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Briefing on Malaysian Criteria & Indicators (Natural Forest)



Photo: Participants at the Briefing session

Following the adoption of the Malaysian Criteria & Indicators (Nature Forest) (MC&I(Natural Forest)), the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) has conducted a series of briefing sessions on the requirements of the MC&I(Natural Forest) with the stakeholders. The first briefing was conducted in Peninsular Malaysia in April 2012; the second in Sarawak from 7 to 8 May 2012 at Harbour View Hotel, Kuching. The aim of the briefing session was to inform the Forest Management Unit (FMU) managers and relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the MC&I(Natural Forest), the transition period of 17-months, the activities during the transition period and the main changes in the MC&I(Natural Forest) compared to the MC&I(2002).

The two-day briefing was led by Mr Yong Teng Koon and assisted by Ms Siti Syaliza Mustapha and Mr Cheah Chi Ern.

This Briefing was attended by approximately eighty (80) participants

from various Government agencies, private agencies, including the timber industry players, environmental consultants, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and a few heads of villages from Anap Muput FMU.

The standard review process had gone through three meetings of the Standard Review Committee (SRC), three meetings of the Panel of Experts (PoE), three regional consultations, as well as three public comment periods over the period from April 2009 to September 2011.

In general, there is no structural changes when comparing the MC&I(Natural Forest) with the MC&I(2002). The MC&I(Natural Forest) contains one additional indicator i.e. 9 Principles, 47 Criteria and 97 Indicators, as compared to the 9 Principles, 47 Criteria and 96 Indicators of the MC&I(2002). The transition period for the change from the use of the MC&I(2002) to the MC&I (Natural Forest) is from 1 January 2012 to 31 May 2013. This 17-month transition period encompasses six months for application which is by 1 July 2012 and 11 months for transition before the Standard becomes mandatory with effect from 1 June 2013.

Workshop on ITTO 2nd Series

The 2nd Series of International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) Workshop was organised by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) in collaboration with Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and Sarawak Timber Association (STA) from 10 to 11 May 2012 at Wisma STA, Kuching. Dr Tetra Yanuariadi, the ITTO Project Manager for Forest Industry led the workshop and was assisted by Ms Martini Mohamad Safai'ee and Mr Teo Woo Ken from MPIC. About thirty (30) participants from various government agencies, academia and STA officers attended this Workshop.

The workshop started off with a welcoming remark by Ms Martini Mohamad Safai'ee, followed by a briefing on the background of ITTO Workshop in which she mentioned that the main aim of the workshop is to share information on ITTO's projects carried out in Sarawak and to prepare draft on project's proposal according to the ITTO's Project Formulation Manual for fund application. She hopes that the participants will gain a better understanding of the role of ITTO and the importance of Malaysia's active participation in ITTO's activities; and also to be able to identify projects by using the manual at the end of the workshop.

Six presentations were delivered during the first day of the workshop. They are as follows:

- Presentation 1: *ITTO Background and Opportunities* by Dr Tetra Yanuariadi, ITTO Secretariat
- Presentation 2: *Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in Sarawak* by Mr Whera Mazlan, Forest Department Sarawak (FDS)
- Presentation 3: *Timber Industry in Sarawak: An overview* by Mr Nicholas Andrew Lisse, Sarawak Timber Industry and Development Corporation (STIDC)
- Presentation 4: *SFM In Sabah: The Journey Towards REDD-Plus* by Mr Musa Salleh, Sabah Forest Department (SFD)

- Presentation 5: *Completed Project Funded by ITTO* by Dr Paul Chai, ITTO Project Leader

- Presentation 6: *ITTO Project Formulation Manual – 3rd Edition* by Ms Martini Mohamad Safai'ee, MPIC

A proposed project submitted by a country shall cover direct improvements in the forest sector as a whole such as assisting in the National Forest Policy Development, Demonstrating Good Practice, Capacity Building and Research and Development. During the workshop Dr Paul Chai, Mr Wong Ting Chung and Tuan Haji Sapuan bin Haji Ahmad took the opportunity to share their experiences on the formulation of project proposal for ITTO funding.

Among the completed ITTO projects in Sarawak as noted by ITTO Project Leader, Dr Paul Chai in his presentation were as follows:

- i. Development of Lanjak-Entimau Wild Life Sanctuary as a Totally Protected Area, Phase
- ii. Transboundary Conservation: The Pulong Tau National Park, Phases I and II.

On the second day of the workshop, the participants were divided into two groups i.e. forest sector and timber sector. Each group had a brainstorming session, followed by a discussion on project ideas to be funded by ITTO in particular for Sarawak. A total of twelve (12) project ideas were proposed and these project ideas shall be studied by the relevant implementing agencies to produce a full project proposal for submission to ITTO for funding.

Two books entitled '25 Success Stories Illustrating ITTO's 25-year Quest to Sustain Tropical Forest' and 'ITTO Manual for Project Formulation' were also distributed to participants.



Did you know that.....

