



ITTO WORK OF RELEVANCE TO ILLEGAL LOGGING AND TRADE



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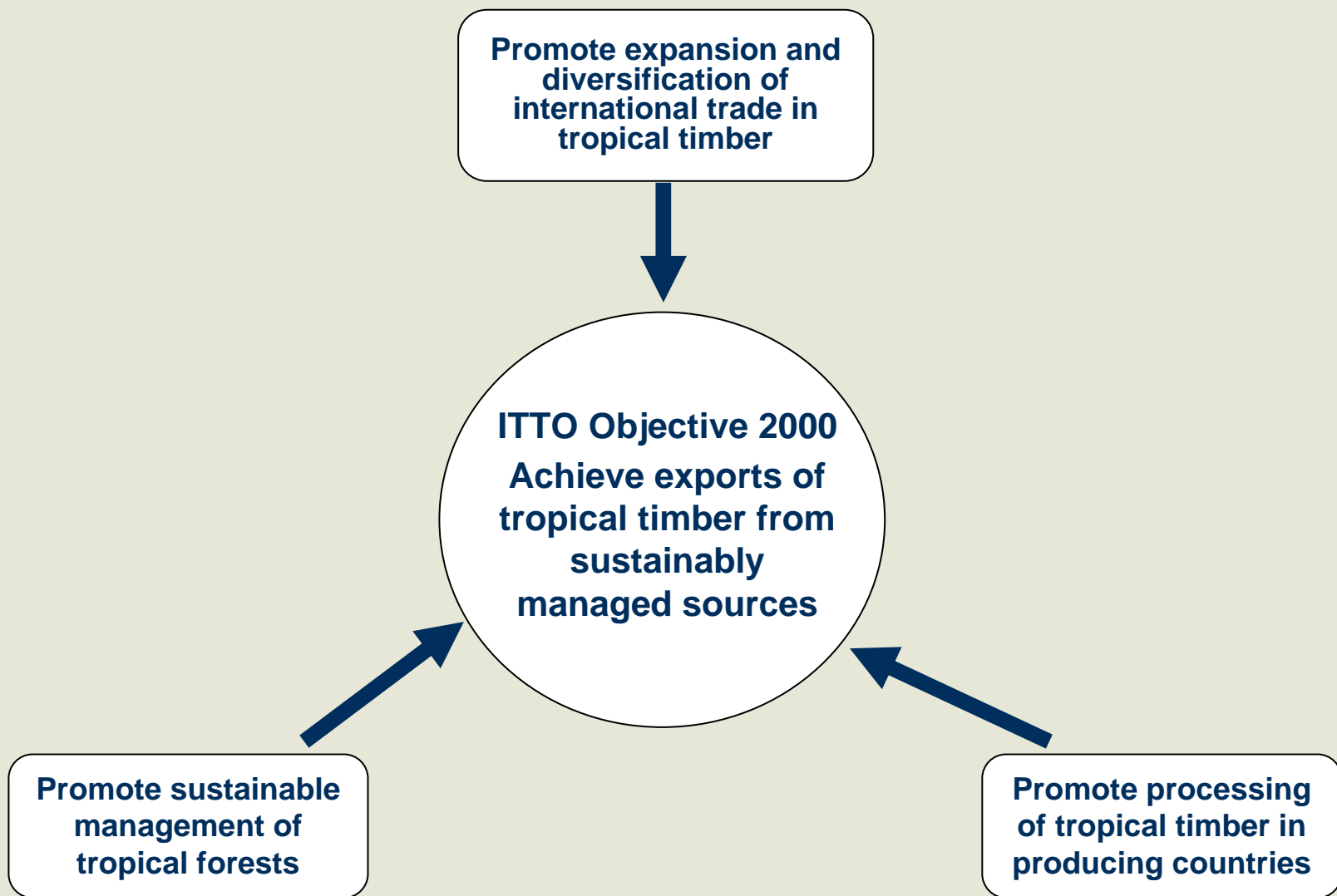


International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

- International intergovernmental organization
- Established by ITTA,1983, legally binding, negotiated under aegis of UNCTAD
- Administers/supervises operation of ITTA,1983 and subsequent ITTAs
- Operationalised in 1986 with headquarters in Yokohama, Japan
- Currently operates under ITTA,1994 while ITTA,2006 enters into force



ITTO OBJECTIVES





ITTO's POLICY WORK AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES

ITTA
ITTO Action Plan
ITTC Decisions
ITTO Biennial Work
Programme

POLICY WORK

- Policy consultation, deliberation, development
- Policy research, studies
- Normative work – guidelines, Criteria & Indicators, Manuals
- Monitoring, assessment and reporting
- Communication and outreach materials
- ITTO Fellowship Programme

APPROACHES

- Consultation
- Cooperation
- Collaboration
- Partnership
- Capacity-building – human/institutional
- Supportive measures
- Enabling measures
- Implementation oriented

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Country-driven: initiation, implementation, ownership
- 6 month project cycle
- address beneficiary needs and priorities
- grant funding
- > 400 projects (US\$270 million)
- 150 projects on-going engaging >500 local full time professionals



