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# Sharing Session on the Trainings in 5 PFAs for the Year 2024

The officers from the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) gathered at Wisma STA Kuching on 18 December 2024 to share insights on the trainings in 5 Prescribed Forestry Activities (PFAs) and the verification of trained workmen conducted for the year 2024, as well as challenges and opportunities in enhancing the compliance of the Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015 within the timber industry.

Ms Annie Ting, Manager of STAT, in her remarks thanked FDS for participating in the sharing session to share their findings and observations when conducting ground verification on the trained workmen. She highlighted that the feedback is important for continuous enhancement of training conducted by STAT. Mdm Judy George Wan, Head of the Corporate & Service Modernisation Unit of FDS, was also present during the sharing session.

In the sharing session, Mr Wong How Chu, Assistant Manager of STAT, presented that in 2024, STAT trainers conducted 17 PFAs trainings at various logging camps, with 61 of them trained and assessed to be competent, bringing the total number of trained workmen to 4,055 since it was first started in 2004. He also shared on the challenges and opportunities when conducting training, such as the absence of nominated workmen, on-site new nomination, and cancellation or postponement of confirmed

training, which will impact training arrangements, costs and others.

Mr Simon Ricky anak Dunstan Udam, Assistant Forest Officer of FDS, shared that in 2024, his team had conducted inspections at 9 logging camps and 3 monitoring sites, in addition to reminding the company to register their forest workers in the forest licensee portal. He highlighted that the Department had also instructed the company to send their forest workmen in the 5 PFAs for training, as required under Section 51(1) of the Forests Ordinance 2015. Failure to comply would result in the non-issuance of a Permit to Enter Coupe (PEC) and licence renewal which is stated in the DF Circular 1/2024 – The Directive on Trained Workmen (Licence Renewal & Permit to Enter Coupe Approval).

*Pegawai-pegawai daripada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) dan STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) berkumpul di Wisma STA Kuching pada 18 Disember 2024 untuk berkongsi latihan Aktiviti Perhutanan Ditetapkan dan pengesahan pekerja yang telah dijalankan sepanjang tahun 2024, meningkatkan pematuhan Peraturan Hutan (Pekerja Terlatih), 2015. Perkongsian termasuk hasil latihan, penemuan pengesahan lapangan dan tindakan penguatkuasaan yang bertujuan untuk meningkatkan pematuhan industri dan kecekapan operasi.*

*砂森林局 (FDS) 和 STA Training 有限公司 (STAT) 于 2024 年 12 月 18 日在古晋 STA 大厦召开会议, 审查 2024 年规定林业活动培训和员工核查情况, 探讨遵守 2015 年森林 (受训员工) 法令的挑战。讨论内容包括培训成果、实地核查结果及与许可证续期相关的执法行动, 旨在提升工业合规性和运营效率。*



Ms Annie Ting (seated 3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Manager of STAT and Mdm Judy George Wan (seated 3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Head of the Corporate & Service Modernization Unit of FDS, joined the group photo after the sharing session



## STA Downstream Committees' Study Trip to Peninsular Malaysia

The Sarawak Government's Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030) aims to promote Sarawak as the preferred investment destination for high-value downstream activities of resource based industry and to increase export earnings from timber & non-wood forest products to RM8 billion by 2030. As part of the efforts to support the PCDS 2030, STA downstream committees comprising Timber Products Marketing, Moulding and Sawmilling jointly conducted a study trip to Selangor from 9 to 10 December 2024 to explore collaboration opportunities and to gain insights into the downstream timber sector.



Group photo taken at IIESM with Prof Ir Ts Dr Rohana Hassan (4<sup>th</sup> from right) and Prof Zakiah (5<sup>th</sup> from left)

The main objectives of the trip were to engage with key industry players and explore collaboration opportunities with the Institute for Infrastructure Engineering & Sustainable Management (IIESM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Shah Alam and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM). Discussions focused on strengthening the development of engineered wood products (EWP) for construction, advancing research on biomass products, and refining timber standards for better marketability. Additionally, the delegation explored potential training and engagement initiatives between STA, UiTM, and FRIM.



Group photo taken at FRIM, the oldest lab in Malaysia with Dr Suffian (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Dr Ong (4<sup>th</sup> from right)



Observing the function of ground penetration radar at the lab

During the visit, the delegation toured the Weng Meng Group, a leading manufacturer of doorsets and cable reels in the region, where they learned about the company's innovative use of oil palm trunk and new product development. The group also met with researchers from FRIM's Forest Products Division, who shared their latest advancements in timber-related research.



Exchange of souvenir between Mr Stephen Hii, Head of STA delegation (5<sup>th</sup> from left) and Mr George Yap of Weng Meng Group (5<sup>th</sup> from right)

On the second day, the STA delegation visited IIESM at UiTM, where they were briefed on projects such as glulam timber railway sleepers and the promotion of EWP in the construction sector. Both parties agreed to organise an awareness programme to highlight the sustainability of timber as a building material for manufacturers, end users, and policymakers.

The delegation also visited Hup Chong Furniture Sdn Bhd, which specialises in bedroom sets and timber houses using glulam. This provided valuable insights into the performance of glulam and other timber products over time, particularly in real-world applications.

The study trip concluded with a networking dinner, where the delegation had the opportunity to engage with Datuk Larry Sng, Chairman of the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB), fostering stronger industry ties.

*Sebagai sebahagian daripada usaha menyokong Strategi Pembangunan Pasca COVID-19 Sarawak 2030, jawatankuasa hiliran STA telah mengadakan lawatan sambil belajar ke Selangor pada 9 dan 10 Disember 2024 untuk meneroka peluang kerjasama dan mendapatkan pandangan tentang sektor perikanan hiliran. Lawatan tersebut, yang turut melibatkan wakil-wakil daripada Universiti Teknologi Mara, Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia, dan pemain-pemain industri seperti Kumpulan Weng Meng dan Hup Chong Furniture Sdn Bhd, memfokuskan pada produk kayu kejuruteraan, penyelidikan biojisim, piawaian kayu dan inisiatif latihan.*

作为支持砂拉越 2030 年后新冠肺炎疫情发展战略的一部分，本会下游委员会于2024年12月9日至10日前往雪兰莪进行实地考察，旨在探索合作机会，并深入了解下游木材工业。此次行程包括与玛拉工艺大学、马来西亚森林研究机构以及工业代表，如永明集团和合众家具有限公司的交流，重点讨论工程木材产品 (EWP)、生物质研究、木材标准及培训计划等议题。



Group photo with Ms Annie Ting (5<sup>th</sup> from left), Mr Chua Chun Chai (6<sup>th</sup> from left) and Mr Stephen Hii (5<sup>th</sup> from right) in the furniture factory

## Development of STIDC's Blueprint for SMEs in Sarawak Furniture Manufacturing Industry

On 4 December 2024, the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) hosted an engagement session at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching, to develop a blueprint for growing Sarawak's furniture manufacturing industry, with a particular focus on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The event gathered input from government officials, industry players, and experts to craft a sustainable strategy.

In his opening remarks, STIDC General Manager Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah highlighted that the blueprint, aligned with Sarawak's Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, aimed to enhance SMEs' competitiveness locally and internationally while addressing industry challenges and fostering innovation. He stressed the importance of collaboration among stakeholders to ensure the plan's success and relevance.

As part of PCDS 2030, Sarawak targeted RM8 billion in export revenue by 2030, with RM4 billion expected from furniture. This engagement session, the third of its kind organised by STIDC, facilitated discussions on raw material shortages, human capital, logistics challenges, technological transformation, financial support and policy frameworks to strengthen the sector's competitiveness. STA Downstream members and its Secretariat actively participated in these discussions.

*Pada 4 Disember 2024, Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak menganjurkan sesi penglibatan di Kuching untuk membangunkan rangka tindakan industri perabot Sarawak, memfokuskan kepada Perusahaan Kecil dan Sederhana. Sejalan dengan Strategi Pembangunan Pasca COVID-19 Sarawak 2030, ia menangani inovasi, daya saing dan cabaran seperti bahan mentah, logistik dan dasar.*

2024年12月4日，砂拉越木材工业发展机构在古晋举办工作坊，旨在为砂拉越家具行业制定蓝图，重点关注中小型企业。该蓝图与砂拉越2030年后新冠肺炎疫情发展战略相一致，旨在讨论创新、竞争力以及原材料、物流和政策等挑战。



## Working Dinner with Deputy Minister of Plantation and Commodities

On 18 December 2024, Ms Annie Ting, Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) Honorary Treasurer and STA Chief Executive Officer, attended a working dinner with Datuk Chan Foong Hin, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Commodities (MPC), at Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur. The dinner, organised under the platform of MTA and hosted by its President Mr George Yap, was also attended by key figures from the timber industry, including Mr George Yap, MTA President; Mr Ng Kay Yip, President of the Malaysian Wood Industries Association (MWIA) and MTA Honorary Secretary; Mr Chua Song Fong, President of the Timber Exporters' Association of Malaysia (TEAM); Mr Rahman Khan, Deputy President of the Sabah Timber Industries Association (STIA); and Mr Yong Teng Koon, Consultant for MTA and Chairman of the Coalition on Sustainable Timber.

During the dinner, Deputy Minister Datuk Chan highlighted the importance of industrial tree planting and urged MTA to explore this area. He also praised the Coalition on Sustainable Timber, an initiative led by MTA in response to the European Union's Regulation on Deforestation-Free products. The Deputy Minister congratulated MTA for its continued leadership, as Malaysia was re-elected as the Chairman of the Coalition on Sustainable Timber for another term, which shall expire in December 2025.



Seated: Datuk Chan Foong Hin (2<sup>nd</sup> right) together with Mr Rahman Khan (far left), Mr George Yap (2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Mr Ng Kay Yip (1<sup>st</sup> right), standing (left to right): Ms Annie Ting, Mr Yong Teng Koon and Mr Chua Song Fong

MTA menganjurkan majlis makan malam kerja bersama Datuk Chan Foong Hin, Timbalan Menteri Perladangan dan Komoditi di Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur. Semasa majlis tersebut, Timbalan Menteri menekankan kepentingan industri penanaman pokok dan menggesa penerokaan lebih lanjut oleh MTA. Beliau mengucapkan tahniah kepada MTA di atas kepimpinan yang berterusan, kerana Malaysia telah dipilih semula sebagai Pengerusi Gabungan Kayu Lestari untuk satu penggal lagi.

马来西亚木材公会(MTA)与拿督陈泓缜, 种植与原产业部副部长在吉隆坡孟沙南城共进工作晚餐。期间, 副部长强调工业树木种植的重要性, 并敦促MTA进一步探索此领域。副部长也祝贺 MTA 继续发挥领导作用, 使马来西亚再次当选为可持续木材联盟主席, 连任一个任期。

## Minimum Wage Order 2024

The Minimum Wage Order (MWO) 2024 (P.U.(A) 376/2024) was gazetted on 4 December 2024. The Order stipulates a minimum wage of RM1,700 per month throughout the country, with implementation timeline as follows:

### (a) Effective 1 February 2025:

- (i) Employers who employ five or more employees; and
- (ii) Employers who carry out activities classified as professional activities under the Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupations (MASCO), regardless of the number of employees.

