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Honorary Wild Life Ranger (Reappointment) Course

A meeting between Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and STA was held on 12 August 2024 at Wisma STA Kuching to discuss on the Honorary Wild Life Ranger (HWR) reappointment training course.

Dr Melvin Gumal, the Deputy General Manager (Conservation) of SFC stated the importance of HWR in strengthening the conservation of wildlife in Sarawak and therefore agreed to collaborate with STA through its training arm, STA Training Sdn Bhd together with FDS in organising this training course in the near future.

The appointment of an HWR is made under Section 8(1) of the *Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998* and will lapse after a period of three (3) years. They can be reappointed after completing a HWR reappointment training course, and cleared of any criminal records as well as physically able to perform work required as an HWR.



Dr Melvin Gumal, the Deputy General Manager (Conservation) of Sarawak Forestry Corporation (seated 2nd from left) and Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (seated, left) posed for photo with representatives from SFC, FDS and STA present at the meeting

Mesyuarat di antara Perbadanan Perhutanan Sarawak, Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan Persatuan Kayu-Kayan Sarawak pada 12 Ogos 2024 membincangkan penganjuran kursus latihan untuk pelantikan semula Renjer Hidupan Liar Kehormat. Kerjasama itu bertujuan untuk meningkatkan pemuliharaan hidupan liar, dengan STA Training Sdn Bhd mengendalikan kursus tersebut dalam masa terdekat.

砂拉越森林企业机构、砂州森林局与本会于2024年8月12日召开会议，讨论为荣誉野生动物护林员重新任命举办培训课程的事宜。此次合作旨在加强野生动物保护，并由STA Training有限公司负责在近期内推动该培训。

Tree, Log and Timber Identification Training Course



Photo call after the Meeting

Madam Runi Anak Sylvester Pungga, Senior Assistant Director of Forests from Research and Development Division of Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and her officers met with STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) on 1 August 2024, to discuss on the conduct of Tree, Log and Timber Identification Training Course for their staff as part of skills and knowledge enhancement.

Both FDS and STAT agreed to jointly conduct the training course from 30 September 2024 to 4 October 2024 in Sarikei. The training, which will be conducted by STAT's trainers, Mr Sumbang Anak Rani and Mr Ginda Anak Uli, will provide basic skills and knowledge in tree identification through crown formation, leaf arrangement and shapes; log identification via outer and inner bark features, type of exudates and cross section of the log; and timber identification through anatomical features.

Puan Runi Anak Sylvester Pungga daripada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) dan pasukannya bertemu dengan STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) pada 1 Ogos 2024 untuk merancang Kursus Latihan Pengenalpastian Pokok, Balak, dan Kayu. Latihan tersebut, yang dijadualkan berlangsung dari 30 September hingga 4 Oktober 2024 di Sarikei, merangkumi kemahiran asas pengenalpastian. Mereka yang berminat terhadap kursus latihan ini boleh menghubungi STAT di 082-332222 untuk maklumat lanjut dan pertanyaan.

砂拉越森林局(FDS)的鲁妮女士及其团队于2024年8月1日与STA Training有限公司(STAT)会面，规划树木、原木和木材识别培训课程。该培训计划预计将于2024年9月30日至10月4日假泗里街举办，涵盖基本的识别技能。对此培训感兴趣的人士可致电082-332222联系STAT以获取更多信息及咨询。

Those interested in the trainings by STAT may contact Mr Wong How Chu at 082-332222 for more information.

Biodiversity Observation for Land and Ecosystem Health (BOLEH)

Biodiversity Observation for Land and Ecosystem Health (BOLEH) is a cost-effective and rapid method designed for monitoring carbon and biodiversity within forest management units. It provides a quantitative evaluation of ecosystem health, including biodiversity indices at the landscape level.

Developed by a team of researchers led by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Kanehiro Kitayama, BOLEH can be instrumental in gaining broader support through initiatives like the REDD+ and forest certification schemes.

STA and the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) are inviting Prof. Kitayama and his team to conduct a technical workshop for STA members on BOLEH method in November 2024.

Online Briefing on the BOLEH

On 26 August 2024, an online briefing was held to introduce the BOLEH method to STA members. The online briefing was hosted by STA and joined by Ms Bibian Diway, Executive Forester and Ms Ling Chea Yiing, Research Officer from Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), as well as the team of researchers led by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Kanehiro Kitayama.

During the briefing, Prof. Kitayama introduced the BOLEH's ability to generate accurate and actionable data that could play a critical role in supporting initiatives like REDD+ and forest certification schemes. He added that the application of BOLEH in Sarawak could enhance Sarawak's ability to meet its conservation goals while also contributing to global efforts to combat climate change.

Dr Yayoi Takeuchi, Senior Researcher at the National Institute of Environmental Studies also took the opportunity to share detailed information about the upcoming technical workshop which is tentatively scheduled for 21-24 November 2024. She urged foresters, managers and relevant stakeholders related to FMUs in Sarawak to attend the workshop.

In the discussion that followed suit, it was shared that unlike Permanent Sample Plots (PSPs),



Pemerhatian Biodiversiti untuk Kesihatan Tanah dan Ekosistem (BOLEH) merupakan kaedah yang menjimatkan kos dan pantas yang direka dengan tujuan memantau karbon dan biodiversiti dalam unit pengurusan hutan.

土地与生态系统健康生物多样性观察(BOLEH)是专为监测森林管理单位内的碳和生物多样性的一种成本效益且快速的方法。



Some of the participants at the online briefing

the BOLEH method stands out as a faster, more cost-effective and time-saving while still providing extensive data. However, it is important to note that BOLEH plots are not intended to replace PSPs. Instead, they serve as a valuable complement, particularly by encompassing forest densities that are not represented in existing PSPs. This is due to BOLEH's strategic plot selection, guided by satellite imagery of forest density and intactness, which allows for projections across multiple forest classes.

Satu taklimat dalam talian yang berlangsung pada 26 Ogos 2024 telah memperkenalkan kaedah BOLEH kepada ahli-ahli STA, dengan penekanan terhadap peranannya dalam meningkatkan usaha pemuliharaan di Sarawak. Turut dikongsikan dalam taklimat tersebut adalah bengkel teknikal mengenai BOLEH yang dijadualkan pada November 2024.

线上讲座于2024年8月26日举办，为本次会议介绍BOLEH，并强调其提升砂拉越保育工作的作用。BOLEH技术工作坊计划将在2024年11月举办。

Visit from Dr Yayoi Takeuchi from the National Institute of Environmental Studies

Dr Yayoi Takeuchi, Senior Researcher in the Biodiversity Division at the National Institute of Environmental Studies, accompanied by Ms Bibian Diway and Ms Ling Chea Yiing of Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) visited STA on 23 August 2024. They were warmly welcomed by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA and STA Secretariat.

Dr Yayoi is part of the team of researchers, led by Prof. Emeritus Kanehiro Kitayama, responsible for developing the BOLEH. During the visit, discussions focused on the practical applications of the BOLEH method in Sarawak, particularly within the context of ongoing conservation efforts and forest management strategies.



Dr Yayoi Takeuchi from NIES (seated, left) and Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (seated, centre) posed for photo with officers from FDS and STA Secretariat after the discussion

Dr. Yayoi Takeuchi, Penyelidik Kanan di Bahagian Biodiversiti di Institut Kajian Alam Sekitar Kebangsaan, Japan telah melawat STA pada 23 Ogos 2024, ditemani oleh wakil-wakil daripada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak. Perbincangan tertumpu kepada penerapan kaedah BOLEH dalam unit pengurusan hutan di Sarawak bagi meningkatkan pemantauan biodiversiti dan penilaian kesihatan ekosistem. Lawatan menekankan kepentingan kerjasama dalam memajukan pengurusan hutan mampan dan mencapai objektif alam sekitar global.

2024年8月23日，日本国立环境研究所生物多样性部门的高级研究员竹内弥生博士在砂州森林局官员的陪同下，拜访了本会。双方讨论重点涵盖如何在砂拉越森林管理单位中应用BOLEH方法，以加强生物多样性监测和生态系统健康评估。此次拜访也强调通过双方合作以推动可持续森林管理及实现全球环境目标的重要性。

Visit by Bursa Carbon Exchange



Seen in the group photo is Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (centre), Mr Muhammad Rizal Azmi, Assistant Vice President of Business Development & Sales at BCX (2nd from right) and Mr Muhamad Aizuddin Ridzuan, Manager of Market Operations at BCX (right)

Mr Muhammad Rizal Azmi, Assistant Vice President of Business Development & Sales at Bursa Carbon Exchange (BCX) and Mr Muhamad Aizuddin Ridzuan, Manager of Market Operations at BCX visited STA on 12 August 2024. They were received by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA and her team.

Given BCX's strategic role in accelerating Malaysia's transition to a net-zero future, the engagement touched on the recent milestones achieved by BCX, including the successful inaugural Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) auction, and the first Malaysian Nature-Based Carbon Credits auction. The visit also provided an opportunity for both STA and BCX to foster closer collaboration in the voluntary carbon market initiatives.

Pada 12 Ogos 2024, wakil BCX, Encik Muhammad Rizal Azmi dan Encik Muhamad Aizuddin Ridzuan telah melawat STA, membincangkan peluang kerjasama dalam inisiatif pasaran karbon. Encik Muhammad Rizal menekankan peranan BCX dalam peralihan sifar- bersih Malaysia dan kejayaan baru-baru ini, termasuk lelongan pertama Sijil Tenaga Boleh Diperbaharui dan Kredit Karbon Berasaskan Alam Semula Jadi.

大马碳交易所(BCX)代表穆罕默德里扎尔先生和穆罕默德艾祖丁先生于2024年8月12日访问本会，讨论在碳市场倡议中的合作机会。穆罕默德里扎尔先生强调BCX在马来西亚净零转型中所扮演的角色以及近期所取得的成果，包括首个可再生能源证书和自然为本的碳信用额拍卖。

Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Forest Landscape Restoration 2024

Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) jointly organised the Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Forest Landscape Restoration 2024 from 27 to 28 August 2024 at Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching. Under the theme “Forests as Climate Champions: Harnessing Restoration For Global Resilience”, the conference aimed to identify and strengthen effective practices for forest landscape restoration (FLR) that are intended to deliver short, medium and long-term benefits to local communities, meet international forest commitments, and promote the management of forests to ensure their health and sustainability.

This conference provided a valuable platform for a diverse array of stakeholders, including public policymakers, civil society representatives, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), private sector agencies, forestry professionals, land-use practitioners, educational and research institutions, and ITTO member countries to share their knowledge, reflect on experiences and collaborate to shape the future of FLR in the Asia Pacific region.

In his welcoming address, Datu Haji Hamden Bin Haji Mohammad, Director of Forests Sarawak, emphasised the critical role of healthy forest landscapes in addressing the challenges posed by climate change in the Asia Pacific region. He highlighted that forest restoration is a potent solution to this pressing issue, and the

conference is designed to connect restoration efforts with empowering forests as climate champions. He added that since March 2019, the Sarawak Government has made FLR a priority. This effort involves close collaboration with local communities, NGOs, international organisations and other stakeholders to restore and rehabilitate degraded forests, with a particular emphasis on high-value timber species.

The opening ceremony was honoured by the presence of Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak, who represented Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak. In his speech, Datuk Amar Awang Tengah highlighted Sarawak’s remarkable achievements in environmental conservation and sustainable development. He showcased the Sarawak Government’s dedication through various significant efforts, including its commitment to protecting rainforests and advancing green economy initiatives. Despite challenges, Sarawak remains resolute in its sustainable forest management practices, having successfully certified 26 Forest Management Units and 8 Forest Plantation Management Units, covering 2.38 million hectares and 122,800 hectares, respectively.

