

What tropical forests give us

Forests filter and absorb rainfall, replenish groundwater and ensure a constant flow of fresh water into rivers and oceans. Forests absorb and store carbon dioxide, effectively fighting against climate change.

Tropical forests are crucial for biodiversity because they provide a home to a vast array of plant and animal species, many of which are found nowhere else on Earth. These forests support diverse ecosystems that rely on each other for survival, creating a delicate balance of life.

Tropical Forests provide us with wood, which is essential in our lives, but of course many foods originated in forests. And many don't know medicines that we rely on a daily basis were found in forests.



What ITTO does

ITTO's mission is pretty straightforward but important:

We help create rules and guidelines to help countries manage their forests in a way that's beneficial to the forests and countries that rely on them.

We help put these guidelines into action through various projects - over 1200 so far!.



We gather and share all sorts of info on how much timber is produced and traded.

We promote timber that comes from forests that are managed well.

We work on making sure people who work in forestry have the skills and resources they need.