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## 15<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Forestry Conference

Sarawak telah menjadi tuan rumah bagi Persidangan Perhutanan Malaysia ke-15 yang bertemakan "Addressing Global Demands and Expectations in Forestry" di Kuching dari 20 hingga 24 Oktober 2008. Persidangan yang dikelola secara bergiliran oleh Perkhidmatan Perhutanan di Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah dan Sarawak sekali setiap tiga tahun dihadiri oleh 360 peserta menjadi pentas untuk pegawai-pegawai daripada tiga wilayah untuk bertukar pandangan, maklumat dan pengalaman mengenai perkara yang berkaitan dengan pentadbiran, pengurusan, perancangan dan pembangunan perhutanan di tanah air.

Persidangan menerima sejumlah 35 kertas kerja dan 23 poster.

■ Sarawak hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Forestry Conference with the theme "Addressing Global Demands and Expectations in Forestry" in Kuching, held from 20 to 24 October 2008. This triennial Conference which attracted 360 participants from Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak provided a platform for officers from the three regions to exchange views, information and experiences in matters pertaining to administration, management, planning and

development of forestry in the country.

YAB Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak in his officiating address, read by YB Tuan Haji Mohd Naroden bin Majais, Assistant Minister of Planning and Resource Management Sarawak, said "The effect of globalisation and its impact on forestry posed an increasing demand on forest resources with the ever increasing in population of the world today. We need to replenish and use the

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Picture: YB Tuan Haji Mohd Naroden bin Majais, Assistant Minister of Planning and Resource Management Sarawak officiating the Conference witnessed by Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Director of Forest Sarawak (third from right), Dato' Seri Azahar bin Muda, Director of Forest Peninsular Malaysia (second from right) and Datuk Sam Mannan, Director of Forest Sabah (right)

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resources as a source for development".

He added that there is a need to harvest the forest through the application of environmentally friendly techniques through Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) as such using helicopter and comply with the provision of the Forest Management Plan.

"Sustainable development is all about borrowing resources from the future generation and finding ways to give back the resources to them in good or even better conditions", he added.

Delivering his welcome address, Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Resource Management, Director of Forests and Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer Sarawak Forestry Corporation and General Manager of STIDC called on participants to articulate,

deliberate and to come up with clear solutions, not only those pertaining to current issues but also future issues such as global warming, water resources, sustainability, climate change, biodiversity conservation, certification, illegal logging, carbon credits, chain of custody, carbon sequestration and land rights.

He also highlighted the structural changes taking place within the Forest Department Sarawak and the complementary roles of other agencies such as Sarawak Forestry Corporation and STIDC.

Due to the complex nature of the subject of biodiversity, Datu Haji Len concluded that expertise needs to be sourced from outside, so "it is not only about changing of management, but more importantly we are the agent of change".

The Conference received a total of 35 working papers and 23 posters.



Left: YB Tuan Haji Mohd Naroden bin Majais admiring one of the exhibits on display with Heads for Forestry of the three regions



Right: Participants at the Conference

\*All photos courtesy of Sarawak Forestry Corporation



## Malaysian Forestry Conference Closing Dinner

Pada 23 Oktober 2008, STA menganjurkan Majlis Makan Malam Penutup Persidangan Perhutanan Malaysia ke-15 di Kuching. Majlis dihadiri oleh 350 tetamu termasuk tetamu kehormat, Ketua-Ketua Perkhidmatan Hutan iaitu Dato' Seri Azahar bin Muda dari Semenanjung Malaysia, Datuk Sam Mannan dari Sabah dan Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh dari Sarawak. Perwakilan dari STA termasuk Dato Henry Lau, Setiausaha Kehormat, Encik Philip Choo, Bendahari Kehormat dan Dr. Lee Hua Seng, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif.

■ On 23 October 2008, STA hosted the Closing Dinner for the 15<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Forestry Conference at the Holiday Inn, Kuching. The dinner attended by 350 guests, was graced by the Heads of the Forestry Service of the three regions, Dato' Seri Azahar bin Muda from Peninsular Malaysia, Datuk Sam Mannan from Sabah and Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh from Sarawak and representatives from STA, Dato Henry Lau, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Philip Choo, the Honorary Treasurer and Dr. Lee Hua Seng, the Chief Executive Officer.

