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# **“Strengthening SFM Standards and Timber Legality**

## **Framework in Myanmar”**

### **ITTO Project PP-A/56-342A**

Presented by Myanmar Forest Certification Committee

2 – 6 December ,2024

Japan



# Summary of ITTO-MFCC Project



Title	Strengthening SFM Standards and Timber Legality Framework in Myanmar		
Project No.	PP-A/56-342A		
Donor	Forestry Agency of Japan		
Duration	38 months (Feb 2021 – March 2024)		
EA	Myanmar Timber Certification Committee (MFCC)		
Signing	Signing ceremony of Project agreement	28 December, 2020	
Budget	ITTO (FAJ)	378,930 \$	

- ❖ **Output 1 : Myanmar Certification and timber legality assurance systems improved**
- ❖ **Output 2: Capacity of key stakeholders in the monitoring and verification of the sustainability and legality of timber and timber products increased**
- ❖ **Output 3: Effective outreach and communication systems of MFCC for forest sustainability and timber legality established and operational**



# Uncompleted Activities



## Output 1

- 1.4 1.4.5 Review/amendment MFCS
- 1.6 1.6.5 Prepare the related documents for the formation of the Impartiality Committee (ToR, Member Nomination)
- 1.6.6 Translate all Policies/SOP Documents (E to M)

## Output 2

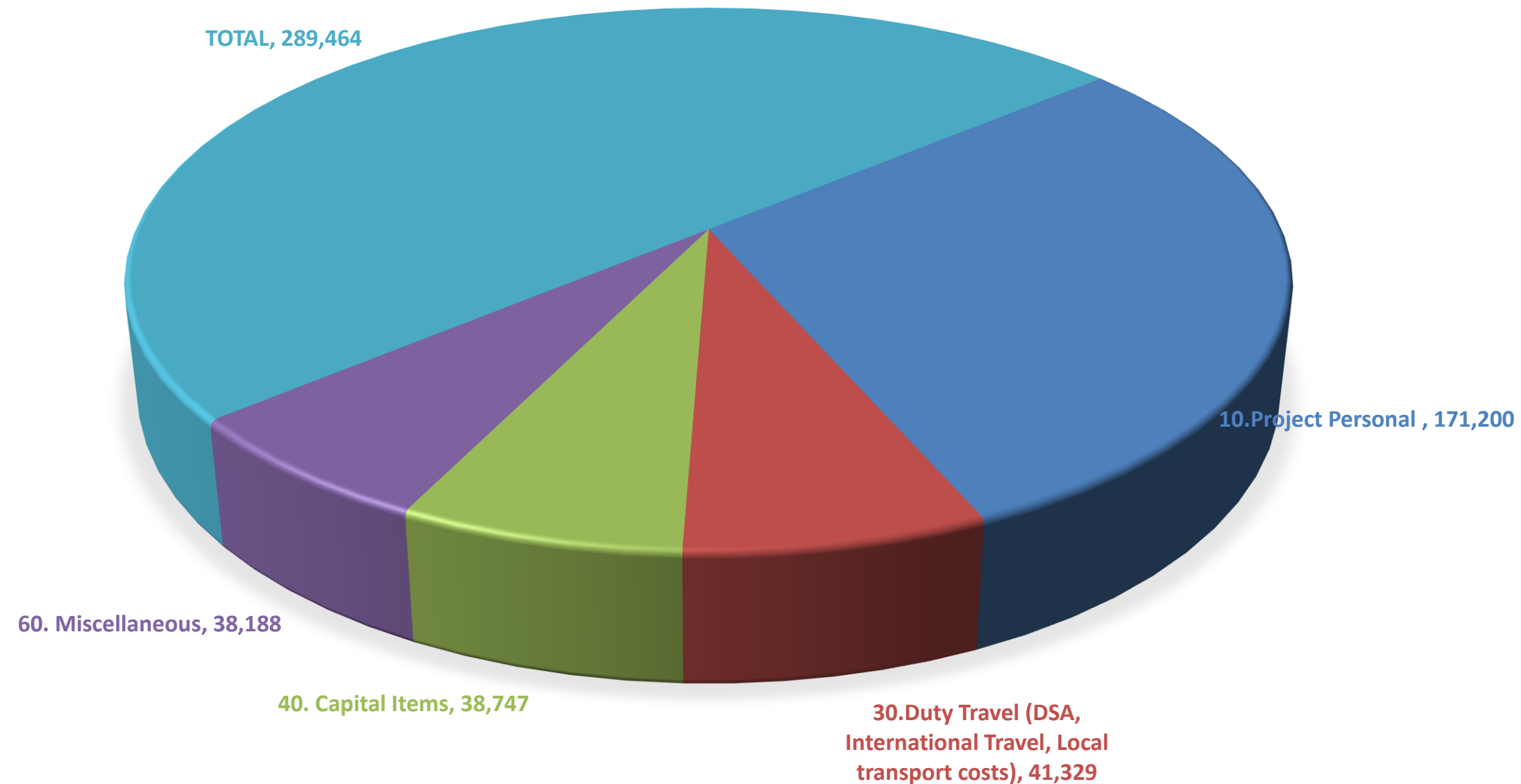
- 2.4 2.4.4 Invite CSO and interested stakeholders to be involved in the training
- 2.4.6 MFCS Endorsement by PEFC
- 2.5 2.5.3 Finalized the Certification process in targeted area for both MTLAS and MFCS as well as mill CoC
- 2.6 2.6.4 Finalized the Accreditation process



