

ITTO: Legal & Sustainable Supply Chains/Impact of COVID-19

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



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INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION (ITTO)

ITTO FOCUS

ITTO mandate:

- **the sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests and**
- **the expansion and diversification of trade in tropical wood products from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests.**

COLLABORATION WITH CPF MEMBERS & CPF Joint Initiatives – are fully recognized in the ITTA 2006 and ITTO Biennial Work Programmes.

Measures taken to integrate the GFGs & the UNSPF, SDGs



Policies, Incentives, Platforms, Capacity building, Systems, Assistance ...

CPF Joint Initiative SW4SW & SDGs

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/sustainable-wood/en/>



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Priority Areas - Legal & Sustainable Production & Consumption

Intervention area	ITTO contributions to CPF SW4SW Initiative
Policies	Creating awareness across international forest regime; policy processes, bio-economy: <i>Poverty alleviation, economic/rural development, climate, biodiversity, social.</i>
Incentives	Urgent need for fiscal, taxation and other incentives as stimulants for massive investments in sustainable tropical forest landscape restoration and production <i>Country case studies on incentive mechanisms for increased investments in FLR and supply chains; supply-demand analysis; bio-economy potential etc.</i>
Legal and Sustainable Supply Chains Platform	Promote/facilitate conversion towards universal criteria for legal and sustainable supply chains; reduce complexity for producers and consumers. Support to information and facilitate business exchanges.
Education, information and capacity building	Support and assist with information, data and skills throughout supply chains: producers and consumer government, traders, processors, market; Building user associations among SMEs. Supporting including verification/certification systems.
Tracking and verification systems	Piloting innovative tracking and verification technology; state-of-the-art wood identification technology (genetic, fingerprinting, etc.).
Assist private sector initiatives	Encouraging/promoting/piloting private sector initiatives for green supply chains (from legality to sustainability); company-commodity certification is not sufficient – avoid supply chain apartheid. What to do with informal sector?

Programme Lines and their goals approved at ITTC56



- 1. Legal & Sustainable Supply Chains (LSSC):** To enhance capacity in tropical timber supply chains to meet increasing demand for sustainability and assurance that products are from legal sources.
- 2. Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services:** Maintain and/or enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services of tropical forests and forest landscapes, while maintaining the sustainable production of timber and other products and services.
- 3. Forest Landscape Restoration and Resilient Livelihoods:** Scale up the area of forest landscapes restored and increase the provision of goods and services from planted and restored forests, thereby generating opportunities for local employment.
- 4. Emerging Issues and Innovation:** Address emerging/urgent issues and innovation focused on achieving ITTA objectives that are not covered under the other programmatic lines.



Ongoing Initiatives:

- **CPF Joint Initiative & ITTO Study** on Incentives for green-growth value chains investments in tropical forests
- Supporting the establishment and operation of a Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain (LSSC) platform
- Promotion of smallholders' forest landscape restoration in West Africa
- Development of training curricula for Central African countries on LSSC and **joint FAO-ITTO & IUFRO project in Forest Education**
- ITTO-CITES Trees Programme
- ITTO-EU Independent Market Monitoring (IMM) Project

ITTO in the international arena



Continued active engagement with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF):

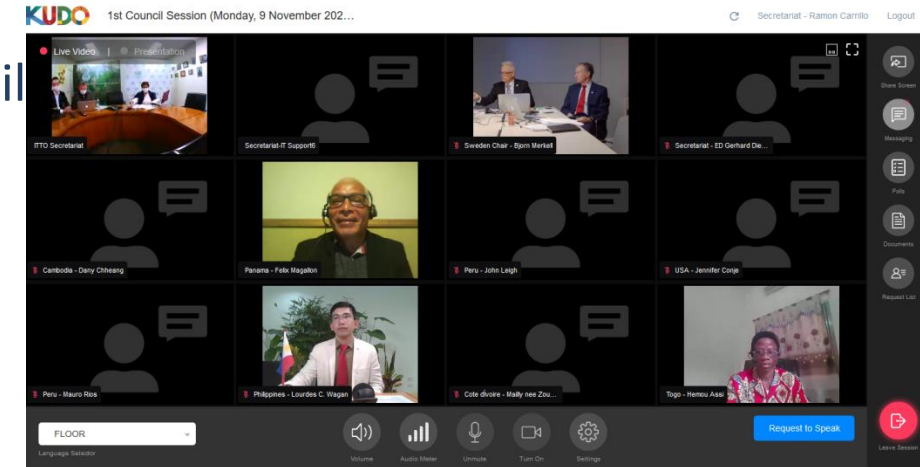
- Work with FAO & CIFOR: **SW4SW Joint Initiative**
- Work with FAO and IUFRO: **Forest Education Initiative**
- Work with CBD: **Joint ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity**
- CITES: **CITES Tree Species Programme**
- World Bank: **Incentives and Fiscal Mechanisms for a Sustainable Forest Sector**
- CIFOR, FAO, GEF, IUCN, IUFRO, UN-Environment, AFoCO, WeForest and WRI: **Guidelines for Forest Landscape Restoration in the Tropics**
- All CPF members: Wangari Maathai 'Forest Champions' Award and Joint statement "Towards sustainability: forest solutions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic"



Impact of COVID-19 on ITTO in 2020-21



- **Virtual work:**
 - 56th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council www.itto.int/ittc-56/
 - Virtual Ad-hoc working groups: New ITTO financial architecture; Expert panels for technical appraisal of project proposals; Fellowship Selection Panel
 - Project steering committees (in some cases)
- **Delays in the implementation** of field work due to travel restrictions & social distancing
- International conferences/workshops/events **postponed**
- **Continued governance focus** – successful internal and external audits conducted



