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SARAWAK TIMBER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Council of Sarawak Timber Association (STA) had resolved in its No 3/2013 Meeting held on 10 December 2013 to call the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Association for the year 2014, at **10.30am on Friday, 28 March 2014 at Level 4, Wisma STA, Kuching**. Since this is an election year, the Council has also appointed the Election Committee which their appointment shall take effect after 5.00pm on 27 February 2014 (refer to "Effective Date") to carry out their functions as stipulated in Article 8(e) of the Articles of Association of the STA.

The Honorary Secretary of STA will issue a Circular on 10 January 2014 to inform all members to pay their outstanding subscription fees and all dues before the Effective Date which is on or before 5.00 pm on Thursday, 27 February 2014 to avoid being disqualified from being nominated as a candidate for election as a Council member and to be entitled to vote at the AGM on 28 March 2014 in accordance with Article 7(f) of the Articles of Association of STA.

Majlis STA dalam Mesyuarat 3/2013 yang diadakan pada 10 Disember 2013 telah memutuskan untuk mengadakan Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan ("AGM") bagi ahli-ahli Persatuan bagi tahun 2014, pada **28 Mac 2014 (Jumaat), 10.30am di Tingkat 4, Wisma STA**. Memandangkan ini adalah tahun pilihan raya, Majlis juga telah melantik Jawatankuasa Pilihan Raya di mana pelantikan tersebut akan berkuatkuasa selepas jam 5.00pm pada 27 Februari 2014 (merujuk kepada "Tarikh Berkuatkuasa") untuk menjalankan tugas-tugas mereka seperti yang termaktub dalam Perkara 8 (e) Artikel Persatuan STA. Setiausaha Kehormat STA akan mengeluarkan Pekeliling kepada semua anggota pada 10 Januari 2014 untuk memaklumkan tentang bayaran yuran tertunggak mereka dan segala tunggakan sebelum Tarikh Berkuatkuasa iaitu pada atau sebelum jam 5.00pm pada hari Khamis, 27 Februari 2014 untuk mengelakkan hilangnya kelayakan daripada dicalonkan sebagai calon untuk pilihan raya sebagai ahli Majlis dan berhak untuk mengundi pada Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan pada 28 Mac 2014 selaras dengan Perkara 7 (f) Artikel Persatuan STA.

STA理事会于2013年12月10日召开No:3/2013会议并决定来年的常年会员大会将订于2014年3月28日，星期五假STA大厦举行。鉴于2014年为选举年，理事会根据公会章程第8 (e) 条文下成立选举委员以履行其职能。选举委员的委任期将于2014年2月27日，星期四下午5时正起生效。本会荣誉秘书将于2014年1月10日公告所有会员，根据本会章程第7 (f) 条文下，会员必须在2014年2月27日，星期四下午5时正之前缴交未偿还的会员费以免丧失提名为理事会会员和投票资格。

STA COUNCIL MEETING NO 3/2013



Photo: Meeting in progress

STA Council Meeting No 3/2013 was held on 10 December 2013 at Wisma STA in Kuching. The Meeting was presided over by Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik, the Chairman of the Association and attended by Dato Henry Lau, the Honorary Secretary and twenty four (24) members of the Council.

The Meeting received reports from the various Category Committees and Working Committees and approved the budget for the Association to facilitate and carry out the activities and work for year 2014. Matters pertaining to STA Training Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd and STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd were also discussed at this Meeting.

The Meeting resolved to call the next Annual General Meeting of the Association on 28 March 2014, where the election of Council members for the new term of 2014 and 2015 shall take place. In accordance with Article 8(e)(i) of the Articles of Association of the Association, the Meeting appointed 5 members of the Council to the Election Committee, whose appointment shall take effect on 27 February 2014.

The Meeting approved the following two (2) applications for the conversion of Associate Member to Member of the Association.

	Company Name	Official Category	Date of Approval as STA Associate Member
1.	Menawan Wood Sdn Bhd	Panel Products	28 February 2007
2.	Tropical Wood Products Sdn Bhd	Timber Products Marketing	16 October 1997

Mesyuarat Majlis STA No 3/2013 telah diadakan pada 10 Disember 2013 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat telah dipengerusikan oleh Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Pengerusi Persatuan dan dihadiri oleh Dato Henry Lau, Setiausaha Kehormat dan dua puluh empat (24) orang ahli Majlis. Mesyuarat memutuskan untuk mengadakan Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan Persatuan pada 28 Mac 2014, di mana pemilihan ahli Majlis baru bagi tempoh 2014 dan 2015 akan dijalankan.

本会理事会于2013年12月10日假古晋STA大厦召开No 3/2013会议。会议由主席邦曼查拿督黄启暉主持。总共有24位理事会会员，当中包括本会荣誉秘书拿督劉利康出席此会议。会议决定于2014年3月28日召开本会常年会员大会。大会将推选2014年与2015年新一届理事会委员。

FINAL WORKSHOP FOR REDD+ READINESS PROJECT IN MALAYSIA

The Final Workshop for REDD+ Readiness Project in Malaysia, organised by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), was held in Le Meridien Hotel Kuala Lumpur on 2 December 2013. The Workshop was officiated by Mr Asfaazam Kasbani, Assistant Resident Representative (Energy and Environment) on behalf of Ms Michelle Gyles-McDonnough, UN Resident Coordinator for Malaysia of the Office of the UNDP Resident Representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam. He emphasised that degradation of forests accounts for 20% of the global level of carbon emissions, more than that released from transportation activities. He then highlighted the REDD+ Readiness Project in Malaysia had focused on three components; namely policy, institutional framework and financial.

Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Nik, Deputy Secretary General (Environmental), from MNRE agreed that climate change is and will be a challenge. It has been confirmed with scientific evidence of the rising sea level that human influence such as massive land use changes is responsible for the change of climate. He said that the release of CO₂ is correlated to the economic growth of the country, but emphasised the release of CO₂ cannot continue to go up all the time, and needs to be decoupled from development. Malaysia contributes about 0.6 to 0.7% of the total of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions of 50 billion tonnes globally. Although Malaysia's vision is to achieve developed status by 2020, she has to maintain the level of GHG emissions. He then informed the participants of the Workshop that the REDD+ project, which was started one and half years ago, will be implemented by his Ministry.

Dr Gary William Theseira from the Environmental Management and Climate Change Division, MNRE then outlined the National Policy on Climate Change and REDD+. He highlighted that Malaysia had made a pledge to maintain at least 50% of perpetual forest and tree cover, and to voluntarily reduce carbon intensity by 40% by the year 2020 compared to 2005 levels. Dr Elizabeth Philip from Forest Research Institute of

Malaysia then went through the National REDD+ strategy, highlighting the five activities of the strategy. Ms Ginny Ng, Project Manager, UNDP / NRE REDD+ Readiness Project then presented the key outputs of the project and summary of findings, which will form the three options recommended for implantation REDD+ in Malaysia.

Four (4) other papers were also presented in the later part of the Workshop. The Workshop continued with a Question & Answer session, followed by a panel discussion on the next steps for REDD+.

Bengkel Akhir Kesediaan Projek Pengurangan Emisi dari Deforestasi dan Degradasi Hutan (REDD+) di Malaysia telah dianjurkan oleh Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar (MNRE) bersama-sama dengan Program Pembangunan Pentadbiran Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UNDP) di Hotel Le Meridien, Kuala Lumpur pada 2 Disember 2013. Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Nik, Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Alam Sekitar), MNRE memaklumkan kepada peserta Bengkel bahawa projek REDD+ yang dimulakan satu setengah tahun lepas akan dilaksanakan oleh Kementerian beliau. Dr Gary William Theseira dari Bahagian Pengurusan Alam Sekitar dan Perubahan Iklim, MNRE menekankan bahawa Malaysia telah berikrar untuk mengekalkan sekurang-kurangnya 50% daripada hutan kekal dan litupan pokok, dan untuk mengurangkan intensiti karbon secara sukarela sebanyak 40% pada tahun 2020.

自然资源与环境部(MNRE)连同联合国开发计划署(UNDP)于2013年12月2日假吉隆坡艾美酒店举行减排森林砍伐与退化, 保护角色, 持续性森林管理及提高森林碳储量(REDD+)马来西亚准备计划最终研讨会。MNRE副秘书长(环境), 拿督阿都拉希姆·聂博士(译音)告知参与者该REDD+计划已于一年半前由MNRE启动。MNRE环境管理和气候变化部的加里·威廉·登圣拉博士(译音)指出马来西亚已承诺保持至少50%的永恒森林和树林, 并主动至2020年减少碳排放强度40%。

STATEMENT BY SARAWAK TIMBER ASSOCIATION ON FLEGT VPA

The European Union (EU) launched the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan in 2003 which comprises two parts, Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPA) and EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), with the aim to combat illegal logging and improve forest governance.

The VPA is a bilateral trade agreement between the EU and a partner timber-producing country outside the EU with conditions placed only on the timber-producing country. The timber-producing country's licensing authority will issue FLEGT Licence upon fulfilling the conditions imposed to facilitate importation of timber and timber products into EU market. On the other hand, EUTR requires operators who place timber and timber products on the EU market for the first time to exercise "due diligence". EUTR applies to timber harvested in the EU as well as that imported into the EU.

Malaysia has been negotiating with EU over the EU-Malaysia FLEGT VPA. The State Government of Sarawak has taken the cautious stance by adopting a phased approach to the signing of the EU-Malaysia FLEGT VPA which is on a voluntary basis. Sarawak Timber Association (STA) fully supports this decision made by the State Government as STA strongly believes that the real benefits to the industry must first be forthcoming.

STA would like to emphasise that even though Sarawak's licensing authority will be unable to issue FLEGT Licence having taken the phased approach if Malaysia signs VPA, this does not mean that timber and timber products from Sarawak are illegal. Sarawak has already in place a legality verification system to ensure its timber and timber products are legally sourced and exported to a final destination which is in compliance with the requirements of the existing forestry laws and regulations. This has been accepted by our international markets.

Since VPA is a voluntary bilateral trade agreement, there must be reciprocal benefits for the timber-producing country. STA sees the advantage of the VPA is to provide a green lane for expeditious import into the EU BUT notes that being included in the VPA does not confer any commitment to a guaranteed market share which is very important for the continuous survival of our timber industry.