In addition to its forest management efforts, the Sarawak Government has mandated restoration activities for all forest license holders, focusing particularly on degraded areas. This proactive approach is designed to enhance the forest ecosystem, support the sustainability of flora and fauna, and encourage the development of alternative economic sectors, such as agroforestry, eco-tourism, and carbon trading.

Highlighting Sarawak’s strong environmental stewardship, Datuk Amar Awang Tengah praised the state for exceeding its tree planting goal in the Greening Malaysia Campaign by planting 35 million trees ahead of schedule.

Ms Annie Ting (centre), Chief Executive Officer of STA posed for photo with STA members and STA Secretariat at the conference

The conference showcased five plenary sessions, during which eighteen papers were presented on a diverse range of topics related to FLR. The sessions included (i) Governance of FLR & Policy Framework; (ii) FLR Success Stories & Lesson Learned; (iii) Community Empowerment & Uplifting Livelihood; (iv) Climate Change & Carbon Initiative; and (v) Research & Development and Technology Application on FLR. Besides that, the conference also featured a variety of poster presentations.

Persidangan Serantau Asia Pasifik mengenai Pemulihan Landskap Hutan 2024 yang dianjurkan secara bersama oleh Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan Pertubuhan Kayu Tropika Antarabangsa, menumpukan kepada usaha meningkatkan pemulihan landskap hutan untuk menangani perubahan iklim. Diadakan di Hotel Riverside Majestic, Kuching, persidangan menghimpunkan pelbagai pihak berkepentingan untuk berkongsi pengetahuan, dengan pemimpin Sarawak menekankan komitmen negeri dalam pengurusan hutan mampan, aktiviti pemulihan dan melebihi sasaran penanaman pokok.

2024年亚太地区森林景观恢复研讨会由砂拉越森林局和国际热带木材组织联合举办，重点关注于加强森林景观恢复以应对气候变化。该会假古晋滨江大酒店举办，汇聚各界的利益相关者来分享知识，砂拉越领导人强调该州对可持续森林管理、恢复活动和超越植树目标的承诺。

Strategic Partnership Kayusar Sdn Bhd & Weng Meng Group

A significant milestone was reached in the strategic partnership programme between the Malaysian Wood Moulding & Joinery Council (MWMJC) and STA with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kayusar Sdn Bhd (Kayusar) and Jurusanwa Enterprises Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the Weng Meng Group (Weng Meng). The MOU signing ceremony was held at Kayusar’s Kuching office on 1 August 2024.

The MOU is set to enhance the availability and distribution of high-quality fire doors across East Malaysia, addressing the growing safety and building regulation needs. With this agreement, Kayusar has been appointed as the distributor of Weng Meng’s renowned fire doors in the region.

The MOU was signed by Mr George Yap, Managing Director of Weng Meng, and Mr Raphael Lee, General Manager of Kayusar. The signing was witnessed by Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA, in the presence of distinguished guests including Mdm Noraihan Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of

Signing of MOU between Mr George Yap (right) and Mr Raphael Lee (left)

the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC), members of the Board of Trustees of MTC and officers from the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation.

Kayusar Sdn Bhd (Kayusar) dan Jurusanwa Enterprises Sdn Bhd, anak syarikat Kumpulan Weng Meng (Weng Meng) telah menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman (MOU) pada 1 Ogos 2024 di pejabat Kayusar di Kuching. MOU tersebut melantik Kayusar sebagai pengedar pintu kalis api berkualiti tinggi keluaran Weng Meng di seluruh Malaysia Timur. Penandatanganan ini merupakan pencapaian penting dalam program kerjasama strategik antara Majlis Kayu Kumai & Tanggam Malaysia dan Persatuan Kayu-Kayan Sarawak (STA).

佳友木材有限公司(Kayusar)与永明集团旗下公司的三和工程企业有限公司于2024年8月1日假Kayusar的古晋办公室正式签署谅解备忘录(MOU)。此MOU授权Kayusar成为永明集团在东马的高品质防火门经销商。此签署标志着马来西亚木业加工总会(MWMJC)与本次会议合作的重大里程碑。



Courtesy Call to Yayasan Sarawak



Group photo taken after the meeting with Ms Annie Ting, Mr Watson Chunggat Leonard Doo and Mr Liew Zhe Rong, Assistant Director of Yayasan Sarawak seated from left to right

On 26 August 2024, STA paid a courtesy call to Yayasan Sarawak. The delegation from STA, led by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer, was received warmly by Mr Watson Chunggat Leonard Doo, Acting Deputy Director (Education) of Yayasan Sarawak.

The discussions focused on the provision of financial assistance for students pursuing courses related to the forestry and timber industry. STA, through its subsidiary company STA Mutual Sdn Bhd, has been supporting students by providing scholarship for undergraduate and diploma courses in forestry and engineering at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Swinburne University of Technology (Sarawak Campus) and Curtin University of Technology (Sarawak Campus).

Yayasan Sarawak also offers scholarships as well as loans to students studying at public higher education institutions in Malaysia and local private institutions in Sarawak. Students pursuing undergraduate programmes in forestry at public institutions can compete for one of the 200 scholarships available annually under the Yayasan Sarawak Tun Taib Scholarship. Additionally, students undertaking undergraduate and diploma programmes can apply for the interest-free Local Education Scholarship Loan, with the

possibility of receiving up to a 75% discount on their loans for outstanding academic performance.

The meeting underscored the mutual interest in enhancing educational opportunities and support for students in the field of forestry. Both parties agreed on the importance of developing human capital to manage the forests sustainably, ensuring ongoing support for the timber industry, and aligning with the Sarawak Government's green economy initiatives.

Pada 26 Ogos 2024, STA, diketuai oleh CEO Cik Annie Ting bertemu dengan Yayasan Sarawak untuk membincangkan bantuan kewangan untuk pelajar perhutanan. Kedua-dua pihak menekankan sokongan bantuan pendidikan, dengan STA menawarkan biasiswa melalui STA Mutual Sdn Bhd, dan Yayasan Sarawak menyediakan biasiswa dan pinjaman, memupuk pengurusan hutan yang mampan dan menyokong inisiatif ekonomi hijau Sarawak.

本会在由首席执行官陈燕贞小姐带领下于2024年8月26日与砂基金局会面，讨论林业学生的财务援助。双方强调需加强教育支持，即本会通过STA Mutual有限公司(STAM)提供奖学金，以及砂基金局提供奖学金以及贷款，以促进可持续森林管理并支持砂拉越的绿色经济举措。

Permanent Forest Estate Awareness and Conservation Empowerment Programme

The Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), through the Constitution and Conservation Division, organised the Permanent Forest Estate (PFE) Awareness and Conservation Empowerment Programme Series 1/24 on 29 August 2024 at the Waterfront Hotel, Kuching. The programme was attended by approximately 60 participants from both the public and private sectors, representing various agencies. The objective of the programme is to raise awareness about the importance of the PFE and conservation in maintaining our ecosystem.

In his welcoming speech, Haji Azahari Bin Omar, Assistant Director of Forests (Constitution and Conservation Division) outlined that since January 2020, FDS has prioritised PFEs, focusing on their gazettement, monitoring, and management. He noted that while 5.6 million hectares were once gazetted, only 3.9 million hectares remained due to

Sarawak's development needs and demands. He emphasised that PFEs are vital not only for timber but also crucial as habitats and ecological corridors linking Sarawak, Brunei, and Indonesia.

He acknowledged that despite the challenges of gazetting PFEs, including local objections and competing land uses, PFEs contribute significantly to Sarawak's revenue and provide socio-economic benefits such as job creation and infrastructure support. He expressed hope that the programme will foster a better understanding of PFEs' value and encourage proactive conservation efforts through collaboration among government agencies, the private sector, and the public.



Haji Azahari Bin Omar delivering his welcoming speech

During the event, four (4) presentations were delivered by officers from the FDS. The presenters provided an introduction to PFE, covering various categories such as Forest Reserves, Protected Forests, Communal Forests, License for Planted Forests, and Amenity Forests. The presentations also covered penalties for offences within PFE and Protected Forests, as well as the relevant legislation and enforcement related to PFE. Additionally, they discussed conservation activities within PFE, wildlife diversity, and the lengthy gazettement process.

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah mengadakan Program Kesedaran dan Pemerkasaan Pemuliharaan Estet Hutan Kekal (PFE) pada 29 Ogos 2024 di Kuching, yang dihadiri oleh 60 orang peserta. Acara itu menekankan kepentingan ekologi dan sosio-ekonomi PFE, menangani cabaran dalam pewartaan dan pemuliharaan, dan memupuk kerjasama dalam kalangan kerajaan, sektor swasta dan pihak berkepentingan awam.

砂州森林局于2024年8月29日在古晋举办永久林区(PFE)意识与保护赋能计划，共吸引了60名与会者。此活动强调PFE在生态和社会经济方面的重要性，讨论在公告和保护过程中的挑战，并培养政府、私人界和公众利益相关者之间的合作。

Sarawak's Export Day 2024

The Ministry of International Trade, Industry & Investment Sarawak (MINTRED) together with Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), in collaboration with InvestSarawak, Affin Bank Berhad, Capital Markets Malaysia and Exim Bank Malaysia hosted the Sarawak's Export Day 2024 at Imperial Hotel, Kuching on 16 August 2024.

The event was launched by Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak, cum Second Minister for Natural Resources and Urban Development and Minister for International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak. In his keynote speech, he reiterated Sarawak's commitment to embrace sustainability and highlighted the region's potential to produce low-carbon, green products to meet global demand. He also expressed hope that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) would benefit from the expert insights shared during the forum.

The Export Day featured four (4) sessions designed to equip SMEs with essential knowledge for international trade. These included strategies for export readiness and leveraging Free Trade Agreements, exploring trade financing options, adopting sustainable business practices, and identifying global market opportunities. Experts provided practical guidance on export guidelines, financing facilities, and the importance of integrating ESG practices, while introducing SMEs to various government assistance programmes and international market trends.

Hari Eksport Sarawak 2024 yang diadakan pada 16 Ogos 2024 di Hotel Imperial, Kuching telah dianjurkan oleh Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri & Pelaburan Sarawak dan Perbadanan Pembangunan Perdagangan Luar Malaysia, dengan kerjasama InvestSarawak, Affin Bank Berhad, Pasaran Modal Malaysia dan Exim Bank Malaysia. Acara yang dilancarkan oleh Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan itu menekankan dedikasi Sarawak terhadap kelestarian dan produk hijau. Acara tersebut menampilkan sesi mengenai kesiapsiagaan eksport, pembiayaan perdagangan, amalan lestari, dan peluang pasaran global, memberikan perusahaan kecil dan sederhana pandangan penting dan panduan praktikal untuk memperluaskan capaian antarabangsa dan mengintegrasikan amalan alam sekitar, sosial, dan tadbir urus ke dalam strategi perniagaan.

