

Joint ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity



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Biological Diversity

Tropical forests cover 1.84 billion hectares, which is 45% of all forests. Extremely diverse, they harbour nearly two-thirds (62%) of global terrestrial vertebrate species and nearly 80% of all tree species. When sustainably managed, tropical forests are healthy, productive and renewable ecosystems that provide vital services for biodiversity and human well-being.

The Joint ITTO–CBD Joint Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity supports member countries party to both agreements to conserve, restore and enhance the biodiversity and ecosystem services of tropical forests while maintaining the sustainable production of timber and other forest-related products and services.

The Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity aims to:

- *Assist countries to recognize and enhance the values of forest landscapes, including their biodiversity and ecosystem services, and to collect and use existing ecological and biological data that contribute to sustainable management, use, and restoration.*
- *Promote innovative approaches, practices, and technologies and strengthen technical skills aimed at enhancing tropical biodiversity and ecosystem services in forest landscapes.*
- *Assist in building the capacity of countries to implement the ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Production Forests, other relevant guidelines, and CBD decisions.*
- *Enhance further collaboration with other international organizations and partners to strengthen capacity to implement the global biodiversity goals.*



Over the course of its three phases, spanning from 2010 to the present, the Joint Initiative has funded projects in 23 countries across the three tropical regions, with a combined total investment of approximately USD 15.66 million. The Initiative has been supported by contributions from the governments of Japan, the USA, Switzerland, Australia, Republic of Korea, and other entities, such as Soka Gakkai.

Examples of how projects under the Joint ITTO-CBD Collaborative Initiative contribute to the KMGBF Targets



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Indonesia

Facilitating the sustainable management and conservation of the Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve by improving the planning framework, strengthening institutional capacity and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples and local communities.



Malaysia

Development of an integrated management plan in the Upper Baram Forest Area to ensure biodiversity conservation and socioeconomic development for the benefit of local communities. Another project in the area is empowering local communities to undertake forest management and forest landscape restoration.



Togo

Assisting sustainable forest management in the Fosse-aux-Lions gazetted forest by identifying consensus-based boundaries, establishing a consultation framework, promoting income-generating activities, and providing training in good land-use practices, with the involvement of local communities, including women groups.



Côte d'Ivoire

Conservation of the timber species, African barwood (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*), by working with local communities to bring about sustainable use.

TARGET 1:

Plan and Manage all Areas to Reduce Biodiversity Areas Loss Close to Zero

TARGET 10:

Enhance Biodiversity and Sustainability in Agriculture, Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

TARGET 3: Conserve under effective restoration 30% Terrestrial, Inland Water and Coastal Areas Conserved and Managed of all Degraded Ecosystems

TARGET 22: Ensure Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice and Information Related to Biodiversity for all

TARGET 11: Restore, Maintain and Enhance Nature's Contributions to People

TARGET 23: Ensure Gender Equality and a Gender-Responsive Approach for Biodiversity Action

TARGET 2:

Restore 30% of all Degraded Ecosystems

TARGET 8:

Minimize the Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Build Resilience

TARGET 5:

Ensure Sustainable, Safe and Legal Harvesting and Trade of Wild Species

TARGET 4:

Halt Species Extinction, Protect Genetic Diversity, and Manage Human- Wildlife Conflicts

TARGET 13:

Increase the Sharing of Benefits From Genetic Resources, Digital Sequence Information and Traditional Knowledge

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Building capacities to manage the Sungai Menyeng Conservation Area (Sarawak) for orangutan protection and to uplift community livelihood.



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Fiji

Promoting community based restoration of cyclone-affected mangrove forests in Rewa Delta, creating opportunities for alternative fuels and livelihoods for communities, especially for women.



TARGET 3:

Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas

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TARGET 8:

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Togo

Supporting women's groups to restore forest landscapes in the Prefectures of Blitta and Lacs, while contributing to livelihood and food security for local communities.

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Colombia

Working with local Afro-descendant communities in the collective territory of Bajo Calima to restore degraded ecosystems based on enrichment planting and sustainable agroforestry systems.



TARGET 2:

30% of all Degraded Ecosystem Areas Under Effective Restoration

Peru

Ex-situ conservation and afforestation of mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) by working with research and academic institutions in the northern coastal area of Peru.

TARGET 5:

Ensure Sustainable, Safe and Legal Harvesting and Trade of Wild Species



The Joint ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity is actively seeking additional donors as well as project proposals.

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