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Restoration of Degraded Tropical Forests and Sustainable Forest Management: Nature Based Solutions to Global Challenges

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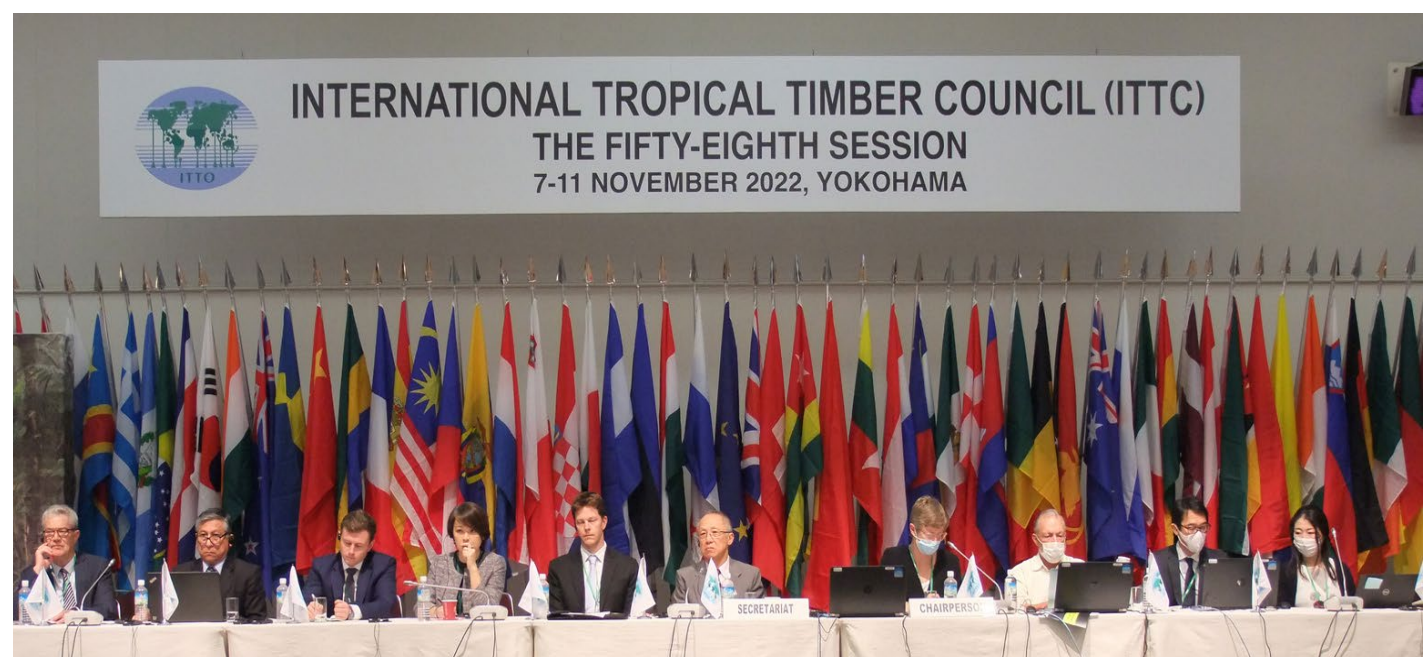
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ITTO is the sole intergovernmental organization focused entirely on tropical forest resources.

- Supports the sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests
- Facilitates the growth and diversification of trade in tropical timber sourced from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests



ITTO IN FIGURES



1986

Established under
UNCTAD



2006

International Tropical
Timber Agreement (ITTA)



CURRENT

76 member countries



HEADQUARTERS

Yokohama, Japan



ITTO has invested over \$17 million in restoration projects in the tropics.

Major donors to ITTO restoration projects include the Governments of Japan, the United States, Switzerland, South Korea, Germany, China and other entities like Soka Gakkai.

ITTO forest rehabilitation and restoration projects have spanned different tropical forest types such as tropical dry forest, tropical rainforests, mangroves, savanna woodland, and tropical coniferous forests.

Examples of Project Activities include:

- Planting and restoration management
- Nursery development
- Development of National and sub-national restoration plans
- Development of alternative livelihoods
- Financing schemes to enhance competitiveness of commercial reforestation
- Community training and awareness raising
- IT tools to improve monitoring and planning



Forest restoration and rehabilitation contribute to multiple SDG goals, including:

- Goal 1: No Poverty
- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- Goal 13: Climate Action
- Goal 15: Life on land



Joint ITTO–CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity



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.

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



THE BIODIVERSITY PLAN
For Life on Earth

Global targets for 2030

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Malaysia

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



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.



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.

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.



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 4:
Halt Species Extinction, Protect Genetic Diversity, and Manage Human-Wildlife Conflicts

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

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

TARGET 3:
Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas

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

TARGET 8:
Minimize the Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Build Resilience

TARGET 10:
Enhance Biodiversity and Sustainability in Agriculture, Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

TARGET 2:
30% of all Degraded Ecosystem Areas Under Effective Restoration

TARGET 5:
Ensure Sustainable, Safe and Legal Harvesting and Trade of Wild Species