The event marked the end of the 4-day Conference that was not only filled with presentation of various topics but also sport competitions to foster closer ties between the personnels of the Forest Department of the three regions. The evening was fun-filled with karaoke singing competition and games, performances by participants of the three regions and presentations of prizes to the winners for the golf, bowling, futsal and badminton competitions that were organised during the Conference. ❁



Left: Guests enjoying themselves

Right: Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh presenting the prize to the winner of the karaoke singing competition, Ms. Daphne Robert of Sabah Forestry Department



Below: The "rambutan" hair tying competition



## Restriction Order on the Export of Wood Residues

■ STA had received a Registration Circular No.3/2008 from the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) dated 1 August 2008, Ref. No.: STIDC.22.PL.02.4.Jld2(17).

"Please be informed that any exportation of wood residues requires prior approval from STIDC. This restriction order shall include

*wood of any species, shapes, sizes, wood slabs, off-cut, log ends, centre core, rejected veneers, plywood trimmings, sawdust, wood particles, wood wool and woodchips.*

*This restriction is also added into the STIDC's Conditions & Restrictions under Para 4.6 and is enforced with immediate effect." ❁*

STA telah menerima surat pekeliling dari Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (PUSAKA) mengenai arahan untuk menghadkan eksport sisa kayu. Semua eksport sisa kayu memerlukan kebenaran dari PUSAKA.

## MTCS Appointed Certification Bodies

■ In line with the implementation of the new institutional arrangement for the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) which had taken effect from 1 July 2008, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council has appointed three Certified Bodies (CBs) to conduct

assessment for certification under the MTCS.

Potential applicants for forest management and/or chain-of-custody certification under the MTCS are kindly advised to contact any of the listed MTCC-appointed CBs below. ❁

1. SGS (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.  
(for Forest Management and Chain-of-Custody Certification)  
No. 10-1, 10th Floor, Bangunan Malaysian RE  
No. 17, Lorong Dungun, Damansara Heights  
50590 Kuala Lumpur  
Tel: 03-2095 9200 Fax: 03-2093 8202  
(Contact person: Mr. Amargit Singh)
2. SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.  
(for Forest Management and Chain-of-Custody Certification)  
Building 4, SIRIM Complex  
1, Persiaran Dato' Menteri, Section 2,  
P.O.Box 7035  
40911 Shah Alam, Selangor  
Tel: 03-5544 6408 Fax: 03-5544 6763  
(Contact person: Puan Radziah Mohd Daud)
3. Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.  
(for Chain-of-Custody Certification)  
75, Jalan Jejaka Dua, Taman Maluri, Cheras  
55100 Kuala Lumpur  
Tel: 03-9283 9881 Fax: 03-9284 7426  
(Contact person: Mr. Chin Miew Lim)

Sejajar dengan pelaksanaan susunan institusi baru Skim Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCS) yang berkuatkuasa pada 1 Julai 2008, Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia telah melantik tiga Badan Pengesahan untuk menjalankan taksiran untuk pensijilan di bawah MTCS. Pemohon bagi pensijilan MTCS untuk pengurusan hutan dan/atau rantaian jagaan dinasihatkan untuk berhubung dengan Badan Pengesah yang disenaraikan.

## Operator Training Programme: Certificates in Tree, Log and Timber Identification

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) telah menawarkan kursus dalam bidang pengenalpastian pokok, kayu balak dan kayu. Kursus ini dibahagikan kepada Sijil Pengenalpastian Kayu Balak dan Kayu dan Sijil Pengenalpastian Pokok dan Kayu Balak.

Selepas menjalani kursus ini, peserta akan dapat mengenalpasti lebih kurang 100 spesis pokok komersil dalam Kaum Dipterokarpa dan Bukan Dipterokarpa, species komersil terlindung.

Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila hubungi Encik Peter Peros atau Encik Johnny Kon di STAT di Talian: 082-332222.

■ STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) has recently started to offer courses on tree, log and timber identification. These courses are divided into Certificate in Log & Timber Identification and Certificate in Tree & Log Identification.

The Certificate in Log & Timber Identification is designed for managers, supervisors and foremen dealing with timber processing, export and import of timber; log pond supervisors; log graders and timber graders. In this course, participants will be taught the techniques and procedures of log and timber identification.

