



Convention on
Biological Diversity

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. It 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

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.



GUATEMALA & MEXICO

Improving living standards for 28,000 people based on the conservation and sustainable use of local natural resources and launching a participatory process for natural resource and biodiversity management, conservation and use in the Tacaná Volcano and its range of influence in both countries

Targets:



PERU

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

Targets:



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

Targets:



BENIN

Rehabilitating sacred forests within Ramsar sites through the sustainable management of 40 sacred forests within these sites and to build capacities of stakeholders and improving the living conditions of local communities

Targets:



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

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

Targets:



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

Targets:



CAMBODIA & THAILAND

Establishing Emerald Triangle Protected Forests Complex, a trans-boundary biodiversity conservation area, to strengthen bilateral cooperation, enhance protection and monitoring of biological resources along shared borders, and engage local communities and stakeholders to ensure the sustainable use and management of natural resources within conservation areas and buffer zones

Targets:



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.

Targets:



MALAYSIA

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

Targets:



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

Targets:



Note: This map is for visualization purposes only and does not imply any official stance on borders, territories, or political delineations.



Scan the code to learn more about these projects



THE BIODIVERSITY PLAN

For Life on Earth



© The New Division for CBD/UNEP

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

For further information, please contact itto@itto.int



International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

5F, Pacifico Yokohama, 1-1-1 Minato-Mirai Nishi-ku, Yokohama, 220-0012 Japan

☎ +81-45-223-1110 ☎ +81-45-223-1111 ✉ itto@itto.int 🌐 www.itto.int