



Regional Training Workshop on CITES Non-detriment Findings (NDF) for Timber Species listed in Appendix II

Date: 13-15 May 2025

Venue: Sarakawa Hotel, Lomé, Togo

Countries: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Mali and Togo

Translation: English – French simultaneous translation will be provided.

At the Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19) to the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) held in Panama in November 2022, parties adopted the listings of African timber species *Afzelia* to be included in Appendix II. The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) in collaboration with Office de Développement et d'Exploitation des Forêts (ODEF) is organizing a regional workshop for West Africa. The workshop will be conducted in collaboration with Scientific Authorities (SA), Management Authorities (MA) and other relevant regulatory bodies in trade of timber species in West Africa.

Global Objective: Train West African CITES SAs, MAs and Forestry Department officials with the respective methodology for determining non-detriment findings for CITES Appendix II listed timber species by applying the latest version of the 9-Step NDF process for tree species and preparing an NDF using *Afzelia* as a case study.

In addition to the NDF training workshop, a conference on Trade and Markets with private sector engagement will be conducted on **Friday, 16 May 2025**. This component will bring together major players in the timber industry and other stakeholders to discuss contemporary issues such as European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), CITES regulation of Appendix II listed species, outlook of trade and markets in the timber industry, among others.

Specific objectives:

- Give an overview of the 9-step NDF approach;
- Train on different steps;
- Using a case study for practical exercises, prepare the basis for an NDF for *Afzelia* in Ghana.

Target audience and primary beneficiaries:

The target audience and beneficiaries are officials from CITES SAs, CITES MAs, Forestry Departments and Private Sector of the 6 participating countries.

Leading Organizations: ITTO in collaboration with ODEF

The Workshop will be facilitated by TRAFFIC and BfN

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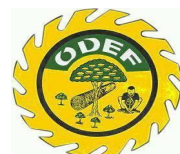
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NDF Training Workshop Agenda: West Africa Region

Tue. 13 May 2025	Activity
08:00-08:30	Registration and welcoming of participants
08.30-09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome/opening remarks. - Practical and logistics information - Introduction of participants and expectations - Group photo
09:50-10:10	Coffee/tea break
10:10-11:20	Introduction to NDFs Overview of the 9-Step NDF approach and to online tools and resources.
11:20-12:30	Introduction to steps 1, 2 and 3 Introduction to case studies.
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Working Groups on steps 1, 2 and 3 Applying Case Study information to Steps 1-3.
14:30-15:15	Plenary discussion on results of Working Groups
15:15-15:30	Coffee/tea break
15:30-16:00	Introduction to steps 4 & 5
16:00-17:00	Working group on steps 4 & 5 Applying Case Study information to Steps 4-5
17:00-18:00	Plenary discussion on results of Working Groups
19:00-21:00	Welcome reception
Wed. 14 May 2025	Activity
08:30 -09:30	Introduction steps 6 and 7
09:30-10:45	Working groups on steps 6 & 7 Applying Case Study information to Steps 6-7.
10:45-11:00	Coffee/ tea break
11:00-11:30	Working groups on steps 6 & 7 Applying Case Study information to Steps 6-7.
11:30 12:30	Plenary discussion on results of Working Groups
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-	Field Trip

Thu. 15 April 2025	Activity
08:30-9.30	Introduction steps 8 and 9
09:30 -10:30	Working Groups Steps 8 & 9
10:30 -11:30	Coffee/ tea break
11:30 – 12.30	Working Groups Steps 8 & 9 continued
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Plenary Discussion on results of working groups.
15:00 -15:30	Coffee/tea break
15:30 -16:00	From NDFs to National Quotas
16:00 -17:00	Participants' feedback on workshop and meeting expectations Final Remarks and Closing



**Trade and Markets Day / Private Sector Engagement
16 May 2025, Sarakawa Hotel, Lomé, Togo**

Agenda:

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:40	Sustaining a reliable global timber supply in the face of climate change and trade regulations. (Keynote – Dr. Richard Ebaa Atyi, CIFOR- ICRAF).
09:40 – 11:20	EUDR Implementation and the role of certification to enhance compliance. (Keynote – Franz-Xaver Kraft, Timber Trade Federation, Germany) – 30 min. i. FSC EUDR Alignment – Dr. Peter Alele, FSC – 20 min. ii. PEFC EUDR Alignment – Peter Millet, PEFC – 20 min. Timber tracking and Wood Identification: A tool for SFM and Sustainable Legal Timber Supply. (Dr. Emmanuel Ebanyelle, CSIR – FORIG, Ghana) – 30 min.
11:20 – 11:30	Coffee/tea break
11:30 – 12:30	Outlook of the global timber supply: Perspective from Vietnam (Ngo Sy Hoai, VIFORES, VN) – 30 min. Global Green Supply Chain (GGSC) & ITTO-IPIM Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF): An Introduction and Global Outreach. (Dr. Luo Xinjiang, GGSC, China) – 30 min.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	- Tropical Timber Trends: Specific Country Situation - Congo Basin – J. M Ntoutoume, UFIGA – 20 min. - Ghana- Samuel M. Doe, Ghana Forestry Commission – 20 min. - Cote d'Ivoire – Olivier Ahimin – 20 min Implementation of CITES Regulation on Species Listing in Appendix II and their Impact on Tropical Timber Trade. (Keynote – Dr. Steve Johnson) – 30 min.
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee/tea break
15:15 – 17:15	Implementation of CITES regulation on species listing in Appendix II and their Impact on tropical timber trade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWPA perspectives and proposed new listings and global trade (Ashey Amidon, IWPA) – 30 min. • ATIBT perspectives and impacts of genus level listings on tropical timber trade (Franck Monthe, ATIBT) – 30 mins Panel Discussion: CITES & Trade – 60 min (Johnson, Amidon, Adam, Monthe, Hoai) Moderator – Dr. M. Nurudeen Iddrisu, ITTO
17:15 – 17:45	Closing session
18:30 -	Reception

Moderator: ODEF / ITTO