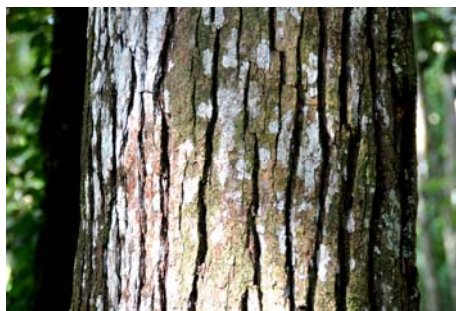
The Certificate in Tree & Log Identification is designed for managers, supervisors and foremen dealing with forest harvesting and logging; surveyors dealing with enumeration; boundary marking and tree tagging; and tree fellers. The course covers techniques and

procedures of tree and log identification.

Upon the completion of any of the above courses which may take up to 14 days (depending on skills/background of participants), participants will be able to identify approximately 100 commercial tree species belonging to the Dipterocarp and Non-Dipterocarp families, commercial and protected species.

The trainer of these courses is Mr. Johnny Kon. Mr. Kon is a retired staff from the Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd who has extensive knowledge in timber, log and standing tree identification. He joined STAT in May 2008.

These courses will be conducted on site, on the premises of STA Members upon request. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Peros or Mr. Johnny Kon of STAT at Tel: 082-332 222. 🌳



Left: Cracked bark



Right: Sempilor bark

Below: Leaves with ladder-like veins



Left: Keranji exudate



## **Revised First Schedule of the Forests Ordinance [Section 52(2)] on Rates of Royalty for Produce taken under Licence**

■ STA had received DF Circular No.5/2008 from Forest Department Sarawak with regards to the revision in the First Schedule of the Forests Ordinance [Section 52(2)] on Rates of Royalty for Produce taken under Licence. DF Circular No. 5/2008 will take effect on 1 January 2009.

The original copy of the Forest Timber License needs to be brought to the respective Regional Forest Office (Kuching/Sibu/Bintulu/Miri)

either on 25 or 26 November 2008 for cancellation of the old First Schedule and replacement with the revised First Schedule.

For any enquiries, please contact Mr. Hii Tow Peck or Mr. Jack Liam of Forest Department at Tel: 082-319255.

DF Circular No. 5/2008 and the First Schedule are reproduced below. ❁

### **DF CIRCULAR NO. 5/2008**

#### **Revised First Schedule of the Forests Ordinance [Section 52(2)] on rates of royalty for produce taken under licence**

I am directed to inform that the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri had decided and approved the revised First Schedule of the Forests Ordinance [Section 52(2)] on the rates of royalty for produce taken under licence with effect from 1 January 2009 (please see attachment).

Please be noted also that poles with a diameter of 30 cm to less than 40 cm over bark at bigger end currently under Royalty Class I(iii)(iv) are upgraded to logs and therefore royalty of which shall be as in Class I(i)A.

Kindly inform all the Regional Managers, the field officers, Timber Licensees and the logging operators accordingly.

DATU HAJI LEN TALIF SALLEH  
Director of Forests  
SARAWAK

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## **STA Members Directory CD-ROM**

The STA Members Directory CD-ROM July 2008 Edition is now available at the STA Secretariat. The STA Members Directory is a searchable CD which enables users to search for information on timber products and STA members through a search engine interface. The CD also includes brief information on the Association, forestry and timber related government agencies, maps and other relevant information.

Should there be any enquiries, please contact the STA Secretariat at 082-332 222 or email to [sta@sta.org.my](mailto:sta@sta.org.my)

STA menerima Surat Pekeliling DF No. 5/2008 dari Jabatan Hutan Sarawak mengenai penyemakan semula dalam Jadual Pertama Ordinan Hutan [Seksyen 52(2)] tentang Kadar Royalti untuk Produk yang diambil dibawah Lesen. Surat Pekeliling DF No. 6/2008 akan berkuatkuasa pada 1 Januari 2009.

Panduan Ahli-Ahli STA berbentuk CD-ROM Edisi Julai 2008 boleh diperolehi dari Urusetia STA. Panduan ini membolehkan pengguna mencari maklumat tentang hasil kayu dan ahli STA dengan menggunakan enjin pencarian.