2024年砂拉越出口日于2024年8月16日在古晋帝国酒店举行，由砂拉越国际贸易、工业和投资部及大马对外贸易发展局主办，并与 InvestSarawak、艾芬银行、马来西亚资本市场和马来西亚进出口银行合作此活动。拿督阿玛哈兹阿旺登加推展该活动，并强调砂拉越致力于可持续发展和绿色产品。此次活动以出口的预备、贸易融资、可持续实践和全球市场机会为主题，为中小企业提供重要的见解和实践指导，以帮助它们拓展国际市场，并将环境、社会和治理实践纳入其商业策略。

Seminar on Advancing Timber in Construction: Navigating Towards Sustainable Future



Welcoming and Opening Speech by Prof Ir Dr Ahmad Kamil Arshad

A seminar on “Advancing Timber in Construction: Navigating Towards Sustainable Future”, jointly organised by the Institute for Infrastructure Engineering and Sustainable Management (IIESM) of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) together with the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) was held on 29 August 2024 at Hotel UiTM, Shah Alam Selangor. Prof Ir. Dr Ahmad Kamil Arshad, Director of IIESM in his welcoming and opening speech expressed hoped that the seminar would explore the vast potential of timber as a cornerstone of sustainable building practices. He also acknowledged innovations in timber products that enhance functionality and aesthetics, as well as their diverse applications.

The seminar started off with sharing of Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) rules and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) application for construction industry in Malaysia by Associate Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr Rohana Hassan, a certified HRD Corp trainer who is also a principal researcher at IIESM. Dr Rohana highlighted four (4) scopes of HRD Corp rules for the timber manufacturing, namely sustainable harvesting; wood processing safety; waste management and quality standard. She also underscored four (4) safety requirements for timber and wood manufacturing, i.e. Personal Protective Equipment; Workplace Safety; Safe Operating Procedures; as well as Safety Signage and Training.

Mr Zulhelmi Mohd Ali, Assistant Director of Plantation Forest Division at MTIB presented an overview of the timber industry’s export performance for 2023, along with updates on

the Forest Plantation Development Programme (PPLH) 1.0 and 2.0. He noted that in 2021, three (3) new species – *Paulownia*, Rubber and *Eucalyptus* – were included into PPLH 2.0, marking a significant development in the programme.

Prof. Dr Zakiah Ahmad, Professor at the College of Engineering, UiTM addressed the fire safety concerns surrounding the use of wood or mass timber in high-rise buildings. She explained that the combustibility of timber is a primary reason why many building regulations and standards strongly restrict its use as a construction material. In addition to that, Mr Khairul Anwar, Director of Strategic Planning & Sustainability Division at the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC), provided insights into policy developments affecting key export markets. He highlighted issues such as fraudulent transshipment practices in Asia related to anti-dumping and countervailing duties, the European Union Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR) and Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment Bill 2024. He also discussed MTC’s efforts in addressing compliance with the EUDR.

Lastly, Ar. Azman Zainal Md Nor, Director and Founder of Arkitek Azman Zainal emphasised that timber is a natural and renewable resource that Malaysians should take pride, rather than feel guilt or shame, in utilising local timber. He highlighted common issues related to timber structures, such as termite attack (often called the “silent killer”), mould and fungi caused by factors such as poor ventilation as well as fire hazards, which are often misunderstood.

Satu seminar bertajuk “Memajukan Kayu dalam Pembinaan: Memacu Ke Arah Masa Depan Lestari,” anjuran bersama Universiti Teknologi Mara dan Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia, telah berlangsung pada 29 Ogos 2024 di Hotel UiTM, Shah Alam, Selangor. Ia meneroka potensi kayu dalam pembinaan mampan, menangani topik seperti keselamatan, peraturan industri, prestasi eksport, kebimbangan kebakaran di bangunan tinggi, kesan dasar dan faedah penggunaan kayu tempatan.

由玛拉工艺大学(UiTM)与马来西亚木材工业局联合主办的“推进建筑中的木材：迈向可持续未来”研讨会于2024年8月29日在雪兰莪州沙阿南的UiTM酒店举行。该研讨会探讨木材在可持续建筑中的潜力，涵盖了安全性、行业法规、出口表现、高层建筑火灾问题、政策影响以及本地木材使用的好处等主题。

Consultation Session with Stakeholders in Sarawak on Forced Labour and Child Labour Issues

The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) held a consultation session on forced labour and child labour on 7 August 2024 at Pullman Miri Waterfront, Sarawak. This session was part of a series organised by SUHAKAM across Malaysia and was attended by members of STA, including representatives from Samling Group, Shin Yang Group, and Rimbunan Hijau Group.

In his welcoming remarks, SUHAKAM Chairman Dato’ Seri Mohd Hishamudin Md Yunus highlighted that the 2022 Global Estimates reported approximately 28 million men, women and children are living under conditions of forced labour worldwide, spanning various economic sectors. He noted that the Malaysian Government has developed the National Action Plan on Forced Labour (NAPFL) 2021-2024, focusing on awareness, enforcement, labour migration, and access to remedy and support services, with the goal of eliminating forced labour in Malaysia by 2030. Additionally, the National Action Plan on Anti-Trafficking in Persons 2021–2025 (NAPTIP 3.0) was formulated to eradicate human trafficking. He emphasised that addressing these issues requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders, including the Government, civil society, and the private sector, with full compliance by industries and robust enforcement by relevant Government agencies to ensure that the rights and dignity of every person are respected and protected.

The session included five (5) presentations and two (2) discussion sessions. SUHAKAM Commissioner Dr. Chew Chee Ming chaired the discussion on issues related to the period prior to arrival in Malaysia, while Prof. Dato’ Noor Aziah binti Mohd Awal led the discussion on matters concerning the period after arrival.



During the discussion, Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, emphasised the need to address the root cause of forced labour, particularly the significant debts incurred by workers due to agent fees in their home countries. She explained that these debts often compel workers to seek additional hours of work, beyond what the employers can offer under the law. The workers would resort to seek additional employment elsewhere to repay what they owe, which may lead to illegal activities. She also called for greater accountability from recruitment agents, who play a major role in the hiring of migrant workers.

Suruhanjaya Hak Asasi Manusia Malaysia (SUHAKAM) mengadakan sesi perundingan mengenai buruh paksa dan buruh kanak-kanak pada 7 Ogos 2024 di Pullman Miri Waterfront, Sarawak. Dalam ucapan alu-aluannya, Pengerusi SUHAKAM Dato’ Seri Mohd Hishamudin Md Yunus menekankan bahawa usaha-usaha strategik Kerajaan Malaysia untuk menghapuskan buruh paksa dan membasmi pemerdagangan manusia di Malaysia seperti yang digariskan dalam Pelan Tindakan Kebangsaan Buruh Paksa (NAPFL) 2021-2024 dan Pelan Tindakan Kebangsaan Antipemerdagangan Orang 2021–2025 (NAPTIP 3.0). Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA menekankan keperluan untuk menangani punca kerja paksa, terutamanya hutang besar yang ditanggung oleh pekerja disebabkan oleh yuran ejen di negara asal mereka. Beliau menjelaskan bahawa hutang ini sering memaksa pekerja untuk mencari jam kerja tambahan, atau pekerjaan tambahan di tempat lain untuk membayar balik hutang mereka. Beliau menggesa SUHAKAM untuk menangani punca buruh paksa, termasuk hutang daripada yuran ejen dan akauntabiliti ejen pengambilan.

马来西亚人权委员会(SUHAKAM) 于2024年8月7日假砂拉越铂尔曼美里海滨酒店举办强迫劳动和童工课题的咨询会议。在欢迎辞中，SUHAKAM主席拿督斯里莫哈末希沙慕丁强调马来西亚政府在2021至2024年强迫劳动国家行动计划 (NAPFL) 和2021至2025年反人口贩运国家行动计划 (NAPTIP 3.0) 中，致力于消除强迫劳动和人口贩运的策略举措。本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐强调，解决强迫劳动的根本原因至关重要，特别是外劳在其国家因支付中介费用而背负的巨额债务。她指出，这些债务常常迫使外劳寻求额外的工作时间或在其他地方寻找更多工作，以偿还所欠债务。她并呼吁SUHAKAM解决强迫劳动的根源问题，包括因代理费产生的债务以及招聘代理的责任问题。

SUHAKAM representatives, Prof Dato’ Noor Aziah binti Mohd Awal, Dato’ Seri Mohd Hishamudin Yunus, Dr Chew Chee Ming and YM Tengku Mohamed Fauzi bin Tengku Abdul Hamid (from left to right) at one of the panel discussions

Conference on Legal Pluralism and Indigeneity in Sarawak and Sabah: Issues and Challenges

The Centre of Legal Pluralism and Indigenous Law (CLPIL) of the Faculty of Law at Universiti Malaya (UM) and Institute of Borneo Studies, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak jointly organised a “Conference on Legal Pluralism and Indigeneity in Sarawak and Sabah: Issues and Challenges” on 7 August 2024 at Dayak Cultural Foundation Building, Kuching. The central theme of the conference revolved around the unique challenges and issues that arise in a legal system where multiple legal frameworks coexist, especially those involving indigenous customary laws and institutions.

The opening remarks by Dr Ramy Bulan, Director of CLPIL highlights the evolution of legal pluralism, emphasising the deep-rooted connection between legal pluralism and the collective identity of indigenous peoples. Reflecting on the Faculty of Law’s mission since its inception in 1972, Dr. Ramy noted the importance of studying customary laws, a goal that has been gradually realised through the establishment of CLPIL.

She highlighted the need for a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach to address the multifaceted issues surrounding indigenous rights and traditional knowledge.

In his welcoming address, Professor Dr Jason Chuah Chin Tik, Dean of the Faculty of Law at UM, underscored the inherent diversity of the legal systems, particularly in a multi-ethnic country like Malaysia. He pointed out that indigenous rights, which encompass both collective and individual aspects, are deeply intertwined with the values and belief systems of indigenous communities. According to Professor Chuah, an appreciation of these values is essential for crafting national strategies, policies, and laws that are not only equitable but also culturally sensitive.

The conference featured eleven (11) presentations that explore legal pluralism between pluriversality and everyday lived experience in coping with diverse systems. It brought together academics, judges, lawyers, community leaders, and civil

society practitioners to discuss and explore various aspects of legal diversity including the interaction of constitutional systems, legal systems and judicial institutions, and indigenous knowledge in addressing contemporary challenges such as governance of natural resources, environmental justice, and social issues.



Dr Ramy Bulan, Director of the Centre of Legal Pluralism and Indigenous Law cum Conference Chairperson (3rd from right) posed for photo with Prof. Dr Poline Bala, Director of Institute of Borneo Studies, UNIMAS (left), Tan Sri Datuk Amar Abang Iskandar Abang Hashim, President of the Court of Appeal Malaysia (2nd left), Datuk Gerawat Gala, Deputy Minister in the Premier’s Department (Labour, Immigration and Project Monitoring) (centre) and other dignitaries at the conference

Pusat Pluralisme Perundangan dan Undang-Undang Asli (CLPIL) Universiti Malaya dan Institut Kajian Borneo Universiti Malaysia Sarawak telah menganjurkan persidangan bertajuk “Pluralisme Undang-Undang dan Kewarganegaraan Asli di Sarawak dan Sabah: Isu dan Cabaran” di Bangunan Yayasan Budaya Dayak pada 7 Ogos 2024. Persidangan tersebut menjurus kepada kerumitan sistem perundangan di mana kewujudan pelbagai rangka kerja bersama, terutamanya yang melibatkan undang-undang orang asli.

Persidangan tersebut menampilkan 11 pembentangan yang meneroka persilangan di antara pluralisme undang-undang dan pengalaman harian, serta bagaimana sistem undang-undang yang pelbagai berinteraksi dengan rangka kerja perlembagaan, institusi kehakiman, dan pengetahuan orang asli. Peserta yang hadir membincangkan isu-isu berkaitan tadbir urus, pengurusan sumber asli, keadilan alam sekitar dan cabaran sosial dalam konteks kepelbagaian undang-undang.