### (b) Effective 1 August 2025:

- (i) Employers who employ less than five employees and do not carry out professional activities classified under MASCO 2020. The minimum wage rate remains at RM1,500 per month from 1 February 2025 to 31 July 2025, after which it will increase to RM1,700 per month.

Members were informed on the MWO 2024 via circular on 13 December 2024. For further reference and detail, please visit <https://minimumwages.mohr.gov.my/images/PUA%20376.pdf>.

Perintah Gaji Minimum 2024 (P.U.(A) 376/2024) telah diwartakan pada 4 Disember 2024. Perintah tersebut menetapkan gaji minimum RM1,700 sebulan di seluruh negara. Garis masa pelaksanaan adalah seperti yang dinyatakan dalam artikel dan ahli-ahli STA telah dimaklumkan mengenai perintah tersebut melalui pekeliling pada 13 Disember 2024.

2024年最低薪金法令(MWO) (P.U.(A) 376/2024) 已于2024年12月4日颁布。该法令规定全国最低薪金为每月马币1千700令吉。

实施时间表的要点如英文版所述。

本会会员已通过2024年12月13日的通函获悉2024年MWO的相关信息。

## MTIB's Study on Data Generation Towards Expanding the Wood Product Certification Scheme – Roundtable Session

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) has engaged the Institute of Tropical Forestry and Forest Product (INTROP) of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) to carry out a study on data generation to expand MTIB's Wood Product Certification Scheme. This study is part of the Government's efforts to explore opportunities to expand the certification scheme to include products that align with current needs and meet the demands of the global market.

In this connection, a roundtable session with stakeholders was held on 19 December 2024 at Bangi Resort Hotel. The session aimed to exchange ideas and discuss issues related to requirements, impacts, challenges, opportunities and relevance of certification in advancing the country's Sustainable Development Goals. The roundtable was attended by representatives from timber industry associations as well as Government agencies.

During the group discussion, the industry representatives were assigned with identifying wood-based products that are most crucial for certification based on marketability, trends and sustainability. This was to determine which products, beyond the current certifications for plywood and formaldehyde emissions of panel products for domestic markets, should be prioritised under MTIB's certification scheme.

The Industry Group recognised the value of product certification as a means of promoting and acknowledging the quality and standards of products. However,

they suggested that Government should analyse import data to identify which products should be prioritised for certification. Other key recommendations from the discussion include offering incentives to companies that demonstrate strong commitment to improving product quality, implementing cost-sharing measures to ease the financial burden on businesses; ensuring government recognition of certified products; enhancing market access for certified products; strengthening collaboration and synergy among various Government agencies.

Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia telah memulakan satu kajian mengenai penjaanaan data untuk mengembangkan Skim Pensijilan Produk Kayu MTIB dan memenuhi permintaan pasaran global dan Matlamat Pembangunan Mampan. Meja bulat pihak berkepentingan telah diadakan pada 19 Disember 2024 di Hotel Bangi Resort untuk bertukar idea dan membincangkan keperluan, impak, cabaran dan peluang. Wakil-wakil daripada persatuan industri perakyuan serta agensi Kerajaan menekankan keperluan untuk mengutamakan produk kayu utama untuk pensijilan, insentif, perkongsian kos dan kerjasama antara agensi.

马来西亚木材工业局(MTIB)开展一项数据生成研究, 以扩展MTIB的木材产品认证计划, 并满足全球市场需求和可持续发展目标。2024年12月19日, 利益相关者圆桌会议假万宜度假酒店举行, 以交流想法并讨论要求、影响、挑战和机遇。来自木材工业公会以及政府机构的代表强调优先认证主要木材产品、激励措施、成本分担和跨机构合作的必要性。



Group discussion in progress





## Enrichment Planting Reporting for the Year 2024

The Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) held a meeting on “*Enrichment Planting Reporting for the Year 2024*” on 16 December 2024 at Wisma Baitul Makmur II, Petra Jaya. The meeting was chaired by Mr Semilan Anak Ripot, the Deputy Director of Forests (Forest Management), and was attended by FDS staff from both the Headquarters and Regional Forest Offices, along with the staff from STA Secretariat.

In his opening remarks, Mr Semilan emphasised the critical role of enrichment planting in forest restoration efforts. He highlighted that all holders of forest timber licences are required to carry out enrichment planting within their licensed areas, in accordance with DF Circular No. 2/2019 issued by the Director of Forests on 15 January 2019. Furthermore, he stressed the importance of establishing nursery within the licensed areas to produce indigenous species for use in these restoration activities.

A key point of Mr Semilan's address was the potential consequences for non-compliance with the circular, including the non-renewal of licences for those failing to meet the stipulated requirements. The meeting featured presentations from all Regional Forest Offices, which provided updates on the progress of enrichment planting in relation to the allocated planting quotas. The reports also included an overview of nursery performance and findings from on-the-ground audits of licenced areas. Additionally, challenges faced by both FDS staff and licence holders were discussed, and proposed solutions were presented to address these issues.

*Mesyuarat Pelaporan Penanaman Pengayaan bagi Tahun 2024 yang diadakan pada 16 Disember 2024 di Wisma Baitul Makmur II, Petra Jaya menampilkan kemas kini daripada kesemua Pejabat Hutan Wilayah mengenai kemajuan penanaman pengayaan berbanding kuota penanaman yang diperuntukkan. Pembentangan termasuk semakan prestasi nurseri dan penemuan audit lapangan bagi kawasan berlesen. Sesi turut membincangkan cabaran yang dihadapi oleh kakitangan FDS dan pemegang lesen, dengan cadangan langkah penyelesaian yang berkesan bagi mengatasi isu-isu ini.*

2024年富集种植报告会议于2024年12月16日假柏特拉再也Baitul Makmur II大厦召开，由砂森林局(FDS)各区域办公室提供关于富集种植的进展报告，并与分配的种植配额进行对比。报告包括苗圃绩效评估和许可区域实地审查结果。该会议也讨论FDS 官员和许可证持有者所面临的挑战，并提出有效解决这些问题的建议方案。

## HRD Corp Briefing on Enhancement of Terms and Conditions of Allowable Cost Matrix

The HRD Corp Sarawak Region conducted a *Briefing on the Enhancement of Terms and Conditions of the Allowable Cost Matrix (ACM)* on 3 December 2024 at Lot 10 Boutique Hotel, Kuching. The objective of the session is to update registered employers and training providers in Kuching on the recent enhancements to the HRD Corp ACM, which took effect on 1 November 2024. The session also aimed to clarify the changes, provide guidance on submitting error-free grant applications, and address any issues related to the process.

Mdm Josephine anak Bujang, Head of Account Management Unit in her welcoming remarks, highlighted that the revisions to the ACM were made to support employers in effectively utilising their levies to train and upskill their workforce. The revised ACM provides a higher ceiling for claimable course fees and the flexibility to claim hourly-based training, providing employers with more options to access HRDF training.

Ms Norsita binti Ali, Associate of the Account Management Unit, provided an overview of the enhancements, noting that HRD Corp had reviewed the ACM to ensure it was relevant and effective for all registered employers. These changes were designed to simplify the grant application process, making it easier



*Ms Norsita binti Ali, Associate, Account Management Unit of HRD Corp Sarawak Region enlightened participants on the Allowable Cost Matrix*

and more flexible for employers to submit their claims, ultimately allowing more employees to benefit from training programmes.

Ms Norsita also shared valuable guidance on submitting error-free grant applications. She reminded all employers the importance of choosing the correct scheme types and course name and providing all necessary details when submitting grant applications to avoid delays or rejections.

For inquiries or more information, please visit HRD Corp's website at <https://hrdcorp.gov.my/>

*HRD Corp Wilayah Sarawak telah mengadakan Taklimat Penambahbaikan Terma dan Syarat Matriks Kos Dibenarkan (ACM) pada 3 Disember 2024 di Lot 10 Boutique Hotel, Kuching. Para peserta telah dimaklumkan mengenai penambahbaikan terkini Matriks Kos Boleh Dituntut HRD Corp yang berkuatkuasa pada 1 November 2024. ACM yang disemak semula menyediakan had maksimum yang lebih tinggi untuk yuran kursus yang boleh dituntut dan fleksibiliti untuk menuntut latihan mengikut jam, memberikan majikan lebih banyak pilihan untuk mengakses latihan di bawah HRDF.*

砂拉越人力资源发展机构(HRD Corp)于2024年12月3日假古晋拉特10号精品酒店举办关于可允许成本矩阵(ACM)的最新增强条款和条件讲座。参与者了解HRD Corp ACM的最新增强，该修订的ACM将于2024年11月1日生效。修订后的ACM提供更高的可申领课程费用上限，并给予按小时计算培训费用的索偿灵活性，为雇主提供更多获取人力资源发展基金(HRDF)培训的选择。



*Mdm Josephine anak Bujang (front row – 7<sup>th</sup> from right), Head of the Account Management Unit at HRD Corp Sarawak Region joined participants of Briefing for a group photo*

## Seminar on Fire Safety Organisation

The Human Resource Development Corporation and Fire and Rescue Department jointly organised a “*Seminar on Fire Safety Organisation*” on 2 December 2024 at Imperial Hotel, Kuching.

The Seminar, which drew approximately 800 participants, including STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd was officiated by Datuk Michael Tiang Ming Tee, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Housing and Local Government. It served as a platform for representatives from the government and the Fire and Rescue Department to network with professionals, private organisations and industry players, while providing insights into the laws and procedures governing fire safety.

Key discussions during the Seminar focused on the proposed amendments to the Fire Services Act 1988. These amendments would require premises owners to establish a Fire Safety Organisation for their properties. The Seminar also outlined the proposed responsibilities of the Fire Safety Manager and Fire Safety Officers within these organisations. These responsibilities include attending mandatory training courses, developing fire emergency response plans and submitting comprehensive fire safety reports. Compliance with these requirements is essential for obtaining the Fire Certificate, which is necessary for premises to operate legally.

The Seminar also highlighted the penalties for non-compliance under the amended Act. Premises owners found guilty of offences may face fines of up to RM50,000 or imprisonment for up to five (5) years, or both.

The proposed amendments and requirements are scheduled to take effect in 2027, pending the gazettment of the Act.

*Perbadanan Pembangunan Sumber Manusia dan Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat telah bekerjasama untuk menganjurkan Seminar organisasi keselamatan kebakaran pada 2 Disember 2024 di Kuching. Seminar menekankan cadangan pindaan kepada Akta Perkhidmatan Bomba 1988 yang akan berkuatkuasa pada 2027. Pindaan termasuk keperluan untuk pemilik premis membentuk Organisasi Keselamatan Kebakaran, melaksanakan pelan kecemasan, dan lain-lain, bagi mendapatkan Sijil Kebakaran. Ketidapatuhan boleh membawa kepada hukuman yang berat.*

人力资源发展机构与消防与拯救局于2024年12月2日在古晋联合举办消防安全组织研讨会。会议重点讨论拟议于2027年生效的1988年消防服务法修订案。这些修订案包括要求职场业主成立消防安全组织、实施应急计划等，以获得消防证书。未遵守相关规定可能会面临严厉的处罚。



## Collaborative Efforts under MTA – Advancing ESG and Strategic Directions for the Timber Industry

Several MTA Executive Committee members, represented by timber associations from Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak, including STA, met with Ms Nat Tan, the editor in charge of environmental, social and governance (ESG) at The Edge Malaysia on 20 December 2024. The meeting, held at Menara PGRM Kuala Lumpur, focused on gathering feedback and perspectives from the timber industry across the three regions for a series of articles on ESG topic to be published in the Edge.

