



CITES Tree Species Programme

CITES Tree Species Programme Regional Meeting for Africa
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EU-project Supporting sustainable management of tree species and conservation of the African elephant



Background

- Brussels/Geneva, 14 July 2017 Press Release

https://cites.org/eng/news/pr/EU_contributes_8_million_Euro_support_CITES_tree_species_programme_protection_African_elephants_14072017

- Notification to the Parties on 'The CITES Tree Species Programme'

<https://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2017-059.pdf>

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Background

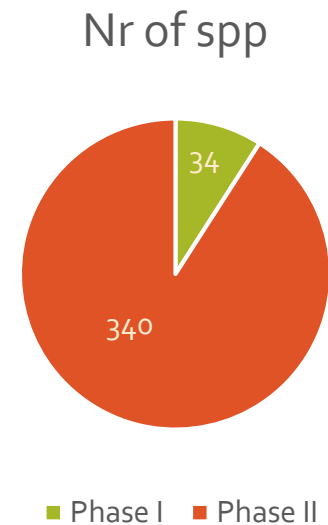
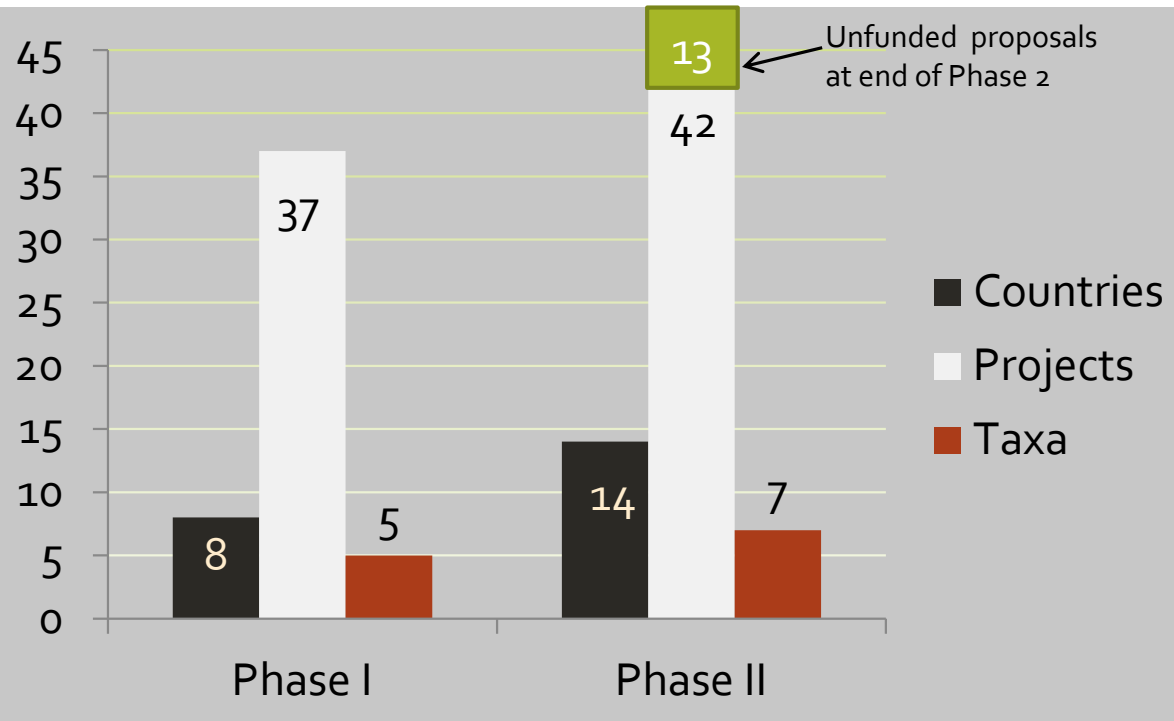
ITTO-CITES Tree species Programme: Phases I and II 2006-2016

Overall Objective:




To ensure that international trade in CITES-listed tree species is consistent with their sustainable management and conservation



