, 26]	Regular Sessions' work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports considered at the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Sessions of the Council in 2021 and 2022 	The Council will consider the ex-post evaluation reports of three projects in the field of Economics, Statistics and Markets, two projects in the field of Forest Industry and one thematic group evaluation in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management at the Fifty-seventh Session of the Joint Committees under Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC-JC(LVII)/1].
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 2022 Financial Year will be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) at its Thirty-eighth Session, [Document CFA(XXXVIII)/6]. The CFA may recommend approval of the report to the Council.

Activity	Implementation Approach	Activity Targets	Implementation Status
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. The Biennial Administrative Budget for the financial years 2024 and 2025 will be presented to the 59 th ITTC for approval.
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-eighth 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-eighth 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 	Replacing Mr. Taesik Ham, a new Programme Officer (Dr. Soomin Lee) has been seconded to the ITTO Secretariat for the period from September 2023 to September 2026. 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
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						
12	Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests	Article 1(m), (r); Decision 6(XLIV)	SP3	GFG3, GFG4	PL 2	Council/CRF
13	Cooperation and consultation with the CPF, UNFF and others	Article 15; Decision 7(XXX)	SP6	GFG6		Council
14	Collaboration on criteria and indicators for SFM	Decisions 3(XXVI), 5(XXX), 9(XXX), 4(XXXIV)	SP1	GFG5, GFG6		Council, CRF
GROUP 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH RELATED WORK						
15	ITTO communication strategy	Article 1, Decision 5(XXVII)	SP5, SP6	GFG6		Council
16	ITTO Tropical Forest Update (TFU)	Articles 27, 28	SP5	GFG6		Council
17	a) Communications activities (website, reports, PR, etc.)	Article 1, Decision 5(XXVII)	SP5, SP6	GFG6		Council
	b) Outreach activities (booths and/or side events at relevant international fora)					
	c) Translation of the ITTO website and relevant PR materials into Japanese					
GROUP 5 – ANALYTICAL, STATISTICAL, AND OTHER RECURRING WORK						
18	Trade (TAG) and Civil Society (CSAG) Advisory Group involvement	Decisions 9(XXVIII), 2(XXXII)	SP6	GFG6		Council
19	ITTO Annual Market Discussion	Article 1(e), (h)	SP5	GFG6		Joint Committees
20	Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals	Article 26; Decisions 6(IX), 2(X), 7(XXI), 7(XXII)	SP1 - SP6	GFG1 - GFG6		Council and Committees
21	ITTO Fellowship Programme	Decision 4(XXVII)	SP6	GFG6		Council
22	ITTO Market Information Service (MIS)	Articles 27, 28	SP2, SP5	GFG2, GFG6		CEM
23	Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics	Article 27	SP5	GFG6		CEM
24	Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation	Article 28	SP5	GFG6		Council

Reference Tables

ITTO SAP Strategic Priorities (SP)

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

UNSPF Global Forest Goals (GFG)

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

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

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