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STA Carbon Committee Meeting No. 1/2025



Ms Annie Ting (seated, 3rd from left) posed for a group picture with attendees of the meeting, Mr Joseph Lau (seated, left), Mr Rahman Kham (seated, 2nd from left), Mr Andy Wong (seated, 3rd from right), Mr Zion Kong (seated, 2nd from right), Mr Ling Tiing Chin (seated, right), Ms Brenda Wong (standing, 3rd from left), Ms Teresa Ling (standing, 4th from left), Ms Clara Tiong (standing, 3rd from right) and Secretariat staff

The newly formed STA Carbon Committee held its inaugural meeting on 7 January 2025 at Wisma STA. The meeting was also attended by invited guests, Mr Rahman Khan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jawala Plantation Industries Sdn Bhd and Ms Brenda Wong from Sabah Timber Industry Association. Mr Joseph Lau, Chairman of the STA Forest Plantation Committee also attended as an observer, having previously expressed his committee's interest in exploring the feasibility of carbon projects in forest plantations.

Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA in her welcoming remark, highlighted that the STA Carbon Committee was formed in recognition of the critical role the forestry sector plays in addressing climate change and aims to ensure that STA members are well-prepared to navigate the anticipated introduction of carbon-related regulations.

Mr Zion Kong from SaraCarbon Sdn Bhd led the sharing session by providing insights into the challenges, strategies, and key considerations in securing a carbon licence for a conservation and restoration project in Sarawak. He explained the factors influencing project selection, particularly the carbon market value of credits generated from different forest types. The discussion also touched

on the financial implications, including the impact of government-imposed royalties on project feasibility.

Mr Rahman Khan emphasised the company's commitment to integrating Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures for sustainable forest management, required for its Singapore Exchange listing. A carbon stock study revealed that converting natural forests to plantations significantly reduces carbon stock. At a sequestration rate of 7 tons/hectare/year, potential revenue is RM300-RM350/hectare/year, but economic viability is questionable after RM260 is allocated for royalty payments.

Ms Freda Emmanuel from the STA Secretariat provided an overview of the steps involved and fees imposed in applying for carbon licence in Sarawak, as guided by the Forests (Forest Carbon Activity) Rules, 2022. Mr Ling Tiing Tchin, STA Carbon Committee member who is the official representative for STA in the Technical Working Group formed by Malaysia Forest Fund (MFF) to support the development of guidelines on Forest Carbon Offset, also briefed on the works of the TWG. He then led the Committee through the subsidiary guidelines, capturing inputs for onward submission to the MFF.



Meeting in progress

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The meeting also discussed the substantial costs associated with developing a carbon project at length. Concerns regarding the financial burden, compliance with strict requirements, monitoring, certification, and royalty collection led the committee to unanimously agree to outline the costs at each stage of the development process to the Forest Department Sarawak for further discussion.

Jawatankuasa Karbon STA telah mengadakan mesyuarat pertamanya pada 7 Januari 2025 di Wisma STA. Jawatankuasa tersebut meneliti garis panduan subsidiari mengenai "Forest Carbon Offset", membincangkan kebolehlaksanaan projek karbon, pematuhan peraturan serta cabaran kewangan. Jawatankuasa juga bersetuju untuk menggariskan kos pada setiap peringkat pembangunan untuk perbincangan lanjut dengan Jabatan Hutan Sarawak.

本会碳委员会于2025年1月7日在STA大厦召开首次会议。委员会审查森林碳抵消的附属指南，讨论碳项目的可行性、监管合规性以及财务挑战。委员会也同意概述各开发阶段的费用，以便与砂森林局做进一步的讨论。

Engagement Session on Sarawak's 13th Malaysia Plan

The Sarawak Economic Planning Unit (EPU) is currently conducting a study to review and evaluate the implementation of 12th Malaysia Plan in Sarawak and to formulate the macroeconomic framework, develop policies, strategies, and key initiatives with measurable outcomes for the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP), in alignment with its Post-COVID Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030).

On 17 January 2025, the Sarawak EPU organised an "Engagement Session with the Forest and Natural Assets Sector" at the Borneo Cultures Museum to gather stakeholder feedback on the 13MP. During the session, key targets under PCDS 2030 for the forestry sector were shared, including:

- Increasing timber and non-timber wood forest products export earnings to an annual export value of RM8 billion by 2030;
- Establishing 50 community-based ecotourism and conservation Totally Protected Areas; and
- Certifying 4.5 million hectares of long-term forest license areas and 178,000 hectares of forest plantations under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme.

Participants, including STA, discussed the challenges faced by the timber industry. Ms. Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, highlighted that the targets are difficult to achieve, given declining production and exports. She also underscored that market prices are failing to match the rising operational costs, particularly for certified timber. Additionally, she shared that

the State Sales Tax (SST), ranging from 1% to 2.5%, was implemented on 1 June 2023, affecting selected timber products exported from Sarawak, including sawn timber, veneer, wood chips, fibreboard, particleboard, and plywood. This new tax has increased production costs, decreased competitiveness and market share, reduced investment, and led to the downsizing of the downstream timber industry. She also emphasised Sarawak's highly regulated operating environment and the substantial additional cost under the Foreign Worker Transformation Approach System, amounting to RM1,854 per foreign worker.

Other concerns raised included the high operational costs, insufficient raw materials—especially for small and medium enterprises—and inadequate infrastructure, such as deep-sea ports which are crucial for improving export logistics.