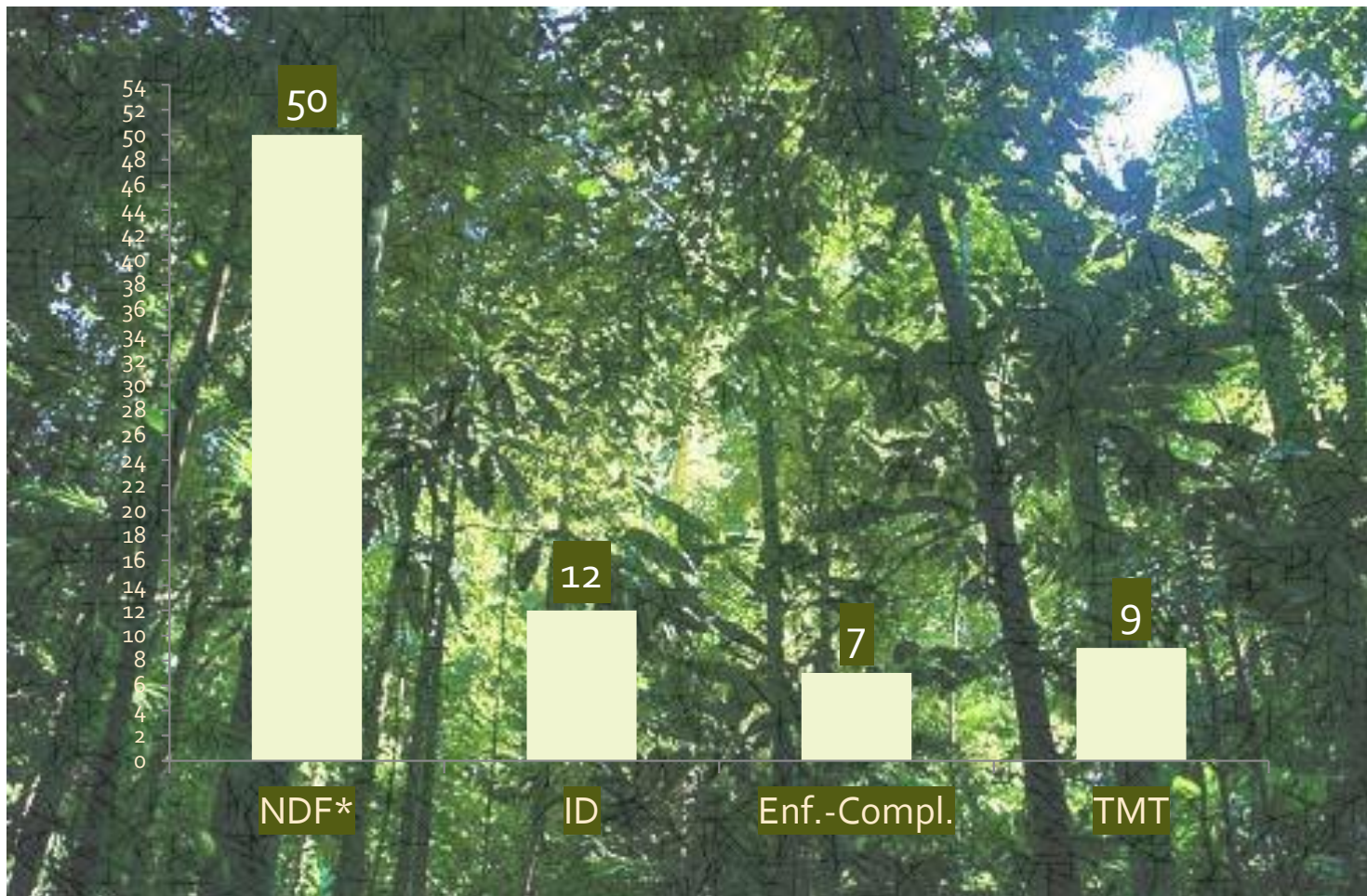
Number of countries, projects funded, and target taxa ITTO-CITES programme on tree species, Phases I and II



