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I. Background to the Project

The project PD 58/97 Rev.1 (I)) “The Establishment of the Database of Tropical Industrial Lesser Used Wood Species” has addressed the creation of a ITTO database aimed at introducing Lesser Used Species (LUS) to the national and international markets. To further assist in the implementation, revision and broad dissemination of the LUS database and related software that has been developed under the project, the ITTO Secretariat is proposing that the project be extended for an additional eight months (April 2001 to end of November 2001) in order to allow sufficient time to incorporate the activities and recommendations resulting from the Report of the Expert Panel Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in February 2001. This proposed eight-month extension of the project will also allow for a series of consultative meetings to take place that will assist in identifying commercially available species that the ITTO member countries are intending to promote. The database will be positioned as a means of increasing the commercialization of LUS tropical timber.

The database has compiled existing data and relevant information from ITTO member countries and from projects funded by ITTO and other national and international schemes which have aimed at introducing lesser-used species (LUS) to the marketplace. From the currently encoded 998 species in the database the ITTO member countries should now begin to select a number of species identified as strong candidates to enter the international marketplace as commercially available alternative species given their wood characteristics, standing volume and management regime. It is envisaged that the primary target audience and users of the database would be commercial traders in tropical timber products.

II. Additional Activities to be Carried Out by the Sub-Contractors.

The additional work assignments under the subcontract are based on the major recommendations of the Expert Panel. This is to be effected by a focus on the re-organization of the database. The first step in the re-organization process involves the identification of the available alternative species to be promoted and the collection and inputting of all the additional major commercial species data in accordance with a structured format which is consistent with the parameters to be used in the search feature. The recommended work involves a redirection of the search tools to emphasize alternative available species to commercially known tropical timber such as the species listed in the “ITTO Annual Review”. The second re-organization step is the generation of a comprehensive list of current consumer end-uses, each of which is identifiable with the correct combination of relevant technical parameters. And the third step is coding the Microsoft ACCESS (Visual

Basic) database to perform the search function. Upon completion of these recommendations, the next activity will be the translation of the database into other languages. The extension of the database for the Internet is the final step under the project activities. The examination of all the steps needed for an easy migration to the Internet version should be started as soon as possible.

These three steps are to be achieved by the following seven activities:

Additional Activity 1

The subcontractors should effect a search strategy in the GUI that should identifies all species that are considered to be alternatives to the current commercial species of the user. The list of commercial species should be those listed in the "ITTO Annual Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 1999". All **commercially available alternative species**, which may be defined as alternative or LUS species in commercial quantities, and which are currently under sustainable forest management should be contained in the database. The list of selected species should be provided by the ITTO member countries.

The subcontractors should effect two primary search methods in the interface. The first method is derived from a specific end-use and leads to an alternative species. The second method is derived from the current commercial species and leads to the commercially available alternative species. Further, if the database user is presented with a list of 'commercially available alternative species', it should be possible to narrow the list of species by selecting a specific region or country, and thereby eliminating those species that do not occur in the region. The user should be able to click on each remaining 'commercially available alternative species' in the list to get specific technical and other country specific information.

Additional Activity 2

Additional data on selected commercially available alternative species and country-specific trade restrictions, should be collected as their incorporation into the database will enhance the overall usefulness and relevance. Additional work should support the ITTO in collecting this data through consultative meetings to gather the information.

Additional Activity 3

When possible, scientific names (or derivatives of scientific names) should be used throughout the database. If scientific names are not used, then trade names, as in the ATIBT nomenclature, should be used because the trade names have achieved a worldwide established commercial position. The subcontractors should maintain a rational basis for the selection of the trade name and recommended an expert panel meeting to address the issue.

Additional Activity 4

Regarding environmental data, the subcontractors should present such information in a way that the user is not given the impression that the environmental information was completely accepted by all parties. An introductory disclaimer should also be included that addressed possible environmental concerns.

Additional Activity 5

Work related to the finish of the data collection of selected species from the ITTO member countries, implementing of the search architecture within the GUI, inclusion of commercial species, imaging of further samples and the testing of software compatibility for Website development should be completed by the end of eight months

Additional Activity 6

The technical observations on the GUI in Section 3 of the Kuala Lumpur Expert Panel Report should be completed during the extension period.

Additional Activity 7

Work on the Japanese translation of the database should be completed by the end of the extended time period of eight months.

III. The Consultative Meetings to Identify Commercially Available Alternative Species

As noted in “Annex 2 - Terms of Reference for Participants in the Consultative Meetings” (below), a series of workshops will assist the subcontractors in the identification of commercially available alternative species. The proposed meetings will take place during the eight-month extension period and should provide an opportunity to collect further information, get feedback and train key contacts on the use of the database software. In collaboration with the participants of the consultative meetings a dissemination program will be developed.