Unit Perancang Ekonomi Sarawak sedang menjalankan kajian untuk mengkaji Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 Sarawak dan merumuskan Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 di bawah Strategi Pembangunan Pasca COVID 2030. Sesi libat urus dengan pihak berkepentingan dari sektor perhutanan dan sumber asli pada 17 Januari 2025 mengetengahkan sasaran sektor perhutanan, termasuk eksport bernilai RM8 bilion dan peningkatan pensijilan. Pihak berkepentingan, termasuk STA membangkitkan kebimbangan mengenai pengurangan pengeluaran, kos tinggi, kekurangan bahan mentah dan infrastruktur terhad.

砂拉越经济规划单位正在进行一项研究，检讨砂拉越第十二大马计划，并根据2030年后新冠肺炎疫情发展战略制定第十三大马计划(13MP)。于2025年1月17日举办与森林和自然资源领域利益相关者的交流会议中，重点讨论林业的目标，包括马币80亿令吉的出口额和增加认证。与会的利益相关者包括本会对产量下降、高成本、原材料短缺以及基础设施不足等问题表示担忧。

Engagement Session on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) with the Sarawak Industry

The Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM) hosted an "Engagement Session on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) with the Sarawak industry sector" on 21 January 2025 at the Hilton Hotel in Kuching.

The session was officiated by Mdm Nor Latifah Hussin, Director of Strategic Planning at DSM. In her remarks, she emphasised the primary aim of the session, which is to raise awareness about DSM's role and the critical importance of standards and compliance in addressing issues related to TBT. She also encouraged open dialogue among participants, urging them to share their challenges and identify potential areas where DSM's support could make a meaningful difference.

The session featured a series of presentations from DSM officers and experts from the Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM) Academy. Key topics discussed included the critical role of National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) in ensuring industry standards for quality, safety and competitiveness. The significance of Malaysian Standards and their impact on industries was also highlighted. The speakers further outlined the benefits of accreditation, such as eligibility for tax incentives, and provided an in-depth overview of the World Trade Organization (WTO) TBT Agreement. Emphasis was placed on the role of Malaysia's National Enquiry Point and Notification Authority, managed by SIRIM Academy.

A highlight of the session was DSM's instruction of its Standards Compliance Stewardship Programme for Enterprises (ESCAPE), an initiative designed to assist businesses in achieving full standards compliance. The session concluded with a hands-on demonstration of the ePing platform, an innovative tool offering real-time alerts on regulatory changes, tracking Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and TBT measures, and providing a platform for officials to discuss and comment on upcoming regulatory revisions.



Engagement session in progress



Welcoming speech by Mdm Nor Latifah Hussin

Jabatan Standard Malaysia (DSM) menganjurkan "Sesi Penglibatan TBT dengan Sektor Industri Sarawak" pada 21 Januari 2025. Sesi tersebut menekankan kepentingan memastikan kualiti, keselamatan dan daya saing dalam industri. Ianya juga memperkenalkan program komprehensif yang bertujuan untuk membantu perniagaan dalam mencapai pematuhan standard serta platform inovatif untuk kemas kini peraturan semasa.

马来西亚标准局(DSM)于2025年1月21日举办砂拉越工业技术性贸易障碍(TBT)交流会议。会议强调确保各工业质量、安全性和竞争力的重要性，并介绍一项旨在帮助企业实现标准合规的综合项目，以及一个用于实时获取监管更新的创新平台。



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STA Manpower Working Group Meeting No. 1/2025 & Meeting with the Immigration and Labour Management Unit



Group photo

The STA Manpower Working Group Meeting No. 1/2025 led by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA was held on 21 January 2025 at Wisma STA Kuching.

A key agenda discussed was the Foreign Workers Transformation Approach (FWTA) system. The Working Group reviewed its implementation, which seeks to streamline the management of foreign workers and enhance compliance with regulatory frameworks. The effectiveness of the system and its potential long-term impact on the industry were central to the discussions.

Another significant issue addressed was the rising costs faced by labour-intensive industries. Specifically, the additional financial burden of RM1,854 per foreign worker, arising from recent regulatory changes, was a major concern. This added cost presents challenges for businesses that rely heavily on foreign labour, potentially affecting their profitability and operational sustainability. The Working Group explored strategies for managing these increased expenses while maintaining productivity and competitiveness.

The meeting also underscored the importance of continued collaboration among industry and policymakers to address these challenges effectively. Through open dialogue and the exchange of insights, the Working Group aimed

to identify practical solutions that would support the growth and resilience of businesses within the evolving ecosystem.

Following the meeting, STA, led by Ms Ting, held a session with representatives from the Immigration and Labour Management Unit (ILMU), led by Mr Richard Lon, Director of ILMU to discuss the financial aspects of the FWTA system. The meeting focused on evaluating the current cost structure of the FWTA system, exploring potential cost-saving measures, and ensuring the system's long-term financial sustainability.

The discussion also addressed opportunities to optimise the system for greater efficiency, ease of use, and better integration with other governmental and private sector processes. The ILMU shared insights on streamlining administrative procedures, reducing bottlenecks, and improving the user experience for employers and foreign workers alike.

As a result of these discussions, STA proposed several key recommendations for ILMU to put forward at its upcoming steering committee meeting. These are;

- i. Reduce the RM1,854 charge to establish a more affordable fee structure that industries can absorb without compromising their competitiveness in the region,

- ii. Launch a second-phase pilot project that includes a broader range of industries to allow businesses to better understand the system's functionalities and resolve any issues before full implementation, and
- iii. Introduce a grace period to provide businesses with sufficient time to adjust to the FWTA system without facing undue financial burden, ensuring a smooth transition for industries growth.