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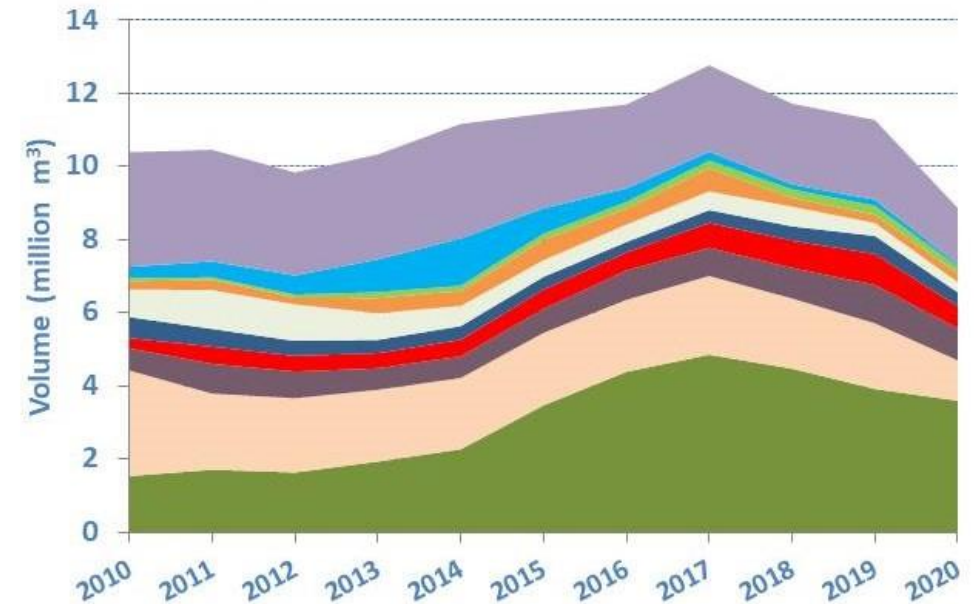
- **Regular activities continued:**
 - **Market Information Service** [www.itto.int/market information service/](http://www.itto.int/market_information_service/)
 - **Strong focus on communications and outreach:** constant updates on relevant news for the tropical timber sector and on reports from ITTO's field work:
 - ITTO's website www.itto.int/news/
 - Tropical Forest Update newsletter www.itto.int/tropical_forest_update/
 - Publications:
 - Guidelines (FLR, Environmental and Social Management)
 - Technical reports (Forest product conversion factors, report of the International Forum: Together Towards Global Green Supply Chains)
 - Social media:
 - Facebook www.facebook.com/International-Tropical-Timber-Organization-ITTO-761704093944532/
 - Instagram www.instagram.com/itto_sfm/
 - YouTube www.youtube.com/user/ittosfm/videos
 - LinkedIn www.linkedin.com/company/itto-sfm
 - **Projects reported completed:**
 - Myanmar's national capacity in biodiversity conservation
 - Biodiversity conservation and SFM in Benin's sacred forest
 - Piloting a timber tracking system in Panama's Bayano and Darién regions
 - Mangrove conservation and SFM in Guatemala
 - Development of a national forest stock monitoring system in the Philippines

Impact of COVID-19 on the tropical timber sector in 2020



- Drastic hit on tropical timber trade VS 2019:
 - Logs exports ↓ by 28%
 - Sawnwood ↓ by 16%
 - tropical plywood ↓ by 8%
- Major tropical exporters of secondary processed wood products except Viet Nam suffered double-digit declines (by value)
- Recovery to pre-crisis levels most likely to happen only by 2026
- Latin America has been most affected by the crisis, followed by Southeast Asia.

Tropical sawnwood exports, major tropical countries, 2010-2020



More details: www.itto.int/ittc-56/day5/

www.itto.int/news/2020/11/05/itto_modelling_examines_recovery_timeframe_in_tropical_timber_sector/

www.itto.int/top_stories/2020/05/08/survey_shines_light_on_covid_19_impacts_on_tropical_timber_sector/

Activity Focus LSSC Programme



Enhance tropical timber supply and value chains, from the forests to the market, to achieve legality and sustainability:

- contributing to a bio-based circular economy, the SDGs and climate goals,
- meeting market requirements, and providing end-users with assurance that products are from legal and sustainable sources.



Some concrete Outputs of PL1 LSSC



- Capacities of legal and sustainable supply chain enhanced and business collaboration and networking facilitated
- Tracking mechanisms to promote market transparency demonstrated and applied
- Incentive mechanisms for private sector identified



2 examples of ITTO activities



Forest restoration, growing cash crops, charcoal production and shifting attitudes in Côte d'Ivoire: GFGs 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 3.3, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5

Watch the video



Timber tracking system improves forest governance in Panama: GFGs 1.3, 2.2, 2.4, 3.3, 4.3, 5.2, 5.4, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4
Watch the video

Concrete examples of the Conservation of Biodiversity and the Provision of Ecosystem Services in Productive Forests



- Improved capacities for exporting CITES-listed tree species in compliance with CITES and for sustainably managing forests, including increased awareness and cooperation in forest management, marking and tracking systems and CITES compliance (including making non-detriment/legal acquisition findings) as well as improved capacities on wood identification and monitoring/surveillance of suspect illegal timber shipments
- Improved implementation of CITES decisions related to tropical trees
- Implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by stakeholders promoted upon finalisation

PL3 FLR and Resilient Livelihoods



Scale up the area subject to FLR and increase the provision of goods and services from planted and restored forests in line with the needs of local communities.



<http://www.youtube.com/user/it>



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