



## ***International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests***

***Quito, Ecuador, 14-17 July 2010***

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

ITTO is pleased to announce the International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests that will take place in Quito, Ecuador on 14-17 July 2010. The Conference is organized in the framework of the International Year of Biodiversity in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat and IUCN with the support of the Government of Ecuador and others. Its outcome will be brought to the attention of participants at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 10), being held in Nagoya, Japan, from 18-29 October 2010.

ITTO welcomes papers from interested persons for presentation during the Conference or for inclusion in the Conference report. For consideration by a Selection Panel, interested authors need to submit an abstract of 200-300 words covering any themes of the Conference, by 20 April 2010

Abstracts should be sent to ITTO ([rfm@itto.int](mailto:rfm@itto.int)) and include the full name(s), address(es) of author(s), and e-mail address(es) for the corresponding author(s).

Up to 30 papers will be selected from ITTO producer member countries. Successful applicants will receive financial assistance such as travel (i.e. economy class air ticket) and accommodation subsidies during the Conference. Prospective applicants will be informed of the final selection, latest by the end of May 2010.

If selected, prospective applicants will be asked to submit full papers (max 10 pages: A4 size) and Power Point presentations (up to 15 slides) by 25 June 2010.



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Biodiversity is our life**

## **Background**

The need to maintain large areas of tropical forests through the establishment of transboundary conservation areas (TBCAs) has long been recognized as an important activity to perpetuate ecosystems and biodiversity resources, as well as the socio-economic and environmental benefits through uninterrupted provision of ecosystem services. Goal 1.3 of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) calls for establishing and strengthening by 2010/2012 transboundary protected areas to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (for more information, visit <http://www.protectedareas.org/show/83DBB728-F203-1EE9-B653874189876A0C>). Further information and location of transboundary protected areas can be found from the Global Transboundary Protected Areas Network (<http://www.tbpa.net>). The CBD PoWPA is scheduled for in-depth review by the COP 10.

The objective of the Conference is to review the status and ways ahead for the conservation, management and financing of biodiversity in tropical TBCAs. It will provide an opportunity for sharing and exchanging information and experiences on TBCAs, including their capacity to meet the challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Specifically, the Conference intends to:

- Review the social-economic, environmental and political impacts of transboundary conservation initiatives in the tropics;
- Identify best strategies for the effective conservation and management of TBCAs in biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and livelihood improvement;
- Identify opportunities for increasing funding available for TBCA projects in connection with climate financing and other initiatives, including the LifeWeb Initiative;
- Make recommendations for improving formulation, management and financing of TBCA projects and programmes; and
- Raise the profile of TBCAs, highlighting major issues and challenges as an input to COP 10 of CBD, in conjunction with the in-depth review of CBD PoWPA.

## **Selection criteria**

Selection will be based on the following considerations (among other criteria):

- Relevance in connection with issues of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in transboundary conservation areas (TBCAs);
- Expected contributions to the specific objectives of the Conference in particular with regard to the following:
  - Analytical review for scaling up of policy development and implementation practices of TBCAs, including benchmarking between countries, lessons learned on the design and implementation of policy, legal and institutional framework and incentives relating to TBCAs;
  - Innovative approaches for financing TBCAs;
  - Partnerships built with local, national, regional and international bodies; and
  - Sustainability of TBCAs
- Potential for wider dissemination

More information on the International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests is available from the ITTO website ([http://www.itto.int/en/workshop\\_detail/id=2245](http://www.itto.int/en/workshop_detail/id=2245)).