马来亚大学的法律多元化与原住民法中心(CLPIL)与马来西亚砂拉越大学的婆罗洲研究所于2024年8月7日假达雅文化基金会, 联合举办题为“砂拉越和沙巴的法律多元化与本土性:问题与挑战”的研讨会。该会重点讨论多种框架并存的法律体系的复杂性, 特别是涉及土著习俗的法律体系。

该会共有十一场演讲探讨法律多元化与日常经验的交集, 讨论不同的法律体系如何与宪法框架、司法机构和本土知识之间的产生交集。与会者讨论在法律多样性背景下的治理、自然资源管理、环境正义和社会挑战等相关问题。

Unlocking Market Potential: Sustainable Practices through Chain of Custody Certification

On 6 August 2024, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) hosted a webinar titled “Unlocking Market Potential: Sustainable Practices through Chain of Custody Certification”, which drew approximately forty participants. The webinar aimed to highlight the importance of Chain of Custody (CoC) certification in leveraging market potential through sustainable practices. It sought to educate participants on how CoC certification can enhance market access, bolster sustainability credentials, and meet the increasing demand for responsibly sourced products.

Mr Akmal Saaran, Director of the Product Division at MTCC, provided an overview of the current landscape, revealing that 369 companies in Malaysia have obtained the MTCS-Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

CoC certificate. The MTCC is working towards its goal of achieving 750 CoC holders by 2030, as outlined in the National Agricommodity Policy 2021-2030. He highlighted that there are 27 types of certified timber products from Malaysia, with the main categories being sawn timber, plywood, moulding and wood pellets. As of May 2024, the cumulative export of MTCS-PEFC certified timber products to 76 destinations reached 3.83 million cubic meters, with Europe and Asia being the primary markets, accounting for 66% and 24% of exports, respectively.

Despite these achievements, Mr Akmal noted that the uptake of MTCS-PEFC CoC certification remains relatively low in Malaysia. He encouraged companies to pursue CoC certification by outlining its numerous benefits,

including supporting sustainably managed forests, providing traceability solutions for wood-based materials, fulfilling procurement requirements from both private and public sectors, and utilising the PEFC label to communicate responsible practices to customers. Additionally, he highlighted that tax deduction incentives are available for MTCS-PEFC certificate holders to cover the costs of obtaining and maintaining the certification.

Mr Akmal explained the process of obtaining PEFC CoC certification and the associated auditing procedures. He then outlined the support MTCC offers to certificate holders, such as briefings and training, assistance with technical queries, regular updates on CoC certification, and access to potential PEFC CoC suppliers and buyers both locally and globally. He also advocated for the inclusion of PEFC standards in corporate forest products procurement policies to safeguard forests and enhance supply chain flexibility.

Pada 6 Ogos 2024, Majlis Pensijilan Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTCC) telah menganjurkan webinar bertajuk “Membuka Potensi Pasaran: Amalan Mampan melalui Pensijilan Rantaian Pengawasan”. Webinar tersebut menekankan kepentingan pensijilan Rantaian Pengawasan (CoC) dalam meningkatkan potensi pasaran melalui amalan mampan. Sebanyak 369 syarikat di Malaysia telah memperolehi sijil Rantaian Pengawasan MTCS-PEFC, dengan matlamat mencapai 750 pemegang sijil CoC menjelang 2030 seperti yang digariskan dalam Dasar Agrikomoditi Negara 2021-2030. Webinar menonjolkan bagaimana pensijilan CoC menyokong pengurusan hutan yang mampan, menawarkan penyelesaian kebolehsasaran untuk bahan berasaskan kayu, memenuhi keperluan perolehan daripada sektor swasta dan awam, serta membantu menyampaikan amalan bertanggungjawab kepada pelanggan, selaras dengan permintaan yang semakin meningkat terhadap produk kayu yang diperolehi secara bertanggungjawab.

马来西亚木材认证理事会(MTCC)于2024年8月6日举办题为“解锁市场潜力:通过产销监管链认证实现可持续实践”线上研讨会。活动突显产销监管链(CoC)认证在通过可持续实践提升市场潜力方面的重要性。目前, 马来西亚已有369家公司获得了MTCS-PEFC产销监管链(CoC)认证, 而2021至2030国家农业商品政策中已阐明2030年前要达到750个CoC持证者的目标。该线上研讨会探讨CoC认证如何支持可持续管理森林, 提供木材为本的材料可追溯解决方案, 满足私人界和公共部的采购需求, 并帮助向客户传达负责任的采购实践, 以应对对负责任采购产品日益增长的需求。

ESG & Climate Action Workshops for SMEs

Recognising the complexity of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices and lack of awareness on the impact of and the need for industries to adopt ESG, the Ministry of International Trade, Industry & Investment Sarawak in collaboration with InvestSarawak, Alliance Bank, United Nations Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei (UNGCMYB) and FAME International Training co-organised the “ESG & Climate Action Workshop for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) on Building Competitive Business” on 15 August 2024 at Imperial Hotel Kuching.

Mr Timothy Ong, Chief Executive Officer of InvestSarawak, welcomed approximately 350 participants, emphasising that while ESG can be challenging, it presents significant opportunities for business growth and expansion. He assured that the government is facilitating SMEs in adopting sustainability practices.

Ms Shanta Helena Dwarkasing, Heads of Programmes at UNGCMYB introduced sustainability and ESG frameworks, outlining how SMEs can benefit from aligning with the UNGC’s principles and integrating ESG practices into their strategies. She presented the SME Sustainability Action Guide and explained how adopting ESG practices can improve cost-effectiveness, employee motivation, competitiveness, and resilience. UNGCMYB also offers various tools and support, including accelerator programmes, workshops, peer learning sessions, and digital assessments.

Mr Roy Heong, Head Strategic Partnerships & Innovations at Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad presented green financing and sustainability solutions, including various funding facilities designed to support SMEs in automation, technology upgrades, and green projects.

The workshop also covered key topics such as Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocols, GHG emissions, carbon footprint impacts, and sustainability action plans. Participants also took the opportunity to engage in an online survey for climate maturity assessment through PROGRESS, short for “Promoting Green Resilience & Sustainable SMEs”.



Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa, Industri & Pelaburan Sarawak (MINTRED) dengan kerjasama InvestSarawak, Alliance Bank, United Nations (UN) Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei dan FAME International Training menganjurkan “Bengkel ESG & Tindakan Iklim untuk Perusahaan Kecil dan Sederhana (PKS) mengenai Membangunkan Perniagaan Berdaya Saing” pada 15 Ogos 2024 di Hotel Imperial Kuching.

Bengkel bertujuan untuk membantu PKS memahami dan mengintegrasikan amalan Alam Sekitar, Sosial, dan Tadbir Urus (ESG) ke dalam model perniagaan mereka. Antara beberapa topik yang dibincangkan ialah cabaran dan peluang dalam melaksanakan amalan ESG, rangka kerja kelestarian, alat sokongan untuk perusahaan kecil dan sederhana serta penyelesaian pembiayaan hijau.

砂拉越国际贸易、工业和投资部(MINTRED)联合 InvestSarawak、安联银行、联合国(UN)全球契约网络马来西亚与汶莱以及FAME国际培训于2024年8月15日假古晋帝国酒店共同举办“环境、社会和治理(ESG)及为中小企业(SMEs)提升竞争力的气候行动工作坊”。

此次工作坊旨在帮助中小企业理解ESG实践并融入其商业模式。讨论议题包括实施ESG的挑战与机遇、可持续发展框架、中小企业支持工具以及绿色融资解决方案。

Simplified ESG Disclosure Guide (SEDG) Adopter Workshop

Capital Markets Malaysia (CM²) has taken a significant step forward in advancing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices among Malaysian SMEs with the release of its Simplified ESG Disclosure Guide (SEDG) in October 2023. This initiative seeks to integrate ESG practices within Malaysian SMEs into a guide that streamlines and standardizes various global and local ESG frameworks into a cohesive set of guidelines tailored specifically for SMEs.

On 20 August 2024, CM² conducted the “Simplified ESG Disclosure Guide (SEDG) Adopter Workshop” on 20 August 2024 at Hilton, Kuching to promote the adoption of SEDG and equip SMEs with the knowledge and tools necessary for effective ESG implementation.

Ms Navina Balasingam, General Manager of CM² opened the workshop by highlighting the benefits of early ESG adoption. She noted that embracing ESG practices can provide SMEs with a competitive edge in the global market, address stakeholder expectations, and unlock various incentives linked to enhanced ESG disclosures. In addition to the SEDG, CM² has also introduced five (5) sector-specific guides in May 2024, covering Energy, Transport & Logistics, Construction & Real Estate, Agriculture and Manufacturing. These guides

offer targeted ESG disclosure guidelines for these crucial sectors in Malaysia’s economy. She also expressed gratitude to the supporters of the workshop, including STA, for their role in promoting this event.

The workshop featured presentations from Ms Margie Ong and Ms Angelina John from Thoughts In Gear, as well as Mr Arkhilan V Manivannan from Lasaju Consulting Sdn Bhd. They provided detailed insights into the SEDG disclosures, focusing on environmental reporting and an in-depth exploration of the newly released SEDG Human Rights and Labour Practices Guide. The speakers introduced the 8-step Sustainability Adoption Methodology, designed to guide participants through assessing, planning, implementing, and reporting on their ESG journey.

Pasaran Modal Malaysia (CM²) menganjurkan “Bengkel Penerimaan Panduan Pendedahan ESG Dipermudahkan (SEDG)” pada 20 Ogos 2024 di Kuching, bertujuan untuk memajukan amalan Alam Sekitar, Sosial dan Tadbir Urus (ESG) dalam kalangan perusahaan kecil dan sederhana Malaysia. Bengkel ini menekankan manfaat penerimaan ESG awal dan memberi pandangan mengenai laporan alam sekitar serta amalan hak asasi manusia.

马来西亚资本市场(CM²)于2024年8月20日在古晋举办采用简化ESG披露指南(SEDG)工作坊,旨在促进马来西亚中小企业的环境、社会和治理(ESG)实践。工作坊强调提前采纳ESG的优势,并分享有关环境报告和入人权实践的见解。

- 8. STORIES**
Telling of stories that capture the purpose of why you do all you do
- 7. REPORTING**
Achievements and challenges quantified and qualified
- 6. TRACKING**
Monitoring and evaluation of sustainability efforts
- 5. IMPLEMENTATION**
Work across the organisation to engrain sustainability



- 1. TRAINING**
Sustainability training for management and working teams
- 2. BASELINE**
Assessment of current sustainability activities
- 3. STRATEGY**
Strategy for sustainability adoption in the coming years
- 4. PLAN**
Action plan and measurements to ensure progression

8-step Sustainability Adoption Methodology (Source: Thoughts In Gear)

Timber Industry Stakeholders Seek Budget 2025 Support Amidst Raw Material and Sustainability Challenges

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB), in collaboration with the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) and the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC), hosted a discussion session with commodity stakeholders on 5 August 2024, at Menara PGRM, MTIB Cheras in Kuala Lumpur. The session was co-moderated by Mdm Farydatul Nazly, Deputy Director General of MTIB; Mdm Noraihan Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MTC; and Dr. Farrah Shameen Mohamad Ashray, CEO of MTCC.

