# Progress Report on the Implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes

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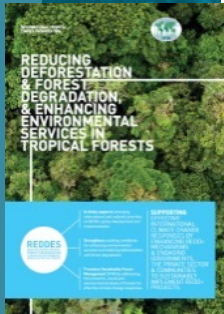
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# Approved ITTO Thematic Programmes

- Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (TFLET)

- Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services in Tropical Forests (REDDES)

- Trade and Market Transparency (TMT)

- Community Forest Management and Enterprises (CFME)

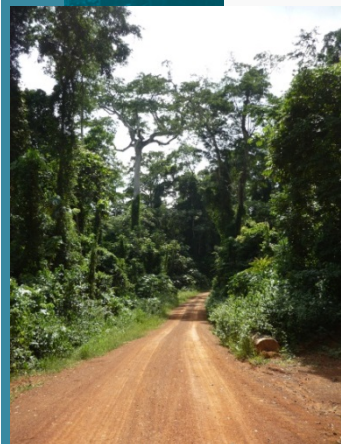- Industry Development and Efficiency (IDE)

# Project Status

**79 projects under Thematic Programmes**

- TFLET          29
- REDDES        31
- CFME            5
- TMT            14

**Implementation Status:**

- 51 projects completed *(7 in 2016)*
- 22 projects ongoing
-  2 pending agreement/inception phase
- *4 sunset*

# TP Funding

| Pledges Pilot Phase | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Donor** | **Total** | **TFLET** | **REDDES** | **CFME** | **TMT** | **IDE** |
| **Total** | **18,839,932** | **6,887,209** | **9,232,742** | **1,100,000** | **1,619,981** | *NIL* |

| Pledges SAP 2013-2018 | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Australia** | 1,942,098 | 1,942,098 | | | | |
| **EU/CITES** | 490,632 | | | | 490,632 | |
| **Switzerland** | 300,000 | | 300,000 | | | |
| **Japan** | 200,000 | 200,000 | | | | |
| **USA** | 150,000 | 50,000 | | | 100,000 | |
| **Total** | **3,082,730** | **2,192,098** | **300,000** | | **590,632** | *NIL* |
| **Overall Total** | **21,922,662** | **9,079,307** | **9,532,742** | **1,100,000** | **2,210,613** | *NIL* |

## Funds for allocation

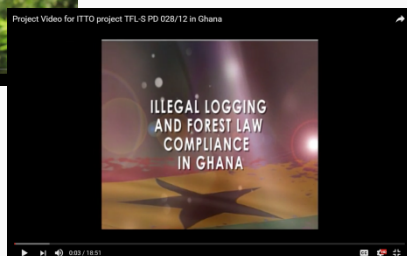| TP | Pledges | Committed | For allocation |
|---|---|---|---|
| **TFLET** | $ 9,079,307 | $ 8,570,721 | $ 508,586 |
| **REDDES** | $ 9,532,742 | $ 9,341,770 | $ 190,972 |
| **CFME** | $ 1,100,000 | $ 958,469 | $ 141,531 |
| **TMT** | $ 2,210,613 | $ 2,210,613 | NIL |
| **IDE** | n/a | n/a | n/a |

## TFLET

**Projects completed in 2016:**

1. TFL-PD 003/09 Rev.2 (M) 'Improving governance and transparency of timber harvests and trade in Cameroon';

2. TFL-PD 024/10 Rev.3 (M) 'Improvement of forest law enforcement at the national level to promote forest governance in Guatemala'

**Contribution to TFLET specific objectives:**

a) strengthening forest law compliance and governance through improved national policy and legal frameworks, strengthened enforcement and other institutions, improved data and knowledge, strengthened partnerships and improved cooperation among the private sector, civil-society organizations and other stakeholders; and

b) improving transparency and the effective management of supply chains and increased domestic and international trade in legally produced tropical timber.





**Others:**

- Video, TFL-PD024/10 Rev.2 (M) (in Spanish) 'Sustainable forest management in Guatemala'

- Video, TFL-SPD 028/12 Rev.1 (M) 'Empowering civil society organizations and other non-state actors to effectively contribute to forest law compliance in Ghana'

**REDDES**

**Projects completed in 2016:**

1.RED-PD 026/09 Rev.1 (F): "Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation through collaborative management with local communities" (Ghana).

2.RED-PD 031/11 Rev.1 (F): "Rehabilitation and restoration of residual forests and arid savannah lands in the Akpe and Akama valleys" (Togo).

3.RED-PD 092/12 Rev.1 (F): "Reducing deforestation and forest degradation in the Natchambonga and Djiyega community forests by promoting participatory forest management actions" (Togo).

4.RED-PD 037/11 Rev.2 (F): "Reducing forest degradation and emissions through sustainable management (SFM) in peninsular Malaysia" (Malaysia).

5.RED-PD 038/11 Rev.3 (F): "Capacity building for REDD+ activities in the context of sustainable forest management" (Myanmar).