According to the Korea Forest Service (KFS), a maximum of 40 million trees will be planted in spring 2012 on approximately 17,000 hectares of land throughout South Korea. The KFS is also planning to hold events to supply seedlings at give-away prices or for free at different venues. The tree planting activity is expected to attract approximately 200,000 participants at 650 locations.

Source: MTIB News Extracts (Vol.15/04/12)

Did you also know that....

In Indonesia, conservation forests and national parks will be made available to investors by the Ministry of Forestry. Per hectare contribution from forest investment is targeted to be IDR 25 million (EUR 2,053.78/ USD 2,718.87). Investors are needed for 120 nature parks and 50 national parks, equivalent to 26.82 million hectares. In the coming five years, the nation is targeted to obtain at least IDR 300 billion from forest and national park management. In 2011, the contribution from such management amounted to IDR 15.2 billion.



Source: *Bisnis Indonesia*, 29 Apr 2012

Workshop on Tracking Technologies for Forest Governance

The workshop on Tracking Technologies for Forest Governance was organised by the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) with the assistance of the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) from 15 to 17 May 2012 at Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Approximately one hundred (100) participants from around the world representing governments, international organisations, timber industry and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) attended the Workshop.

The objectives of the workshop were to share experiences on applications of tracking technologies for forest governance, to review a compendium of tracking technologies prepared for the meeting and to provide guidance to governments and other stakeholders on how tracking technologies can contribute most effectively to improve forest governance.

Mr Emmanuel Ze Meka, the Executive Director of ITTO, in his welcoming speech mentioned that the issue of forest governance and enforcement is indeed one of the most crucial challenges to the effort of harnessing the full potential of forest resources towards the achievement of sustainable development. The lack of governance encompasses issues such as illegal logging, which according to the World Bank represents a loss of more than 15 billion dollars a year to the economies of tropical forest countries. He mentioned that many international organisations such as World Bank and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), concerned government such as those in the European Union, the USA and Japan and among ITTO producer member countries as well as NGOs such as the World Wildlife Fund - Global Forest & Trade Network (WWF-GFTN) have been substantially involved in promoting forest law enforcement and governance and combating illegal logging. ITTO has also been actively assisting its member countries on such issues. The International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC) has established and launched the ITTO Thematic Programme on Forest Law Enforcement and Trade, a specific thematic programme aimed at building capacity among its members on these issues. He further elaborated that tracking technologies,

the focus of this Workshop, could help resolve the issue of illegal activities in the management of forest resources, in particular illegal logging. These technologies will not only help track illegal activities, but also assist in improving the management of forest industries, thereby contributing to sustainability.

The 3-day workshop saw presentations from the African countries such as Cameroon, Ghana and Gabon, the Asia Pacific countries such as Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, PNG and Philippines; South America such as Brazil, Guyana, Paraguay and Peru. The speakers each shared their experiences on the national perspective on the timber tracking technologies. In addition, there were also presentations from the World Bank, The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), GFTN, Traffic International as well as international and local consultants. They spoke on their experiences in different countries, latest developments and the potential role of timber tracking system and technology to support legality efforts.

The ITTO has also commissioned a background paper for this Workshop under the ITTO 2010-11 Biennial Work Programme Activity 'Production of a Compendium on Timber Tracking Technologies' and was jointly funded by ITTO and CITES. The background paper was prepared by a consultant, Mr Felix Seidel and was intended to provide guidance to anyone who is planning to implement an electronic timber and timber products tracking system. This paper has details on the general information on tracking technologies and the drivers behind the technologies.

The report of the meeting, including the compendium of tracking technologies will be available on-line soon and this will provide guidance to governments and other stakeholders on how tracking technologies can contribute most effectively to improve forest governance.



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Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management)



Photo (from left) : Students measuring the diameter of a tree and class on progress

better manage our forests in accordance with the laws and guidelines for sustainable forest management.

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) and Lincoln University of New Zealand, with assistance from Forest Department Sarawak and Sarawak Forestry Corporation developed a Lincoln University Postgraduate Diploma course for managers working in the logging industry as part of the drive towards building up the capacity of properly trained workforce to

The 3rd cohort commenced the course with a one-week orientation, Orientation to University Studies at Wisma STA, Kuching from 23 to 27 April 2012. The orientation week was to prepare the students to handle the postgraduate study, which includes an introduction to basic computer and internet skills, common software and tools used, resources available, and expectations for written & research work. Twenty students enrolled for this subject, which was conducted by Associate Professor Dr. Hugh Bigsby from Lincoln University.

The first subject of the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science, The Global Forest Industry, was delivered from 21 to 25 May 2012. Students were introduced to the basic concepts of forest growth and structure, forests around the world and their use, including forest types, factors influencing the location and structure of major forest types, forest use (timber and non-timber) and the international influences on forestry in Sarawak. Students were also made aware of the wider context on how forestry in Sarawak operates, the role these external factors have in influencing forest practices and sustainable forest management in Sarawak.

The students also had their first field trip on measuring trees of two different plots from the natural forest at Semenggoh Nature Reserve and Landeh Engkabang Plantation.