Key species and genera by region - Phases I and II

Region	Genera/species	Countries by phase
South/Central America  <small>Photo: P. Keller</small>	<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> <i>Cedrela odorata</i> <i>Dalbergia</i> spp.	I. Peru, Bolivia, Brazil II. Brazil, Guatemala, Guyana
Africa  <small>Photo: S. Saatchi</small>	<i>Pericopsis elata</i> <i>Prunus africana</i> <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. <i>Diospyros</i> spp.	I. Cameroun, DR Congo, Republic Congo II. Cameroun, DR Congo, Republic Congo, Madagascar, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana
Southeast Asia  <small>Photo: Skyvision</small>	<i>Gonystylus</i> spp. <i>Aquilaria</i> spp. <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	I. Malaysia, Indonesia II. Malaysia, Indonesia
Other countries		Spain, France

Numbers of projects by categories, Phases I and II



* For NDFs there was usually a group of several component studies leading to the NDF

Major accomplishments from the ITTO-CITES Programme

- NDFs and inventories developed in 6 countries for major CITES tree species.
- Improved identification of species including setting up timber laboratories, technology development, production of manuals and staff training.
- Better controls in place for chain of custody and CITES enforcement.
- Improved knowledge for target taxa– e.g. *Swietenia*, *Gonystylus*, *Aquilaria*, *Prunus*.
- Improved harvesting techniques.
- Market studies assisted export agencies.
- Major exporting countries complying with STR recommendations – lift of suspensions and zero export quotas.



The new CITES Tree Species Programme

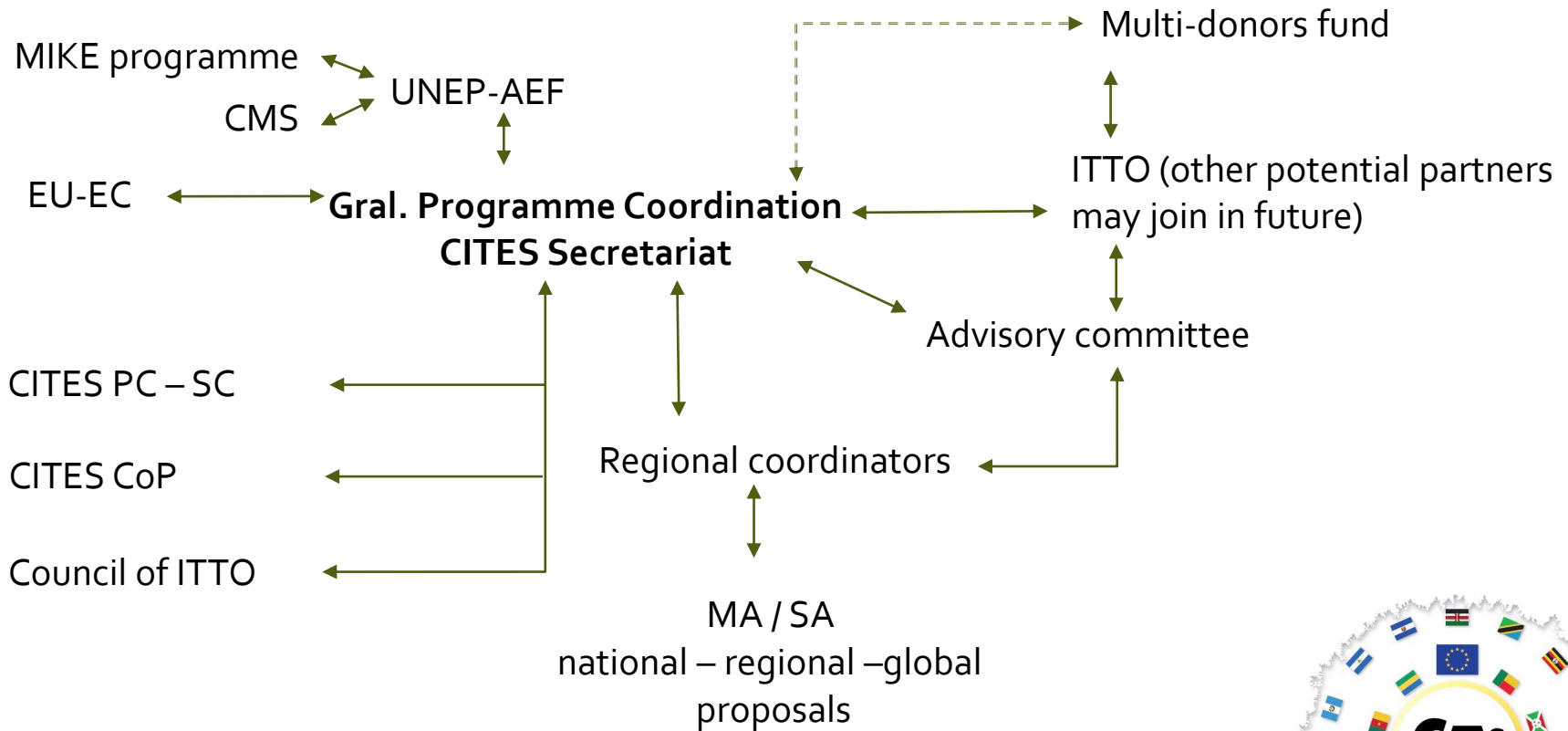
- Funded by the EU through the EC – duration: 4 years from June 2017 – June 2021.
- Budget for work on CITES tree species 7 M euros.
- Focus: assisting Parties to strengthen capacity for implementing the Convention for listed tree species.