Both Mr George Yap, MTA President and Mr Ng Kay Yip, MTA Honorary Secretary proposed a series of stories to reshape public perception of the sustainable timber industry and its alignment with ESG principles. Ms Annie Ting, MTA Honorary Treasurer cum STA Chief Executive Officer proposed introducing MTA's ESG framework for timber industry to the public, highlighting operational enhancement from adopting the ESG framework. The discussion concluded with several proposed article titles to guide the series.

In a separate session, Mr Yap, together with representatives from the associations tasked with reviewing and updating MTA's Malaysian Timber Industry Roadmap (MTIR), namely Sabah Timber Industries Association, Timber Association of Sabah, Malaysian Wood Industries Association and STA convened a meeting.

The meeting also decided to focus on developing a document detailing the strategic directions for industrial tree planting across the three regions, Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. This decision was made following discussion with the Deputy Minister of Plantation and Commodities, Datuk Chan Foong Hin, held two (2) days prior to the meeting.



Discussion in progress

The group agreed on the framework for the document, which will be supported by data and practical recommendations for the industry. The framework will be further deliberated at the forthcoming MTA Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for January 2025.

*Pada 20 Disember 2024, Jawatankuasa Eksekutif Persatuan Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTA) bertemu dengan The Edge Malaysia untuk membincangkan siri artikel bertumpu ESG yang bertujuan untuk membentuk semula persepsi orang ramai terhadap usaha kelestarian industri perikanan. Cadangan utama termasuk memperkenalkan rangka kerja ESG MTA dan menyerlahkan peningkatan operasi.*

*Dalam sesi berasingan untuk membincangkan Pelan Hala Tuju Industri Perikanan Malaysia (MTIR), MTA telah memutuskan untuk mengutamakan pembangunan dokumen strategik mengenai industri penanaman pokok di ketiga-tiga wilayah, menekankan sokongan kewangan dan penglibatan kerajaan. Rangka kerja tersebut akan disemak lebih lanjut semasa Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Eksekutif MTA pada Januari 2025.*

2024年12月20日，马来西亚木材公会(MTA)执行委员会与The Edge Malaysia会面，讨论一系列以环境、社会和治理(ESG)为重点的文章，旨在重塑公众对木材工业可持续发展努力的想法。主要建议包括介绍MTA的ESG框架和强调运营改进。

在另一场讨论马来西亚木材工业路线图(MTIR)的会议中，MTA决定优先制定一份关于三大区域工业人工林的战略文件，强调财政支持和政府的参与。该框架将在2025年1月的MTA执行委员会会议上进一步审议。

*Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran, Malaysia telah mengadakan mesyuarat pada 4 dan 5 Disember 2024 bagi tujuan pembentangan laporan interim bagi rancangan Pengurusan Lembangan Sungai Bersepadu untuk Batang Saribas dan Batang Rajang. Laporan akhir daripada pihak perunding akan membantu usaha pihak kerajaan di masa hadapan dalam menangani isu-isu seperti pengurusan sumber air, tebatan banjir dan perlindungan ekosistem lembangan sungai yang dikaji.*

马来西亚灌溉和排水局(DID Malaysia)于2024年12月4日和5日召开会议，发表萨里巴斯和拉让河流域综合管理(IRBM)计划的阶段性报告。最终报告将为未来在这些流域内应对水资源管理、洪水防治和生态系统保护等问题的努力提供指导。



Meeting in progress

## Project on 'Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for Domestic Market in Malaysia' – Inception Workshop

The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) organised the Inception Workshop for the 'Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for the Domestic Market in Malaysia' (SWU) project on 18 December 2024, held in Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur, and via Zoom. The workshop was attended by policymakers, research institutions, timber associations, and industry players to discuss and provide inputs on the project inception report. It also fostered collaboration and cooperation among all participants, paving the way for the effective implementation of the project.

In his opening remarks, Mr Akmal Saarani, Director (Chain of Custody) at MTCC, shared that the SWU project, funded by the International Tropical Timber Organization, is an initiative aimed at enhancing and diversifying domestic consumption while promoting local markets for sustainable wood and wood products in Malaysia. With MTCC appointed by the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities as the executing agency, this 18-month project has the ambitious goal of increasing domestic consumption, improving supply chains, and reinforcing government policies related to the use of sustainable wood products.

The workshop featured a series of informative presentations, including an overview of the Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World initiative, a detailed briefing on the project's background, scope, methodologies, and expected outcomes, as well as a presentation on Malaysia's Government Green Procurement initiative. Participants actively engaged during the focus group discussions.

*Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC) telah menganjurkan Bengkel Permulaan untuk projek 'Mempromosikan Penggunaan Kayu Lestari untuk Pasaran Domestik di Malaysia' (SWU) pada 18 Disember 2024, yang diadakan di Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur dan secara maya. Projek SWU selama 18 bulan ini yang dibiayai oleh Pertubuhan Kayu Tropika Antarabangsa merupakan inisiatif untuk meningkatkan dan mempelbagaikan penggunaan domestik sambil mempromosikan pasaran tempatan untuk kayu dan produk kayu yang mampan di Malaysia.*

马来西亚木材认证理事会 (MTCC) 于 2024 年 12 月 18 假吉隆坡布城以及通过线上平台举办“促进马来西亚国内市场可持续木材使用(SWU)”项目的启动工作坊。由国际热带木材组织资助，为期 18 个月的 SWU 项目，旨在增强和多样化国内消费，同时推动马来西亚可持续木材和木制品的本地市场。

## Interim Report Presentation for the Study on IRBM Plan for Batang Rajang and Batang Saribas, Sarawak

The Department of Irrigation and Drainage, Malaysia (DID Malaysia) convened meetings on 4 and 5 December 2024 to facilitate the presentation of interim reports for the Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) plans for Batang Saribas and Batang Rajang, respectively.

The IRBM study for Batang Saribas is being undertaken by O.B.E Consulting Sdn Bhd, while the study for Batang Rajang is led by KTA (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd. These interim reports mark a critical milestone in the development of comprehensive plans aimed at sustainable management and conservation of these vital river basins.

The meetings provided a platform for the consultants to present their findings and proposed strategies to stakeholders, while enabling discussions and feedback sessions to refine the

IRBM plans further. The final reports will guide future efforts in addressing issues such as water resource management, flood mitigation, and ecosystem protection within these river basins. This initiative reflects DID Malaysia's commitment to fostering an integrated approach to river basin management that balances environmental preservation with socio-economic development.





Malaysian delegates captured a picture with Datu Haji Hamden Bin Mohammad, Director of Forests Sarawak (8<sup>th</sup> from left), Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh (9<sup>th</sup> from left), Ms Sheam Satkuru (10<sup>th</sup> from left), Mr Gerhard Breulmann, ITTO Operations Director (11<sup>th</sup> from left), Dato' Abdul Hadi Bin Omar, Head of Delegation, Malaysia (12<sup>th</sup> from left) and Dato' Haji Zahari bin Ibrahim, Director General of Forest Department Peninsular Malaysia (13<sup>th</sup> from left)

## 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Tropical Timber Council

The Sixtieth session of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC-60) took place from 2 to 6 December 2024 at Pacifico Yokohama, Japan. This year, approximately 180 delegates and observers attended the session.

ITTC-60 commenced with the opening of the Council plenary, during which the Chair, Ms Anna Tyler from New Zealand, urged ITTO members to present a united front.

She emphasised the critical importance of sustainably managed tropical forests and the pivotal role the ITTO can play in safeguarding the long-term health and sustainability of tropical ecosystems.

Five (5) invited guest speakers at the opening are:

1. Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Minister for Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development, Malaysia
2. Mr Hirofumi Takinami, State Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
3. Mr Takeharu Yamanaka, Mayor, City of Yokohama, Japan
4. Mr Jorge Rodriguez Zuniga, Vice-Minister of the Environment, Costa Rica
5. His Excellency Mr Roberto Seminario Portocarrero, Ambassador of Peru to Japan.

Datuk Haji Len emphasised the central role of timber production in Sarawak's economy. He highlighted the successful implementation of twenty (20) ITTO projects in Sarawak since 1989, valued at over USD 16 million.

**International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)** is an intergovernmental organisation focused on promoting the conservation, sustainable management, use, and trade of tropical forest resources. ITTO develops internationally agreed policy documents to support sustainable forest management and conservation, while helping tropical member countries adapt and implement these policies through local projects.

He also elaborated on Sarawak's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality, outlining how this ambitious goal will be realised through a combination of sustainable forestry practices, comprehensive conservation efforts, landscape restoration, and the rewilding and rehabilitation of degraded areas.

### Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets, and Committee on Forest Industry

1. As of mid 2024, total certified forest area in ITTO producing member countries = 42.8 million
  - 24.2 million ha are FSC certified forest areas (15% of global FSC certification)
  - 18.6 million ha are PEFC certified forest areas (6.3% of global PEFC certification)
2. Number of Chain of Custody (CoC) Certificates in ITTO producing member countries = 7,674 (more than 10% of world total)
3. National certification schemes endorsed by PEFC as of 2024:
  - CERFLOR (Brazil)
  - MTCS (Malaysia)
  - IFCC (Indonesia)
  - PAFC (Gabon)
  - NCCF (India)
  - VFCO (Vietnam)
  - PAFC (Cameroon)
  - PAFC (Republic of Congo)
  - F.T.I (Thailand)
  - GFC (Guyana)

**International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC)**, the governing body of ITTO, convenes annually to address a wide-ranging agenda dedicated to advancing sustainable tropical forest management and fostering the trade of responsibly sourced tropical timber.

## Malaysia-funded ITTO Projects

It was also shared that Malaysia is currently implementing four (4) ITTO-funded projects totalling USD 1.51 million.

No.	Project	Location
1.	Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihoods,	Sarawak
2.	Community Empowerment in Forest Management and Forest Landscape Restoration in Upper Baram	
3.	Critical Upliftment of Local Livelihoods: Urgent Actions for Community-Based Conservation and Development in Upper Baram.	
4.	Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for the Domestic Market in Malaysia	West Malaysia

Exchange of signed documents between Datu Haji Hamden bin Haji Mohammad, Director of Forests Sarawak (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Ms Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director of ITTO (3<sup>rd</sup> from right)

In addition, the Sarawak Government signed two (2) new projects with the ITTO during the ITTC-60, namely

- Management of Sungai Menyang Conservation Area for Orangutan Protection and Uplifting Community Livelihood, and
- Critical Upliftment of Local Livelihoods: Urgent Actions for Community-based Conservation and Development in Upper Baram

These projects, focusing on forest conservation and enhancing local livelihoods, aim to empower local communities through conservation efforts, sustainable practices, and infrastructure development, further solidifying Sarawak's commitment to environmental stewardship.



## Annual Market Discussion

The Annual Market Discussion for this year was held on 3 December 2024, with the theme "Production and Trade – Rising Costs and Weakening Demand". The discussion focused on timber market conditions and challenges in Brazil, Gabon, Mexico, and Vietnam.

One presentation highlighted how wood properties vary depending on where trees are grown, emphasising the advantages of plantation-grown wood in terms of uniformity and fast growth rates. It also stressed the importance of effective plantation management and noted that ITTO can play a key role in informing species selection for plantations and fostering greater market acceptance of plantation-grown trees.