IV. Supplementary Budget Components for the Six Month Extension Period for PD 58/97 Rev.1 (I)

The proposed budget for implementing the recommended additional activities shall include monthly salaries for the subcontractor, traveling expenses, venue costs and DSA for the participants, and travel and DSA for the project consultants. The total budget is for the sum of US\$ 93,458.

The budget for these activities is presented is as follows:

10. Project Personnel		
16. International Consultants		
Dr. Kikata (lump sum)	\$	2,000
Dr. Tejada \$ 3,500 x 6 month extension	\$	28,000
19. Component Total		\$ 30,000
20. Subcontract		
26. Proposed Homepage costs for 1 year	\$	8,000
29. Component Total	\$	8,000
30. Duty Travel		
31. Daily Subsistence Allowance		
Consultant DSA for Libreville (4 days x \$156)	\$	624
Consultant DSA for Peru (4 days x \$213)	\$	852
Consultant DSA for Kuala Lumpur (4 days x \$105)	\$	420
Yaounde meeting participants DSA (9x3 days/\$156)	\$	4,212
Peru meeting participants DSA (11x3 days/\$213)	\$	7,029
KL meeting participants DSA (10x3 days/\$105)	\$	3,150
32. International Travel		
Consultant travel to Libreville	\$	6,000
Consultant travel to Lima	\$	4,000
Consultant Travel to Kuala Lumpur	\$	1,500
Libreville meeting participants travel		
Abidjan/Libreville	\$	400
CAR/Libreville	\$	600
Congo/Libreville	\$	800
DRC/Yaounde	\$	1,000
Cameroon/Libreville	\$	600
Ghana/Libreville	\$	400
Liberia/Libreville	\$	500
Togo/Libreville	\$	600
Brasilia meeting participants travel		
Bolivia/Brasilia	\$	500
Peru/Brasilia	\$	1,000
Columbia/Brasilia	\$	400
Quito/Brasilia	\$	500
Guyana/Brasilia	\$	900
Honduras/Brasilia	\$	1,000
Panama/Brasilia	\$	900
Suriname/Brasilia	\$	500
Trinidad/Brasilia	\$	500
Venezuela/Brasilia	\$	1,000
Kuala Lumpur meeting participants travel		
Cambodia/KL	\$	400
Fiji/KL	\$	600
India/KL	\$	800

Indonesia/KL	\$ 300
Myanmar/KL	\$ 500
PNG/KL	\$ 600
Philippines/KL	\$ 400
Thailand/KL	\$ 300
Vanuatu/KL	\$ 800
39. Component Total	\$45,587
50. Consumable Items	
54. Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
59. Component Total	\$ 1,000
60. Miscellaneous	
63. Contingencies	\$ 2,000
64. Venue Costs and Logistics	\$ 3,000
80. ITTO Monitoring, Evaluation and Administration	
83. Programme Support Costs	\$ 4,872
89. Component Total	\$ 4,872
100. Grand Total	\$ 93,458

Annex 1

Work Schedule for the Eight-Month Extension

28 May 2001	Promotion of the ITTO Tropical Timber Database at the ITTC/XXX in Yaounde, Cameroon
10-11 July 2001	Consultative Meeting in Libreville, Gabon
23-24 July 2001	Consultative Meeting in Brasilia, Brazil
30-31 July 2001	Consultative Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15 August 2001	Completion of Additional Activities 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
30 September 2001	Completion of Additional Activities 6 and 7
28 October 2001	Release Date for the CD-ROM

ANNEX 2

Criteria and Terms of Reference for Participants in the Consultative Meeting for Commercially Available Alternative Species

The participants will discuss and identify commercially available alternative species from their respective countries, that is, lesser-used and lesser-known species in commercial quantities that ITTO member countries are currently promoting or planning to promote. The participants will provide additional country-specific information for incorporation into the database. The participants will include one member from each ITTO producer member country. Each country participant is expected to provide the following for the meeting:

1. A complete list of all the lesser-used (and lesser-known) species which are in commercial quantities and are being promoted or plan to be promoted by member countries. The selected species shall not be currently listed in the ITTO Annual Review.
2. It is expected that the participants will provide up-to-date information on selected species identified in TOR item 1 above, including wood samples which preferably measure at least 1cm x 7cm x15 cm in size.
3. Specific information on commercial availability, technological properties, information on restrictions and country-specific data including information such as specific country restrictions, tariffs, annual allowable cut, etc., shall be collected and provided by the participants at the meeting.
4. The participants should also provide information on trade restrictions such as CITES listings and other country-specific restrictions (e.g., log export bans and possible tariffs or lack of tariffs). The source of this information should be the responsible agencies located in the respective countries.
5. A list of trade-related associations and relevant government institutions and their addresses which are currently facilitating the trade in tropical timber within the specific countries shall also be provided by the participants.

All information provided at the Consultative Meeting should be the most currently available with relevant dates associated with specific data and information.