STA wishes to highlight that there is no common agreement globally on what elements constitute the definition of legal timber. It is very subjective on how one interprets what legal timber is and this has caused timber-producing countries to incur higher transaction costs without any market premium to meet the demand of the markets with its different criteria and objectives due to the different definitions of what is legal timber.

STA therefore supports any initiatives by timber-producing countries to explore mechanisms and arrangements, such as mutual recognition that can eventually lead to the harmonization of the categories of laws to be used to define what legal timber is for the benefit of the timber industry internationally as a whole.

Authorized by Chairman of Sarawak Timber Association
14 December 2013

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) ingin menegaskan bahawa walaupun pihak berkuasa pelesenan Sarawak tidak dapat mengeluarkan Lesen FLEGT sekiranya Malaysia menandatangani VPA berikutan mengambil pendekatan secara berperingkat. Ini tidak bermakna bahawa kayu dan produk kayu dari Sarawak adalah tidak sah. Sarawak telah melaksanakan sistem pengesahan kesahihan untuk memastikan kayu dan produk kayu yang diperolehi adalah secara sah dan dieksport ke destinasi akhir yang mematuhi kehendak undang-undang dan peraturan-peraturan perhutanan sedia ada. Ini telah diterima oleh pasaran antarabangsa.

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Besta dalam pernyataan jika Malaysia menandatangani perjanjian kerjasama sukarela (VPA), Sarawak akan dijalankan secara berperingkat. Ini akan menyebabkan Sarawak mengeluarkan lesen FLEGT. Namun, ini tidak bermakna bahawa kayu dan produk kayu dari Sarawak adalah tidak sah. Sarawak telah melaksanakan sistem pengesahan kesahihan untuk memastikan kayu dan produk kayu yang diperolehi adalah secara sah dan dieksport ke destinasi akhir yang mematuhi kehendak undang-undang dan peraturan-peraturan perhutanan sedia ada. Ini telah diterima oleh pasaran antarabangsa.

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TRAINER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: TRAINER REFRESHER COURSE



Photo: Group photo

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) through its subsidiary company, STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) organised a Trainer Development Programme: Trainer Refresher Course from 9 to 13 December 2013 at the Imperial Hotel, Miri. The objectives of this Course were:

- to enhance and strengthen the trainers' skills of STA member companies in delivering training;
- to update the trainers of STA member companies on the use of training material and forms; and
- to boost the self-confidence among trainers of STA member companies.

The Course was facilitated by Mr Denis Aman and Mr Ngumbang Bayang, Trainers cum Assessors from STAT.

Ten (10) in-house trainers from WTK, KTS, Ta Ann, Shin Yang and Samling Groups of Companies attended this five (5) days course. Upon completion of the course, these trainers are expected to become more skillful and knowledgeable in delivering training to the operators in their respective companies.

During the course, participants were given a chance to give presentations based on the updated and improved versions of training material provided by STAT. They also received comments and suggestions from other participants and STAT's trainers cum assessors, which will help improve their skills and further enhance their confidence in delivering the training.

At the end of the course, the participants acknowledged that this course has helped them to improve their knowledge and skills in delivering training. They also hope that STAT will continue to organise such course in the near future.

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) melalui syarikat subsidiarinya, STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) telah menganjurkan Program Pembangunan Kejurulatihan: Kursus Ulangkaji Jurulatih pada 9-13 Disember 2013 di Hotel Imperial, Miri.

Sepuluh (10) jurulatih dalaman dari WTK, KTS, Ta Ann, Shin Yang dan Kumpulan Syarikat Samling menghadiri kursus lima (5) hari ini. Setelah tamat kursus, jurulatih ini dijangka bertambah mahir dan berpengetahuan dalam menyampaikan latihan kepada operator di syarikat masing-masing.

本会通过其全资拥有公司，STATraining有限公司(STAT)于2013年12月9日至13日假美里帝宫大酒店举办一项培训员计划：培训员进修班。

共有10位来自黄传宽集团，启德行集团，大安集团，升阳集团及三林集团培训员出席此项为期5天的进修班。培训员在完成此项课程后预计能更加熟练地为自家公司提供培训。

STA TEA TALK



Photo: The speaker, Ms Bibian Diway from Sarawak Forestry Corporation

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) held a Tea Talk on "Discovery of Rafflesia at Naha Jaley and Sarawak Forestry Corporation's Proposed Conservation Strategy" on 14 December 2013 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The talk attracted approximately fifty (50) participants from the general public. As the Rafflesia is a well known gigantic flower which can only be found in Southeast Asia, this topic has not only attracted nature lovers in Kuching but also participants from the tourism and architecture background. The speaker for the Talk was Ms Bibian Diway, an Environmental Executive from Sarawak Forestry Cooperation (SFC) with ten (10) years experience in the research on forest ecology and plant population genetic. The discovery of Rafflesia at Naha Jaley, Belaga is a new record to Sarawak in terms of its population distribution. The topics covered in the Talk included



Photo: Talk in progress

the population of *Rafflesia* at Naha Jaley, species identification, habitat description, population and habitat threats, proposed conservation strategy as well as the benefit to the communities and other stakeholders.