Mesyuarat Kumpulan Kerja Tenaga Kerja STA telah diadakan pada 21 Januari 2025, diikuti dengan sesi bersama Unit Pengurusan Imigresen dan Buruh (ILMU), memfokuskan kepada sistem Pendekatan Transformasi Pekerja Asing (FWTA). Perbincangan utama termasuk menilai struktur kos sistem, kesannya terhadap perniagaan dan meneroka langkah penjimatan kos. Cadangan daripada STA termasuk mengurangkan caj, melancarkan projek perintis fasa kedua dan memperkenalkan tempoh tangguh untuk menyokong penyesuaian dan daya saing industri.

本会人力资源工作小组于2025年1月21日召开会议，并随后与移民及劳工管理单位(ILMU)会面，重点讨论外籍员工转型方法(FWTA)系统。会议的主要议题包括评估该系统的成本结构、分析其对企业的影以及探索节约成本的措施。本会提出的建议包括降低费用、启动第二阶段试点项目，并引入宽限期，以支持工业适应和提升竞争力。

Meeting with Datu Buckland Bangik

On 3 January 2025, Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, attended a meeting with Datu Buckland Bangik, Deputy State Secretary, at the invitation of the Foreign Worker Liaison Task Force under the Sarawak Business Federation at the Deputy State Secretary (Administration) Office, Wisma Bapa Malaysia.

Ms Ting raised about the financial burden imposed by the new fee of RM1,854 per foreign worker under the new Foreign Worker Transformation Approach system, which is set to take effect on 15 January 2025. She emphasised that this fee could strain businesses, particularly those reliant on foreign workers.

Datu Buckland clarified that the fee was intended to be a cost-saving measure, not an additional burden and agreed to organise regional briefings

with Immigration and Labour Management Unit (ILMU) and SBF after the Chinese New Year 2025 break to address the issue and acknowledged a request to delay implementation until after these briefings. STA plans to work with ILMU to review industry costs and gather feedback from its members.

Pada 3 Januari 2025, Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA telah bertemu dengan Datu Buckland Bangik untuk membincangkan kos RM1,854 bagi setiap pekerja asing di bawah sistem Pendekatan Transformasi Pekerja Asing (FWTA). Datu Buckland menjelaskan bahawa ianya merupakan langkah penjimatan kos dan bersetuju untuk mengadakan taklimat serta kemungkinan penangguhan. STA akan bekerjasama dengan ILMU bagi mendapatkan maklum balas daripada industri.

2025年1月3日，本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐与拿督巴克兰会面，讨论外籍员工转型方法系统下每名外籍员工马币1,854令吉的费用。拿督巴克兰澄清这是一个节省成本的措施，同时也同意举行简报会并可能推迟实施。本会将与移民及劳工管理单位(ILMU)合作收集工业反馈。



Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (3rd from right) posed for photo with those present at the meeting, chaired by Datu Buckland Bangik, Deputy State Secretary (4th from left)

Briefings on Foreign Workers Transformation Approach System

The Sarawak Government, through the Immigration and Labour Management Unit (ILMU), is implementing the Foreign Workers Transformation Approach (FWTA) system to improve and streamline the recruitment process for foreign workers in Sarawak. Officially launched on 15 January 2025, the FWTA system aims to simplify the approval and processing procedures across key agencies such as Social Security Organisation, Labour Department, ILMU, Immigration Department, and the State Health Department.

A series of briefings were held at Kingwood Hotel Sibu, Promenade Hotel Bintulu, and Penview Convention Centre Demak Kuching on 15, 17, and 22 January 2025, respectively, with another session scheduled for February in Miri. These sessions provided updates on the system and discussed efforts to strengthen Sarawak's autonomy in managing the entry of non-resident workers into Sarawak.

In Kuching, Datuk Gerawat Gala, the Deputy Minister in the Premier's Department, addressed the audience, explaining that the RM1,854 fee under the FWTA system, developed under the public-private partnership model, covers a range of services, including infrastructure development, digitalisation, permit issuance, Foreign Worker Identity Cards (FWIDs) and other employer services. He reminded employers to apply for foreign workers only when necessary and assured them that Sarawak would maintain transparency in quota approvals. He added that the government aims to leverage the FWTA system not only to streamline processes for employers but also to enhance enforcement and combat illegal employment.

Mr Carolineson Nosin, Principal Assistant Director of the ILMU Development Division, explained that the FWTA system would significantly reduce the processing time for applications, from approximately

six (6) months to about two (2) months, based on a successful pilot project. He also mentioned that ILMU shall be monitoring the applications in the FWTA to ensure timely processing and urge the relevant government agencies for faster action, should delay occurs.

The FWTA system comprises five (5) key modules developed by a Sarawakian technology firm, SOCOE Sdn Bhd. These are JobSarawak, Sarawakian and Non-Sarawakian Online Labour System (SANSOLS), Sarawak Foreigners Health Information System (SAFHIS), FWID and the Enforcement Tracking System. These modules, accessible via <https://links.sarawakforeignworkers.com/> are designed to reduce waiting times, improve service delivery through online applications, and ensure transparency with comprehensive audit trails. Additional modules for expatriates and domestic helpers are set to be launched in 2026, further expanding the system's capabilities.

In the question and answer sessions following the briefings, Ms. Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, has been advocating for a grace period of 6 months to 1 year, during which no fees should be collected from the industry. This transition period would allow industries to fully adapt to the new system while giving the Government and stakeholders time to evaluate the associated fees, address potential challenges and implement necessary adjustments. By ensuring a smooth integration process, this approach aims to minimise financial burdens on businesses and promote long-term industry sustainability. Participants raised concerns about issues such as the quota matrix for approval in principle, the non-refundable but transferable *elektronik Visa Dengan Rujukan* (eVDR), the ability to manage multiple companies under one account, and the process for biometric data collection for FWID. Other issues discussed included mobile services for workers aged over 60, payment methods, file uploading capacity in SANSOLS, and data modifications in SANSOLS.

