



Sustaining tropical timber trade:

ITTO's roles in preventing illegal logging and supporting primary forest conservation in Asia and the Pacific.

Asia-Pacific Forest Sector Outlook:
Roadmap for primary forests conservation.
Online expert workshop

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INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION (ITTO)



ITTO promotes:

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





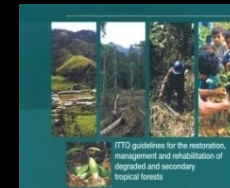
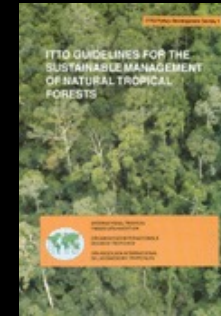
Global Forest:

- Forests cover nearly 1/3 of land globally (4.06 billion ha) (FAO, 2020)
- Brazil, DRC, Indonesia, Peru and India, as ITTO's member countries – host 21% of the world forest
- The world still has at least 1.11 billion ha of primary forest (FAO, 2020). ITTO's producer member countries, with an estimated 850 million ha of primary tropical forests (2011), account for over 90% of this important forest type globally (ITTO, 2011) .



ITTO guidelines for SFM

- Sustainable management of natural tropical forests (1990 updated 2015)
- Establishment and sustainable management of planted tropical forests (1993)
- Fire management in tropical forests (1997)
- C&I for sustainable management of natural tropical forests (1998, 2005, 2016)
- Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Forests (2002, 2020 ->Landscape restoration in the tropics)
- ITTO/IUCN guidelines for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests (2009)





ITTO

- ITTO is an action and field-oriented organization with more than 30 years of experience
- ITTO has funded over 1000 projects and activities totalling over USD \$400 million
- Conserving natural forest, including primary forest: transboundary projects (started in 1990), improved management of nature reserves, national parks, protected forests.

ITTO Transboundary Conservation Areas

Case	Location	Area of Influence
1	Borneo - Malaysia and Indonesia	2.4 mil ha
2	Emerald Triangle Complex – Thailand, Cambodia and Laos	0.36 mil ha
3	Kabo-Ndoki Region - Congo	1.3 mil ha
4	Mengamé-Minkébé Gorilla Sanctuary - Cameroon & Gabon	0.13 mil ha
5	Cordillera del Condor – Ecuador & Peru	2.4 mil ha
6	Tambopata-Madidi Protected Area – Peru & Bolivia	4.2 mil ha
Total		11 mil ha



CITES Program

Assists countries to implement CITES provisions for listed tropical tree species

Over \$15 million from multiple donors (two-thirds EU) since 2007, 70+ projects in main range states

Activities:

- Assistance with new listing proposals
- Focused inventories/management plans
- NDFs and legal acquisition
- Training/capacity building
- Tracking of listed products covered by NDFs



Ensuring sustainable tropical timber trade:

- Key requirement of sustainability is compliance with all relevant legal frameworks
- ITTO began work on forest governance and legality issues almost three decades ago to try and counter the negative impacts of illegal practices in tropical forests on the attainment of the Organization's objective to promote SFM





ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018

(extended)

