



REDD+ and tropical forests







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ITTO Mandate



To promote sustainable development through trade, conservation and bestpractice management of tropical forests



Means of achievement = sustainable forest management (SFM)







- Long-term supply of non-timber products
- Long-term supply of forest services (biodiversity, soil and water, socio-economic, etc.)
- Climate change mitigation benefits
- Climate change adaptation benefits

















Issues for tropical countries

- What do SFM activities (eg establishment of PFE, RIL, pre-/post-harvest inventories, worker training, improving governance and controls) contribute to climate change mitigation/adaptation?
- Need to involve/engage with private sector since 90% of tropical forest outside protected areas









Issues for tropical countries (cont).

- Political will and governance structures often a barrier to SFM
- Willingness to pay for SFM has also been low, both domestically and internationally
- REDD+ will hopefully change that if funds generated can compete with alternative land uses

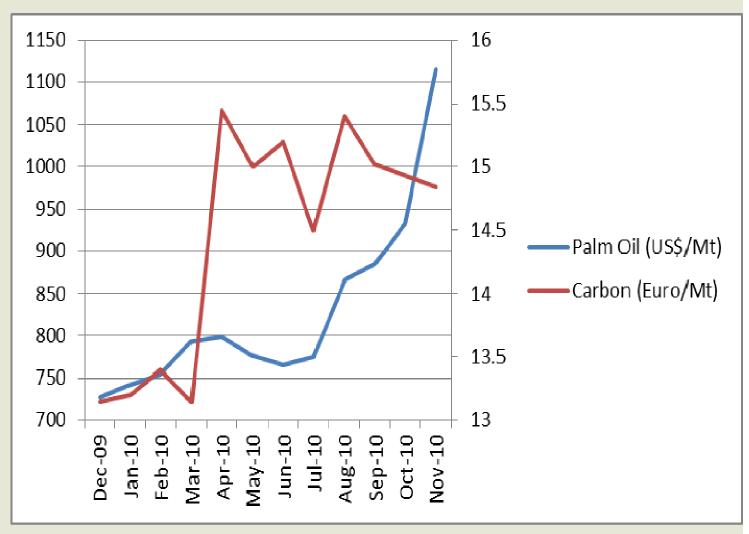








The competition



Sources: IMF and Point Carbon









The competition (cont.)

- IPCC default value for tropical wet forest = 200 tC/ha → about 3000 euro per hectare maximum gross carbon benefit; periodicity?
- Oil palm yields 4-8 t/ha/year (improved strains can produce much more); assuming 6 t/ha → over \$6000/ha/year
- Oil palm (and other agro-crops) also making case for carbon benefits
- Conclusion: if we want to maintain natural tropical forests, we need revenues from all non-destructive uses including sustainable timber → engagement with private sector essential





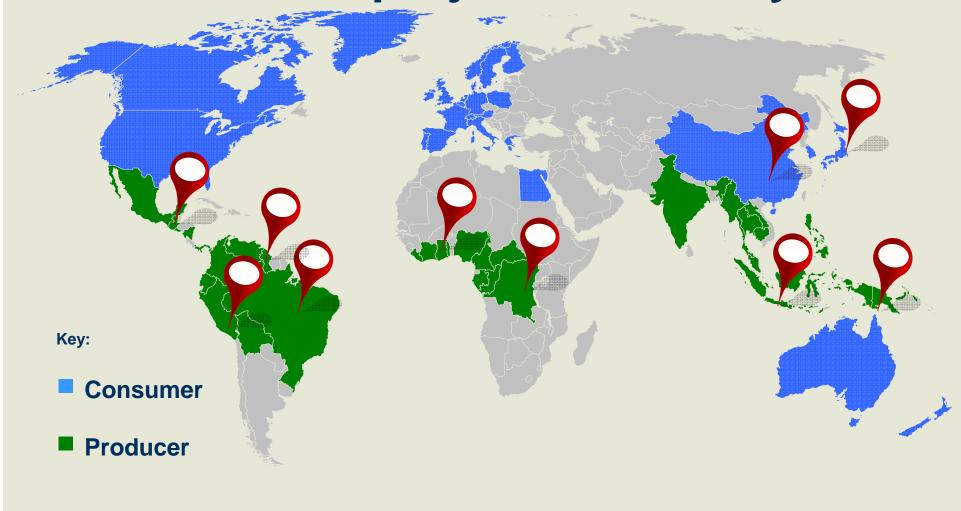




ITTO's initiatives

- Already working with private sector (7&i; Marubeni; others to come)
- Establishing baselines and data from extensive ITTO project portfolio on contribution of accepted SFM practises to reducing GHG emissions
- Plans to study carbon sequestration by finished tropical wood products (some tropical wood products can last hundreds of years)
- REDDES Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services in Tropical Forests

REDDES projects underway





REDDES project details



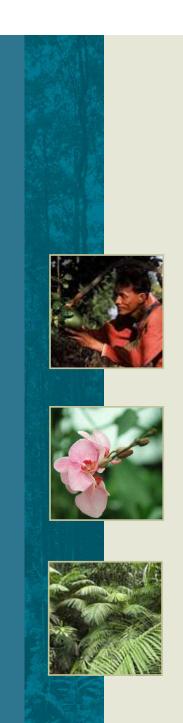


Total allocation to date: USD 4 million

REDDES Budget









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