On 15 January 2025, STA issued a media statement expressing its concerns over the implementation of the FWTA system and urged the Premier of Sarawak to intervene and initiate meaningful discussions with stakeholders to ensure a balanced approach that considers the needs of businesses while achieving regulatory objectives.



Briefing session in Kuching

Hefty FWTA Charges:

STA Calls for Action to Alleviate the Burden on Industry

STA is taken aback by the implementation of the Foreign Workers Transformation Approach (FWTA) system, which is owned by the Sarawak Government. The system took effect on 15 January 2025, coinciding with the first briefing session organised by the Immigration and Labour Management Unit (ILMU) in Sibu.

This session, along with the subsequent briefing sessions scheduled for Bintulu and Kuching on 17 and 22 January respectively, only marks the beginning of the State-wide consultation with industrial stakeholders. While these sessions are intended to provide a platform for learning about the new system and offering feedback, implementing the system concurrently has not only left stakeholders with no viable options but also provided limited opportunity to prepare adequately or address critical concerns and potential shortcomings of the new system.

The introduction of the RM1,854.00 per worker charges has a drastic impact on the business environment. This sudden imposition, coupled with inadequate prior notice, consultation and transition period, has sparked widespread concerns across various industries in Sarawak.

This additional cost, unique to Sarawak (not applicable to Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia), poses a significant threat to the industry's competitiveness in the national, regional and international markets, particularly as industries are already burdened by charges imposed by the Federal Government. The collection of RM1,854.00 per worker could hinder industry's ability to remain sustainable in an increasingly challenging economic environment.

For the industry to remain sustainable, there is an urgent need for a regulatory environment that supports long-term growth and fosters a conducive atmosphere for development. In light of this, STA appeals to the Premier to intervene and urges the Sarawak government to defer the implementation of the FWTA charges until meaningful consultations with stakeholders, including STA, are conducted and their concerns are fully addressed.

SARAWAK TIMBER ASSOCIATION
15 January 2025

Kerajaan Sarawak telah melancarkan sistem Pendekatan Transformasi Pekerja Asing (FWTA) pada 15 Januari 2025 untuk menyelaraskan pengambilan pekerja asing. Taklimat yang berlangsung di seluruh Sarawak telah memberi maklumat terkini kepada pihak berkepentingan mengenai pelaksanaannya serta menekankan bahawa sistem tersebut mengurangkan tempoh pemprosesan daripada enam bulan kepada dua bulan. Selain itu, bayaran sebanyak RM1,854 yang dikenakan meliputi pembangunan infrastruktur, pendigitalan, pengeluaran permit, kad pengenalan pekerja asing serta perkhidmatan majikan yang lain. Susulan pelancaran sistem tersebut, STA telah mengeluarkan kenyataan media menyuarakan kebimbangan terhadap kesan yuran itu dan menggesa Premier Sarawak untuk campur tangan.

砂拉越州政府于2025年1月15日推出外籍员工转型方法(FWTA)系统,旨在简化外籍员工的招聘程序。州内各地举行的简报会向利益相关者通报该系统的实施情况,并强调该系统将处理时间从六个月缩短至两个月,且马币1,854令吉的费用涵盖基础设施建设、数字化、许可证发放、外籍员工身份证及其他雇主服务。在系统推出后,本会发布媒体声明,表达对该费用影响的担忧,并呼吁砂总理介入处理。

Stakeholder Engagement on Sarawak Net Zero Strategy and Carbon Plan

On 24 January 2025, PwC Malaysia engaged with STA to discuss climate goals and industry development ambitions, contributing to the formulation of Sarawak's Net Zero Strategy and Carbon Plan under the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability. Held at Wisma STA, the meeting followed an earlier online engagement session that introduced the initiative.

Currently in its early stages, the initiative focuses on data collection across key sectors, including "Forestry and Land Use" to establish a comprehensive emissions baseline. This baseline will be essential for setting realistic decarbonisation targets and tracking progress toward Sarawak's net-zero goals. Accurate greenhouse gas emissions estimates derived from this data will also strengthen Sarawak's climate strategy.

The engagement marks an important step in ensuring that the forestry sector's contributions and challenges are well understood and effectively integrated into Sarawak's broader climate framework. By actively participating in this initiative, the industry can align itself with global sustainability trends while ensuring the continued viability of Sarawak's forestry sector.

Pada 24 Januari 2025, PwC Malaysia mengadakan sesi penglibatan dengan STA untuk membincangkan Strategi Sifar Bersih dan Pelan Karbon Sarawak. Inisiatif itu, pada peringkat awalnya memberi tumpuan kepada pengumpulan data merentas sektor utama termasuk perhutanan untuk mewujudkan garis dasar pelepasan dan menetapkan sasaran penyahkarbonan.

2025年1月24日，普华永道马来西亚(PwC Malaysia)与木业交流并讨论砂拉越的净零策略和碳计划。该举措处于初期阶段，重点在于收集包括林业在内的关键行业的数据，以建立排放基准并设定脱碳目标。



Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (seated, 2nd from right) and STA Secretariat posed for photo with the team from PwC, consisting of Mr Eugene Ewe (seated, left), Ms Nauwar Shukri (seated, 2nd from left), Ms Shyen Khor (standing, left) and Ms Yu Ki Chong (standing, 2nd from left)

Meeting on Sarawak Engineered Wood Product Blueprint 2030

The Sarawak Engineered Wood Products (EWP) Industry Development Blueprint 2030, launched on 27 November 2024 outlines a comprehensive plan to foster a sustainable, innovative, and globally competitive EWP sector, aligned with modern construction demands, economic growth, and environmental conservation.

