



Progress Report on the Implementation of the Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 extended into 2023 (*BWP 2021-2023*)

Decision 2(LVI)

Item 12(a) of the Provisional Agenda
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13 – 17 November 2023



BWP 2021-2023

Adopted under Decision 2(LVI), 40 activities

- Part 1: 24 activities requiring financing through voluntary contributions, core budget or other sources

Funding sought: US\$ 4,346,760 (voluntary contributions)
US\$ 1,860,000 (approved core budget)
US\$ 6,206,760

- Part 2: 16 administrative & financial activities
not requiring financing

one additional activity, secondment of a Programme Officer from the Government of Korea, fully financed by KFS

Under Decision 2(LVIII) the BWP 2021-2022 was extended into 2023, so that the BWP approval is again in line with the approval of the biennial approval cycle of the administrative budget



Pledges to the BWP 2021 - 2023

	Voluntary Contributions	
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





Financing Status of Activities



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
Contractual contributions	
EU Grant for IMM (Activity 7)	4,687,440*
Secondment from Korea Forest Service	1,006,502**
*€4,000,000 Grant	
** Cooperation Agreement KFW – KRW 1.23 billion	

BWP Pledges by Donor





Implementation Status of selected BWP Activities

Group 1 – Field oriented activities

Act 2: Building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains
Germany, Japan, USA, China, IPIM Macao, FAO

Sub-activities 2.1 to 2.5 and 2.7 to 2.9 were reported completed in 2021/2022

2.6 Analysis of timber legality assurance systems and good practices in China, Myanmar and Viet Nam for sustainable timber trade, – *completed in March 2023*

2.10 Establishment & Operation of the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Product Supply Chains
Implementation complete, monthly GTI reports, activity completed – to be continued under BWP 2024-2025

2.11 Supporting Pilot Collaborative Operation of the Blockchain-based Timber Traceability System (BTTS) for Building Legal and Sustainable Forest Product Supply Chains – *operation mechanism for blockchain-based timber traceability system was designed, pilot operations carried out in DRC and Gabon, activity completed –to be continued under BWP 2024-2025*

2.12 Guidelines and Recommendations on Contracts and Practices for the International Trade in Tropical Timber. *Expected to be completed by ATIBT by the end of 2023 – to be continued under BWP 2024-2025*





Implementation Status of selected BWP Activities

Group 1 – Field oriented activities

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

- Work in Guatemala (begun under the previous BWP) was completed in 2022.
- Consultations underway with WRI and other partners regarding proposals to extend private sector training to one or more additional countries in late 2023 or early 2024.

expected to be continued under BWP 2024-2025

Act 4: Enhancing Teak Management

- 'Enhancing Conservation and Sustainable Management of Teak Forests and Legal and Sustainable Wood Supply Chains in the Greater Mekong Subregion' funded under previous BWP, completed in the end of 2022 will be reported to CRF.

Follow-up activity under BWP 2024-2025, funding commitment BMEL, Germany





Implementation Status of selected BWP Activities

Group 1 – Field oriented activities cont.

Act 5: ITTO – CITES Cooperation

- ITTO continues to provide assistance to the CITES Tree Species Programme (CTSP) – contract with CITES Secretariat
- Assistance to member countries in implementing CITES listings of tropical tree species outside the CTSP – other donors (USA) *expected to be continued under BWP 2024-2025*

Act 6: Independent market monitoring of FLEGT-licensed timber, IMM

- Progress reported annually
- Completed, final report presented to the Joint Committees

Act 7: Monitor progress in the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management

- Revised C&I published, *additional funding from Japan allowed for editing, layout/design & publication* *expected to be continued under BWP 2024-2025*

26 ITTO criteria and indicators for the sustainable management of African tropical forests





Implementation Status of selected BWP Activities

Group 2 – Normative Work

Act 10: Formulate a new Strategic Action Plan

Strategic Action Plan 2022-2026 was adopted at the 57th ITTC

Act 11b: Dissemination of FLR Guidelines

reported to CRF

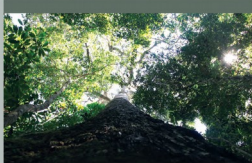
expected to be continued under BWP 2024-2025

Act 11c: Support for women's Groups in Togo

reported to CRF & Joint Committee CSAG Item

expected to be continued under BWP 2024-2025

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2022-2026



Policy Development Series 25



International Tropical Timber Organization



Implementation Status of selected BWP Activities *cont.*

Group 3 – Collaborative Work

Act 12: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber producing countries

- *MOU between ITTO and CBD was renewed in Feb 2021*
- *Joint ITTO-CBD in cooperation with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the Network of Central African Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions (RIFFEAC) was held at COP 15 in Montreal, Canada (7-19 Dec 2022)*
- *Video message under Agenda Item 13*