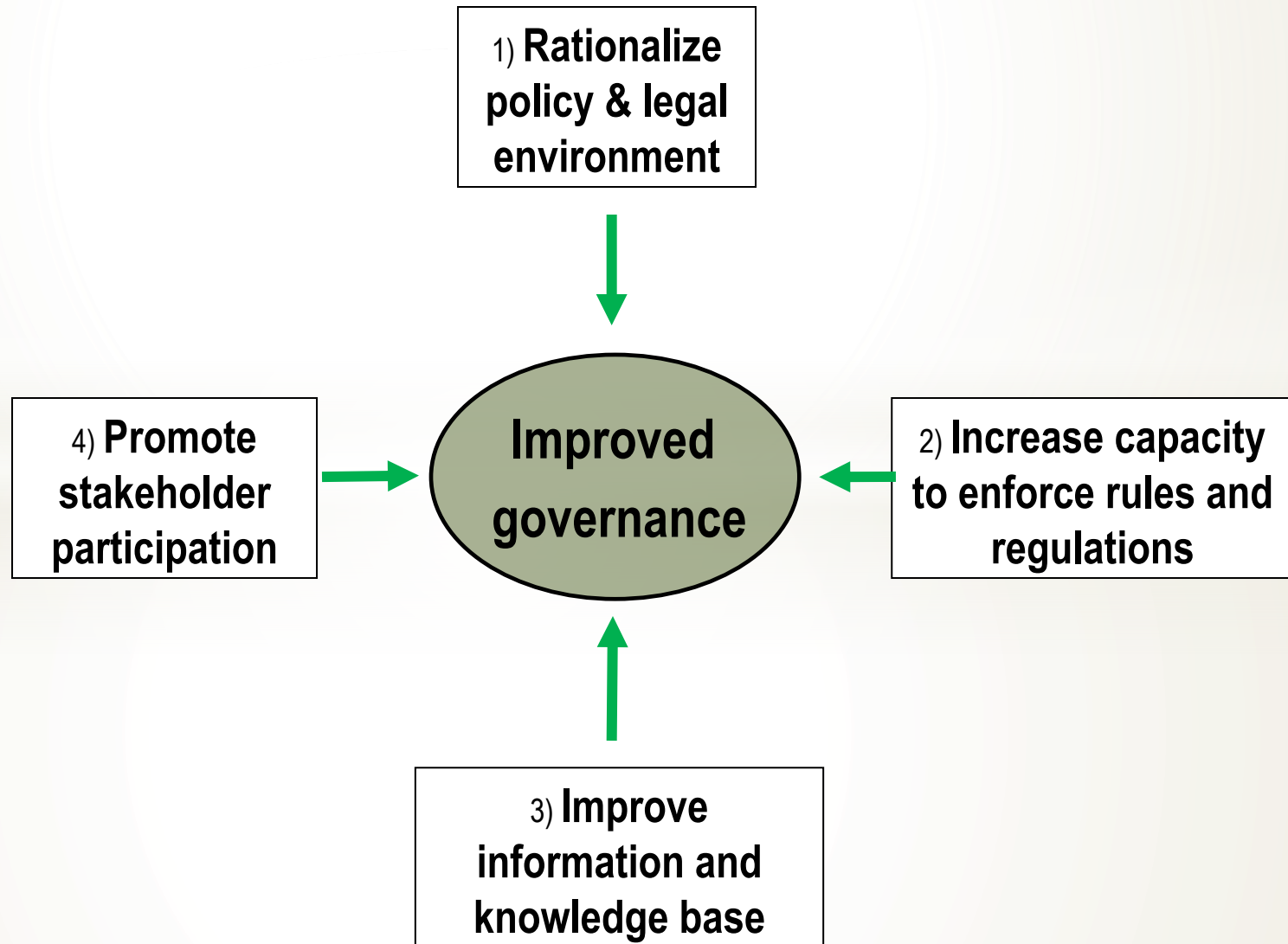
Aimed at strengthening the capacity of members to improve forest law enforcement and governance, and address illegal logging and related trade in tropical timber is one of the means of achieving the objectives of the ITTA, 2006.

- **No.1:** promote good governance and enabling policy frameworks for strengthening SFM and related trade

→ Optimizing the utilization and improving productivity of production forests, hence reduce disturbances on conservation and protected forests which include primary forests



ITTO's APPROACH TO FOREST GOVERNANCE





ITTO's Work on ensuring legality in timber trade

- **Illegal operations are widespread in tropical forests tainting the image of the tropical timber sector in certain major import markets.**
- **Markets' have responded by introducing requirements for legality and sustainability to provide assurance for buyers and consumers.**
- **Needs verification—consisting of arrangements for testing and validating claims about legal compliance and conformity with agreed standards.**
- **ITTO works with its members to strengthen forest governance and verify legality and sustainability, thereby improving the credentials of tropical forest products in global markets.**

New initiatives:



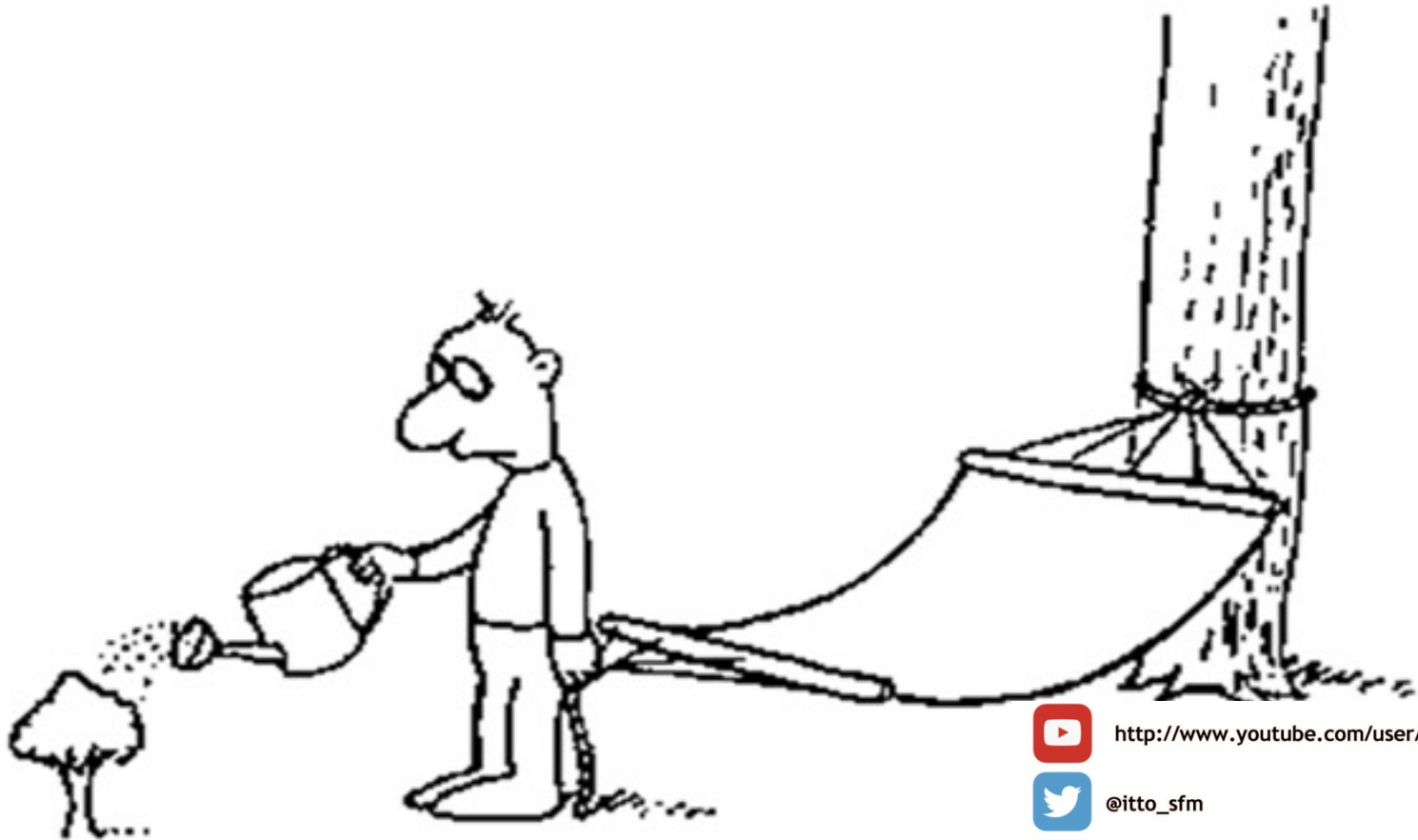
ITTO-Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain program:

- Focus on value and supply chains
- Increase markets for sustainable products
- Build capacity
- Provide transformational incentives
- Step up international support





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