

**Permanent Representative of Ireland signs International  
Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) 2006 in New York, 26  
June 2009**

The objectives of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, are to promote the expansion and diversification of international trade in tropical timber from *sustainably managed and legally harvested forests and to promote the sustainable management of tropical timber producing forests.*

**Ratification of this Treaty confers Ireland with**

- Full membership of the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) as a consumer country
- Representation at International Tropical Timber Council meetings, with voting rights
- Opportunities to influence the decision-making, policy formulation and project development regarding the work of the ITTO.
- Access to up-to-date market information regarding tropical timber products
- The opportunity to assist other countries and organisations in the fight against illegal logging and the trade in illegally felled tropical timber products
- Access to current scientific data including new developments in relation to deforestation prevention and forest conservation
- Opportunities to assist developing tropical timber producing countries in areas of Sustainable Forest Management and forest conservation