Specific objectives

- ❖ **ensure the sustainable management** of rare and valuable tree species and their products through improved technical and technological capacity;
- ❖ **contribute to legal and traceable trade** in products from these tree species including technological advances in identification;
- ❖ help **improve and strengthen forest governance**, policies for forest management, **and enforcement capacity** and ensure benefit from long-term support for forest management in areas with CITES species; and
- ❖ **promote rural development** in often remote areas, sustainable economic growth at country level, a healthy private sector, and long-term poverty alleviation.

Programme structure and priority species



Africa

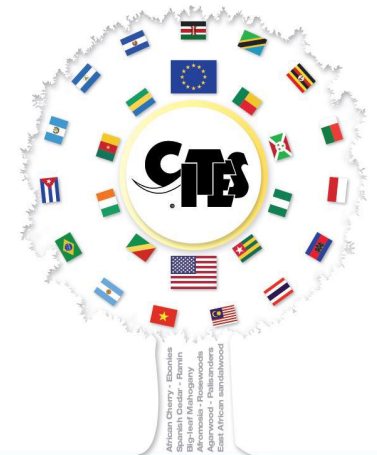
Dalbergia
Pericopsis
Prunus
Osyris
Guibourtia
Pterocarpus

America

Dalbergia
Swietenia
Bulnesia
Aniba
Caesalpinia

Asia

Dalbergia
Aquilaria
Gyrinops
Gonystylus



NDF

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The Advisory Committee (AC)

Membership

- Three Party representatives from each of the three CITES regions concerned by the programme (Africa; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean).
- Programme donor representatives
- Two scientists
- CITES Secretary General (Chair)
- CITES Tree Species Programme Coordinator and Programme Assistant (Secretary to the Advisory Committee)
- Three Regional Coordinators
- ITTO Secretariat (*ex officio*).