The final presentation provided an overview of the Global Green Supply Chain (GGSC), China, the Global Timber Index (GTI), and the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF), which is co-hosted by GGSC and ITTO.

The Monthly GTI Report is based on a survey of timber sector enterprises in ten pilot countries, including Malaysia, and reflects trends in timber market sentiment in these countries.

The GLSTF is an annual forum that strengthens connections and cooperation among timber producers, buyers, processors, and market participants. It promotes sustainable forest management, supports the development of a legal and sustainable supply chain for forest products, and encourages the legal and sustainable trade of timber and wood products. The forum aims to foster a stable, transparent business environment while promoting sustainable development and addressing climate change.

The Trade Statement 2024 was presented at the conclusion of the discussion and is shared in the following pages.



**1. Extend the mandate of the Preparatory Working Group (PWG) until the 61<sup>st</sup> session of the Council to prepare for the negotiation of a new International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA).**

This group will work on negotiating a new ITTA to replace the current agreement, which expires on 6 December 2029. The PWG is open to all ITTO members, allowing anyone to participate. It will be co-chaired by Mr Daniel Carl (USA) and Ms. Veneska Bethancourt (Panama).

**2. Endorse the process for ITTO to obtain observer status at the United Nations General Assembly.**

This status will provide ITTO with greater access to high-level international meetings, advancing its mandate to strengthen engagement with external bodies and funding mechanisms.

**3. Extend the term of ITTO Executive Director, Ms Sheam Satkuru by two years, until 31 January 2028, in recognition of her leadership.**



*Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh (left) and Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (right) congratulate Ms Sheam Satkuru on the extension of her term as Executive Director of ITTO.*

**4. Hold its next session in Panama from 20 – 24 October 2025.** Mr Carlos Espinosa Peña of Panama was welcomed as the incoming Chairperson for 2025. Additionally, Japan offered to host the 62<sup>nd</sup> Council session in Yokohama.

*Sesi Ke-60 Majlis Kayu Tropika Antarabangsa (ITTC-60) berlangsung dari 2 hingga 6 Disember 2024 di Pacifico Yokohama, Jepun. Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, Timbalan Menteri Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar Sarawak di Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar dalam ucapan beliau pada sesi perasmian menekankan sumbangan pengeluaran kayu dalam ekonomi Sarawak dan komitmen Sarawak untuk mencapai neutraliti karbon.*

*Turut dilaporkan bahawa Malaysia sedang melaksanakan 4 projek yang dibiayai Pertubuhan Kayu Tropika Antarabangsa, dengan 3 daripada projek tersebut terletak di Sarawak. Sesi seterusnya akan diadakan di Panama dari 20 hingga 24 Oktober 2025.*

*第六十届国际热带木材理事会会议(ITTC-60)于2024年12月2日至6日在日本横浜国际平和会议场举行。砂天然资源及城市发展部城市规划、土地管理及环境部副部长拿督哈芝连达立夫在开幕式上致辞，强调木材生产在砂拉越经济中的贡献以及砂拉越在实现碳中和方面的承诺。目前，马来西亚正在实施四个由国际热带木材组织(ITTO)资助的项目，其中三个项目位于砂拉越。下一届会议将于2025年10月20日至24日在巴拿马举行。*

Chair person  
Ladies and Gentlemen

The TAG welcomes the proposal from the European Commission to delay the EUDR application date by 12 months to 30 December 2025 which will allow more preparation time for the timber industry to comply. However, the industry is concerned over the uncertainty of the delay as well as new 11<sup>th</sup> hour amendments, which are problematic for multiple reasons.

While we acknowledge that ITTO is not able to impact either the delay or the regulation, we would be remiss if we did not highlight this issue, given the seismic impacts the EUDR has and will have on the global forestry policy and trade. We urge the Commission to work with both Consumers and Producers to ensure a smooth implementation of the EUDR.

The tropical timber markets are very unsteady at present and there are a lot of unknowns ahead. The World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report highlighted the struggles and slow recovery of global trade in 2023 marking one of the weakest performances in 50 years outside of global recessions.

Today, wood product manufacturers everywhere are reeling from skyrocketing shipping costs and irregular shipping schedules due to, firstly, the drought in Panama severely curtailing ship passages through the Canal; and secondly, the ongoing conflicts in the Red Sea region. The complaints about the logistics in exporting timber products are loudest from Vietnam, China, Indonesia, Brazil, and Malaysia.

Exporters in many producer countries are not happy that shipping companies are using the continuing fallout from the Covid pandemic and geo-political conflicts as reasons to increase marine freight and other logistics costs. Prior to these recent increases, freight charges from Southeast Asia to the US or EU were around US\$ 2,000 per 40 foot container.

In the post-Covid pandemic, freight charges soared between US\$ 18,000 - 20,000, and now, because of the war in Ukraine and the Red Sea chaos, freight charges are varying between US\$ 8,000 - 10,000 to the US and EU markets. Ultimately, these costs will not only depress trade but be passed along to the consumer, at a time when price consciousness is an increasing barrier to the use of wood.

So, in the midst of all these global uncertainties, what can ITTO do to help the timber industry?

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) was created in 2023 by ITTO and Macao's Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute, and the inaugural Forum was convened in 2023. In September 2024, the GLSTF launched the Action Framework for Promoting Legal and Sustainable Timber Supply Chains to strengthen international collaboration among stakeholders in timber supply chains, promote the sustainable development of the timber industry, contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, and combat climate change.

In her opening address at GLSTF 2024, ITTO Executive Director Sheam Satkuru asserted that the GLSTF is a collaborative platform of timber industry stakeholders designed to strengthen networking and business exchanges among timber industry stakeholders to facilitate sustainable forest management and the legal and sustainable use and trade of timber and wood products.

During that GLSTF meeting in Macau and subsequent discussions among TAG members globally it was established that the buyers of tropical timber in our traditional markets are not receiving information about the progress tropical timber producers have made and are continuing to make towards SFM. There is a need for a mechanism to communicate, educate, promote, market, and publicise the tremendous progress tropical timber producers have made and are continuing to make since the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 on traceability, legality, and sustainability.

It seems a natural fit now for ITTO and GLSTF to work together on addressing the negative perceptions in the market. Firstly, a Working Group of stakeholders could be formed to define what and how to communicate to the buyers of our products. The information of what the producers have been doing towards SFM could be collated to be used in a campaign to address consumer negative perceptions.

TAG proposes that resources and finances could be set aside to employ a dedicated person to handle this important task. There is a desperate need for a person, working without distractions, to undertake the task with help from all ITTO Members.

This 100% focus on rebuilding demand for tropical timber trade is what TAG seeks from ITTC today. Together, we can create a narrative that demonstrates what we all know – that wood is sustainable, that trade benefits forests, and that together, we can protect tropical forests for the future.

Thank you.  
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December 2024, Yokohama  
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ITTO's Integrated Fire Management

Another important role of ITTO is supporting Member Producers in developing governance and institutional capacities in Integrated Fire Management (IFM), including the involvement of civil society. This support involves promoting efficient techniques and best practices for preventing and managing fires in tropical regions.

Two ITTO-funded projects on forest fire management have been successfully executed in Indonesia and Peru. The findings and recommendations from these projects will be considered in ITTO's ongoing work in forest fire management, including field-level guidelines.

The ITTO Fire Management for Tropical Forests policy guidelines were first developed in 1997.



## Webinar on Hornbill Habitats in Borneo

The recent webinar on Hornbill Habitats in Borneo brought together over 100 participants, showcasing insights from three (3) expert speakers on the conservation and protection of these iconic birds. The event, moderated by Dr Jessica Lee from Mandai Nature on 10 December 2024, emphasised the urgent need for collaborative action to safeguard hornbill populations and their habitats in the face of mounting threats such as habitat loss, climate change, and poaching.

Dr Anuj Jain from Birdlife International highlighted the need to prioritise resources for hornbill conservation, introducing the concept of Important Hornbill Landscapes (IHLs). This framework uses four (4) criteria to identify critical habitats for hornbills. He shared that through rapid assessments across Sarawak; over 1,500 records were collected, covering 119 sites. Of these, eight (8) sites met the IHL criteria, with an additional five (5) identified as potential IHLs, making a total of

13 priority conservation areas. As seen with the Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary, an identified IHL, collaboration is critical to effectively implement site protection and prioritise conservation actions.

Dr Salwa Khalid from the Universiti Brunei Darussalam presented her ongoing research on hornbill distribution in Brunei, where knowledge gaps persist due to limited studies, with the last major publication on Helmeted Hornbills dates back to 2005. She underscored the importance of mixed dipterocarp forests for hornbill habitats, while noting the critical endangerment of the Helmeted Hornbill due to poaching and habitat loss.

Dr Chloe Hatten from the University of Hong Kong discussed the impacts of climate change on hornbill habitats, emphasising that rising temperatures and habitat destruction are forcing species to adapt by shifting to higher altitudes.

However, Borneo's island boundaries limit such migrations, highlighting the urgent need for habitat protection beyond current protected areas.

The webinar concluded with a resounding call for awareness, collaboration, and action. The plight of Borneo's hornbills is a shared responsibility, requiring concerted efforts from governments, researchers, non-governmental organisations, and local communities.

*Webinar dalam talian mengenai Habitat Burung Enggang di Borneo pada 10 Disember 2024 membincangkan pemuliharaan populasi burung enggang di tengah-tengah ancaman seperti kehilangan habitat, perubahan iklim, dan pemburuan haram. Sebanyak 13 kawasan pemuliharaan utama di Sarawak telah dikenal pasti dalam rangka kerja Landskap Penting Burung Enggang.*

婆罗洲犀鸟栖息地线上研讨会于2024年12月10日举行，讨论犀鸟种群在受栖息地丧失、气候变化和偷猎等威胁下的保育课题。在重要犀鸟景观框架中，砂拉越已确定13个优先保育区域。

## STA Manpower Working Group – Discussion on Foreign Workers Transformation Approach

An online discussion with the STA Manpower Working Group was on 23 December 2024. The crucial item discussed in the session was the Foreign Workers Transformation Approach (FWTA) system.

The FWTA system, which is poised to bring some changes to the management of foreign workers, has sparked concerns and there are requests for greater clarities particularly on several key issues, including the associated fees, how it will integrate with existing systems, and the specifics of certain features such as the Foreign Worker ID. Industry representatives, particularly from the timber sector, urged the need for additional consultation and engagement prior to the system's full implementation in January 2025.

The session also addressed the Sarawak Labour Ordinance (SLO) 2024, which was recently passed in the Parliament on 12 December 2024.

The ordinance is currently awaiting the royal assent, after which it will be officially gazetted by the Minister For Human Resources. A key issue raised during the session was the modification of the Employees' Minimum Standards of Housing, Accommodations and Amenities (Act) (Act 446) under the SLO 2024 to better suit the needs of Sarawak.

Additionally, the session covered the Minimum Wage Order 2024, which was gazetted on 4 December 2024. This order introduces a revised nationwide minimum wage rate, increasing it from RM1,500 to RM1,700 per month. The new rate will be implemented in stages: (i) starting 1 February 2025 for employers with five (5) or more employees and employers engaged in activities under the Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupations (MASCO), and (ii) starting 1 August 2025 for employers with less than five (5) employees who do not engage in MASCO-related activities.