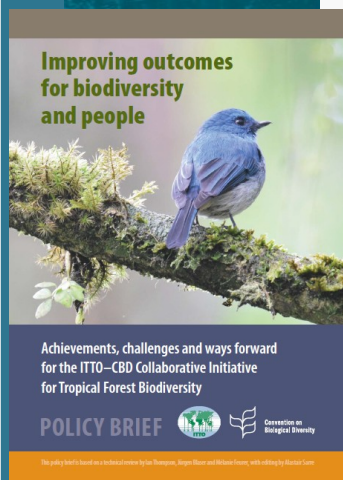
Act 13: Cooperation and consultation with CPF, UNFF and others

- *2021/2022 mostly virtual*
- *In person attendance recommenced in late 2022*
- *List of meetings, events and activities in the report*

Act 14: Collaboration of criteria and indicators for SFM

- *Continued collaboration with FAO*
- *Participation in 32nd meeting of the Montreal Process, Sydney Australia, October 2023*

All above activities are expected to be continued under the BWP 2024-2025





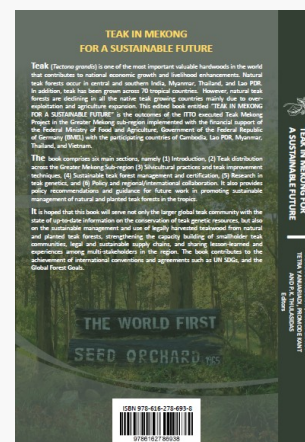
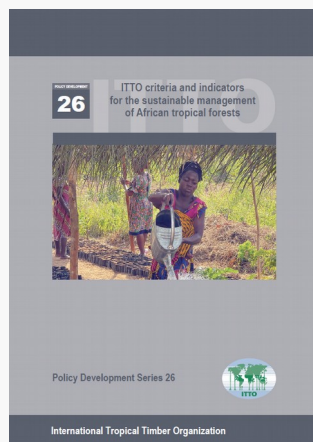
Implementation Status of selected BWP Activities *cont.*

Group 4: Communications and Outreach related Activities

Production of a broad range of communication products

- 2 policy briefs in 2022
- Teak in the Mekong for a Sustainable Future
- ITTO Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of African Tropical Forests (2023)
- Annual Report
- TFU, MIS
- Website, social media posts, posters (2 campaigns in Japan)
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Group 4 activities are expected to be continued under BWP 2024-2025





Implementation Status of selected BWP Activities *cont.*

Group 5: Analytical, statistical and other recurring work

Act 18: TAG and CSAG involvement (*both participating*)

Act 19: Market Discussion ‘Tropical Timber Industry: Challenges and Opportunities from Changing Priorities’
held on Tuesday, 14 November 2023

Act 20: Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals
Report of the 58th EP presented to the Joint Committees

Act 21: ITTO Fellowship Programme
Report of the Fellowship Selection Panel presented by the Vice-Chairperson of the Council

Act 23: Enhancement of statistical work and databases on statistics

- *ITTO online statistical database is updated regularly*
- *Special study on conversion factors to be published in Dec 2023*

Act. 24: Biennial review and assessment of the world timber situation
Biennial Review 2021-2022 was published in 2023 and available at ITTC59

2023 Annual Market Discussion
Tropical timber industry: challenges and opportunities from changing priorities

Organized by the ITTO Trade Advisory Group
14 November 2023, Pattaya, Thailand
14:30 – 17:30

The global trend towards a more circular bioeconomy will affect demand for resources. Tropical forests will increasingly be used as sources of renewable, environmentally friendly products, especially timber, which is a versatile material for carbon-intensive materials that are contributing to climate change.

In addition to supplying a wide range of ecosystem services, tropical forests have a critical role to play in meeting strong global demand for renewable resources. Investment in new capacity is urgently required to enhance tropical timber value chains both plantation and naturally regenerating forests. Global policies must also evolve to support effective forest governance and market development for sustainable tropical forest products.

In this year's Annual Market Discussion, experts will present on various aspects relevant to changing priorities.

Thailand timber industry challenges and opportunities from changing priorities
Poncha Ogongwan, Royal Forest Department, Bangkok, Thailand

The role of forests and forest products in a bioeconomy transition: supply and demand perspectives
Lynell Bull, FAO, Rome, Italy

Community engagement and smallholders as pillars for Southeast Asian forest investment and regional forest supplies
Stephen Mudge, Sawwood Asia Pacific, Canberra, Australia

Mass timber is the building industry
Yoshitaka Inoue, Timber Research Institute, Sustainable Forestry, Japan

Smallholder timber supply for domestic and regional markets in central Africa: importance and challenges
Richard Dye & Ayo, CIFOR-ICRAF, Yaounde, Cameroon

EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR): implications for producers and importers
Franz-Sören Reck, GD Holz Service GmbH, Germany

EUDR and online sales by the European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF)
Nils Olaf Pettersen, GD Holz/ETTF, Germany

Discussion, Questions & Answers

A Trade Statement will be delivered by TAG at the end of the Market Discussion.



Thank you