# MFCC-ITTO Budget ( Feb, 2021 to May,2024)



## EXPENDITURE



**Total Budget = US \$ 314,680**

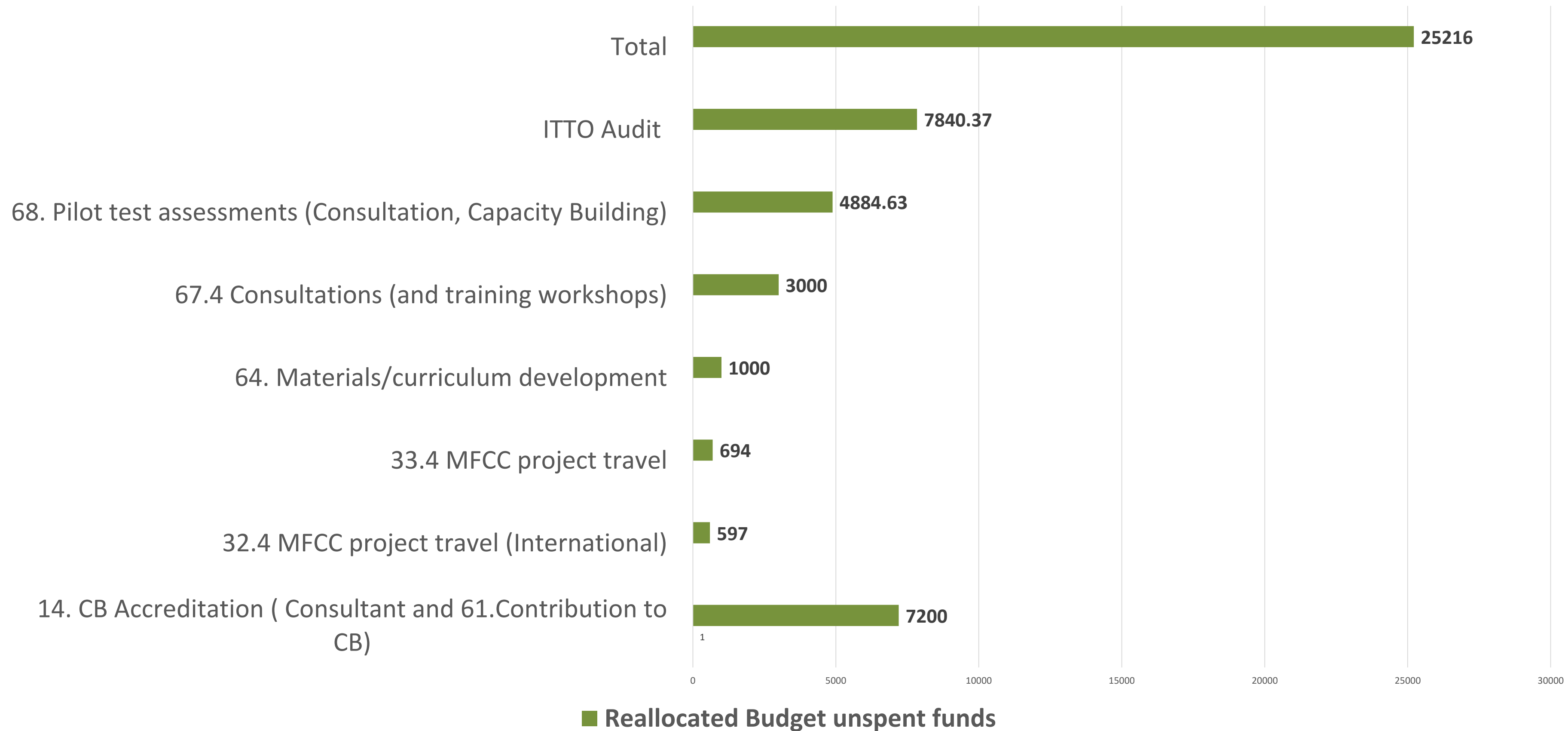
**Expenditure = US \$ 289,464**

**Unspent Funds = US \$ 25,216**



# Reallocated Budget Component upon the Unspent Fund

## (US \$25,216) 2024 , December



# Project Sustainability

## ❖ Developing the First Certified Forest in Private Plantations

- ❑ Initiating the certification process for private plantations to create the first-ever certified forest in Myanmar.

## ❖ Accrediting Certification Bodies (Myanmar Forest Certification Scheme-MFCS):

Collaborating on a joint assessment between the Myanmar Accreditation Body (MAB) and the Vietnam Accreditation Body (BoA of Vietnam) to achieve accreditation.

## ❖ Expanding Digitalization of Timber Tracking Systems (DTTS)

Extending DTTS from a single-station setup to multiple stations and transitioning from post-activity tracing to real-time tracking.





# Project Sustainability plan based on Actual Balance



- ❖ The additional audit fees of USD 7840.37 is to be returned to ITTO since the project period has been for 41 Months, The actual balance will be only **USD 17,375.63**.
- ❖ The balance will be applied for the development of the first-ever certified forest in the private plantation in Myanmar.
- ❖ For this aim, **the accreditation of CB** shall be the activities involving Vietnam Accreditation Bureau of Vietnam BoA and providing ISO 17021 Training.
- ❖ Capacity Building and awareness raising workshops related to the standards for all stakeholders.





# Transitional Goal

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## **1. Review/amendment MFCS**

**The reorganization of MFCC from the status of relying from the government to more independent will be major task for the next three years.**

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