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Sensitizing local communities in selected (conservation) areas on deforestation, forest degradation, rehabilitation of degraded lands and helped increase technical and managerial capacities and capacity for ecosystem rehabilitation, forest resource management planning and bushfire control.

**Contribution to REDDES specific objectives:**
a)reduce unplanned deforestation;
b)reduce forest degradation;
d)   contribute to the social and economic sustainability and well-being of forest-dependent communities by increasing forest values through forest restoration and rehabilitation, as well as payments for forest-based environmental services.

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Both projects have fed directly into the respective countries' national REDD+ mechanisms. While the project in Malaysia is one of several REDD+ pilot projects to enhance readiness for the full implementation of REDD+, the project in Myanmar pioneered several activities towards REDD+ readiness in Myanmar.

Both projects produced several papers, project briefs, awareness materials and technical reports, which can be accessed (or will be accessible) via the ITTO project search function www.itto.int/project_search

**Contribution to the REDDES specific objectives**
a)to reduce unplanned deforestation;
b)to reduce forest degradation;
c)to maintain and enhance climate change mitigation and other environmental services of tropical forests.
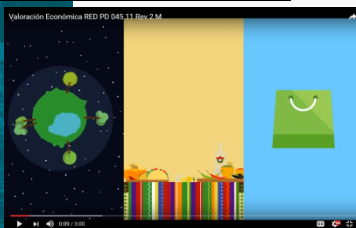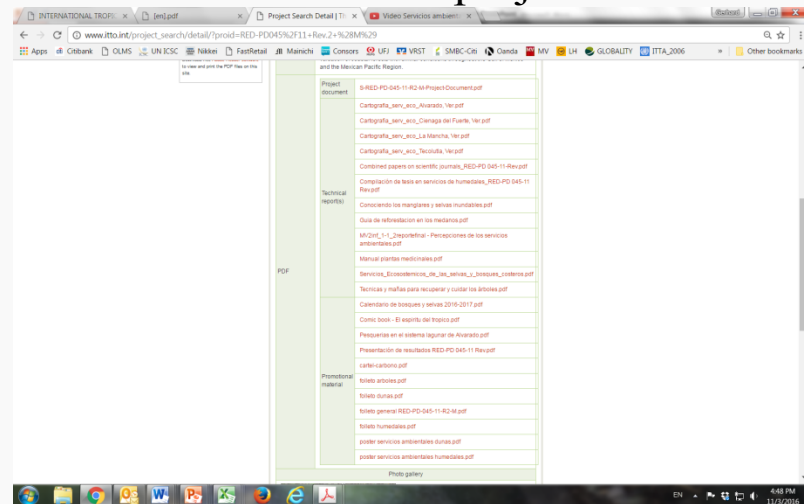
# REDDES

**Others:**

•RED-PD 045/11 Rev.2 (M): 'Environmental assessment and economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by coastal forests (mangrove forests, flood forests, rain forests and scrub forests on dunes) and their agricultural replacement systems on the central coastal plain of Veracruz, Mexico produced three videos in Spanish:

1. 'Environmental services of coastal forests in Veracruz'

2. 'What's connectivity?'

3. 'Economic valuation'



The project also produced a number of outreach materials, maps, technical reports and scientific papers available via the ITTO project search function www.itto.int/project_search.

# Outputs

## TMT

TMT-SPD 020/15 (M): "Support for ANAFOR for optimum operation of the database management of *Pericopsis elata* (assamela) in Cameroon" developed a database on assamela, and users have been trained.

TMT-SPD 023/15 Rev.1 (M): "Supporting SMEs and importers of tropical timber for better understanding of CITES and the need to comply with CITES rules in China" (China) has established a CITES WeChat mobile webpage, which updates information on CITES every

Contribution to the TMT specific objectives:
a) to strengthen information systems on markets and the forest sector; and
b) to fill gaps in the market transparency of tropical timber and timber products

marketplace, and the design of the African Timber Newsletter and social pages has been finalized.

TMT-SPD 022/15 Rev.2 (M): "Establishment of a fully documented reference sample collection and identification system for all CITES-listed *Dalbergia* species and a feasibility study for *Diospyros* and look-alike species" (Guatemala, Madagascar, Switzerland) has completed its laboratory work (at ETH Zurich)

TMT-SPD 014/13 Rev.1 (M): "Enhancing the sustainable management and commercial utilization of the CITES-listed species *Cedrela odorata* (red cedar) in Guyana" (Guyana) has completed the first Resource Assessment and Forest Management Plan for *Cedrela odorata* (red cedar) in Guyana. The report provides all the information necessary for Guyana to decide whether to list red cedar in CITES Appendix III.

# Impact of the impairment of ITTO funds on TP projects

- 13 ongoing projects are affected (suspended)
  - 6 under TFLET
  - 2 under REDDES
  - 5 under TMT *(expected to be fully funded & completed once final payment under the contract with the EC for Phase 2 of the ITTO-CITES program has been received)*
- Total affected approx. US$1.74 million