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Annual Report

2012 Annual Report

During 2012, ITTO focused on its course of action in the upcoming years, in particular after the entry into force of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006 (ITTA 2006). In this context, the Organization adopted a new Strategic Action Plan for the years 2013-2018 and undertook a thorough evaluation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes which are now fully incorporated in the work of the Organization under the ITTA 2006. In 2012 ITTO also carried out training on improving forest law enforcement and timber tracking technologies, efficient wood processing technologies, forest statistics, and implementing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management. The Organization also published a report as part of its Technical Series on improving resilience of the tropical timber sector to the impacts of global and regional economic and financial crisis. During the course of the year ITTO continued to actively collaborate with other international organizations and institutions associated with promoting sustainability of tropical forests, in particular with JICA, the CBD and CITES. In 2012 the International Tropical Timber Council declared as completed 18 projects and three pre-projects; reviewed the implementation of 68 ongoing projects and six pre-projects; and provided financing for nine new projects, one new pre-project, three operational projects, as well as for the ITTO-CITES Programme, The Freezailah Fellowship Fund, and activities to be implemented under the Biennial Work Programme 2013-2014. The 2012 Annual Report provides details of these and other important activities undertaken by ITTO during the year.



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Annual Report 2011

2011 was an eventful year for ITTO. It was proclaimed by the United Nations as the International Year of Forests, with a year-long programme for its commemoration coordinated by the UNFF Secretariat. It also marked the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of ITTO and also marked the entry into force of the International Tropical Timber Agreement 2006. In June 2011, ITTO launched its second report on "The Status of Tropical Forests Management, SFM Tropics 2011". During the course of the year ITTO continued its collaboration with other international organizations and institutions associated with the promotion of tropical forests, in particular with members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) in various activities to celebrate the International Year of Forests. A commemorative ceremony celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of ITTO was jointly organized in Yokohama, Japan, on 28 October 2011 by ITTO, the City of Yokohama and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, in collaboration with the Japan Organizing Committee for the International Year of Forests. The event included a symposium on "Celebrating a Quarter Century of Sustaining Tropical Forests." The 2011 Annual Report provides details of these and other important activities of ITTO during the year.



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Annual Report 2010

The year 2010 was very eventful for ITTO. In addition to its regular programme of project and policy work, the pending entry into force of the ITTA, 2006 was a major preoccupation of the Organization. The Organization continued its active involvement in the international debate on sustainable tropical forest management. ITTO actively participated in commemorating the International Year of Biodiversity, as well as collaborating with other international organizations on events and activities as well as signing of MoUs to foster further collaboration. The Organization also improved cooperation with the private sector during the year, including with pharmaceutical companies involved in the production of forest products such as CITIC.

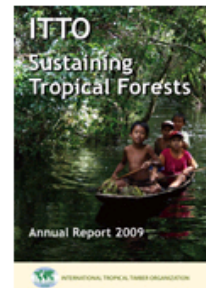


the exploitation of forest species included in CITES appendices. Two additional pilot Thematic Programmes on "Community Forestry and Management" (CFME) and on "Trade and Market Transparency" (TMT) were launched and a second call for proposals was issued for the Thematic Programme on Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services (REDDES). The 2010 Annual Report provides details of these and other important activities of ITTO during the year.

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Annual Report 2009

In 2009, tropical forests continued to attract attention, often dominating the international debate on forests. ITTO, the only intergovernmental organization operating under a legally binding agreement to promote the conservation and sustainable management, use and trade of tropical forest resources was not left out of these debates. The Organization actively participated in many international fora and continued its cooperation with a number of international institutions, in particular members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). Collaborations continued during 2009 with organizations such as FAO, UNFF, IUCN, CBD and CITES. ITTO's field-oriented project portfolio, together with its active involvement in important international conferences and meetings as detailed in the 2009 Annual Report, placed it at the forefront of activities to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests.



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Annual Report 2008

The Year 2008 was very significant to ITTO in many respects. The Organization was at a cross road in its development. It had forged a new Agreement with an expanded focus on environment, trade and development which also holds out hope for additional financial resources, thus raising the expectations of many member countries. As the Organization negotiated the transition from the ITTA, 1994 to the ITTA, 2006 it had to carry out stock taking of its operations under the ITTA, 1994 and



examine future operational modalities under the ITTA, 2006. This re-ignited the debate on the issue of frequency and duration of Sessions of the Council and Committees, the functions of the Committees, financing the work of the Organization and the ITTO Project Cycle.

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