

INNOVATIONS TO MAXIMIZE TROPICAL FORESTS' CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

Guatemala's innovations on timber tracking



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ITTO is the sole intergovernmental organization focused entirely on tropical forest resources.

- Supports the sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests
- Facilitates the growth and diversification of trade in tropical timber sourced from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests



ITTO IN FIGURES



1986

Established under UNCTAD





2006

International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA)



CURRENT



HEADQUARTERS

Yokohama, Japan



· · · · LAST DECADE IN GUATEMALA ...



· · · · · WITH ITTO SUPPORT

Guatemala's timber tracking system was developed



Electronic Forest Enterprises Information System (SEINEF)



Electronic Forest Administration System in Protected Areas (SEAF-CONAP)



Electronic Forest Management System (SEGEFOR)



· · · · · · AND THE INNOVATION CONTINUE ...

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CUBIFOR (Scaling of Forest Products)

Calculates log volumes requiring only photographs and a few simple measurements. It also enables the scaling of logs for products such as sawnwood, rectangular boards, round billets, sawdust, chips, fuelwood, wood pieces and charcoal.



Is advancing forest management and strengthening the capacity of forest companies to control their inventories, as well as, improving the efficiency

Simple to use. It requires only a photograph of the block of logs

Strengthens legality and forest governance. Is effective, transparent and cost-efficient for forest monitoring. It boosts legal and sustainable supply chains.





OPPORTUNITIES, LESSONS LEARNED



Potential for replication across the tropics

Wide range of benefits:



- digitization and review of their regular reports
- verification of inventories
- analysis of yield levels and internal flows
- substantive reduction in the time and cost of obtaining authorizations from the government authorities as processes are streamlined

Improves forest management practices and the



legality of timber supply chains

Further applications for legality assurance?





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