



Collaborative approach to forest-related Aichi Targets

A Side Event of ITTO, JICA and BirdLife International during CBD COP 11

Wednesday, 10 October 2012, 18:15 to 19:45, Side Event ID: 2789, Hall II – Ground Level



Background:

At the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets were adopted. Among the twenty targets contained in the Aichi Targets, there are four targets closely related to forests, namely Target 5 on the reduction of natural habitat loss, Target 7 on sustainable agriculture, aquaculture and forestry management, Target 11 on the expansion of protected areas and Target 15 on the ecosystem resilience and the contribution to carbon stocks.

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), BirdLife International and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have contributed to the conservation of biological diversity worldwide through their respective activities to support the efforts of countries, communities, NGOs and other groups in conserving, restoring and sustainably managing forests and forest ecosystems, particularly in the developing world. Many of these activities have also contributed either directly or indirectly to the progress toward the achievement of the Aichi Targets, including forest related ones.

With the aim of facilitating the implementation of joint activities for the sustainable use and conservation of tropical forest biodiversity, these four organizations signed several Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) in the recent past. Based on those MOUs, the four organizations have started their collaborations to further support the efforts of the international community to advance conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity and to achieve internationally agreed targets to this end.

Objectives:

- To highlight the efforts of ITTO, BirdLife International, JICA and CBD to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity and the achievement of the forest-related Aichi Targets, through their respective and collaborative activities; and
- To further strengthen the relations and promote collaboration and joint activities between ITTO and CBD, ITTO and JICA, and ITTO and BirdLife International under the respective MOUs.

Programme:

18:15	Introductory remark by the Moderator, Executive Director of ITTO	Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director, ITTO
18:20	Welcoming address by the representative of JICA	Mr. Shinya Ejima, Chief Representative, JICA India Office
18:25	Forests of Hope: conserving and restoring tropical forest, and combating climate change	Ms. Melanie Heath, Head of Policy, BirdLife International, Cambridge, United Kingdom
18:35	Collaborative Approaches to Forest-related Aichi Targets: Bornean Biodiversity & Ecosystems Conservation Programme	Mr. Masaaki Yoneda, Senior Adviser, JICA Headquarters
18:45	Management of the Emerald Triangle Protected Forests Complex to Promote Cooperation for Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation between Thailand, Cambodia and Lao P.D.R. under ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative	Mr. Cheang Dany, Project Coordinator, Cambodia
18:55	Panel discussion attended by presenters and other experts and moderated by the Executive Director of ITTO on the collaborative approaches to the achievement of the Aichi Targets	Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director, ITTO
19:10	Closing remarks by the representative of the Bombay Natural History Society, BirdLife Partner in India	Dr Asad Rahmani, Director of the Bombay Natural History Society, BirdLife Partner in India

Refreshments will be provided