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## "FIRST SCHEDULE"

[Section 52(2)]

## PRODUCE TAKEN UNDER LICENCE

## RATES OF ROYALTY

## CLASS I (i)

A. Rate of royalty for logs (Diameter of 30 cm and above)

**Single (flat) rate RM65** per cubic meter in round or **RM130** per cubic meter converted.

B. Rates of Royalty: RM5.00 per tonne green weight.

<i>Rhizophora</i> spp.	Bakau
<i>Bruguiera</i> spp.	Berus (Lenggadai)
<i>Excoecaria</i> spp.	Buta-Buta
<i>Carapa</i> spp.	Nyireh

Other mangrove species

## CLASS I (ii)

**Shingles**(i) **Malagangai** (*Eusideroxylon malagangai*) and **Belian** (*Eusideroxylon zwageri*) per 1,000 ..... RM5.00

(ii) Other timbers, per 1,000 ..... RM3.00

Bark, per tonne green weight ..... RM5.00

## CLASS I (iii)

**Poles**

(i) less than 10 cm in diameter overbark at bigger end , per piece ..... RM0.50

(ii) 10 cm and less than 20 cm in diameter overbark at bigger end, per piece ..... RM1.00

(iii) 20 cm and less than 30 cm in diameter overbark at bigger end, per piece ..... RM10.00

## CLASS II

Firewood, per tonne ..... RM0.50

Charcoal, per tonne ..... RM5.00

Firewood, partly, converted into charcoal, per tonne green weight ..... RM2.00

Cordwood, other than for use as fuel, per tonne green weight ..... RM1.00

Wood or timber of whatever species, used for the manufacture of pulp, per tonne green weight ..... RM1.00

## CLASS III

## Miscellaneous

Jelutong 10% of the current export value

Other forest produce not specified above 10% ad valorem

## Plastic Tags for Logs and Pole Size Timber

- STA had received DF Circular No.6/2008 from Forest Department Sarawak reproduced below with regards to the plastic tags for logs and pole size timber. DF Circular No. 6/2008 will take effect on 1 January 2009. ❁

### DF CIRCULAR NO. 6/2008

#### Plastic Tags for Logs and Pole Size Timber

The Department will implement a revised Coupe and Block tag for logs, which incorporates Alpha-numeric Log Production Identity (LPI) number. This will improve the monitoring, tracking and controlling of Log Production and Royalty Assessment.

2. The pole size timber, there is only one Royalty Assessment Tag required (Diameter over bark at bigger end of 20 cm to less than 30 cm)

3. The revised specifications and formats for LPI Coupe & Block Tag and Royalty Assessment Tag (RAT) for both logs and pole size timber are as follows:

#### (A) Specification and Format

##### **(i) LOGS - Conventional Logging**

###### **(a) LPI Coupe & Block Tag**

The LPI Coupe & Block Tag shall have LPI number, Property Mark, Camp Code, Coupe Number, Block Number and Species Code.

The base colour of tag is WHITE. *Please see Appendix 1 for the details.\**

###### **(b) Royalty Assessment Tag**

The destination for logs is incorporated for easier and better identification.

Base colour of tag for:

- i. EXPORT (E) - YELLOW
- ii. LOCAL (L) - ORANGE

*Please see Appendices 2A and 2B for the details.\**

##### **(ii) LOGS - Helicopter Logging**

###### **(a) LPI Coupe & Block Tag**

The LPI Coupe & Block Tag shall have LPI number, Property Mark, Camp Code, Coupe Number, Block Number and Species Code.

The base colour of tag is BLUE. *Please see Appendix 3 for the details.\**

STA telah menerima Surat Pekeliling DF No. 6/2008 dari Jabatan Hutan Sarawak mengenai tag plastik untuk kayu balak dan kayu bersaiz tiang. Surat Pekeliling DF No. 6/2008 akan berkuatkuasa pada 1 Januari 2009.

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**(b) Royalty Assessment Tag**

The destination for the logs is incorporated for easier and better identification.

The base colour of tag is BLUE. *Please see Appendices 4A and 4B for the details.\**

**(iii) POLE SIZE TIMBER**

The Royalty Assessment Tag shall have the following features:

- i. Pole Size (e.g. P30)
- ii. Timber License Humber (T 1234)
- iii. Pole Code (PA0001)

The base colour of tag is PURPLE. *Please see Appendix 5 for the details.\**

**(B) Plastic (PVC) Strength Property**

Must be of rigid and foldable grade and should not be fragile or tearable before or after exposure to outdoor conditions.