The event, attended by representatives from the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities, MTIB, MTC, MTCC and trade associations including STA, aimed to address industry issues and focus on the Budget 2025 for the agri-commodity sector, in preparation for a follow-up discussion with the Ministry of Finance (MoF) on 13 August 2024. The session opened with Mr Mohd Nizam, Director of MTIB's Strategic Planning Division, giving an overview of Malaysia's timber industry, highlighting export and import trends since 2013.

Timber associations stressed ongoing challenges, including raw material shortages, a lack of skilled workers, and high operational costs. They urged the inclusion of provisions in Budget 2025 to address these issues and support environmental compliance. Additionally, the industry emphasised the need for written confirmation from the MoF regarding approval of applications to extend the carry-forward of unabsorbed losses up to 20 years on a case-by-case basis. Currently, the carry forward for unabsorbed business losses is allowed for 10 years. Extending it to 20 years would be more practical for the industrial forest plantation sector, offering greater flexibility for managing long-term investments and financial planning.

Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia (MTIB), Majlis Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTC), dan Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC) telah menganjurkan satu perbincangan pada 5 Ogos 2024 untuk menangani cabaran industri dan Bajet 2025 bagi sektor agri-komoditi. Isu-isu utama yang diketengahkan termasuk kekurangan bahan mentah, kos operasi yang tinggi dan pematuhan kemampanan. Pihak industri turut menekankan keperluan untuk mendapatkan pengesahan bertulis daripada Kementerian Kewangan mengenai kelulusan permohonan bagi melanjutkan tempoh kerugian yang tidak diserap sehingga 20 tahun berdasarkan kes demi kes.

马来西亚木材工业局(MTIB)、马来西亚木材理事会(MTC)以及马来西亚木材认证理事会(MTCC)于2024年8月5日主持讨论会议,以应对林业挑战和农业商品部门的2025年预算。其中强调的关键问题包括原材料短缺、高运营成本 and 可持续性合规性。业内人士强调,申请批准将未吸收损失结转期限延长可达20年的财政部书面确认至关重要。

Engagement Session with Sarawak Stakeholders on the Recent Reinstatement of Cabotage policy for Sarawak

At the request of the Sarawak Government, the Federal Government has agreed to reinstate the cabotage policy in Sarawak to support the growth of domestic shipping. Consequently, the Ministry of Transport Sarawak (MOT) held an engagement session on 8 August 2024 at the Imperial Hotel Kuching to discuss this decision with the stakeholders in Sarawak.

In his opening remarks, Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin, Minister of Transport Sarawak addressed debates on the policy's effectiveness. A 2021 study by MOT found that liberalising the policy since June 2017 did not significantly reduce goods and services prices in Sabah and Sarawak, with shipping costs representing only a small portion. The reinstatement aims to protect the local shipping industry, enhance national maritime security, and foster a competitive local industry with job creation and economic growth. He urged local ship owners to offer competitive rates without overcharging.

Stakeholders, including representatives from chambers of commerce and the shipping industry, voiced concerns and called for more studies on the policy's impact. Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, emphasised the need for a detailed analysis of freight costs as highlighted in STA's previous submission to the MOT on 28 April 2021. The Minister proposed forming a Task Force Committee to analyse the policy's implementation and provide a way forward.

Pada 8 Ogos 2024, Kementerian Pengangkutan Sarawak menganjurkan sesi libat urus di Hotel Imperial Kuching untuk membincangkan pewujudan semula dasar kaboat di Sarawak. Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin, Menteri Pengangkutan Sarawak menekankan bahawa walaupun liberalisasi dasar itu tidak menurunkan harga dengan ketara, pewujudan semula bertujuan untuk melindungi industri perkapalan tempatan, meningkatkan keselamatan maritim, dan meningkatkan pertumbuhan ekonomi. Pihak berkepentingan menyuarakan kebimbangan dan meminta pelaksanaan kajian lanjut mengenai impak dasar tersebut, dengan Jawatankuasa Bertindak dicadangkan untuk menganalisis pelaksanaannya dan menyediakan langkah susulan.

砂拉越交通部于2024年8月8日在古晋帝国酒店举办交流会,讨论在砂拉越重新实施沿海运输政策的事宜。砂拉越交通部长拿督斯里李景胜指出,尽管政策自由化未能显著降低价格,但重新实施此政策的目的是为了保护本地航运业、提升海洋安全并推动经济增长。利益相关者对政策表达了关切,呼吁进一步研究其影响,并建议成立一个工作小组委员会,以分析政策实施的实际效果并提出改进方案。



Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin, Minister of Transport Sarawak (centre) chairing the engagement session together with Dato Henry Harry Anak Jinep, Deputy Minister for Transport II (Riverine and Maritime) (3rd from left) and representatives from Malaysia Marine Department Sarawak, Royal Malaysian Customs Department Sarawak and Immigration Department Sarawak

Convention on Combating Worker Exploitation – Obligation to Prevent and Combat Forced Labour

A Convention on combating worker exploitation with the theme “Obligation to Prevent and Combat Forced Labour” was held at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching on 25 August 2024. The Convention, which garnered more than 300 participants from the agencies, employers, human resource practitioners and others was officiated by Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation.

Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah brought attention to Malaysia's improved standing in the Trafficking in Persons Report released by the United States (U.S.) Department of State, now on the Tier 2 Watch List. This advancement, contributed by significant progress such as increased investigations and prosecutions, awareness programmes, and better inter-agency cooperation, reflects the efforts of multiple agencies, including the National Strategic Office of the Council for Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Migrant Smuggling, the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA).

He also reported a decrease in forced labour cases, 12 cases in 2023 compared to 16 cases in 2022. The Convention also featured a series of impactful presentations that provided deep insights about the obligation to prevent and combat forced labour.

Key discussions included the 11 indicators of forced labour established by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and national laws, stressing the importance of employer transparency and adherence to legal standards. The convention also addressed Malaysia's efforts in managing its large migrant worker population and compliance with ILO conventions, including various inspections and legal actions taken against forced labour practices. Additionally, the event highlighted ongoing challenges, such as the need for improved prosecution and victim protection, while showcasing successful strategies from companies that have enhanced grievance mechanisms, worker conditions, and recruitment practices to combat forced labour effectively.

Konvensyen Membanteras Eksploitasi Pekerja, bertemakan “Kewajipan Mencegah dan Membanteras Buruh Paksa”, telah diadakan pada 25 Ogos 2024 di Kuching, dirasmikan oleh Timbalan Perdana Menteri Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah Yusof. Dihadiri lebih 300 peserta, membincangkan kemajuan Malaysia dalam memerangi buruh paksa, termasuk penurunan kes, peningkatan kedudukan dalam Laporan Pemerdagangan Manusia yang dikeluarkan oleh Jabatan Negara Amerika Syarikat, dan amalan terbaik daripada majikan.

题为“防止和打击强迫劳动的义务”的打击剥削工人大会于2024年8月25日在古晋举行,由副首相拿督斯里哈兹法迪拉主持开幕式。此次大会吸引了300多名与会者,讨论马来西亚在打击强迫劳动事宜的最新进展,包括案件的减少、在美国国务院发布的人口贩运报告中的排名提升,以及雇主们的最佳实践。

Workforce Transformation Programme through Training, Productivity and Wages

On 29 August 2024, the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp), in collaboration with the National Wage Consultation Council (NWCC) and the Department of Trade Union Affairs (DTUA), held the “Workforce Transformation Programme through Training, Productivity and Wages 2024” at UCSI Hotel Kuching. The event focused on the implementation of the national wage policy and the development of training programmes as well as their importance to national productivity.

In his opening remarks, Haji Mohd Asri Bin Abdul Wahab, Director General of DTUA, emphasised the role of productivity in the context of the 12th Malaysia Plan. He noted the evolution of the minimum wage policy from its inception in 2012, which initially set different rates for Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia and has since transitioned to a unified rate of RM1,500 across all regions. He urged for continued efforts to ensure that workers’ earnings meet the minimum wage requirements, highlighting that effective wage can bolster national productivity and global competitiveness.

Mr Ismail Bin Mohammad, Assistant Director of Sarawak’s DTUA, highlighted the crucial role of trade unions in fostering harmonious industrial relations, collective bargaining, and employee representation. He added that trade unions are instrumental in organising lawful industrial actions, provide training, and manage welfare funds to enhance member benefits. Ms Umi Nadra Binti Kamaruddin, Assistant Secretary at the National Wage Consultative Council, discussed the financial implications of Malaysia’s minimum wage policy. She clarified that while the minimum wage aims to surpass the poverty line, a living wage offers a decent standard of living and is voluntarily paid. Though Malaysia’s minimum wage policy has improved earnings for lower-skilled workers, challenges like the tripartite system and low union membership affect collective bargaining, emphasizing the need for Progressive Wage Systems to reduce wage disparities.



Participants attentively listening to one of the presentations

Ms Siti Faeza Hamim Binti Ali Baba and Ms. Norfaezah Binti Ya’acob from HRD Corp Sarawak Region discussed human capital transformation and the National Training Index (NTI), which aims for 35% skilled workers. While Malaysia’s human capital development score is 0.70, Sarawak’s score of 0.61 indicates a need for further research to align training with workforce goals. Mr. Wahab Bin Haji Lias, Deputy General Manager (Production) at Kuching Water Board, shared challenges such as limited training options, resistance to new technologies, and varying employee skill levels. He suggested conducting Training Needs Analysis and implementing mentor-mentee programs to improve training effectiveness.

Dr. Nurhani Binti Aba Ibrahim, Senior Lecturer at Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak, reviewed the “Study on Minimum Wage Determination & Implementation of the Minimum Wage Order 2022”. She emphasized the policy’s goals of meeting basic needs, reducing reliance on unskilled foreign labor. Dr. Nurhani provided data on the poverty line income and wage levels in Sarawak, concluding that more in-depth studies are available at minimum wages website, accessible at <https://minimumwages.moh.gov.my/index.php/ms/>.

Pada 29 Ogos 2024, Perbadanan Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (HRD Corp), dengan kerjasama Majlis Perundingan Gaji Kebangsaan dan Jabatan Hal Ehwal Kesatuan Sekerja telah menganjurkan “Program Transformasi Tenaga Kerja 2024” di Hotel UCSI Kuching, dengan memfokuskan pada dasar gaji dan program latihan. Haji Mohd Asri Bin Abdul Wahab menekankan kesan gaji minimum terhadap produktiviti dan menggesa usaha berterusan untuk memastikan pendapatan pekerja memenuhi keperluan gaji minimum. Perbincangan utama sepanjang acara itu termasuk peranan kesatuan sekerja, implikasi gaji minimum dan strategi modal insan HRD Corp, mengetengahkan cabaran dan keperluan untuk penyelidikan lanjut tentang dasar gaji dan keberkesanan latihan.

人力资源发展机构(HRD Corp)与国家工资咨询委员会及职工会事务局于2024年8月29日假古晋UCSI酒店联办“2024年劳动力转型计划”活动，着重于薪金政策和培训项目。哈兹穆罕默德阿斯里强调最低薪金对生产力的影响，并呼吁继续努力以确保工人的收入符合最低薪金要求。整个活动的关键讨论事项包括工会的角色、最低薪金的影响，以及HRD Corp的人力资本策略，突显薪金政策和有效培训中所存在的挑战和进一步研讨的必要性。

Meeting of MEF East Malaysia Region Members No. 8/2024

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region convened its 8th meeting of the year on 23 August 2024, presided over by Ms Dayang Jamillah Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin, Consultant-Industrial Relations of MEF Sarawak. The online session focused on “Managing Performance in the Present Era”, presented by Ms Shalani Devi Madawan, MEF Senior Consultant-Industrial Relations.