The Talk ended with a Questions and Answers session where the participants of the talk had the opportunity to ask questions to Ms Bibian.

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) telah mengadakan *Tea Talk* mengenai "Penemuan *Rafflesia* di Naha Jaley dan Cadangan Strategi Pemuliharaan oleh Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC)" pada 14 Disember 2013 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Penceramah bagi *Tea Talk*, Cik Bibian Diway, Eksekutif Alam Sekitar dari SFC memaklumkan bahawa Penemuan *Rafflesia* di Naha Jaley, Belaga merupakan satu rekod baru kepada Sarawak dari segi taburan populasi *Rafflesia*.

本会于2013年12月14日假古晋STA大厦举办“纳哈泽利大王花的发现与砂拉越林业机构有限公司保护对策提议”座谈会。

此座谈会的主讲者是由来自砂拉越林业机构有限公司 (SFC) 的蒂威小姐 (译音)。在布拉加纳哈泽利发现大王花，是大王花在砂拉越分布情况的一项新纪录。

ASDU IRCM MoU STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



Photo: Meeting in progress

The 5th meeting of the Anap Sustainable Development Unit (ASDU) Innovative Rainforest Conservation Management (IRCM) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Steering Committee was organised by Forest Department of Sarawak (FDS) on 10 December 2013 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. This meeting was chaired by Tuan Haji Sapuan Ahmad, the Director of Forest, FDS and attended by representatives from Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Forest Department of Sarawak (FDS), World Wildlife Foundation (WWF), Anap Muput Forest Management Unit (AMFMU) as well as Sarawak Timber Association (STA).

The ASDU IRCM MoU Steering Committee meeting aimed to update members of the Committee on the progress of forest management certification as well as to discuss pending matters and challenges in the maintenance of certification, and to discuss Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) project. Members of the steering committee were also present with proposals to set up more projects for Anap Muput Community (AMC) at Ulu Anap.

Mesyuarat ke-5 Jawatankuasa Pemandu Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) Pemuliharaan dan Pengurusan Hutan Inovatif (IRCM) Unit Pembangunan Lestari Anap (ASDU) telah dianjurkan oleh Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) pada 10 Disember 2013 di Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching.

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pemandu MoU IRCM ASDU bertujuan untuk mengemaskini peserta mengenai perkembangan pensijilan pengurusan hutan, membincangkan perkara-perkara tertunggak dan cabaran dalam penyelenggaraan pensijilan, membincangkan Projek Pemulihan Landskap Hutan (FLR) dan mengemukakan cadangan pewujudan lebih banyak projek bagi Masyarakat Anap Muput (AMC) di Ulu Anap.

砂州森林局(FDS)于2013年10月10日假古晋自然资源大厦召开第5届阿纳可持续发展单位 (ASDU) 热带雨林保护与管理创新(IRCM)备忘录 (MoU) 督导委员会会议。

会议旨在告知参与者关于森林管理认证的进展并讨论未决事项及维护认证所面临的挑战，森林景观复原 (FLR) 计划项目和提议设增乌鲁阿纳的阿纳沐浦社区 (AMC) 计划建议。

WORKING VISIT TO FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT (FMU)



Photo: Group photo

Forest Department Sarawak organised a working visit to Segaliud Lokan Forest Reserve (FMU 19B) and Deramakot Forest Reserve (FMU 19A), Sandakan, Sabah from 1 to 6 December 2013. The Group comprised twenty (20) officers from Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd and Sarawak Timber Association was led by Tuan Haji Mohammed Kassim Wasli, the Assistant Director for the Revenue and Economy Division, FDS.

Segaliud Lokan Forest Reserve (FMU 19B), which is managed by KTS Plantation Sdn Bhd (KTSPSB) covers an area of about 57,000 hectares. KTSPSB is the first private company in Sabah to be awarded the Forest Management Certification under the Malaysian Certification Scheme (MTCS) in 2009 which is endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC).

Deramakot Forest Reserve (FMU 19A) is owned and managed by Sabah Forestry Department (SFD) and has a tenure of ninety-nine (99) years. FMU 19A covers an area of about 55,000 hectares of Mixed Dipterocarp Forest. The area is divided into 135 compartments with the size ranging from 400 hectares to 600 hectares per compartment. The production area is 51,642 hectares in size, and the protection area covers 3,423 hectares while 18 hectares are reserved for the community living in the area. The State Government gives a grant to the management of the FMU every year.

Mr Johny Kissing, District Forestry Officer and Mr Peter Lagan, Assistant District Forestry Officer, Deramakot briefed the Group on Deramakot's experience in forest management. FMU 19A is the first and longest tropical rainforest entity in the world to be certified under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). It was audited by Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) - Forestry Malaysia and was certified in 1997 as complying with the requirements of the FSC Standards for Sustainable Forest Management. It is subjected for audit every year and a major re-assessment will be done once every 5 years. However, the certification expired on 20 April 2013 and they are in the process of seeking re-certification.

There are no indigenous people living inside FMU 19A but there are six (6) villages with 20 to 50 households each, located on the southern fringes of the FMU along the Kinabatangan River. Approximately 200 hectares of the degraded forest area were restored with the planting

of mixed Dipterocarp species, fruit trees and fast growing tree species. The restoration project was funded by Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) and Sabah Development Corridor (SDC) of which both funds were completely utilised in 2011.