In order to carry out few identified strategies outlined in the Blueprint, STA Secretariat team lead by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer attended an engagement session called by the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) on 9 January 2025 at STIDC Head Office, Petra Jaya. STIDC Advisor, Datu Haji Hashim bin Haji Bojet stressed the importance of involvement and collaboration between STIDC and the timber industry to develop EWP industry sustainably especially during this transition period.

Ms Ting acknowledged that the EWP sector is a key growth area for the timber industry. However, she emphasised that several critical issues need to be addressed for its success, particularly

the escalating operational costs. She also highlighted the challenge posed by the lack of secured timber licence tenures, even in areas with sustainable forest management certification. Another concern raised was the Foreign Workers Transformation Approach (FWTA) system, a centralised system designed at streamlining the recruitment process. While the system enhances efficiency, it also introduces an a new fee of RM1,854 per worker, which could place further strain on already tight operational budgets.

STA also highlighted the need for strong government support to propel the EWP industry's growth. The introduction of the State Sales Tax (SST) and the closure of primary timber product mills contributed to a decline in timber export values last year. In light of these challenges, STA called for government assistance in the form of cost-reducing incentives and fee waivers to mitigate these challenges.

Pelan Induk Pembangunan Industri Produk Kayu Kejuruteraan (EWP) Sarawak 2030, yang dilancarkan pada 27 November 2024, menggariskan sektor yang mampan dan berdaya saing. Pada 9 Januari 2025, STA diketuai oleh Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya, Cik Annie Ting, telah menghadiri sesi libat urus dengan Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak. Mereka membincangkan cabaran seperti kekurangan bahan mentah dan isu buruh, menggesa sokongan daripada kerajaan dan insentif pengurangan kos.

2030年砂拉越工程木制品(EWP)工业发展蓝图于2024年11月27日推出，旨在打造一个可持续且具有竞争力的工业。2025年1月9日，本会由首席执行官陈燕贞小姐带领，出席与砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC)的交流会议，讨论原材料短缺和劳动力问题等挑战，并呼吁政府提供支持和减少成本的激励措施。



STA, led by its CEO, Ms Annie Ting (4th from left) posed for a group photo with the team from STIDC, led by its Advisor, Datu Haji Hashim bin Haji Bojet (centre)

Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) Executive Committee Meeting No. 1/2025

Nine (9) members and two (2) executive advisors of the Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) attended the Executive Committee Meeting No 1/2025 chaired by its President, Mr George Yap on 13 January 2025 at Menara PGRM Kuala Lumpur.

The Committee were informed of the outcome of meetings and discussions on several key issues, including the publication of articles for the timber industry in The Edge, Malaysia's continued role as Chairman of the European Union Deforestation-free Regulation Coalition for another year until 31 December 2025, and the Malaysian Timber Industry 10-Year Roadmap, with a focus on the proposed national policy for Industrial Tree Plantation (ITP). Other topics included updates on the MTA website and more.

The Committee also discussed and deliberated on urgent matters requiring immediate response, such as employers bearing the EPF contributions for foreign workers; the implementation of the Bureau of Indian Standards by India; the listing of ITP suppliers for potential supply of raw materials and training programmes offered by the Wood Industry Skills Development Centre.

Ahli-ahli dan penasihat MTA telah menghadiri Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Eksekutif pada 13 Januari 2025, di mana mereka membincangkan isu-isu penting seperti penerbitan artikel industri perikanan, peranan Malaysia dalam Gabungan Peraturan Bebas Penyahutanan Kesatuan Eropah, Pelan Hala Tuju 10 Tahun Industri Kayu Malaysia, dan isu penting seperti caruman KWSP dan program latihan.

马来西亚木材公会(MTA)会员及顾问于2025年1月13日出席其执行委员会会议，讨论主要议题，如木材业文章出版、马来西亚在欧盟无毁林法规联盟中的角色、马来西亚木材业十年蓝图以及紧急事项如雇员公积金局(EPF) 缴纳和培训项目。

“KetekSaja” Application – Briefing & Launching

On 23 January 2025, Mr Augustine Chin Lee Hin, Chairman of the Sarawak Business Federation (SBF) Foreign Worker Liaison Task Force, conducted a comprehensive online briefing on *KetekSaja*, a mobile recruitment application (app). The session, attended by 50 participants from member companies of STA, provided an in-depth understanding of the app’s functionality in streamlining foreign worker recruitment while ensuring transparency and efficiency.



Participants of the online briefing organised ahead of the official launch of *KetekSaja*

During the briefing, Mr Chin explained the Indonesian costing for job orders, the endorsement fee structure at a cost of RM1,620 per worker and the process of uploading job order information onto *KetekSaja*. Participants were guided on maintaining accurate data to ensure compliance with regulatory standards. The session also served as a platform for discussion, addressing specific concerns and exchanging best practices for effective app usage.

The following day, on 24 January 2025, the SBF officially launched *KetekSaja* at the Sarawak Club Kuching. The launch was officiated by Dato Sri Abang Haji Abdul Karim bin Tun Abang Haji Openg, President of the SBF, in the presence of dignitaries such as Datu Buckland Bangik, Deputy Sarawak State Secretary (Administration) and Mr



Dato Sri Abang Haji Abdul Karim bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, President of SBF delivering his officiating remark at the launching event of *KetekSaja*

Augustine Wong Chung Ho, Chairman of the Sarawak Housing and Real Estate Developers’ Association, along with other SBF members, invited associations and industry stakeholders including STA.

Dato Sri Abang Haji Abdul Karim in his officiating speech highlighted the app’s role in addressing manpower shortages that have been hampering Sarawak’s industrial progress. He also shared that *KetekSaja*, developed in collaboration with the Sarawak Information System (SAINS) in 2022, features a real-time database that updates employers immediately when a candidate is hired. This prevents duplicate hiring efforts and enables business to focus on other available candidates, ensuring a seamless recruitment process.