STATUS OF TROPICAL FOREST MANAGEMENT 2005

TABLE 1: Global summary of management status in the tropical PFE

	PFE ('000 hectares)											
	PRODUCTION						PROTECTION			ALL		
	NATURAL				PLANTED		Total area	With management plans	Sustainably managed	Total area	Sustainably managed	
	Total area	With management plans	Certified	Sustainably managed	Total area	With management plans						Certified
AFRICA	70,461	10,016	1,480	4,303	825	488	0	39,271	1,216	1,728	110,557	6,031
ASIA & THE PACIFIC	97,377	55,060	4,914	14,397	38,349	11,456	184	70,979	8,247	5,147	206,705	19,544
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN	184,727	31,174	4,150	6,468	5,604	2,371	1,589	351,249	8,374	4,343	541,580	10,811
TOTAL	352,565	96,250	10,544	25,168	44,778	14,315	1,773	461,499	17,837	11,218	858,842	36,386



NORMATIVE POLICY WORK

- **Set of 5 ITTO Guidelines for sustainable management and development of tropical forests, conservation of biodiversity, fire management, and restoration and rehabilitation of degraded and secondary forests**
- **ITTO Definition, Criteria & Indicators, Manuals for sustainable management of tropical forests**
- **ITTO Guidelines for Development of Auditing Systems for Sustainable Forest Management**

POLICY ACTIVITIES

- **Independent technical missions on sustainable forest management**
- **Diagnostic missions on ITTO Objective 2000**
- **Annual Review and Assessment**
- **Forest and Timber Certification**
- **Chain of Custody (CoC)**
- **Phased Approaches to Certification**
- **Inclusion of tropical timber species in Appendices of CITES**
- **Market Access, Intelligence and Transparency**

PROJECTS/PRE-PROJECTS

- **SFM – Criteria & Indicators**
- **Forest Law Governance and Enforcement**
- **Illegal Logging**
- **Illegal Trade**
- **Auditing, Certification, Chain-of-Custody, Timber Tracking**
- **Transboundary Conservation Areas**



ITTC DECISION 6(XXXI) – Forest Law Enforcement in the Context of Sustainable Timber Production and Trade

ITTO TRADE DATA DISCREPANCIES STUDY

- . **11 member countries**
- . **Various reasons for discrepancies**
 - **Measurement errors/differences (incl. conversion factors)**
 - **Errors in customs classification**
 - **Illegal activities**

CASE STUDIES TO ENHANCE FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT

5 member countries:

Peru, Honduras, Malaysia, Brazil, Ecuador and Papua New Guinea



COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH PARTNERS

- **FLEG PROCESSES – East Asia, Africa**
- **WSSD TYPE II INITIATIVES – Asia Forest Partnership (AFP)
Congo Basin Forest
Partnership (CBFP)**
- **CITES – Inclusion of Tropical Timber Species in CITES
Appendices – Mahogany, Ramin**
- **FAO – Best Practices for Improving Law Compliance in the
Forest Sector**



RECENT ITTO WORK AND INITIATIVES

(A) Follow up to Joint CSAG/TAG Workshop on Illegal Logging and Illegal Trade, Interlaken 2004

- **Expert meeting on transportation of timber products, London 2006**
- **Private sector/civil society partnerships on SFM and certification [Indonesia, PNG, Brazil and Cameroon]**
- **International Conference on indigenous and community forestry and their relationship to illegal logging and trade, 2006**

(B) Integrating Legality and Sustainability Requirements

- **Shift to legality could distract progress towards SFM**
- **Phased approaches to certification, with verification of legality as first phase towards full certification**
- **Monitoring progress in comparability and acceptance of forest certification systems**



RECENT ITTO WORK AND INITIATIVES (cont.)

(C) ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2006-2007

- **Auditing of Existing Timber Tracking Systems**
- **Improved capacity to implement CITES listing of tropical timber species**
- **Regional workshops on ITTO/FAO Best Practices for Improving Law Compliance in the Forest Sector**
- **Assist member countries in developing systems to demonstrate legality of timber exports – Guyana**
- **ITTO pilot schemes on timber tracking systems for private sector forest companies**



TIMBER PROCUREMENT POLICIES

CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES

- **Proliferation**
- **Variation in definitions, requirements for legality and sustainability**
- **Lack of coordination, harmonization**
- **Discrimination**
- **Additional costs**
- **Capacity-building**
- **Market access impediment, non-tariff barrier**
- **Inconsistent with WTO rules and obligations**
- **Distraction from SFM target**

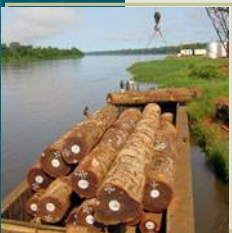
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Simplification, standardization, coordination and harmonization of policies**
- **Non-discrimination**
- **Consistent with WTO rules and obligations**
- **Flexibility**
- **Remunerative prices**



PD 391/06 Rev.2 (M)
**‘Promoting and Creating Market Demand for
Certified Tropical Wood and Verified Legal Tropical Wood’**

- **Support SFM in tropical countries**
- **Create and promote demand for C/VL tropical wood in Japan**
- **Fairwood Center as clearing house and point of expertise**
- **Support companies in exporting countries and Japanese importing companies**
- **Focus on Indonesia and Malaysia**
- **Friends of the Earth (FoE) Japan and Global Environment House (GEF)**
- **US\$302,472, 24 months**



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