

Established under UNCTAD in 1986



Governed by the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA)



Composed of 76 members



Headquartered in Yokohama, Japan



Implemented 1,300 projects



Mobilized USD 450 million resources

ITTO is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization based in Yokohama, Japan. It was established by the International Tropical Timber Agreement to bring together governments to jointly address issues facing the tropical forest sector and related international trade, including the crucial importance of the tropical forest resource base.





ITTO is the only intergovernmental organization focused on the sustainable management of tropical forests and the sustainable and legal trade of tropical timber and other forest products.

The Organization has two categories of members, producers and consumers, thus providing a unique forum and framework for negotiation, consultation, international cooperation and policy development relevant to its objectives.

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Trailblazing the path toward sustainable forest management

### **Mission**

ITTO's two overarching objectives are to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests, and the expansion and diversification of international trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests.

### Governance

ITTO is governed by the International Tropical Timber Council, which is open to all members and meets annually. The Council is supported by four subsidiary standing committees (Economics, Statistics and Markets; Reforestation and Forest Management; Forest Industry; and Finance and Administration), a highly experienced and professionally diverse Secretariat, and a number of advisory groups and expert panels.





# **Programme lines**

- Legal and sustainable supply chains for tropical forest products
- Conservation of tropical forest biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Tropical forest landscape restoration and resilient livelihoods
- Emerging issues and innovation

## **Members**

- 37 producing members (14 Africa, 10 Asia & Pacific, and 13 Latin America)
- 39 consuming members
- Covers 80% of global tropical forests
- Accounts for 90% of trade in tropical forest products





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



# **Approach**

#### **Policy and knowledge**

Develops internationally agreed policy and technical guidelines to encourage sustainable forest management and sustainable tropical timber industries and trade



Assists tropical member countries in adapting these guidelines and norms to local circumstances and implementing them in the field through projects and other activities



#### **Data and statistics**

Collects, analyzes and disseminates data on the production and trade of tropical timber



#### **Capacity building**

Supports capacity building in tropical countries on sustainable forest management



# Partnerships and networking

Facilitates collaborations not just with its member countries, but with its broad network of partners from international organizations, civil society, IPLC groups, local enterprises, the private sector, etc.