



Report on the Implementation of ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity



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Background:

- ITTO and the CBD signed a MOU in March 2010 to strengthen collaboration in pursuit of their common objective of conserving and sustainably managing tropical forest biodiversity.
- One of the most notable joint activities implemented under the MOU is the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity.





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Objective:

- To enhance biodiversity conservation and use in tropical forests with direct participation of local stakeholders, addressing the main drivers of biodiversity loss in tropical forests; and
- To provide support to ITTO producer member countries in reducing loss of biodiversity through the implementation of ITTO projects and other activities.





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Expected Outputs:

- Enhanced local capacity for biodiversity conservation and use in production forests;
- Improved conservation and management of protected areas;
- Safeguarded tropical forest biodiversity in forestry interventions; and
- Improved livelihoods of local communities and indigenous groups.

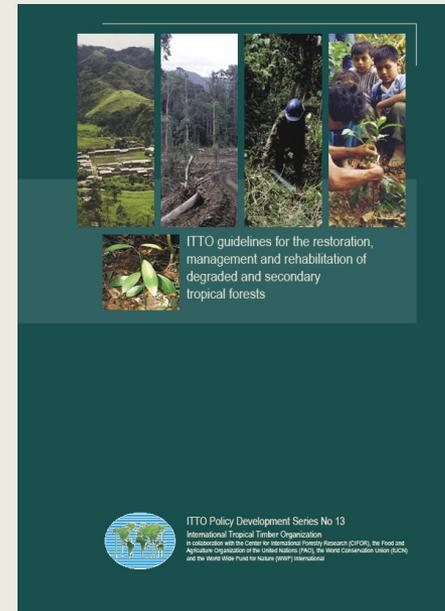
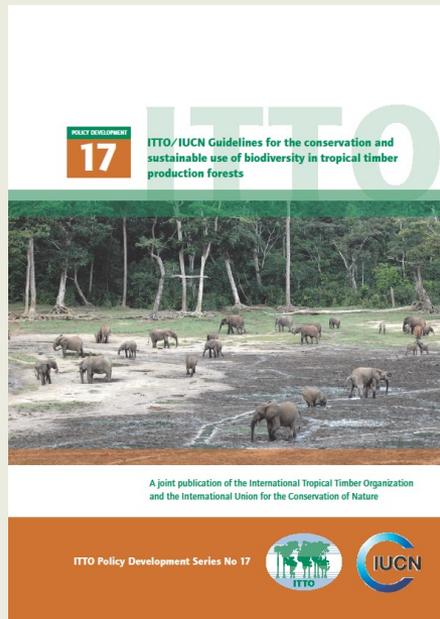
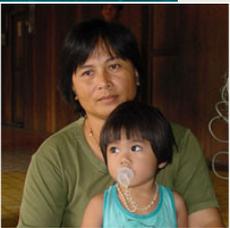




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Focus:

- These outputs will be achieved through SFM.
- The Initiative focuses both on production and protection forests.





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Budget:

The Initiative has an estimated budget of US\$15 million for the initial period of 4 years.

Funded projects:

- To date, 11 projects have been implemented and a total of over USD 15 million has been mobilized.
- Donors, such as Japan, Switzerland, USA, Belgium, Republic of Korea and JLIA, have contributed more than USD 12.5 million.





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After successful implementation of initial 4 years, the MOU was renewed in October 2014 with the extended period of 2015-2020.





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Status of projects:

- 10 projects are operational (2 in Africa, 5 in Asia Pacific and 3 in Latin America Caribbean);
- 1 pre-project has been completed; and
- 2 projects are pending agreement.



Major components of projects:

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| • Livelihoods improvement | 5 projects |
| • Transboundary conservation | 4 projects |
| • Capacity development | 3 projects |
| • Undertaking of surveys/studies | 3 projects |
| • Mangrove conservation/restoration | 2 projects |





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Conclusions:

- Significant progress has been made in the Initiative through the implementation of 11 projects in 22 countries.
- The Initiative is already visibly contributing towards the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in particular, the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 7, 11 and 15.





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Conclusions (continue):

- The Regional Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Tropical Forests of the Greater Mekong Sub-Region was organized in Siem Reap, Cambodia in March 2016.
- More than 100 experts from 19 organizations based in 9 countries participated in the Conference and shared lessons learned from the transboundary conservation practices.





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Conclusions (continue):

- In September 2016, UNGA adopted 2030 Agenda, including 17 SDGs and targets.
- Goal 15 and 12 associated targets specifically address biodiversity and forests.
- International community, including ITTO and CBD Secretariat, are expected to take bold and transformative actions.
- ITTO member countries, Parties to CBD and relevant public and private organizations are invited to further support the Initiative.





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