Mr Chin added that *KetekSaja* eliminates outdated recruitment practices, such as agents providing only passport copies without proper verification. He noted that employers requesting 50 workers may receive up to 500 applications from different regions, allowing greater flexibility and choice. The app also addresses logistical challenges, such as verifying the validity of medical examinations.

To ensure the app meets the diverse needs of various industries, SBF is collaborating with key industry associations, including the Sarawak Oil

Palm Plantation Owners Association and the Sarawak Marine Industry Association. *KetekSaja* is available for free at www.ketekaja.com and has established offices in Kuching, Sibu, Bintulu and Miri to support employers and job seekers across Sarawak.

Persekutuan Perniagaan Sarawak (SBF) memberi taklimat kepada ahli industri mengenai KetekSaja, sebuah aplikasi mudah alih pengambilan pekerja pada 23 Januari 2025 sebelum pelancaran rasminya pada hari berikutnya. Aplikasi tersebut bertujuan untuk menambah baik pengambilan pekerja asing dengan meningkatkan ketelusan dan mencegah pengambilan pekerja yang bertindih. KetekSaja adalah percuma dan boleh diakses di seluruh Sarawak untuk menyokong majikan serta pencari kerja.

砂拉越商业联合总会(SBF)于2025年1月23日向工业会员介绍名为 *KetekSaja* 的移动招聘应用程序。该应用程序将于次日正式推出，旨在通过提高透明度和防止重复招聘来改善外籍员工的招聘。*KetekSaja* 是免费的，可在砂拉越各地使用，以支持雇主和求职者。



Opening remark by Mr Augustine Chin Lee Hin, Chairman of the Sarawak Business Federation (SBF) Foreign Worker Liaison Task Force

Meeting of MEF East Malaysia Region Members No. 1/2025 – Minimum Wages Order

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region convened its first meeting of the year on 20 January 2025, presided over by Ms Dayang Jamillah binti Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin, the Consultant-Industrial Relations of MEF Sarawak. The meeting featured a session on the Minimum Wages Order (MWO) led by Mr Abdul Rahim bin Abdul Razak, Deputy Secretary of the National Wages Consultative Council (NWCC) Putrajaya, who addressed key aspects of the updated Minimum Wage (MW) policies.

The session aimed to clarify the MWO and its impact on both employers and employees. Mr Abdul Rahim shared that the national MW has increased from RM1,500 to RM1,700 under the 2024 policy. He emphasised that the MW is designed to meet workers’ basic needs, improve social protection, reduce reliance on low-skilled foreign labour, and align with global standards. Key factors in determining the MW include the poverty line income, median wage, labour productivity, changes in the consumer price index and adjusted unemployment rate.

He added that starting 1 February 2025, employees paid by the hour must earn at least RM8.72 per hour to comply with the updated MW. Non-compliance penalties may range from RM10,000 and RM50,000. Companies with fewer than five (5) employees must adhere to MW regulations by 1 August 2025, with no extensions allowed.

The meeting also addressed the relationship between the Progressive Wage Policy (PWP) and MW. The PWP enables employees earning above the MW to progress through structured wage increments based on their skills and experience. Additionally, the Wage Council is considering regional adjustments to the MW, particularly between Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia.

The meeting concluded with the election of a new Chairman for MEF Sarawak, where Mdm Norhayati binti Johari of Senari Synergy Sdn Bhd was re-elected to serve as Chairman for MEF Sarawak in 2025.

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia, Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) mengadakan mesyuarat pertamanya tahun ini pada 20 Januari 2025, memfokuskan kepada Perintah Gaji Minimum. Sesi itu meliputi dasar gaji minimum yang dikemas kini, termasuk kenaikan kepada RM1,700, penalti pematuhan dan pelarasan serantau.

马来西亚雇主联合会 (MEF) 东马(砂拉越)区域于2025年1月20日召开本年度首次会议，关注最低薪金法令。该会议涵盖最新的最低薪金政策，包括其调增至马币1,700令吉、合规罚款以及地区性调整等议题。

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	Oct '24 Vol (m³)	Oct '23 Vol (m³)	Nov '24 Vol (m³)	Nov '23 Vol (m³)	Dec '24 Vol (m³)	Dec '23 Vol (m³)	Jan - Dec '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Dec '23 Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	1,181	890	750	---	560	650	7,448	3,872
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sibu (Hill)	23,260	26,464	20,852	20,631	22,069	21,561	264,882	383,040
(Swamp)	2,933	3,118	2,005	1,944	1,741	1,707	22,051	50,325
Bintulu (Hill)	55,550	62,996	69,282	67,653	45,686	42,194	690,194	838,888
(Swamp)	2,329	1,017	3,295	217	434	2,212	18,297	17,600
Miri (Hill)	6,024	17,374	11,490	15,622	4,992	7,588	87,814	212,773
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	58,264	58,701	60,003	53,081	47,117	35,060	613,147	637,591
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	9,297	9,680	7,539	5,505	3,136	6,733	86,907	91,799
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,474
Sarikei (Hill)	622	5,902	757	3,597	346	5,568	24,579	56,973
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	---	270	505	267	---	---	937	17,378
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	52
Subtotal (Hill)	154,198	182,277	171,178	166,356	123,906	119,354	1,775,908	2,242,314
(Swamp)	5,262	4,135	5,300	2,161	2,175	3,919	40,348	70,451
TOTAL	159,460	186,412	176,478	168,517	126,081	123,273	1,816,256	2,312,765