The discussion concluded that, while these developments mark important strides in improving manpower conditions nationwide and regionally, members also highlight the need for a balanced approach that takes into account the concerns of both employers and workers. Ongoing dialogue and clarity will be crucial as these systems and regulations come into effect.

*Kumpulan Kerja Tenaga Kerja STA bertemu dalam talian pada 23 Disember 2024 untuk membincangkan system Pendekatan Transformasi Pekerja Asing (FWTA) yang bakal dilaksanakan pada Januari 2025. Kebimbangan mengenai yuran berkaitan, integrasi sistem dan ID Pekerja Asing telah dibangkitkan dengan wakil-wakil industry meminta perundingan lebih lanjut sebelum pelaksanaan. Mesyuarat turut membincangkan Ordinan Buruh Sarawak 2024 dan Perintah Gaji Minimum 2024. Walaupun inisiatif ini bertujuan untuk meningkatkan keadaan tenaga kerja, ahli-ahli menekankan kepentingan pendekatan seimbang dan dialog berterusan untuk menangani kebimbangan pihak berkepentingan dengan berkesan.*

本会人力资源工作小组于2024年12月23日召开线上会议，讨论将于2025年1月实施的外籍劳工转型方案(FWTA)系统。会议对相关费用、系统整合以及外籍劳工身份证的问题表示关切，工业代表呼吁在系统推出前进行更多的磋商。会议也讨论2024年砂拉越劳工法令和2024年最低薪金法令。虽然这些举措旨在改善人力资源条件，但会员们强调，采取平衡的方法和持续对话对于有效解决利益相关者的担忧至关重要。





# 2024 in Review

## January

5<sup>th</sup> User Requirements Study Lab for Trained Workmen in progress



STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No. 1/2024



Malaysia Timber Association's engagement with Malaysian Nature Society and WWF - Malaysia



Working visit from Malaysian Timber Certification Council



Meeting with Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Limited



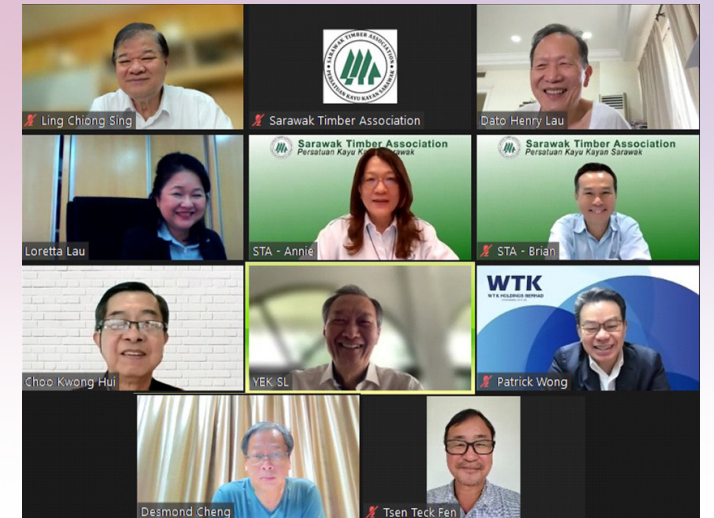
Group photo with Business Finland's Head of Global Initiatives



Meeting with Business Finland on collaboration pertaining to smart forestry industry collaboration

## February

Meeting of STA Subsidiary Companies



Engagement with the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities



Participated in the focus group discussion on Forest Carbon Offset Protocol for Malaysia (Photo courtesy of MFF)



Meeting between STA Training Sdn Bhd and Sarwak Energy Berhad



Participated in the brainstorming session on the policy for the establishment of mills in the areas of License for Planted Forests and the use of mobile equipment and facilities



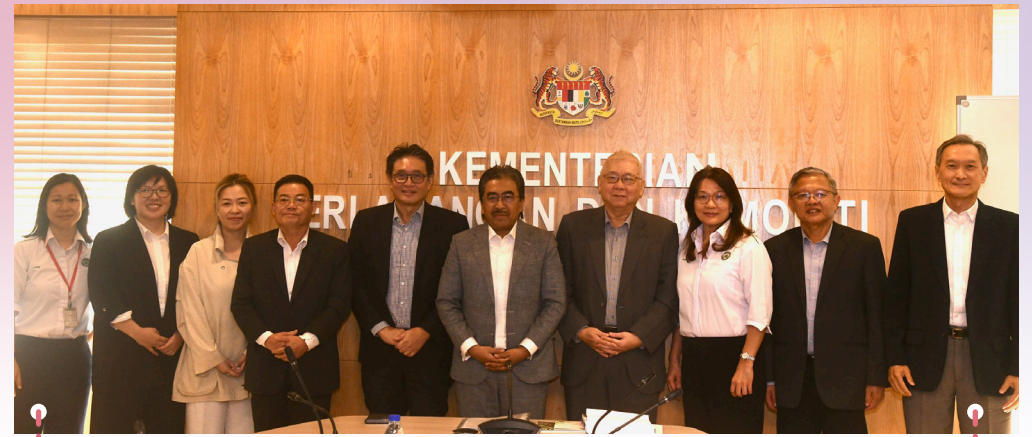
STA Council Meeting No. 1/2024







# March



Courtesy call to Minister of Plantation and Commodities



STA Annual General Meeting 2024



STA Hill Logging Category and STA Certification Committee Members online engagement session



Participated in the Working Visit to Sabah Forest Department



Tree Planting Programme in conjunction with NREB's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Representatives from Sarawak forestry agencies and STA at the meeting of the Committee on International Timber Trade Legal Compliance



STA Timber Products Marketing Committee Meeting No. 1/2024



Final User Requirements Study Lab for Trained Workmen



Hosted Workshop on High Conservation Value Screening for Permanent Forest Estates in Sarawak organised by WWF-Malaysia



# International Conference on Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests (6 - 7 March 2024)



# April



STA Forest Plantation Category Meeting No. 1/2024



Inter-Agency Committee Meeting



Working Group on Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) Meeting



Meeting with STIDC to Address Shortage of Migrant Workers in Sarawak



Engagement with the forestry sector in preparing for the full implementation of ECA



Briefing on European Union Deforestation-free Regulation







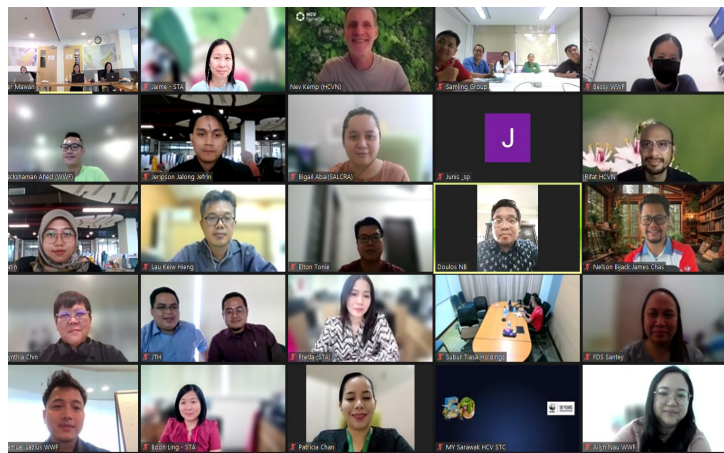
Environmental Quality Monitory Training



Working Group discussion on ECA



Technical Committee Meeting No. 1/2024 on Product Certification on Formaldehyde Emission from Wood Based Panel



Presentation of the High Conservation Value Screenings for Permanent Forest Estates in Sarawak organised by WWF - Malaysia in collaboration with Forest Department Sarawak and STA

# May June



UNIMAS students' visit to STA



User Acceptance Test Session



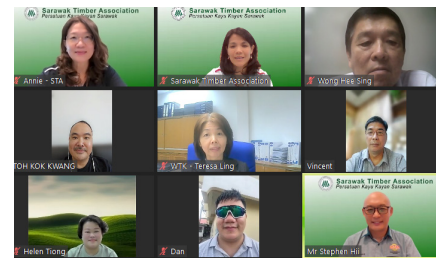
Roadshow on National Training Week 2024



STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No. 2/2024



Training on Forest Workmen Nominations via Forest Licensee Portal



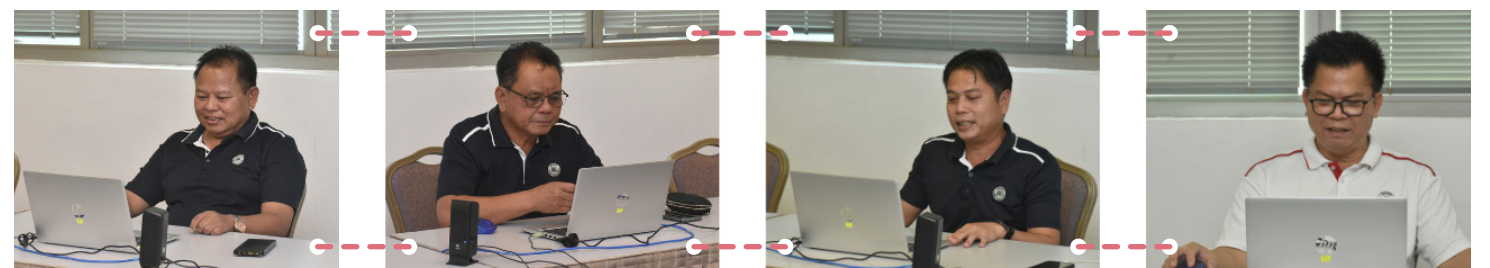
STA Timber Products Marketing Category Meeting



Participated in Focus Group Discussion for the Study on ESG Ecosystem



6th Environmental Compliance Audit Training (Part I)



STA Trainings Sdn Bhd's Trainers delivered online trainings during the National Training Week 2024



International Day of Forests 2024



Mitigation Sub-Committee Compliance with International Trade Laws for the Timber Industry at Jawala Plantation



Courtesy call to Department of Occupational Safety and Health



MTA Executive Committee Meeting and Annual General Meeting



# July



MTA Study Visit to Singapore



Meeting No. 1/2024 of the Technical Committee on Plywood Certification Standard



Visit to the research laboratory at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak



Participated in the Study on Integrated River Basin Management Plan for Batang Rajang Basin



STA Panel Products Category Meeting 2024 & STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No. 1/2024



6th Environmental Compliance Audit Training (Part II)



STA Forest Plantation Committee No. 3/2024



Visit by Capital Market Malaysia

# August



Visit by Bursa Carbon Exchange



Courtesy call to Yayasan Sarawak



Witnessed the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Kayusar Sdn Bhd and Jurusanwa Enterprises Sdn Bhd



STA Members at the Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Forest Landscape Restoration 2024



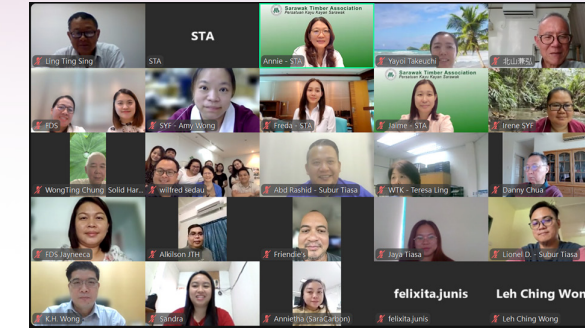
Environmental Quality Monitoring Training



