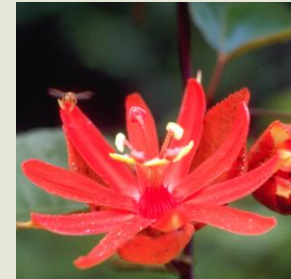
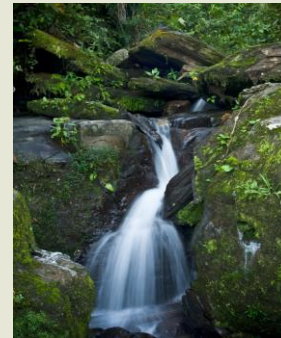




# ITTO AND ITS ROLE IN CAPACITY BUILDING RELATED TO TROPICAL FOREST MANAGEMENT



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INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION



# The International Tropical Timber Organization



- was created by the ITTA, 1983 – under UNCTAD
- currently operates under the ITTA, 1994
- ITTA 2006 soon to come into force
- has a secretariat of 37 people based in Yokohama, Japan





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## ITTO Mandate

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*To promote sustainable development in the tropics through trade, conservation and best-practice management of tropical forests*



Mandate implies protection of biodiversity in both protected areas and production forests, and is geared towards the integrated management of socio-economic production landscapes



Overall, living in harmony with nature, as related to tropical forests..



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## ITTO Work

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### Divided into two major components:

- As an international forum for policy work on tropical forests
- Fieldwork at the ground level in tropical forests via projects to implement these policies





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## ITTO Field Work / Projects

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- ITTO has provided grants worth almost US\$330 million
- More than 800 projects funded in tropical countries
- About 180 projects currently under way
- Employ more than 700 local, full-time professionals in the tropics through our projects





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## ITTO projects are geared to:

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- implement sustainable tropical forest management
- train the forest, industry and conservation workforces
- develop reserves for forest biodiversity conservation
- improve forest products trade transparency
- promote a sustainable tropical timber trade

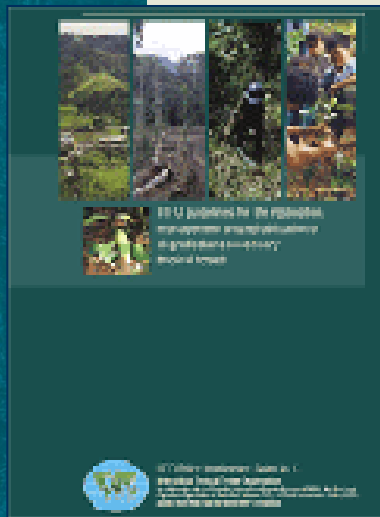


# ITTO Policy Work – Capacity Building

## Guidelines for the Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests (2002)

### Capacity building workshops were jointly carried out with IUCN

- 10 National Workshops
  - Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Indonesia, Ghana, Guyana, Guatemala, Philippines, Mexico, Myanmar
- 2 Regional Workshops
  - Great Lakes (Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi) – regional workshop and manual
  - Brazil (Acre) (plus Bolivia and Peru) – regional workshop and manual





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# ITTO Policy Work – Capacity Building

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## Guidelines on Auditing of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

### **Capacity building workshops were jointly carried out with INTERCOOPERATION**

- Many National Regional Workshops geared towards governments, industry, NGOs and communities were implemented





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# ITTO Policy Work – Capacity Building

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## Capacity building for Monitoring the Forest Cover of the Amazon Basin

**ITTO is collaborating with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization - ACTO**

- Capacity building in the 8 ACTO member countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Surinam and Venezuela.



## ITTO Policy Work – Capacity Building

### Guidelines on the Conservation of Biodiversity in Tropical Production Forests (1993) – Revision 2009



- ITTO has entered into a partnership with the CBD and we expect to start capacity building in the application of these guidelines in the near future
- Support CBD's programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity



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# ITTO Policy Work – Capacity Building

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## **In-Country preparedness for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation – REDD +**

ITTO has entered into a partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and we look forward to collaborating closely in getting countries ready for REDD + and other forestry issues



# ITTO's Expression of Interest in the IPSI Collaborative Activities

**ITTO would like to express its interest in collaborating with the following proposals:**

1. Community Mangrove Forest conservation and Management in Benin
2. Sustainable Management and Conservation of Sacred Forests and Traditional Knowledge in Benin
3. Improved Community Forestry Governance through Participatory Action Research in Nepal
4. The Role of Woodlands insocio-ecological production "Tropical" forests – INBAR
5. (Potential) Forest Rehabilitation and Community Management in Vietnam
6. Others



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## ITTO's Case Study

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Socio-economic landscaping in Northern Peru with fisheries, organic rice, cacao, coffee, banana, bamboo and hardwood forest arrangement.

Project with PeruBambu





**Thank you for your attention!**

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