Ms Shalani explained that while poor performance, defined as a significant gap between company expectations and actual employee output, is not classified as misconduct, it can lead to termination if well-documented. Employers are advised to follow proper procedures, including conducting a domestic inquiry (DI), implementing performance improvement plans, defining key result areas, and providing ongoing coaching and counseling. This approach is crucial to ensure that the company can defend its decision if the employee disputes their termination at the Labour Department or Industrial Court.

Under Section 14 of the Employment Act 1955, a DI and a show cause letter is necessary for poor performance involving misconduct. Proper human resource consultation is essential for managing these situations and adhering to legal requirements. Ms Shalani cited the case study “Andrew Chuah Khim Peik v HLG Capital Bhd” to emphasise best practices in managing poor performance and the importance of following legal guidelines.

MEF Wilayah Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) telah mengadakan mesyuarat ke-8 pada 23 Ogos 2024, diketuai oleh Cik Dayang Jamillah Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin. Sesi dalam talian tersebut yang disampaikan oleh Cik Shalani Devi Madawan, Perunding Kanan MEF – Perhubungan Industri, memberi tumpuan kepada pengurusan prestasi lemah. Dalam pembentangnya, beliau menekankan bahawa walaupun prestasi lemah tidak dianggap sebagai salah laku, ianya boleh menyebabkan penamatan jika didokumenkan dengan betul. Sesi turut menekankan kepentingan mengikuti prosedur undang-undang, termasuk rancangan peningkatan prestasi dan pertanyaan domestik serta menekankan kepentingan untuk berunding dengan kakitangan HR bagi memastikan pematuhan Akta Kerja 1955.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)东马(砂拉越)区域于2024年8月23日召开第八次会议，由达央贾米拉小姐主持。MEF工业关系高级顾问沙拉尼女士主讲，专注于管理工作绩效不佳。她强调尽管绩效不佳不被视为不当行为，但如果记录得当，仍可导致终止雇佣。会议重申遵循法律程序的重要性，包括制定绩效改进计划和进行内部调查，并着重咨询人力资源人员以确保符合1955年雇佣法令的必要性。



PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY REGION FROM SARAWAK- HILL AND SWAMP SPECIES

PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK - SPESIS HUTAN BUKIT DAN HUTAN PAYA

砂拉越各区域天然林原木生产量 - 丘陵与沼泽地树种

Region	May '24 Vol (m³)	May '23 Vol (m³)	Jun '24 Vol (m³)	Jun '23 Vol (m³)	Jul '24 Vol (m³)	Jul '23 Vol (m³)	Jan - Jul '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Jul '23 Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	913	---	647	230	1,478	---	3,452	1,578
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sibu (Hill)	18,718	45,193	17,936	35,450	25,528	27,468	148,034	250,947
(Swamp)	780	4,693	---	4,470	3,082	4,470	11,124	32,096
Bintulu (Hill)	55,567	80,988	55,320	81,906	61,494	68,793	399,539	510,918
(Swamp)	---	2,251	1,016	1,902	888	1,536	9,021	12,374
Miri (Hill)	6,836	25,255	9,691	14,588	5,812	15,148	52,143	142,169
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	42,561	54,132	54,097	62,674	52,073	53,676	337,619	382,095
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	4,301	11,212	4,035	9,063	6,724	6,150	50,750	53,813
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	1,286	---	2,344
Sarikei (Hill)	3,564	8,051	---	4,265	715	1,518	18,533	30,397
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	---	1,919	---	2,200	---	799	432	11,163
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	52	---	52
Subtotal (Hill)	132,460	226,750	141,726	210,376	153,824	173,552	1,010,502	1,383,080
(Swamp)	780	6,944	1,016	6,372	3,970	7,344	20,145	46,866
TOTAL	133,240	233,694	142,742	216,748	157,794	180,896	1,030,647	1,429,946

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak
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PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY HILL SPECIES FROM SARAWAK

PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT SPESIS HUTAN BUKIT DARI SARAWAK

砂拉越丘陵地树种之天然林原木生产量

Hill Species	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Apr '24 Vol (m³)	May '24 Vol (m³)	Jun '24 Vol (m³)	Jul '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Jul '24 Vol (m³)
Bindang	125	154	150	438	264	1,376
Meranti	61,635	62,326	54,398	59,528	61,842	425,623
Kapur	4,873	5,418	4,982	5,114	5,076	37,696
Keruing	2,444	2,970	2,523	3,151	3,396	20,660
Sepetir	258	273	211	271	335	1,837
Selangan Batu	1,888	1,671	2,221	1,751	1,940	14,286
Nyatoh	1,303	1,199	1,300	1,287	1,475	9,216
Other species	76,142	72,877	66,675	70,186	79,496	499,808
TOTAL:	148,668	146,888	132,460	141,726	153,824	1,010,502

PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY SWAMP SPECIES FROM SARAWAK

PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT SPESIS HUTAN PAYA DARI SARAWAK

砂拉越沼泽地树种之天然林原木生产量

Swamp Species	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Apr '24 Vol (m³)	May '24 Vol (m³)	Jun '24 Vol (m³)	Jul '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Jul '24 Vol (m³)
Sepetir	14	11	---	---	---	34
Kapur	89	43	40	99	22	477
Keruing	4	5	47	30	14	148
Meranti	445	198	58	507	882	3,072
Other species	3,744	2,053	635	380	3,052	16,414
TOTAL:	4,296	2,310	780	1,016	3,970	20,145

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PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM INDUSTRIAL FOREST PLANTATION BY REGION FROM SARAWAK

PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI PERLADANGAN HUTAN INDUSTRI MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越各区域工业人工林原木种类生产量

Region		May '24	May '23	Jun '24	Jun '23	Jul '24	Jul '23	Jan - Jul '24	Jan - Jul '23
		Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sibu	(ACMG)	8,364	372	5,679	347	7,067	704	43,614	2,148
	(ALBZ)	535	---	1,342	---	1,735	---	6,832	---
	(KLPN)	400	---	989	---	84	---	5,096	---
Bintulu	(ACMG)	47,749	51,763	42,119	60,459	59,724	38,666	353,056	501,888
	(ALBZ)	9,845	3,944	12,873	2,204	7,598	2,910	45,744	17,651
	(EUCA)	2,069	1,588	2,535	4,312	1,476	1,890	13,052	11,155
	(GMELINA)	292	---	---	---	---	---	292	---
	(KLPN)	---	---	42	36	66	---	343	154
Miri	(ACMG)	8,542	9,898	11,266	14,117	9,445	11,092	86,452	69,336
	(ALBZ)	1,336	178	1,632	518	2,200	480	11,989	1,952
	(EUCA)	7,014	2,852	11,839	2,684	10,232	758	57,433	17,282
Limbang	(ACMG)	2,576 [#]	249	690 [#]	---	1,056	---	10,028	6,486
Subtotal	(ACMG)	67,231	62,282	59,754	74,923	77,292	50,462	493,150	579,858
	(ALBZ)	11,716	4,122	15,847	2,722	11,533	3,390	64,565	19,603
	(EUCA)	9,083	4,440	14,374	6,996	11,708	2,648	70,485	28,437
	(GMELINA)	292	-	-	-	-	-	292	-
	(KLPN)	400	-	1,031	36	150	-	5,439	154
TOTAL:		88,722	70,844	91,006	84,677	100,683	56,500	633,931	628,052

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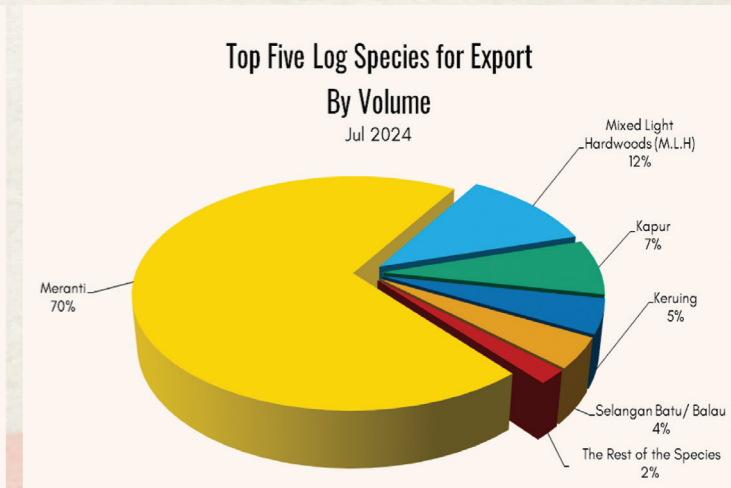
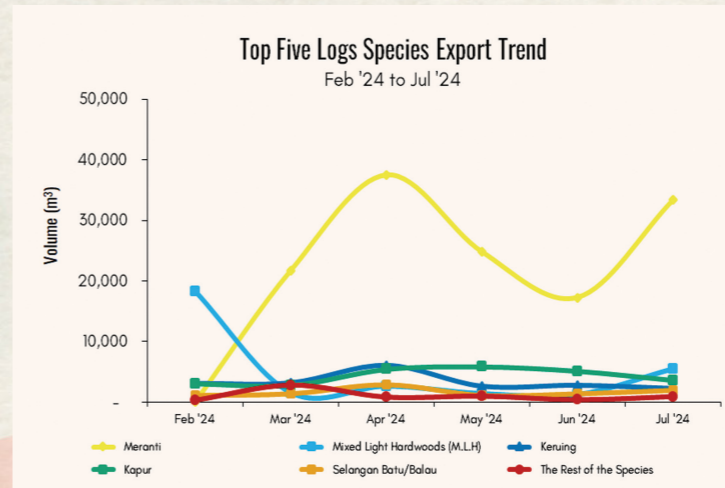
*ACMG - Acacia mangium ALBZ - Albizia EUCA - Eucalyptus GMELINA - Gmelina arborea KLPN - Kelampayan

Update of data from source: Forest Department Sarawak has revised the data for Acacia mangium (ACMG) for Limbang region for the month of May 2024 from 690m³ to 2576m³ and June 1740m³ to 690m³.