Meeting on organising Honorary Wild Life Ranger Reappointment Training Course



Attended the Engagement session on the reinstatement of the Cabotage Policy for Sarawak



Online briefing on Biodiversity Observation for Land and Ecosystem Health (BOLEH)



Visit from Dr Yayoi Takeuchi (3rd from left) from the Natural Institute of Environment Studies



Meeting on Tree, Log and Timber Identification Training Course



# September



24<sup>th</sup> Tri-Nation Joint Meeting of JLIA, JPMA, APKINDO, MPMA, STIA, and STA



Ms Annie Ting was one of the speakers of the "She" Power side event at Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum



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Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum 2024



HCV Programme Update by WWF-Malaysia to FDS and STA



Engagement session with Asia Pacific Resources International Limited Group



STA Council Meeting No. 3/2024



STA Training Sdn Bhd's Board of Director Meeting No. 2/2024



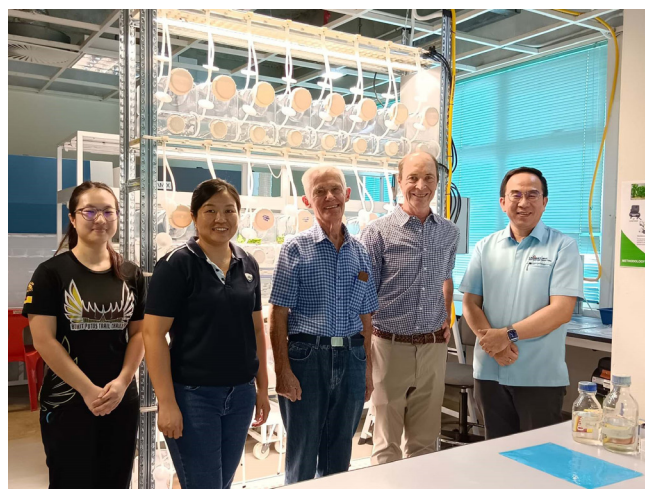
Participated in Focus Group Discussion Workshop on European Union Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) in Rubber and Timber for Sabah and Sarawak



Attended the webinar on the Key Changes to Malaysian Labour Laws



7<sup>th</sup> Environmental Compliance Audit Training



Training on the Use of Temporary Immersion Bioreactor System under the Scale-Up Production of the Kelampayan Research Project



Hybrid briefing on Documentation Incentive Programme under Malaysian Timber Industry Board Certification Body Certification Scheme





# October



Tree, Log and Timber Identification Course by STAT



Industry Training on ESG Framework for the Malaysian Timber Industry - from Framework to Action



Visit by the Finnish Smart Forestry Delegation to explore Finland's advanced forestry technologies



Attended the 20th Malaysian Forestry Conference



Meeting with Jawala Plantation Industries Sdn Bhd



Participated in the Workshop on the Formulation of Environmental Policy for Sarawak



8th Environmental Compliance Audit Training (Part I)



Participated in the Second Project Steering Committee Meeting for ITTO-funded projects



Honorary Wild Life Ranger Reappointment Training Course



Workshop on Strengthening Forest Management Certification for Natural Forests and Forest Plantations in Miri and Kuching



A Talk on Timber Industry Development in Sarawak by Ms Annie Ting to UPM's students





# November



Participated in Conservation Workshop on Critically Endangered Trees in Malaysia



Gmelina Conversion Factor Study



STA Council Meeting No. 4/2024



8th Environmental Compliance Audit Training (Part II)



FDS Integrity Day 2024



STA Hill Logging Category Meeting



STA Training Sdn Bhd's Board of Director Meeting No. 3/2024



STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No. 4/2024



Visit to Terengganu Forestry Training Centre



Sibu



Miri



Kuching

Presentation of financial contributions from STAM to underprivileged schools in Sibul, Miri and Kuching regions



Technical Training and Workshop on Biodiversity Observation for Land and Ecosystem Health (BOLEH)



Ms Annie Ting delivering her welcoming remarks during the BOLEH Workshop



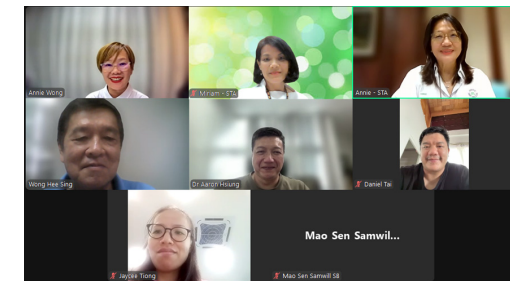
Engagement Session on the Proposed Amendments to Environmental Quality (Clean Air) Regulation 2014



Engagement Session on the Proposed Amendment to the Societies Act 1966 (Act 832)



2nd Meeting of the Technical Working Group for Forest Carbon Offset (photo courtesy of MFF)



STA Sawmilling Category Meeting No. 1/2024



STA Furniture & Other Woodworking Category Meeting No. 1/2024



STA Moulding Category Meeting No. 1/2024



# SARAWAK timber trade statistics

## 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	Sep '24 Vol (m³)	Sep '23 Vol (m³)	Oct '24 Vol (m³)	Oct '23 Vol (m³)	Nov '24 Vol (m³)	Nov '23 Vol (m³)	Jan - Nov '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Nov '23 Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	943	---	1,181	890	750	---	6,888	3,223
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sibu (Hill)	28,420	28,355	23,260	26,464	20,852	20,631	242,813	361,479
(Swamp)	2,229	5,776	2,933	3,118	2,005	1,944	20,310	48,618
Bintulu (Hill)	65,353	69,041	55,550	62,996	69,282	67,653	644,508	796,694
(Swamp)	3,218	1,413	2,329	1,017	3,295	217	17,863	15,388
Miri (Hill)	5,736	12,181	6,024	17,374	11,490	15,622	82,822	205,184
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	61,152	60,261	58,264	58,701	60,003	53,081	566,030	602,531
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	7,688	5,839	9,297	9,680	7,539	5,505	83,771	85,066
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,474
Sarikei (Hill)	2,226	7,166	622	5,902	757	3,597	24,233	51,405
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	---	3,391	---	270	505	267	937	17,378
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	52
<b>Subtotal (Hill)</b>	<b>171,518</b>	<b>186,234</b>	<b>154,198</b>	<b>182,277</b>	<b>171,178</b>	<b>166,356</b>	<b>1,652,002</b>	<b>2,122,960</b>
<b>(Swamp)</b>	<b>5,447</b>	<b>7,189</b>	<b>5,262</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>38,173</b>	<b>66,532</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176,965</b>	<b>193,423</b>	<b>159,460</b>	<b>186,412</b>	<b>176,478</b>	<b>168,517</b>	<b>1,690,175</b>	<b>2,189,492</b>

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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	Jul '24 Vol (m³)	Aug '24 Vol (m³)	Sep '24 Vol (m³)	Oct '24 Vol (m³)	Nov '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Nov '24 Vol (m³)
Bindang	264	142	356	507	760	3,141
Meranti	61,842	60,579	69,226	62,304	71,779	689,511
Kapur	5,076	4,990	6,962	5,218	5,877	60,743
Keruuing	3,396	3,103	3,563	2,635	4,178	34,139
Sepetir	335	222	250	191	274	2,774
Selangan Batu	1,940	1,782	3,050	1,838	2,905	23,861
Nyatoh	1,475	1,369	1,787	1,655	1,971	15,998
Other species	79,496	72,419	86,324	79,850	83,434	821,835
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>153,824</b>	<b>144,606</b>	<b>171,518</b>	<b>154,198</b>	<b>171,178</b>	<b>1,652,002</b>

## 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	Jul '24 Vol (m³)	Aug '24 Vol (m³)	Sep '24 Vol (m³)	Oct '24 Vol (m³)	Nov '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Nov '24 Vol (m³)
Sepetir	---	---	---	---	---	34
Kapur	22	27	40	54	41	639
Keruuing	14	19	65	47	25	304
Meranti	882	50	907	1,100	694	5,823
Other species	3,052	1,923	4,435	4,061	4,540	31,373
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>5,447</b>	<b>5,262</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>38,173</b>

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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		Sep '24	Sep '23	Oct '24	Oct '23	Nov '24	Nov '23	Jan - Nov '24	Jan - Nov '23
		Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )
Sibu	(ACMG)	5,245	26,745	5,603	6,016	8,742	7,165	67,602	42,944
	(ALBZ)	1,990	7,352	2,967	587	1,386	994	12,280	11,374
	(KLPN)	95	4,349	278	879	266	810	7,635	6,815
Bintulu	(ACMG)	64,450	66,920	51,572	85,497	65,759	55,899	571,306	787,393
	(ALBZ)	9,201	3,004	4,665	1,713	5,934	2,468	69,626	28,540
	(EUCA)	1,386	2,475	1,294	3,179	782	3,121	20,360	20,809
	(GMELINA)	476	---	---	---	---	---	2,084	---
	(KLPN)	238	88	---	---	---	---	581	287
Miri	(ACMG)	8,652	11,793	11,848	13,075	13,557	13,363	126,362	121,636
	(ALBZ)	2,587	1,499	2,929	147	3,846	1,366	22,483	5,370
	(EUCA)	8,030	621	7,841	2,733	8,266	3,745	95,137	28,500
Limbang	(ACMG)	---	---	---	1,950	---	887	11,436	9,323
Subtotal	(ACMG)	78,347	105,458	69,023	106,538	88,058	77,314	776,706	961,296
	(ALBZ)	13,778	11,855	10,561	2,447	11,166	4,828	104,389	45,284
	(EUCA)	9,416	3,096	9,135	5,912	9,048	6,866	115,497	49,309
	(GMELINA)	476	---	---	---	---	---	2,084	---
	(KLPN)	333	4,437	278	879	266	810	8,216	7,102
<b>TOTAL:</b>		102,350	124,846	88,997	115,776	108,538	89,818	1,006,892	1,062,991

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

## EXPORT OF LOGS BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK

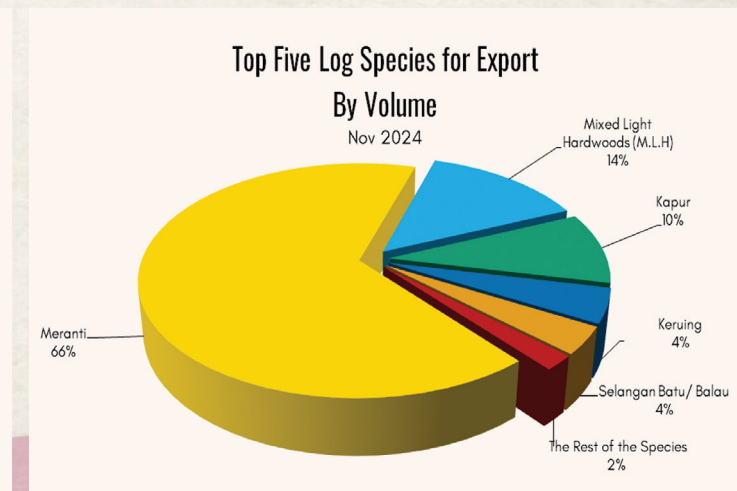
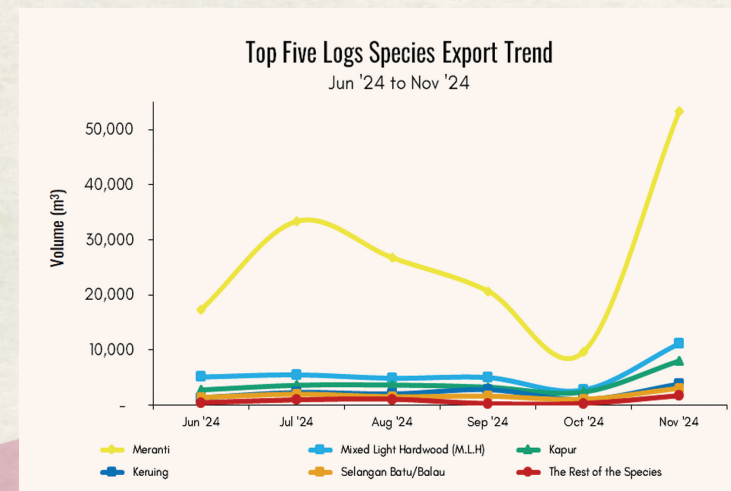
EKSPORT BALAK MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK

砂拉越原木树种出口量

Species	Sep '24		Oct '24		Nov '24		Jan - Nov '24		Jan - Nov '23	
	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Val (RM)	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Val (RM)	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Val (RM)	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Val (RM)	Vol (m <sup>3</sup> )	Val (RM)
Arau	9	11,214	10	11,086	455	544,127	2,428	2,889,810	1,762	1,966,308
Kapur	3,282	3,722,689	2,404	2,443,617	7,953	8,911,429	44,642	50,424,479	55,909	67,606,991
KerANJI	---	---	43	24,073	91	55,585	237	139,774	288	222,555
Keruing	2,785	2,079,576	918	701,788	3,825	2,965,430	39,923	31,411,569	35,403	30,624,923
Meranti	20,664	15,249,453	9,640	6,685,651	53,312	36,962,829	293,744	216,115,082	344,452	280,670,249
Mersawa	124	96,478	65	49,826	317	255,967	4,194	3,118,861	3,052	2,993,723
Mixed Light Hardwood (M.L.H)	5,035	3,282,678	2,793	1,623,446	11,205	6,767,729	56,154	35,755,037	55,429	34,593,862
Nyatoh	16	12,714	34	24,317	254	157,631	679	461,098	121	84,844
Resak	85	65,178	66	49,992	485	392,065	3,271	2,807,700	4,086	3,789,141
Selangan Batu/Balau	1,653	2,528,642	1,092	1,496,261	3,056	4,545,803	21,011	32,070,974	33,864	55,658,329
Other Species	---	---	62	80,578	44	27,495	265	204,776	1,815	1,691,779
<b>TOTAL:</b>	33,653	27,048,622	17,127	13,190,635	80,997	61,586,090	466,548	375,399,160	536,181	479,902,704

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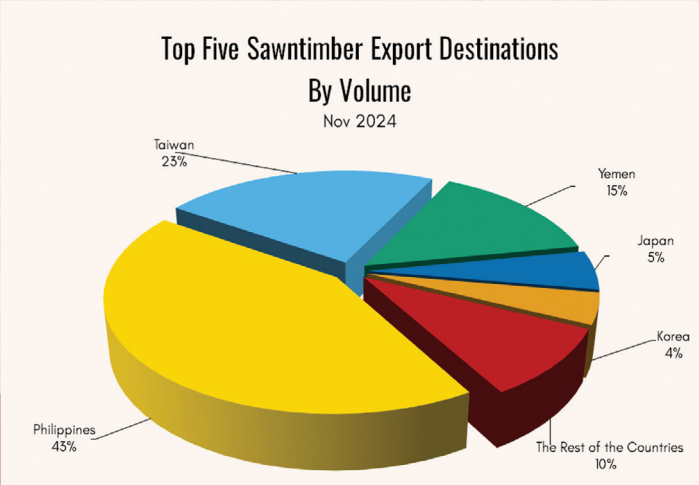
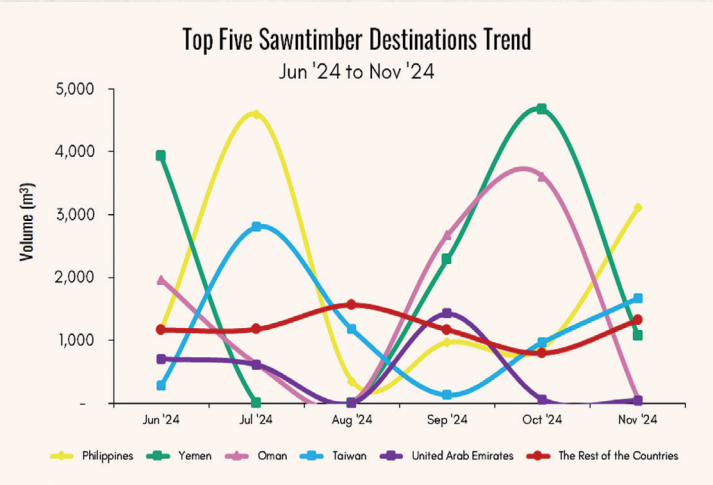


# SARAWAK timber trade statistics

## 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	Sep '24		Oct '24		Nov '24		Jan - Nov '24		Jan - Nov '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Bahrain 巴林	---	---	20	34,281	40	67,174	301	492,797	267	464,781
Brunei 汶莱	87	207,207	57	51,813	44	59,134	380	922,085	---	---
China 中国	405	555,725	329	819,159	229	573,600	2,756	4,362,055	2,997	4,395,312
India 印度	---	---	---	---	248	54,537	383	347,495	224	762,931
Japan 日本	121	317,116	190	517,358	403	984,873	3,400	9,546,488	3,958	12,700,752
Korea 韩国	202	355,406	162	278,882	320	526,035	1,773	3,166,857	5,288	10,736,319
Oman 阿曼	2,669	3,720,157	3,603	3,797,752	68	75,412	17,954	23,167,104	15,071	23,262,550
Philippines 菲律宾	964	550,956	875	856,823	3,108	2,522,619	22,378	20,696,245	32,655	50,395,804
Taiwan 台湾	126	132,248	970	1,061,932	1,669	3,065,014	12,792	21,942,644	14,948	33,898,948
Yemen 也门	2,291	4,245,749	4,673	8,690,505	1,073	2,094,532	19,062	36,373,046	25,776	64,721,181
Other Countries 其他国家	1,785	3,302,489	87	228,391	75	135,878	10,589	20,264,422	16,253	25,886,622
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,650</b>	<b>13,387,053</b>	<b>10,966</b>	<b>16,336,896</b>	<b>7,277</b>	<b>10,158,808</b>	<b>91,768</b>	<b>141,281,238</b>	<b>117,437</b>	<b>227,225,200</b>

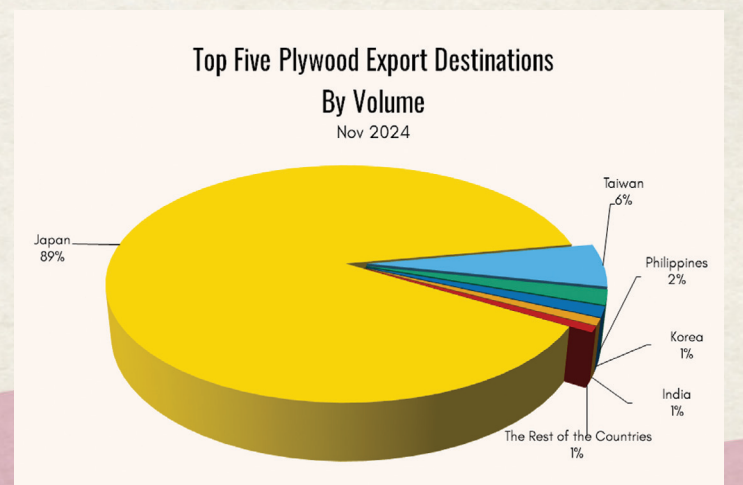
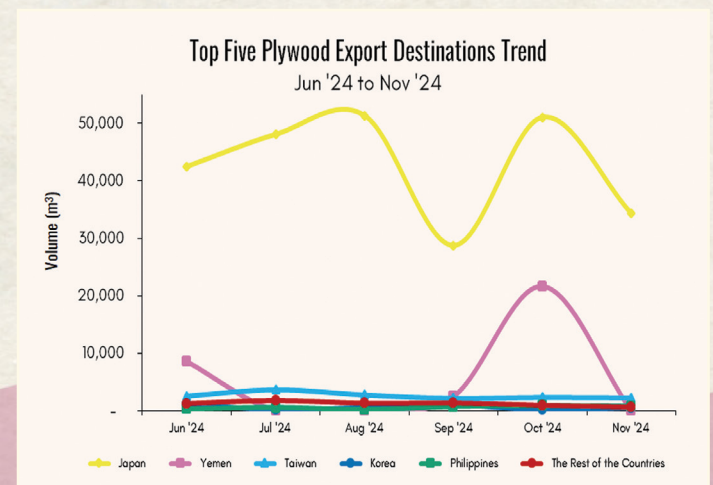
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## EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口量

Country of Destination	Sep '24		Oct '24		Nov '24		Jan - Nov '24		Jan - Nov '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	92	241,501	126	291,663	19	38,458	1,040	2,770,599	1,376	4,583,388
Brunei 汶莱	156	234,175	273	357,447	296	389,857	3,098	4,072,930	2,730	3,472,467
India 印度	445	1,201,077	365	737,780	371	1,074,560	4,378	11,657,620	4,762	14,700,804
Japan 日本	28,725	60,916,697	51,022	101,639,549	34,339	74,795,692	453,704	1,019,067,857	423,874	1,084,660,716
Korea 韩国	1,014	1,493,046	190	305,496	546	953,866	9,999	18,043,912	22,223	42,942,204
Philippines 菲律宾	695	2,200,749	864	2,921,959	786	2,822,968	5,490	18,933,734	2,267	7,553,819
Taiwan 台湾	2,158	3,622,233	2,329	3,850,373	2,244	3,795,116	28,583	50,744,779	34,510	64,895,914
Other Countries 其他国家	3,090	5,296,662	21,890	34,139,318	---	---	72,599	127,943,697	64,249	132,674,493
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>36,375</b>	<b>75,206,140</b>	<b>77,059</b>	<b>144,243,585</b>	<b>38,601</b>	<b>83,870,517</b>	<b>578,891</b>	<b>1,253,235,128</b>	<b>555,991</b>	<b>1,355,483,805</b>

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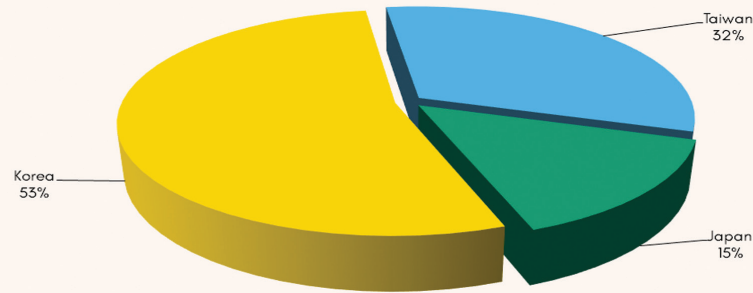


## EXPORT VALUE OF VENEER BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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