AC Membership

AC Party representatives

Asia		
Cambodia	Indonesia	Viet Nam
India	Malaysia	Thailand
Africa		
Gabon	Tanzania	Côte d'Ivoire
Cameroon	Madagascar	Senegal
Central, South America and the Caribbean		
Brazil	Guatemala	Argentina
Peru	Bahamas	Nicaragua
Member		
Alternate member		

Main focus: Non-detriment findings

To export products from CITES listed tree species a NDF report is required



Proper forest inventory and management

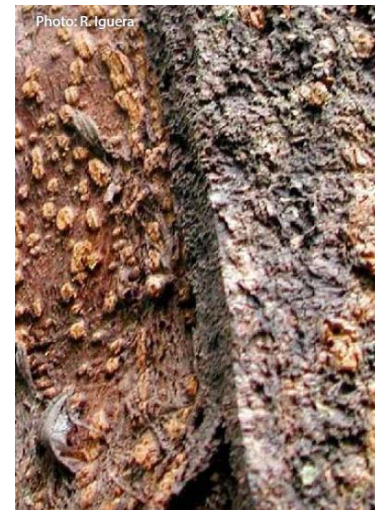


Ensure proper silviculture to recover harvested populations



Establish and monitor sustainable harvest and export quotas

Sustainable products



Advanced techniques for tree products identification



Photo: Tereza Pastore

The programme will fund advanced methods and technologies to improve the identification of CITES tree species with a view to enhancing the work of scientific and enforcement authorities and strengthen chains of custody



Photo: Forestry Department, Peninsular Malaysia



Photo: F. Schweingruber



Photo: Thompos

Marking and traceability



Photo: Lau Kah Hoo

Beyond understanding the ecology and silvics of tree species – the Programme will fund work on new technologies for improving capacity on marking and traceability



Photo: Tientcheu



Photo: Sofia Hirakuri



Photo: Tajudin

Working groups and capacity building

Two key aspects of the Programme are:

- 1.) capacity building for management and identification; and
- 2.) knowledge-sharing through regional and national working groups.



Photo: Directorate of Biodiversity Conservation, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia



Photo: Malele Sébastien



Photo: J.L. Betti

Project* selection criteria

- Programme is largely driven by country requirements, CoP Decisions, valid Resolutions and PC/SC recommendations;
- Priority is given to species listed in Appendix II, although for App. III species, work may be approved under exceptional circumstances if it builds on the implementation of App. II spp management;
- US \$250,000 maximum – transparent accounting;
- Completion of past work under ITTO-CITES;
- Multiple partners is important to show strong local support;
- Leverage other funding (and in-kind support);
- Show direct linkage to policy, management, or governance;
- Clear deliverables with timelines.

***ALL SUBMITTED PROPOSALS NEED TO BE ENDORSED BY THE CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND HENCE BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL LETTER ISSUED BY THAT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.**