EXPORT OF LOGS BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT BALAK MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越原木树种出口量

Species	May '24		Jun '24		Jul '24		Jan - Jul '24		Jan - Jul '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Arau	221	252,162	138	172,543	297	376,958	1,662	1,971,467	491	550,252
Kapur	2,630	3,183,873	2,786	3,049,259	3,610	4,291,346	27,338	30,986,713	35,741	44,160,850
Keruing	1,469	1,213,211	1,290	1,020,237	2,257	1,998,922	30,403	24,018,535	22,782	20,505,962
Meranti	24,781	18,645,307	17,254	12,996,333	33,341	26,346,495	183,410	137,213,944	209,772	179,191,126
Mersawa	171	154,370	48	41,787	189	179,548	3,518	2,577,412	2,176	2,213,586
Mixed Light Hardwood (M.L.H)	5,849	4,004,691	5,133	3,523,389	5,534	3,679,170	32,217	20,934,540	31,107	20,214,912
Nyatoh	37	24,791	38	27,302	90	68,526	275	193,268	48	37,325
Resak	530	466,569	177	154,338	321	291,306	2,259	1,984,969	2,314	2,230,235
Selangan Batu/Balau	1,163	1,875,566	1,416	1,883,089	2,009	3,099,439	13,671	21,037,537	24,745	41,734,648
Selunsur	24	13,940	---	---	17	9,530	88	50,646	154	101,577
Others species	13	7,896	---	---	9	8,637	88	58,192	1,230	1,202,127
TOTAL:	36,888	29,842,376	28,280	22,868,277	47,674	40,349,877	294,929	241,027,223	330,560	312,142,600

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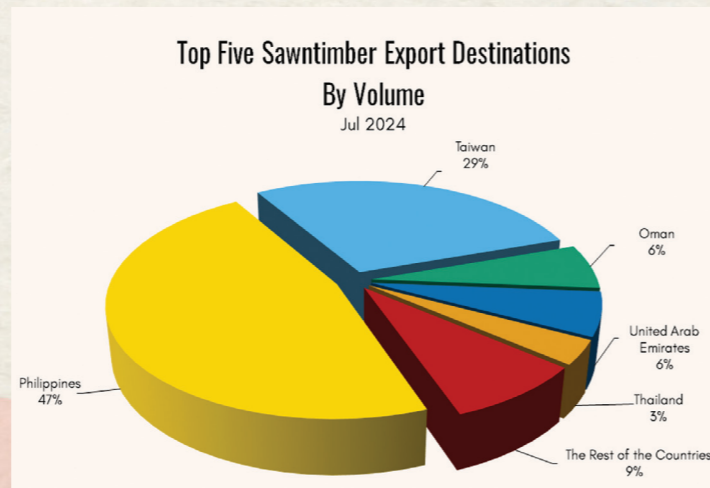
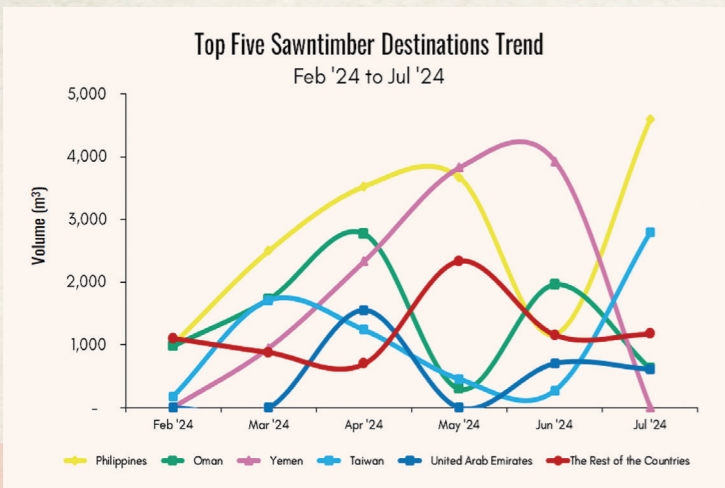


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EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之锯木出口量

Country of Destination	May '24		Jun '24		Jul '24		Jan - Jul '24		Jan - Jul '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Brunei 汶莱	---	---	18	17,365	76	105,733	129	442,898	---	---
China 中国	331	563,731	202	274,675	300	384,021	1,457	1,975,464	2,443	3,700,424
Japan 日本	554	1,596,205	268	713,777	210	619,857	2,207	6,437,944	2,509	7,927,204
Korea 韩国	130	170,961	---	---	150	266,285	556	993,890	2,734	5,293,070
Oman 阿曼	304	328,743	1,967	2,787,316	627	1,176,855	11,614	15,573,783	9,567	15,894,116
Philippines 菲律宾	3,673	4,889,565	1,172	571,729	4,601	4,521,514	17,079	16,580,641	25,725	40,722,236
Seychelles 塞舌尔	---	---	20	64,782	86	308,031	106	372,813	83	316,196
Taiwan 台湾	455	847,057	275	400,607	2,804	4,583,986	8,851	16,099,810	9,363	21,174,161
Thailand 泰国	827	1,113,294	424	449,394	339	334,594	3,126	3,381,308	7,967	9,689,093
United Arab Emirates 阿联酋	---	---	706	1,362,691	613	1,252,671	3,983	7,931,843	21,044	53,664,482
Other Countries 其他国家	4,321	10,649,420	4,156	7,302,862	14	72,858	12,674	26,728,899	2,228	6,261,023
TOTAL:	10,595	20,158,976	9,208	13,945,198	9,820	13,626,405	61,782	96,519,293	83,663	164,642,005

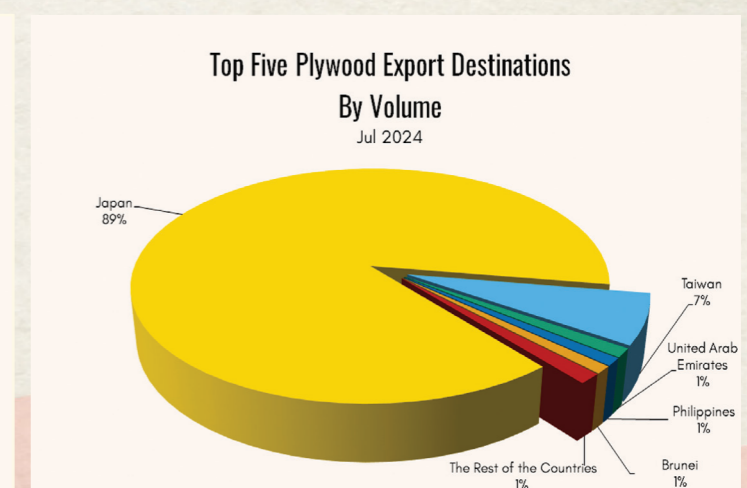
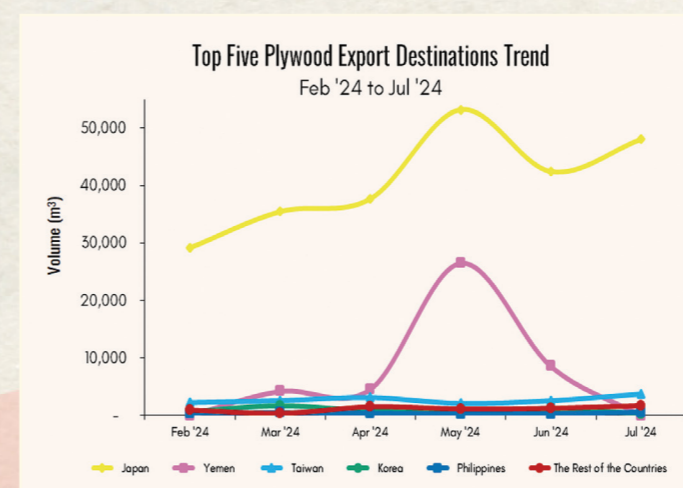
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EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口量

Country of Destination	May '24		Jun '24		Jul '24		Jan - Jul '24		Jan - Jul '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	135	388,098	226	499,662	179	474,815	720	1,998,425	865	2,806,950
Brunei 汶莱	300	386,253	297	408,862	551	713,489	2,085	2,723,271	1,476	1,920,469
India 印度	540	1,431,409	118	206,660	215	600,823	2,709	7,251,905	1,991	6,606,057
Japan 日本	53,224	121,088,011	42,442	94,289,543	48,034	107,309,143	288,279	670,617,341	231,085	607,576,687
Korea 韩国	546	1,073,029	1,190	2,313,618	222	544,325	7,642	14,300,006	14,425	29,054,106
Philippines 菲律宾	241	892,882	282	929,369	558	1,944,899	2,949	10,262,524	1,467	4,954,036
Saudi Arabia 沙地阿拉伯	---	---	---	---	70	151,227	70	151,227	---	---
Taiwan 台湾	2,109	3,802,278	2,571	4,668,559	3,677	6,513,453	19,093	34,683,819	20,867	39,421,912
Thailand 泰国	---	---	---	---	26	94,918	114	327,862	469	921,780
United Arab Emirates 阿联酋	---	---	---	---	660	1,110,717	837	1,401,378	558	1,253,691
Other Countries 其他国家	26,673	48,082,759	9,182	17,086,617	22	44,835	46,163	85,557,130	44,870	92,359,779
TOTAL:	83,768	177,144,719	56,308	120,402,890	54,214	119,502,644	370,661	829,274,888	318,073	786,875,467

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SARAWAK timber trade statistics

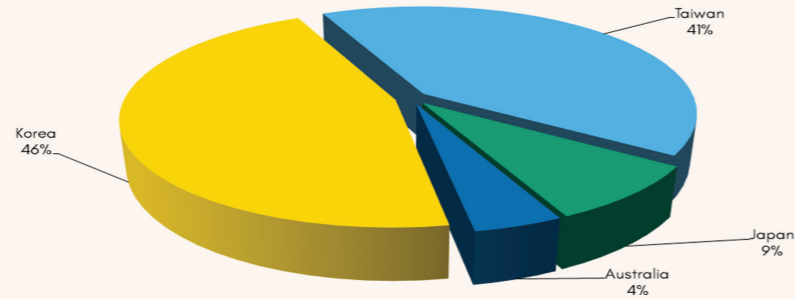


EXPORT VALUE OF VENEER BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT VENIR MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之单板出口值

Top Four Veneer Export Destinations

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
1,153,615	1,475,275	2,327,429	1,919,901	2,319,598	11,906,321

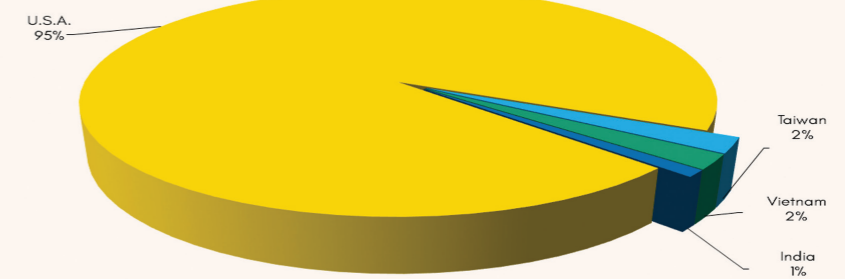


EXPORT VALUE OF LAMINATED BOARD / FLOORING BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PAPAN LAMINA / LANTAI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之层压板/地板出口值

Top Four Laminated Board / Flooring Export Destinations

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
3,569,787	5,075,148	3,926,869	5,852,695	7,568,561	34,317,412

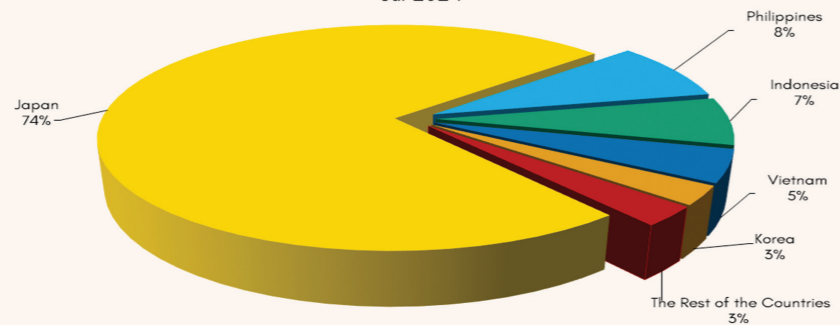


EXPORT VALUE OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBREBOARD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PAPAN GENTIAN BERKETUMPATAN SEDERHANA MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之中密度纤维板出口值

Top Five Medium Density Fibreboard Export Destinations

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
30,032,985	36,919,940	32,547,354	24,016,848	34,685,690	229,532,323