**(C) Durability**

- (a) Prints : Permanent
- (b) Paint Marker : Must be able to maintain high visibility for a t least 4 months or more. "ZEBRA Name Pen (Oil Based)" or its equivalents in durability and permanence, in BLACK colour, are to be used.

**(D) Registration of Tag Manufacturer and Printing Company**

Please be informed that all tag manufacturers and printing companies must register themselves with the Forest Department. The Monthly Return for Tags Printed must be submitted to Director of Forests. *Please see Appendices 6 for covering letter and 7 for the Monthly Return Form.\**

4. This circular shall take effect from 1 January 2009 and replaces DF Circular 5/95 and 4/97.
5. Kindly inform all the Regional Managers and field officers accordingly.

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Director of Forests  
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\* *The Appendices can either be requested from the STA Secretariat or downloaded at [www.sta.org.my](http://www.sta.org.my) by clicking on "What's New".*



**MIFF 2009**

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Malaysian International Furniture Fair (MIFF) 2009 will be held from 3 to 7 March 2009 at the Putra World Trade Centre and MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre.**

**Further information can be obtained from [www.miff.com.my](http://www.miff.com.my)**

## STA Membership Renewal

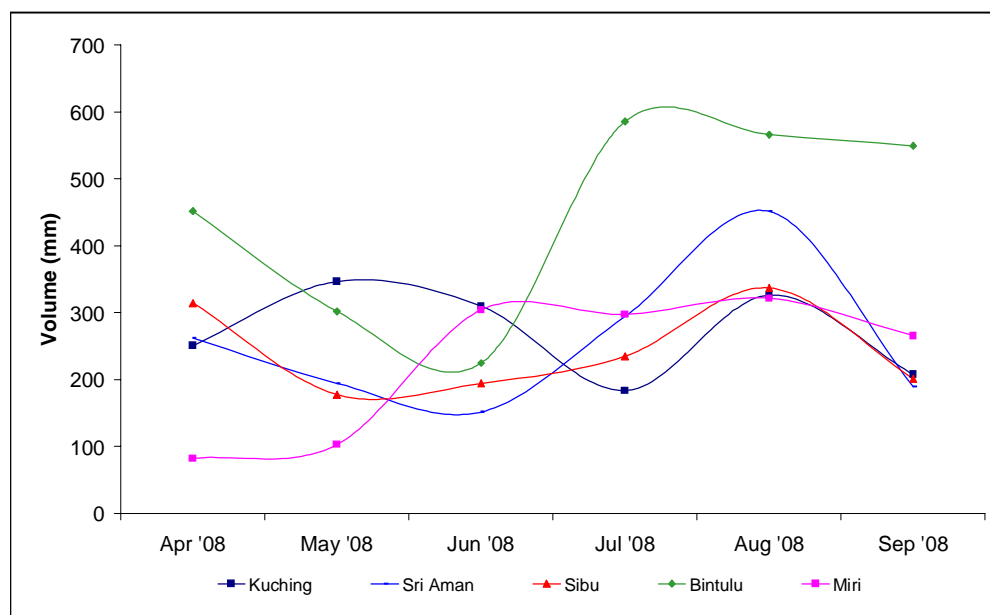
Members are reminded that all STA Membership will expire on **31 December 2008**. Notices for renewal of STA Memberships were send to Members on 31 October 2008.

All payments are due on **1 January 2009**. However, in accordance to Article 4(d) of STA Memorandum and Articles of Association [page 22 of Tenth Printing, September 2003], members are given a grace period of 30 days that is, until 31 January 2009 to effect payment.

STA Membership will only be renewed once all the required supporting document(s) and the correct subscription payment are received. Payment should be by a crossed cheque made payable to "Sarawak Timber Association".

Semua keahlian STA akan tamat pada 31 Disember 2008. Notis pemberitahuan pembaruan telah dikemukakan kepada semua ahli pada 31 Oktober 2008. Bayaran yuran perlu dibuat selewat-lewatnya pada 1 Januari 2009.

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