68 proposals from 41 Parties

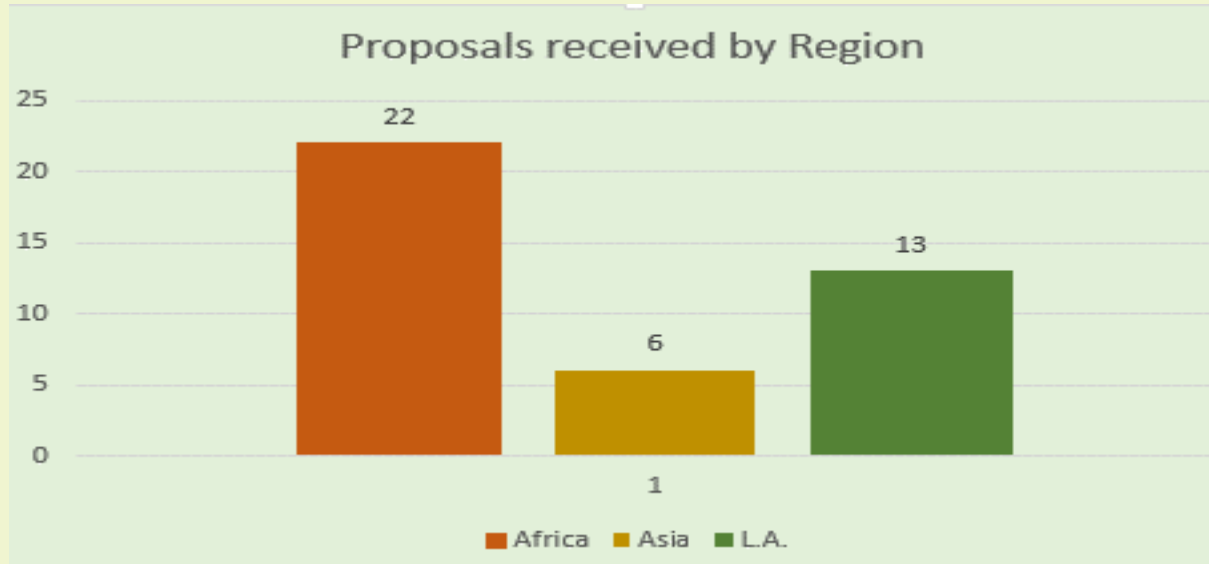


Photo: Aid for Africa

Regional Meetings

- There will be 3 regional workshops organized in the course of 2018 and one international meeting that will close the 4 years work of the CITES Tree Species Programme;
- The Secretariat will work with individual potential host Parties in order to ensure the regional workshops are organized in 2018. These workshops will be organized in close coordination with ITTO to ensure a harmonic technical approach although adjusted to the needs of each regions;
- The evaluation of the proposals received has been based in the list of criteria designed to assess eligibility of proposals.
- ITTO will have an active role during the implementation of the CITES Tree Species Programme and that will allow to continue strengthening collaboration with CITES while completing some of the work started during the ITTO-CITES Programme activities.



Programme regional roadmaps

4 roadmaps have been developed and will be continuously updated according to the needs and ongoing work:

1. General roadmap
2. Africa
3. Asia
4. Central and South America and the Caribbean

The roadmaps have been developed based on the proposals received, selected and prioritized.



Photo: J.L. Betti

Programme regional roadmap - Africa

1. Activities implemented

- Sent invitation letters to CITES MA in 51 countries in Africa in mid -Aug.2017.
- Received and evaluated 39 proposed project resumes from Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda by 15 October 2017.
- Prepared a 2-year Roadmap for Africa starting from August 2017.

2. Future Activities

- In December 2017 and January 2018 assist Parties to prepare full project proposals, if requested. In February 2018 evaluate proposals for approval and funding .
- Assist countries in executing the approved projects, including monitoring and reporting of their progress in implementation.
- Assist in conducting a Mid-Term Review of the CITES Tree Species Programme in August 2019.

Programme regional roadmap - Asia

1. Activities implemented

- Sent invitation letters to CITES MA in 38 countries in Asia in mid-August 2017.
- Received and evaluated 14 proposed project resumes from Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam in mid-October 2017.
- Prepared a 2-year Roadmap for Asia starting from August 2017.

2. Future Activities

- Assist countries to prepare full project proposals, if requested, and to evaluate them for approval and funding in December 2017 and early January 2018.
- Assist countries in executing the approved projects, including monitoring and reporting of their progress in implementation.
- Assist in conducting a Mid-Term Review of the CITES Tree Species Programme in August 2019.

Programme regional roadmap - Central and South America and the Caribbean (L.A.)

1. Activities implemented

- Sent invitation letters to CITES MA in 29 countries in L.A. on 15-16 Aug.2017.
- Received and evaluated 18 proposed project resumes from Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela by 15 October 2017.
- Prepared a 2-year Roadmap for L.A. starting from August 2017.

2. Future Activities

- In December 2017 and January 2018 assist Parties to prepare full project proposals, if requested. In February 2018 evaluate proposals for approval and funding .
- Assist countries in executing the approved projects, including monitoring and reporting of their progress in implementation.
- Assist in conducting a Mid-Term Review of the CITES Tree Species Programme in August 2019.

Programme regional roadmap - Central and South America and the Caribbean (L.A.)

Once the list of priority projects have been launched, the three regional coordinators will update their regional roadmaps and the Coordinator will prepare a general road map for all.

All roadmaps will cover the main areas of work (1- NDF; 2- Marking and traceability; 3- Identification; and 4- Capacity building).

Q & A



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https://cites.org/eng/prog/flora/trees/trees_project