The most sought after species from this FMU are Kapur (*Dryobalanops* sp.), Keruing (*Dipterocarpus* sp.), Selangan Batu and Dark Red Meranti (*Shorea* sp.) with buyers from Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, China and those within Malaysia.

The year 2009 is a historical year for FMU 19A as all the capital expenditures since 1993 are fully recouped with an estimated profit of RM508,537.

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) telah menganjurkan lawatan kerja ke Hutan Simpan Segaliud Lokan (FMU 19B) dan Hutan Simpan Deramakot (FMU 19A), Sandakan, Sabah pada 1-6 Disember 2013. Kumpulan terdiri daripada dua puluh (20) pegawai diketuai oleh Tuan Haji Mohammed Kassim Wasli, Penolong Pengarah bagi Bahagian Ekonomi dan Perolehan, FDS.

Hutan Simpan Segaliud Lokan (FMU 19B), diuruskan oleh KTS Plantation Sdn Bhd (KTSPSB) meliputi kawasan seluas kira-kira 57,000 hektar. KTSPSB adalah syarikat swasta pertama di Sabah yang dianugerahkan Pensijilan Pengurusan Hutan di bawah Skim Pensijilan Malaysia (MTCS) pada tahun 2009 yang disahkan oleh Program Pengesahan Pensijilan Hutan (PEFC).

Manakala Hutan Simpan Deramakot (FMU 19A) dimiliki dan diuruskan oleh Jabatan Perhutanan Sabah (SFD) meliputi kawasan seluas kira-kira 55,000 hektar Hutan Dipterocarp Campuran.

Tahun 2009 adalah tahun bersejarah bagi FMU 19A kerana semua perbelanjaan modal sejak 1993 telah diperolehi sepenuhnya dengan anggaran keuntungan sebanyak RM508,537.

砂州森林局(FDS)税务与经济部副主任, 哈芝卡西姆先生(译音)带领20位官员于2013年12月1日至6日前往沙巴山打根瑟卡留罗康森林保护区(FMU 19B)与德拉玛格森林保护区(FMU 19A)进行考察。此项考察总共有20位官员, 并由收入与经济部副部长带领。

留罗康森林保护区(FMU 19B), 占地约57,000公顷, 是由启德行种植有限公司(KTSPSB)所管理。KTSPSB在2009年成为沙巴第一间获得由森林认证体系认可计划(PEFC)核准的马来西亚认证计划(MTCS)延续性森林管理认证的私人公司。

另外, 德拉玛格森林保护区(FMU 19A), 占地约55,000公顷的混合龙脑香森林, 则是由沙巴森林局(SFD)所拥有与管理。

FMU 19A在2009年取得历史性突破。FMU 19A不但在2009年成功收回自1993年以来的所有资本支出, 而且还赚取估计RM508,537的溢利。

BRIEFING SESSION ON REVISED CHAIN OF CUSTODY STANDARD PEFC ST 2002: 2013 – CHAIN OF CUSTODY OF FOREST BASED PRODUCTS – REQUIREMENTS

The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) organised a Briefing Session on the Use of Revised Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) International Chain of Custody *Standard PEFC ST 2002: 2013 – Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products – Requirements* on 18 December 2013 at RH Hotel, Sibul. Approximately twenty five (25) participants from the timber industry attended this Briefing. Similar briefing sessions were also conducted in Kuala Lumpur on 21 November 2013, Ipoh on 25 November, Kuantan on 27 November and Kota Kinabalu on 19 December.



Photo: Briefing in progress

The Briefing aimed to provide Chain of Custody (CoC) certificate holders, a better understanding on the PEFC ST 2002:2013 and to update on the amendments or additions made to the current PEFC ST 2002:2010 document.

Mr Harnarinder Singh, Senior Manager of MTCC and Mr Akmal Saarani, Executive (Product) of MTCC briefed the participants of the Briefing on the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) and PEFC recent developments, major changes to the revised PEFC CoC Standard, PEFC Due Diligence System (DDS), PEFC controlled sources and PEFC label generator.

To date, there are ten (10) Forest Management Units (FMUs) holding a valid PEFC Certificate for Forest Management under MTCS in Malaysia. They cover a total area size of 4.65 million ha. As at November 2013, there are 262 timber companies issued with PEFC CoC Certificate. In light of the implementation of the European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR), the PEFC CoC Standard was revised to offer a EUTR compliance mechanism for certificate holders. Some of the changes in the revised PEFC CoC Standard are as follows:

Items	PEFC ST 2002:2010	PEFC ST 2002:2013
PEFC DDS	Appendix 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved to Chapter 5
Self declaration in PEFC DDS	Appendix 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self declaration cancelled Replaced with "Gathering of information" in Chapter 5
Risk assessment in PEFC DDS	Low risk and high risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced with negligible risk and significant risk. Added new indicators for risk assessment
PEFC claims	PEFC certified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEFC certified Added PEFC controlled sources for products with certified material and non certified material which has gone through PEFC DDS PEFC claim on products without logo
Conflict timber	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New definition

All certified entities will need to implement and follow the requirements of PEFC 2002:2013 after 24 February 2014. After 24 February 2015, PEFC Council will not recognise any certificate issued against PEFC 2002:2010.

Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC) telah menganjurkan Sesi Taklimat Penggunaan Semakan Program Pengesahan Pensijilan Hutan (PEFC) Standard Rantaian Jagaan Antarabangsa *PEFC ST 2002: 2013 – Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products – Requirements* pada 18 Disember 2013 di Hotel RH, Sibul. Taklimat bertujuan untuk meningkatkan pemahaman pemegang Sijil Rantaian Jagaan (CoC) mengenai *PEFC ST 2002:2013* dan mengemaskini pindaan atau penambahan yang dilakukan ke atas dokumen semasa *PEFC ST 2002:2010*. Setakat ini, terdapat sepuluh (10) Unit Pengurusan Hutan (FMU) di Malaysia yang memegang Sijil PEFC bagi Pengurusan Hutan di bawah Skim Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCS) meliputi kawasan seluas 4.65 juta hektar.

马来西亚木材认证理事会(MTCC)于2013年12月18日假诗巫常青酒店举办使用森林认证程序认可计划(PEFC)国际产销监管链系标准PEFC ST 2002: 2013- 木材产品产销监管链系必要条件修订版讲解会。讲解会旨予让产销监管链系(CoC) 认证持有人更明白有关PEFC ST 2002:2013及现有的PEFC ST 2002:2010文件上的修改或增添。至今马来西亚共有10个森林管理单位(FMUs), 涵盖总面积4.65百万公顷地, 持有有效的马来西亚木材认证方案(MTCS) 森林管理PEFC认证。

BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT COUNTRY SPECIFIC GUIDELINE FOR SARAWAK



Photo: Briefing in progress

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) held a Briefing on the Draft Country Specific Guideline (CSG) for Sarawak on 20 December 2013 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. The objective of the Briefing was to inform and gather inputs from exporters on the draft CSG, which is being developed between the Malaysian and the Australian Governments. Approximately thirty five (35) representatives from the State forestry agencies, timber exporters and the Secretariat of Sarawak Timber Association (STA) were in attendance.

The Briefing was delivered by Puan Dayang Nena, the Senior Assistant General Manager of STIDC. She informed the participants that the Australian Government had put in place the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012 on 29 November 2012 and subsequently introduced the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment Regulation 2013 (the Regulation) which came into force on 31 May 2013 to give effect to the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012. The Regulation sets out the requirements of Australian importers and domestic processors to comply to a Due Diligence System before importing a regulated timber product into Australia after 30 November 2014.

In connection with this, the Malaysian Government led by the Ministry of Plantation Industry and Plantation (MPIC) has prepared a Guideline called "Country Specific Guideline for Malaysia (MCSG)" developed based on the template provided by the Australian Government to assist importers in Australia when importing timber products from Malaysia to minimise any trade disruption.

The MCSG comprises three parts namely; Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak to be used by importers of regulated timber products from Malaysia, to carry out their due diligence obligations as set out in the Regulation. The CSG for Sarawak is prepared based on State forestry laws and regulation by State forestry agencies and STA Secretariat.

During the Briefing, Puan Dayang Nena briefed the participants on the preamble of CSG for Malaysia and the contents of CSG for Sarawak. The Export Licence issued by STIDC is the final document to prove compliance to legality of timber and timber products

exported from Sarawak. According to Puan Dayang Nena there are twenty four (24) timber companies in Sarawak exporting various timber products such as plywood, veneer, sawn timber and moulding to Australia. In year 2012, the total value of timber products exported from Sarawak to Australia was RM73.5 million.

The Australian Department of Agriculture (DOA) previously known as Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has also scheduled briefing sessions for exporters in Malaysia. The briefing session for Sarawak is expected to be scheduled on 22 January 2014.

Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC) mengadakan Taklimat mengenai Draf Garis Panduan Khusus Negara (CSG) bagi Sarawak pada 20 Disember 2013 di Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. Objektif taklimat adalah untuk memaklumkan serta mengumpul input daripada pengeksport di Sarawak mengenai draf CSG yang sedang dibangunkan di antara Malaysia dan Kerajaan Australia.

Pindaan Peraturan Larangan Pembalakan Haram 2013 menyatakan keperluan untuk pengimport Australia dan pemproses domestik mempunyai *Due Diligence System* sebelum mengimport produk kayu yang terkawal ke Australia berkuatkuasa 30 November 2014.

Semasa Taklimat, Puan Dayang Nena, Penolong Pengurus Besar Kanan STIDC memaklumkan mengenai pengenalan CSG bagi Malaysia dan kandungan CSG bagi Sarawak. Lesen Eksport yang dikeluarkan oleh STIDC merupakan dokumen akhir untuk membuktikan pematuhan kepada kesahan kayu dan produk kayu yang dieksport dari Sarawak.

Jabatan Australia Pertanian (DOA) sebelum ini dikenali sebagai Jabatan Pertanian, Perikanan dan Perhutanan (DAFF) akan mengadakan sesi taklimat bagi pengeksport di Malaysia. Sesi taklimat untuk Sarawak dijadualkan pada 22 Januari 2014.