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	Aug '24 Vol (m³)	Sep '24 Vol (m³)	Oct '24 Vol (m³)	Nov '24 Vol (m³)	Dec '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Dec '24 Vol (m³)
Bindang	142	356	507	760	659	3,800
Meranti	60,579	69,226	62,304	71,779	50,066	739,577
Kapur	4,990	6,962	5,218	5,877	4,718	65,461
Keruing	3,103	3,563	2,635	4,178	2,748	36,887
Sepetir	222	250	191	274	122	2,896
Selangan Batu	1,782	3,050	1,838	2,905	2,039	25,900
Nyatoh	1,369	1,787	1,655	1,971	1,154	17,152
Other species	72,419	86,324	79,850	83,434	62,400	884,235
TOTAL:	144,606	171,518	154,198	171,178	123,906	1,775,908

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	Aug '24 Vol (m³)	Sep '24 Vol (m³)	Oct '24 Vol (m³)	Nov '24 Vol (m³)	Dec '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Dec '24 Vol (m³)
Sepetir	---	---	---	---	---	34
Kapur	27	40	54	41	86	725
Keruing	19	65	47	25	53	357
Meranti	50	907	1,100	694	262	6,085
Other species	1,923	4,435	4,061	4,540	1,774	33,147
TOTAL:	2,019	5,447	5,262	5,300	2,175	40,348

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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		Oct '24	Oct '23	Nov '24	Nov '23	Dec '24	Dec '23	Jan - Dec '24	Jan - Dec '23
		Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)
Sibu	(ACMG)	5,603	6,016	8,742	7,165	4,328	9,554	71,930	52,498
	(ALBZ)	2,967	587	1,386	994	3,466	84	15,746	11,458
	(KLPN)	278	879	266	810	101	436	7,736	7,251
Bintulu	(ACMG)	51,572	85,497	65,852 ^a	55,899	61,456	44,225	632,990	831,618
	(ALBZ)	4,665	1,713	5,934	2,468	4,409	991	74,035	29,531
	(EUCA)	1,294	3,179	782	3,121	213	2,671	20,573	23,480
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,084	---
	(KLPN)	---	---	---	---	---	17	581	304
	(MHGN)	---	---	---	---	---	981	---	981
Miri	(ACMG)	11,848	13,075	13,557	13,363	4,012	4,812	130,374	126,448
	(ALBZ)	2,929	147	3,846	1,366	3,081	131	25,564	5,501
	(EUCA)	7,841	2,733	8,266	3,745	4,558	2,449	99,695	30,949
	(GMELINA)	---	---	46 ^a	---	736	---	782	---
Limbang	(ACMG)	---	1,950	---	887	---	1,769	11,436	11,092
Subtotal	(ACMG)	69,023	106,538	88,151	77,314	69,796	60,360	846,730	1,021,656
	(ALBZ)	10,561	2,447	11,166	4,828	10,956	1,206	115,345	46,490
	(EUCA)	9,135	5,912	9,048	6,866	4,771	5,120	120,268	54,429
	(GMELINA)	---	---	46	---	736	---	2,866	---
	(KLPN)	278	879	266	810	101	453	8,317	7,555
	(MHGN)	---	---	---	---	---	981	---	981
TOTAL:		88,997	115,776	108,677	89,818	86,360	68,120	1,093,526	1,131,111

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^aACMG - Acacia mangium ALBZ - Albizia EUCA - Eucalyptus GMELINA - Gmelina arborea KLPN - Kelampayan MHGN - Mahogany

^aUpdate of data from source: Forest Department Sarawak has revised the data for September 2024 and November 2024. In the Bintulu region, the volumes for Acacia mangium (ACMG) have been revised from 64,450 m³ to 64,585 m³ for September 2024, and for November 2024, from 65,759 m³ to 65,852 m³. In the Miri region, the volumes for Gmelina arborea (GMELINA) have been revised from 0 m³ to 46 m³ for November 2024.

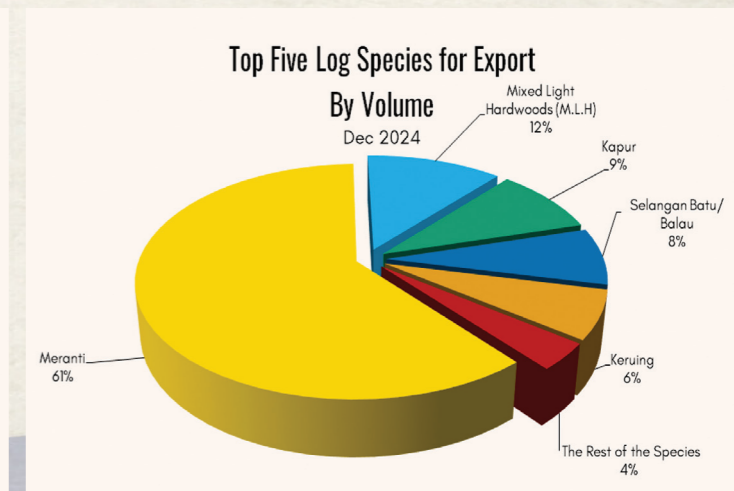
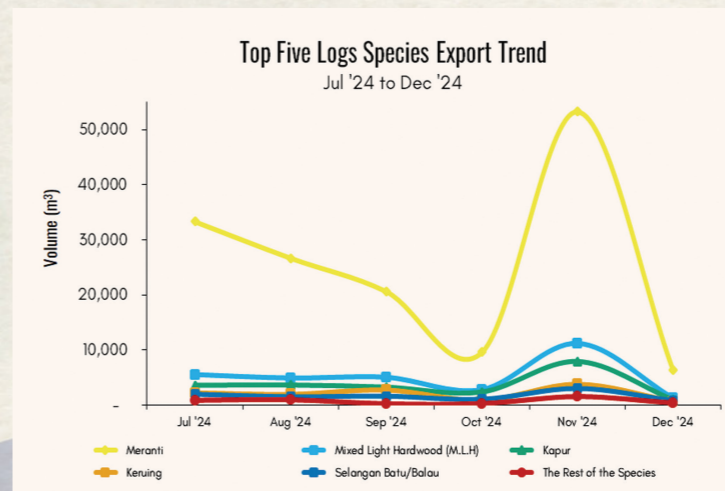
EXPORT OF LOGS BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK