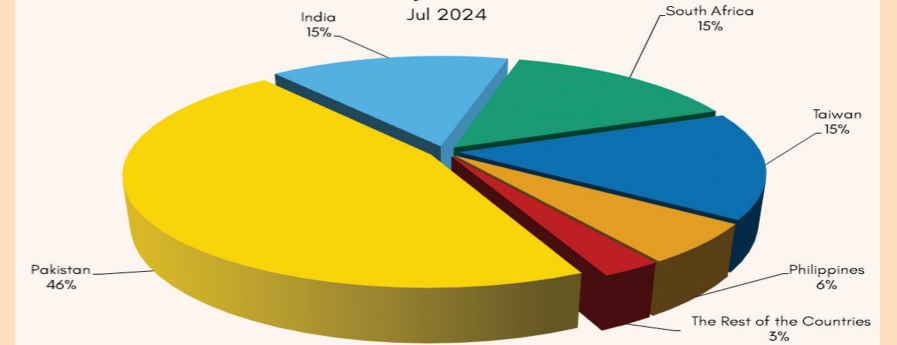


EXPORT VALUE OF DOORSKIN BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT DAUN PINTU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之门皮出口值

Top Five Doorskin Export Destinations

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
3,409,425	5,850,429	4,936,775	1,703,180	4,658,539	27,568,591

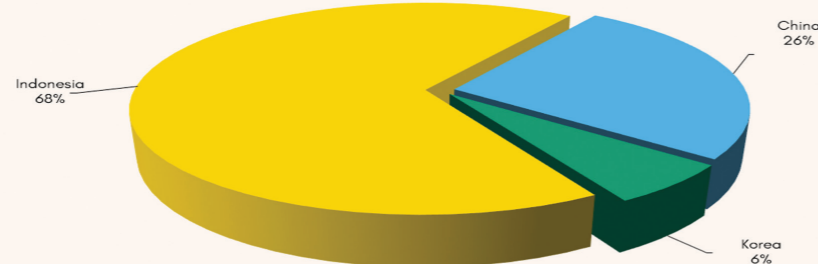


EXPORT VALUE OF PARTICLEBOARD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PAPAN SERPAI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之塑合板出口值

Top Three Particleboard Export Destinations

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
235,309	685,383	1,104,926	1,037,181	825,099	6,007,223

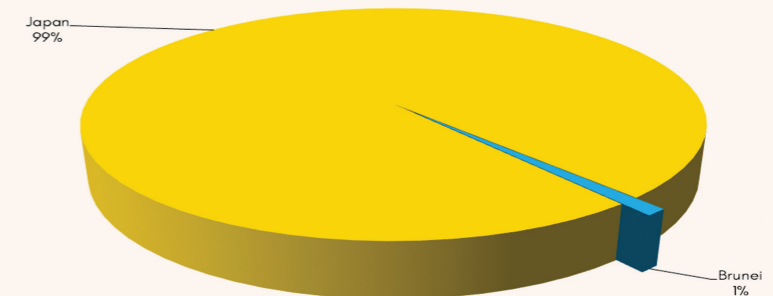


EXPORT VALUE OF DOOR PANELS & FRAME BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PANEL & BINGKAI PINTU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之门框出口值

Top Two Door Panels & Frame Export Destination

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
3,090,492	2,087,614	3,156,646	408,406	1,054,330	17,144,336

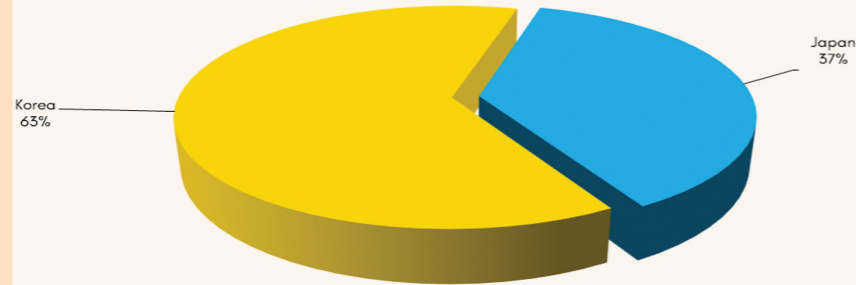


EXPORT VALUE OF MOULDINGS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT KAYU KUMAI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之制模出口值

Top Two Mouldings Export Destination

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
579,283	376,639	756,495	112,325	490,239	3,382,929

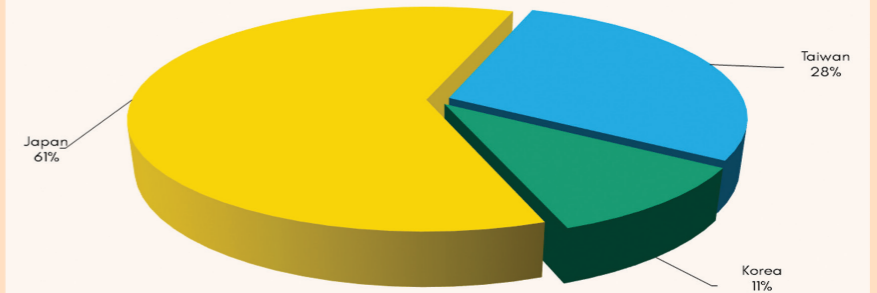


EXPORT VALUE OF CHARCOAL & BRIQUETTE BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT ARANG & BRIKET MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之木炭和煤球出口值

Top Three Charcoal & Briquette Export Destinations

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
676,000	652,271	992,023	562,174	783,818	5,210,889

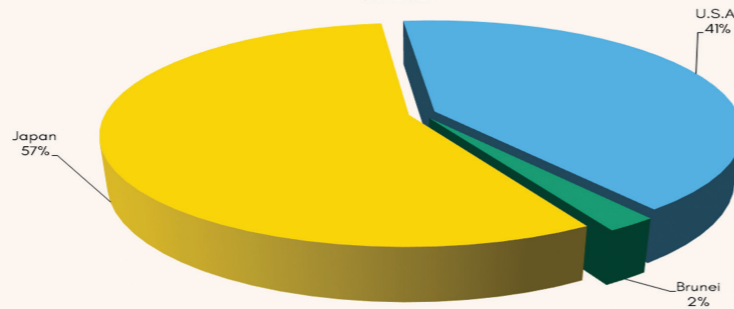


EXPORT VALUE OF FURNITURE & FURNITURE PARTS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PERABOT & BAHAGIANNYA MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之家具及其零件出口值

Top Three Furniture & Furniture Part Export Destination

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
5,544,565	4,798,397	6,862,930	3,423,622	5,453,426	36,755,772



EXPORT VALUE OF WOODCHIPS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT CIP KAYU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之木屑出口值

Top Two Woodchips Export Destination

By Value
Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
20,479,005	---	18,204,995	14,066,329	23,517,020	109,910,516

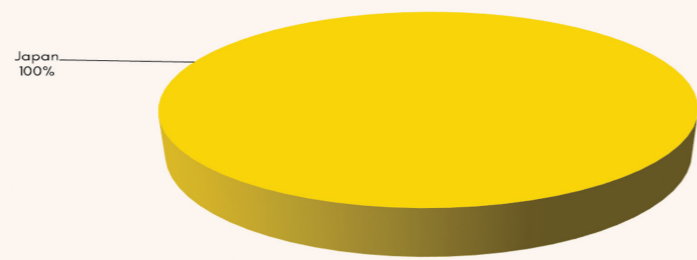


EXPORT VALUE OF WOOD PELLETS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PELET KAYU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之木屑颗粒出口值

Top Wood Pellets Export Destination By Value

Jul 2024



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---	---	20,483,496	---	18,093,106	60,468,752

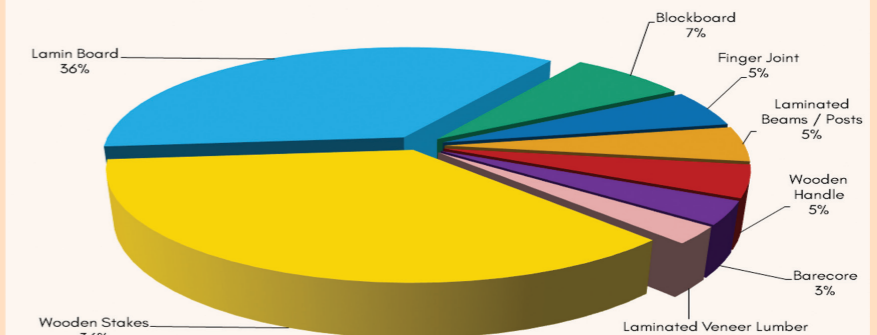


EXPORT VALUE OF OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PRODUK KAYU LAIN DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越其它木制品出口值

Other Timber Products Export By Value

Jul 2024



Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Jan - Jul '24
3,326,474	2,773,684	2,043,240	1,984,787	1,859,685	16,998,461



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT TRAINING

Date : 5-9 August 2024 (Part 1)

Venue : Wisma STA, Kuching

Trainer : Mr Justine Jok Jau Emang

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The STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), training arm of STA had collaborated with the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) to organise the Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) training course with objectives to provide a thorough understanding and practical application of the ECA process to meet the requirements the Natural Resources and Environment (Audit) Rules, 2008, and the associated guidelines as well as to promote self-regulation within the industry players. This training will enable qualified personnel to be registered as Environmental Auditor with NREB and to conduct internal audit, migrating from the existing Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMR) submission.



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Image Captions:

1. ECA participants at hands-on auditing
2. Group photo with ECA participants
3. ECA Trainer conducting classroom training
4. Group photo at KPF Plantation Samarahan

For more information on the above training, kindly contact STAT at 082- 332222 or email to howchu@sta.org.my

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Date : 21-22 August 2024

Venue : Wisma STA, Kuching

Trainer : Associate Professor Dr Tay Meng Guan



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The STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), also collaborated with the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) to organise the Environmental Quality Management (EQM) Training with objectives to provide capacity building within industry on water quality, the proper technique for both water sampling and water quality analysis. This is also to support transition from the existing Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMR) to Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA), with the water quality monitoring to be reported in the Chapter 5 of ECA report.

Image Captions:

1. EQM Trainer demonstrating usage of in-situ water meter probe
2. Group photo with EQM participants
3. Classroom training
4. Demonstration of water quality analysis and data interpretation

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OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME

AUGUST 2024

Skills training in forestry activities have been designed to provide forest workmen with basic knowledge and practical skills required to work safely in the forests. It helps to create awareness on the environment, sustainable forest management as well as occupational safety and health.

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), a subsidiary company of STA, offers training to workmen in the forestry and timber industry. Presently, there are twelve (12) skills sets offered by STAT.

For this month, STAT conducted ground operator training programme as follows:

> Tree Felling - Chainsaw (Natural Forest)

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Kutok Bayang

Date : 13 - 16 August 2024

Location : Pila Camp, Kapit

Company : Ironwall Sdn Bhd



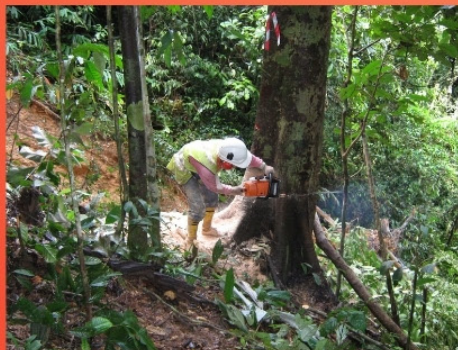
> Log Extraction - Tractor (Natural Forest)

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Sang Sanjan

Date : 13 - 16 August 2024

Location : Pila Camp, Kapit

Company : Ironwall Sdn Bhd



Under Section 51 of the Forests Ordinance 2015, forest workmen are required to receive training from a training provider and demonstrate their competence through assessment. STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) is the appointed training provider by Forest Department Sarawak to provide skills training for the five (5) prescribed forestry activities (PFAs) as listed in Schedule 1 The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015.

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