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### Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 6, 2007
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 11, 2007
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 17, 2007
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 19, 2007
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 20, 2007
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 24, 2007
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 7, 2007
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Nov 13, 2007
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Dec 11, 2007
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Dec 17, 2007
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 11, 2008
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 1, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 15, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2185	Related bill	<b>Oct 15, 2007:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) Renames the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as The Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007 (Act).

(Sec. 3) Includes tropical forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems within the scope of such Act. (Current law refers to tropical forests.)

(Sec. 4) Renames the Tropical Forest Facility as the Conservation Facility.

(Sec. 5) Makes developing countries with tropical forests or coral reefs eligible for benefits. (Current law refers to tropical forests.)

(Sec. 6) Authorizes U.S. government representation on the administering body that oversees the implementation of grants from a debt-for-nature swap or debt buy-back regardless of whether the United States is a party to any agreement between the eligible purchaser and the government of the beneficiary country.

(Sec. 7) Eliminates the requirement that the Enterprise for the Americas Board be consulted in negotiating a Conservation Agreement.

Requires U.S. government and beneficiary country government review of Conservation Fund grants in excess of \$250,000.

(Sec. 8) Renames: (1) the Tropical Forest Agreement as the Conservation Agreement; and (2) the Tropical Forest Fund as the Conservation Fund.

(Sec. 9) Repeals Board authority to carry out activities under the Act.

(Sec. 10) Revises certain reporting dates.

(Sec. 11) Revises specified International Monetary Fund (IMF) criteria for country eligibility.

(Sec. 12) Authorizes FY2008-FY2010 appropriations. Increases obligations for program administration, monitoring, and auditing.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 15, 2007:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Biden without amendment and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 110-196.
- **Oct 15, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 419.
- **Sep 11, 2007:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Sep 6, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 6, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.