砂拉越木材工业发展机构 (STIDC) 于2013年12月20日假古晋自然资源大厦召开国家特定指南草案 (CSG) 简报会。简报会旨在告知与收集出口商对于马来西亚和澳洲CSG草案的意见。

2013禁止非法采伐修订法令将制定澳洲木材进口商和加工在进口受监管木材产品至澳洲前所进行的尽职调查制度要求, 这将于2014年11月30日起生效。

STIDC高级助理总经理, 雷娜女士 (译音) 告知参与者关于马来西亚CSG序文和砂拉越CSG内容。STIDC所发出的出口许可证将作为证明出口砂拉越木材和木材产品合法性的最终文件。

澳洲农业部 (DOA) (之前为澳洲农业, 渔业和林业部 (DAFF)) 将会对马来西亚出口商讲解上述CSG内容。砂拉越简报会将于2014年1月22日举行。

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE (SUSTAINABLE TROPICAL FOREST MANAGEMENT)

The *Environmental Management for Certification* subject of the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management) Course was held from 9 to 13 December 2013 at Wisma STA and Kubah National Park, Kuching. It was attended by twenty (20) participants of the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science and seven (7) participants of Continuing Education (taking single subject only). The subject was conducted by Mr Antony Shadbolt from Lincoln University, Christchurch New Zealand and assisted by a few experts from Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).



Photo: Mr Antony Shadbolt from Lincoln University

The main purpose of this subject is to provide an overview of the concepts and tools for monitoring as well as managing environmental values in the context of Malaysian Criteria and Indicators (MC&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) for the natural forests.

The topics which were covered in this subject included the Introduction to Biodiversity Values; High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) concept; A Wildlife Masterplan for Sarawak; General Environmental Monitoring Protocols; and Specific Monitoring Techniques for Water Quality, Birds, Mammals, Herpetofauna, Macro-invertebrates and Fish.



Photo: Students trying out the instrument to determine the turbidity of the sample collected

The next subject, *Planning and Implementing Forest Certification* will be delivered in February 2014 in Wisma STA, Kuching. In line with this, members of STA who wish

to further their knowledge in this subject may attend it on a Continuing Education basis (i.e. single subject only). No fees will be charged for attending this subject but participants shall be responsible for travel to the venue of the course, accommodation and other travel-related expenses. Those interested to attend this subject are kindly requested to contact Dr Peter Kho or Ms Suzie Adee at 082-332222.

Subjek *Pengurusan Alam Sekitar untuk Pensijilan* bagi Kursus Diploma Pasca Siswazah dalam Sains Gunaan (*Pengurusan Mampan Hutan Tropika*) telah berlangsung dari 9 hingga 13 Disember 2013 di Wisma STA dan Taman Negara Kubah, Kuching.

Subjek dilaksanakan oleh Encik Antony Shadbolt dari Universiti Lincoln, Christchurch, New Zealand dan dibantu oleh beberapa orang pakar dari Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) dan Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

Mata pelajaran ini bertujuan memberikan gambaran menyeluruh mengenai konsep dan penggunaan alat untuk memantau serta pengurusan alam sekitar dalam konteks Kriteria dan Petunjuk (MC&I) Pengurusan Hutan Mampan (SFM) bagi hutan asli.

应用科学研究生文凭(热带森林持续管理),认证之环境管理课程于2013年12月9日至13日在本会大厦及古芭国家公园进行。

纽西兰基督城林肯大学夏伯特先生(译音)与数位砂拉越林业机构(SFC)及砂拉越大学(UNIMAS)专家连同指导此课程。

这项课程主要是让研究生了解马来西亚认证标准草案(MC&I)持续森林管理(SFM)自然森林环境价值的监控及管理的概念和方法。

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9 January, STA Furniture & Other Woodworking Committee Meeting



14 January, STA Certification Committee Meeting



25 January, Green Technology Stakeholders Consultation Workshop



28 February, STA Hill Logging Committee Meeting



20 February, STA Chinese New Year Open Office



2013 IN REVIEW

FEB



22-23 February, World Forestry Day 2013 (Badminton)



20-21 February, REDD+ Readiness Project



16 February, World Forestry Day 2013 (Bowling)



21 February, MoA Signing Ceremony with UNIMAS on Kelampayan Research Project

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1 March, STA Council Meeting
No 1/2013



6 March, STA Prizes Presentation
Ceremony at UNIMAS



9 March, World Forestry Day 2013



10-14 March, STA Furniture & Other Woodworking Committee's
Study Tour to Vietnam



16 March, World Fore



27 March, Dialogo
"Plastic-Tag Tag"



28 March, STA Annual General Meeting



2013 IN REVIEW



13 (Golf)



17 March, Launching of World Forestry Day 2013



Forestry Day 2013 (Futsal)



23 March, World Forestry Day 2013 (Blowpipe)



Dialogue Session on Tagging Practice"



28 March, 11th Stakeholders Consultation on FLEGT VPA



28 March, STA Hill Logging Category Meeting



26-31 March, 4th Workshop on Regulations Package (AILPA 2012)

