



Introduction to ITTO

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INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION (ITTO)

The International Tropical Timber Organization's mission



- Promote the **sustainable management and conservation** of tropical forests.
- Promote the **expansion and diversification of trade** in tropical wood from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests.

ITTO is the sole intergovernmental organization focused entirely on tropical forest resources.





ITTO's facts and figures

- An intergovernmental organization established in 1986 under auspices of UNCTAD.
- The International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006—the current treaty under which ITTO operates.
- ITTO members under ITTA, 2006—76 members:
 - Producing (37) and Consuming (39)
 - Producing members:
 - Africa (14)
 - Asia & Pacific (10)
 - Latin America (13)
 - Covering over **80% of global tropical forests** and account for **90% of trade in tropical forest products**.
- Headquarters – Yokohama, Japan.
- Website: www.itto.int



ITTO's facts and figures (continuation)



- ITTO develops international policy documents and guidelines to promote sustainable forest management and forest-based enterprises:
 - Implemented and adapted to local conditions through field projects.
- ITTO collects, analyzes and disseminates data on the production and trade of tropical timber and is the foremost source of information, statistics and trends related to the global tropical timber economy.
- ITTO has funded more than 1200 projects/activities valued at USD 430 million, across the tropics—covering a wide spectrum of topics—enhancing the capacity of tropical countries to sustainably manage their forest resources.

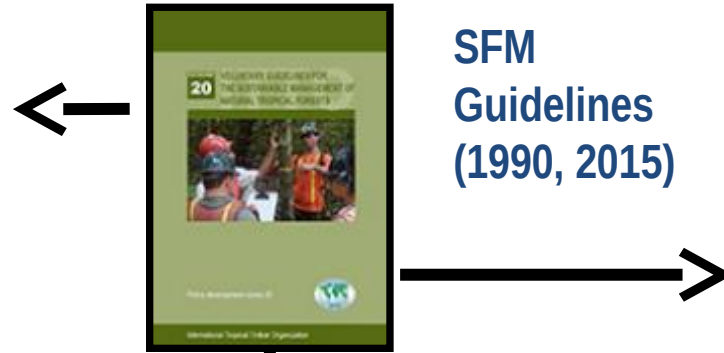


Guidelines for sustainable forestry—ensure nature-based solution

(www.itto.int/guidelines)



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(1992, 1998, 2005, 2016)

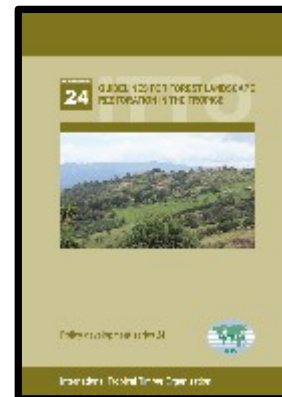


Guidelines for the Management of Secondary Tropical Forests, Tropical Forest Restoration and the Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest Lands (2002)

Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics (2020)



Environmental and Social Management Guidelines (2020) and Gender Guidelines (2018)



Guidelines for Sustainable Management of Planted Tropical Forest (1993)



Guidelines for Conserving Biodiversity in Production Forests (1993, 2008)



Guidelines on Fire Management (1998)



ITTO's Tropical Timber Market Report



- Published every two weeks (23 editions/year).
- Provides market trends and trade news from around the world.
- Indicative prices for over 400 tropical timber and added-value products.
- Free subscription at www.itto.int/mis/.
- Back issues (since 1996) available online.

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Top story

ITTO 2023 Annual Market Discussion

Organised by the ITTO Trade Advisory Group, the theme of the Market Discussion was "Tropical Timber Industry: Challenges and Opportunities from Changing Priorities".

Presentations fell into three broad categories, forest products in a bio-economy transition, smallholders and their overwhelming production for African and Asian domestic markets and implications for producers and importers from the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

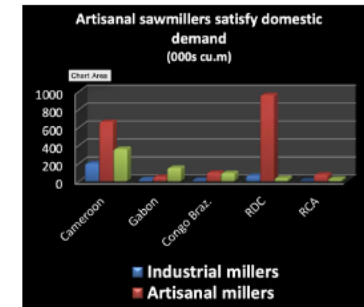
To conclude the Market Discussion the Trade Statement was presented to the International Tropical Timber Council by the Trade Advisory Group.

Also in this issue

- West African producers - generally dull international demand
- Slump in Malaysia's exports
- Indonesian industry ready to intensify presence in Asian markets
- Peeler logs now more readily available in Northern India
- Incentives for Peruvian companies obtaining voluntary forest certification
- Japanese importers confused over new government requirement
- Action required now by tropical wood suppliers to meet EUDR requirements
- US wooden furniture imports at lowest since March

Data snapshot

Small artisanal millers - huge production



See: https://www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/topics_id=7665&no=5&disp=inline

A new frontier for SFM

In Central and West Africa and in some Asian countries small-scale timber production is informal, organised but unregulated. Artisanal millers are responding to growing national and regional demand and the volumes produced in the informal sector in most countries are greater than by the industrial sector.

Artisanal millers contribute little to national accounts but do they generate significant employment. Given the scale of production and that the artisanal sector is unregulated what are the implications for tropical forest harvesting? Is this the new frontier for tropical forest security and sustainable management?

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The International Tropical Timber Council



- It is ITTO governing body —comprised by all members.
- It meets once a year to discuss wide-ranging agenda aimed at promoting sustainable tropical forest management and the trade of sustainably produced tropical timber.
- The Council is assisted by 4 committees and 3 advisory bodies:
 - Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets,
 - Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management,
 - Committee on Forest Industry and
 - Committee on Finance and Administration.
 - Informal Advisory Group,
 - Trade Advisory Group and
 - Civil Society Advisory Group



ITTO Pilot Programme Lines



- Legal & Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC)
- Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods
- Emerging Issues and Innovation





LLSC online course—an ITTO contribution on global forest education



<https://lsscource.com/>

- ITTO June 2021—launched a free online learning course on legal, sustainable timber supply chains (LSSC).
- Four modules:
 - Sustainable forest management, reduced impact logging and forest landscape restoration,
 - Timber legality assessment,
 - Meeting legality requirements for ensuring sustainable outcomes, and
 - Marketing for expanding, maintaining and forest businesses.
- The course highlights sustainable use of forest resources—essential for protecting biodiversity and maximizing the contributions of forests as nature-based solutions to climate change.
- Raising awareness of sustainable production and consumption.

Thank you for your attention!



LSSC online course



ITTO Policy Series



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