### Top Three Veneer Export Destinations

By Value  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
2,319,598	1,923,357	2,442,526	2,185,633	1,082,027	19,539,864

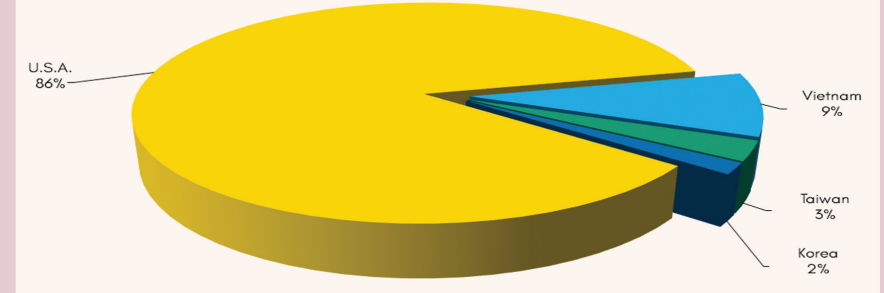


## EXPORT VALUE OF LAMINATED BOARD / FLOORING BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
7,568,561	7,144,139	7,690,369	7,083,811	5,805,769	62,041,499

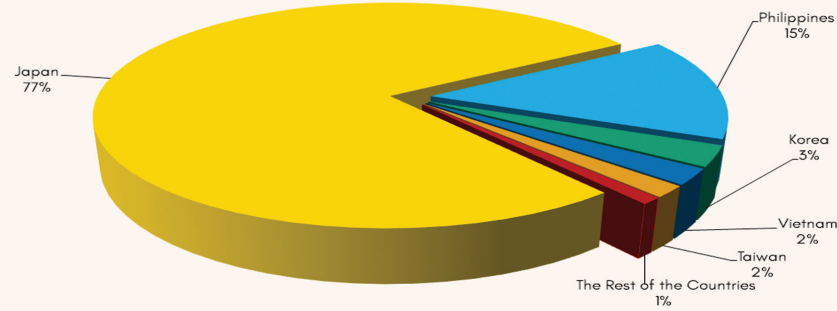


## EXPORT VALUE OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBREBOARD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
34,685,690	28,833,220	37,153,150	30,139,985	34,549,741	360,208,419

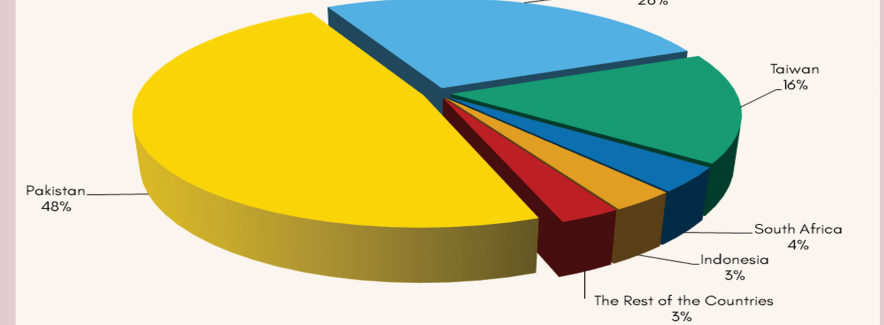


## EXPORT VALUE OF DOORSKIN BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
4,658,539	2,637,112	2,050,032	2,886,986	3,763,102	38,925,822

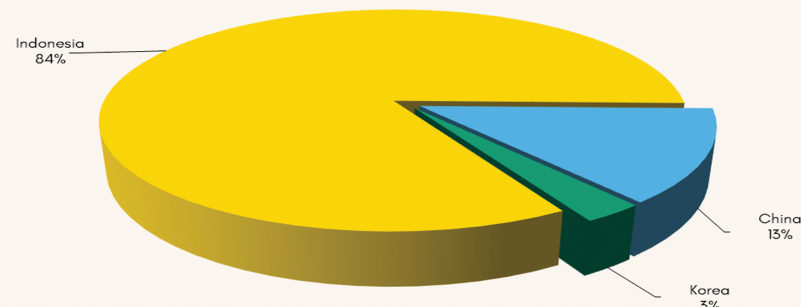


## EXPORT VALUE OF PARTICLEBOARD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
825,099	669,854	227,763	1,347,203	873,992	9,126,035

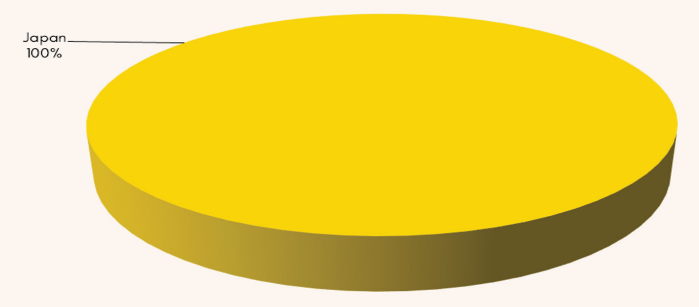


## EXPORT VALUE OF DOOR PANELS & FRAME BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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

### Top Door Panels & Frame Export Destination

By Value  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
1,054,330	3,126,650	1,370,516	2,166,530	2,609,408	26,417,440

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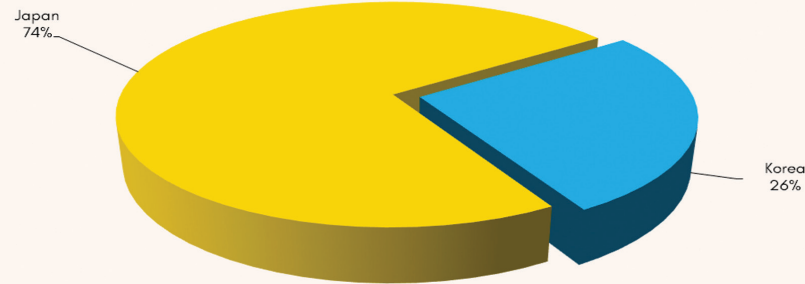


## EXPORT VALUE OF MOULDINGS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
490,239	497,924	224,353	665,730	553,302	5,324,238



## 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 Two Charcoal & Briquette Export Destinations

By Value  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
783,818	806,574	1,271,524	535,135	600,414	8,424,537

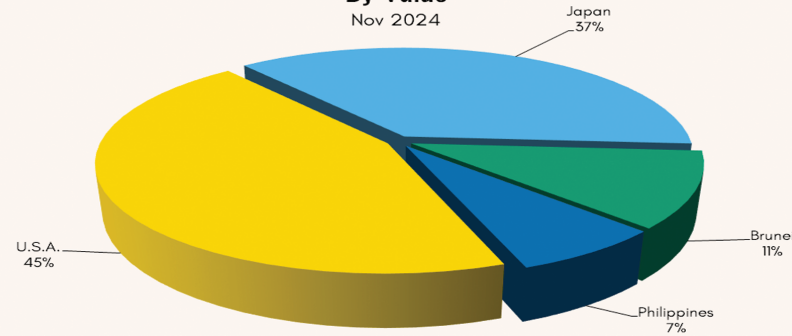


## EXPORT VALUE OF FURNITURE & FURNITURE PARTS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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 Four Furniture & Furniture Part Export Destination

By Value  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
5,453,426	5,168,592	5,010,438	5,195,574	3,432,476	55,562,853

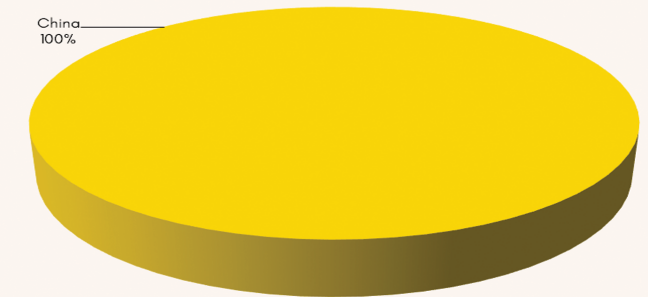


## EXPORT VALUE OF WOODCHIPS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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

### Top Woodchips Export Destination

By Value  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
23,517,020	---	17,672,339	3,413,223	13,996,572	144,992,650

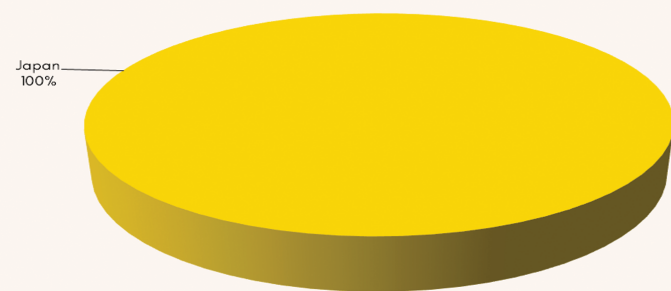


## EXPORT VALUE OF WOOD PELLETS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
18,093,106	---	---	---	45,475,560	105,944,312

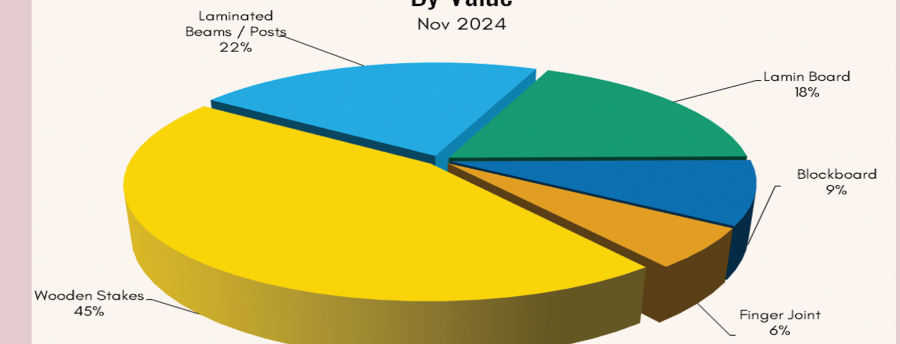


## EXPORT VALUE OF OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS FROM SARAWAK

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

### Other Timber Products Export

By Value  
Nov 2024



Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Jan - Nov '24
1,859,685	1,527,207	1,082,315	1,454,328	1,010,724	22,073,035

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## OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME DECEMBER 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** : 3 - 6 December 2024  
**Location** : Sg. Nakan Camp, Lapok  
**Company** : Sun Century Sdn Bhd

### > Log Loading - Front End Loader (Natural Forest)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Sang Sanjan  
**Date** : 3 - 6 December 2024  
**Location** : Sg. Nakan Camp, Lapok  
**Company** : Sun Century Sdn Bhd

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### > Tree Felling - Chainsaw (Forest Plantation)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Ginda Uli  
**Date** : 14 - 18 December 2024  
**Location** : Paong Reforestation Harvesting, Baram  
**Company** : Syarikat Samling Timber Sdn Bhd

### > Log Extraction - Tractor (Natural Forest)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Ginda Uli  
**Date** : 3 - 6 December 2024  
**Location** : Sg. Nakan Camp, Lapok  
**Company** : Sun Century Sdn Bhd

### > Log Loading - Excavator (Forest Plantation)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Sumbang Rani  
**Date** : 14 - 18 December 2024  
**Location** : Paong Reforestation Harvesting, Baram  
**Company** : Syarikat Samling Timber 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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