APR



15-22 April, 57th IWPA Annual Convention



24 April, STAM Financial Contributions & Scholarships Ceremony



25 & 29 April, EIA Briefing



26 April, STAM Presentation Ceremony of Financial Contribution to Rural Schools in Mukah

MAY



16 May, Launching of Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Anap Protected Forest



7-12 May, MTA's Study Trip to Guangzhou

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6 June, Br Logging



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2013 IN REVIEW



5-10 June, Sarawak Grand Timber Expo 2013



Briefing on Australia Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012



22 June, Permanent Council Meeting No 1/2013



26-27 June, 4th APEC Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Meeting



4 June, 12th Meeting of the Working Group on PATCI



26-27 June, Seminar on Heart of Borneo

JUL



15 July, Roadshow on the Implementation of NRE (Audit) Rules 2008



30 July, Working Committee Meeting on SOP for Harvesting Forest Plantation and Royalty Assessment



2 August, Presentation



14-15 August, Dialogues on Phytosanitary Matters with DOA



21 August, 3rd High Level Market Dialogue 2013

2013 IN REVIEW

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ntation to the Permanent Secretary
of MRPE



1 August, Working visit of MPIC to STA



22 August, Meeting on Phytosanitary
Matters



26-28 August, Standard Review Committee
Meeting for MC&I(Forest Plantations)

SEP



3 September, Kolej Sunway Students
Study Visit to STA



7 September, Workshop on Tropical Peat



3 September, MPIC Industry
Commodities Consultative Session



25 September, Meeting with NREB
on EIA



24 September, STA Council Meeting No 2/201



2013 IN REVIEW



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4 October, 16th Joint Meeting of JPMA / JLIA / APKINDO / STA



17 October, Follow Up meeting between MPIC and STA on FLEGT VPA



30 October, Inter-Government Agencies Consultation and Capacity Building Seminar 2013



21 November, Seminar on Trade Remedies - Anti Dumping & Safeguards



22 & 24 October, Briefings on IUCN Red List for Sarawak



24 October, 2nd Workshop of the China's FPI



25-30 November

2013 IN REVIEW

NOV



9-10 November, Basic Carpentry Skills Training at Chuan Ming Sdn Bhd



11-12 November, Conference on Forestry and Forest Products Research



14-15 November, PEFC Stakeholders Dialogue



19 November, Seminar on Basic & Working Properties of Planted *Acacia mangium*



19 November, STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting



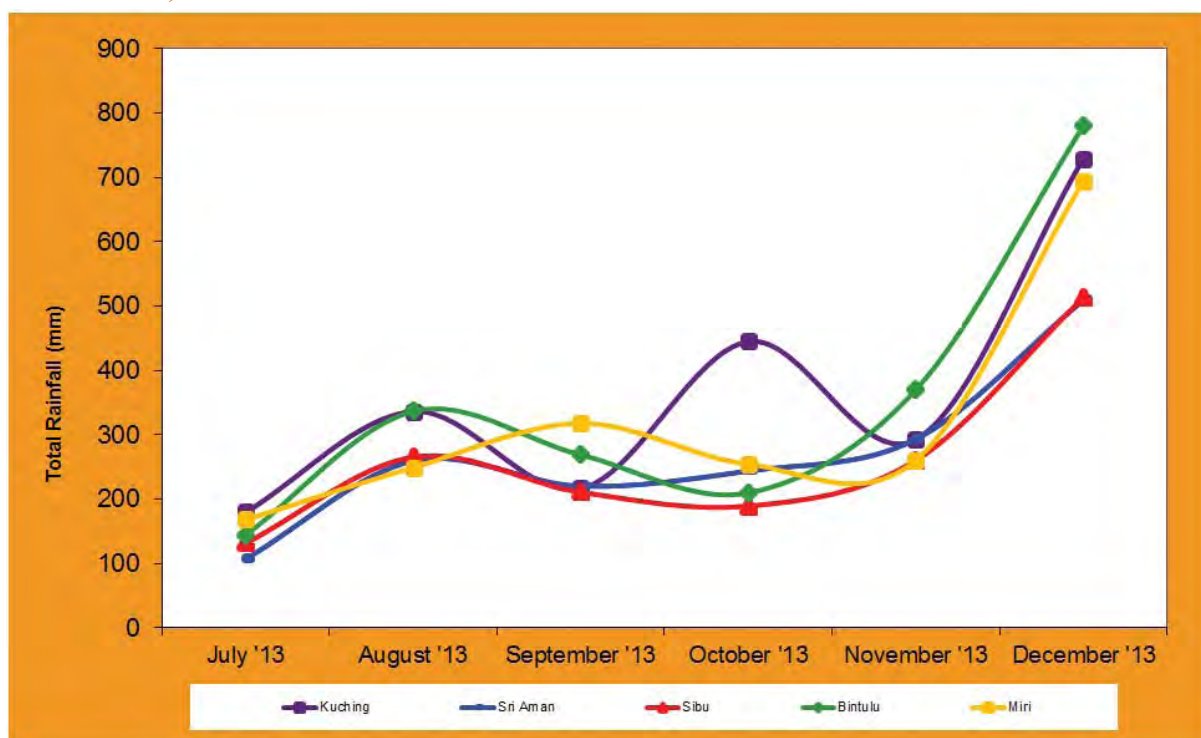
November, 49th ITTC Meeting



28 November, STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 2/2013



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