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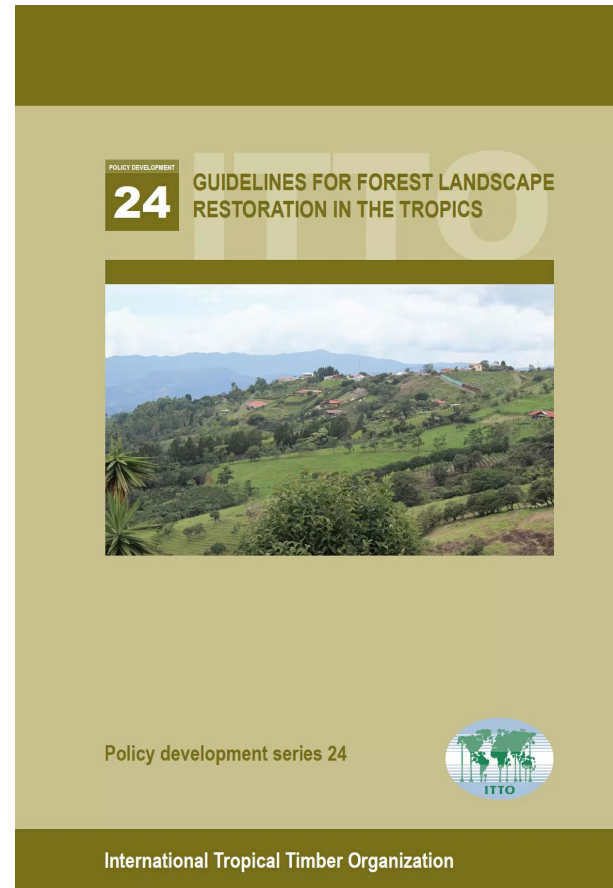


Increasing Commercial Reforestation Competitiveness in Costa Rica



ITTO Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in the tropics

- 6 Principles associated with 32 Guiding Elements
- Reference technical tool for afforestation and reforestation actions within the landscape approach

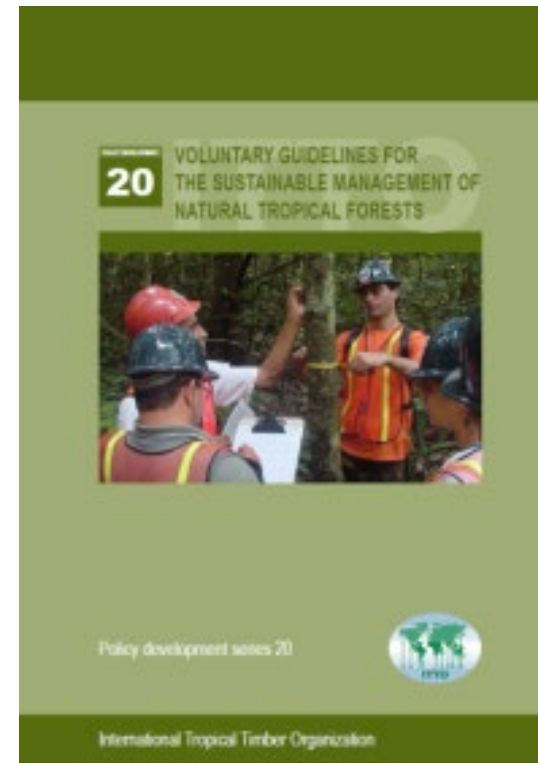
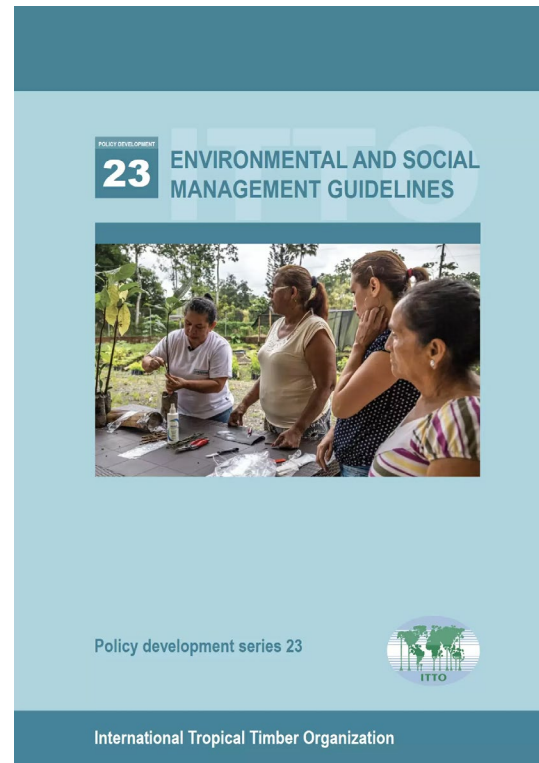
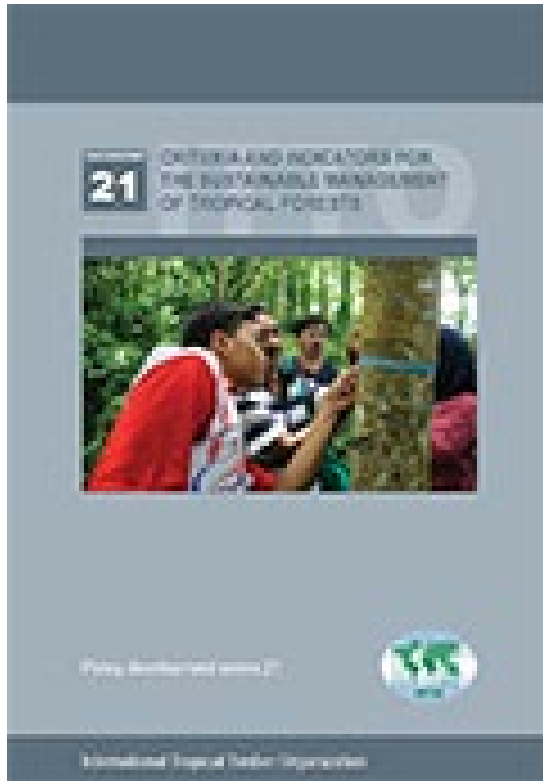


Policy Report

Advancing Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics:

Experiences and Lessons for Socio-Ecological Resilience and Empowerment of Women in ITTO Projects





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