EKSPORT BALAK MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK

砂拉越原木树种出口量

Species	Oct '24		Nov '24		Dec '24		Jan - Dec '24		Jan - Dec '23	
	Vol (m ³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m ³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m ³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m ³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m ³)	Val (RM)
Arau	10	11,086	455	544,127	4	4,081	2,432	2,893,891	1,866	2,093,014
Bindang/Damar Minyak/Agathis	---	---	---	---	165	174,079	165	174,079	1,222	1,096,683
Kapur	2,404	2,443,617	7,953	8,911,429	977	1,173,478	45,619	51,597,957	59,432	71,344,227
Keruing	918	701,788	3,825	2,965,430	708	562,196	40,631	31,973,765	37,054	32,013,940
Meranti	9,640	6,685,651	53,312	36,962,829	6,434	5,106,057	300,178	221,221,139	358,640	291,752,557
Mersawa	65	49,826	317	255,967	125	108,386	4,319	3,227,247	3,125	3,062,540
Mixed Light Hardwoods (M.L.H)	2,793	1,623,446	11,205	6,767,729	1,254	799,686	57,408	36,554,723	57,692	35,927,076
Nyatoh	34	24,317	254	157,631	10	6,212	689	467,310	121	84,845
Resak	66	49,992	485	392,065	88	66,362	3,359	2,874,062	4,112	3,809,097
Selangan Batu/Balau	1,092	1,496,261	3,056	4,545,803	834	1,514,195	21,845	33,585,169	34,813	57,149,760
Other Species	105	104,651	135	83,080	---	---	503	344,550	921	859,654
TOTAL:	17,127	13,190,635	80,997	61,586,090	10,599	9,514,732	477,148	384,913,892	558,998	499,193,393

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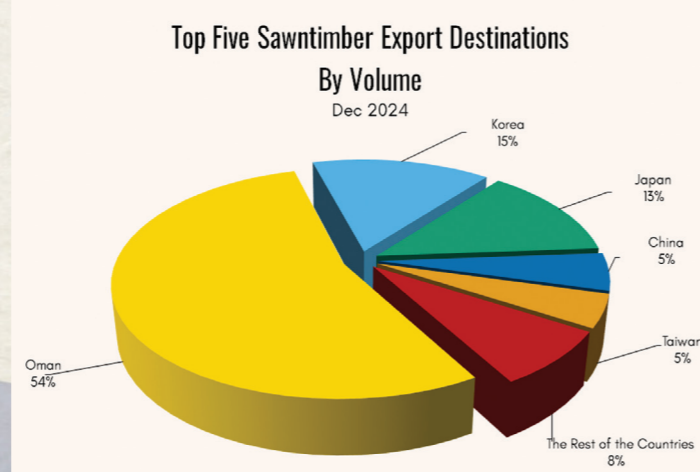
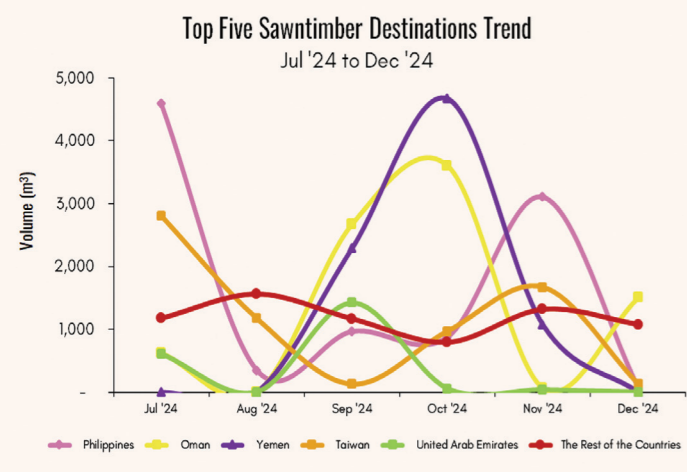


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EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之锯木出口量

Country of Destination	Oct '24		Nov '24		Dec '24		Jan - Dec '24		Jan - Dec '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	20	52,536	37	58,904	39	114,872	206	698,062	101	350,973
China 中国	329	819,159	229	573,600	147	490,647	2,903	4,852,702	3,089	4,463,619
Japan 日本	190	517,358	403	984,873	367	884,525	3,767	10,431,013	4,559	14,576,755
Korea 韩国	162	278,882	320	526,035	416	702,050	2,189	3,868,907	5,312	10,759,900
Oman 阿曼	3,603	3,797,752	68	75,412	1,504	1,647,437	19,458	24,814,541	15,225	23,408,321
Philippines 菲律宾	875	856,823	3,108	2,522,619	68	36,629	22,446	20,732,874	37,766	56,695,981
Sri Lanka 斯里兰卡	---	---	---	---	20	32,890	128	237,952	182	953,923
Taiwan 台湾	970	1,061,932	1,669	3,065,014	130	116,245	12,922	22,058,889	16,549	37,879,218
Thailand 泰国	---	---	---	---	91	130,311	3,657	4,008,545	12,696	14,908,646
Other Countries 其他国家	4,817	8,952,454	1,443	2,352,351	---	---	26,874	53,733,359	34,847	84,423,511
TOTAL:	10,966	16,336,896	7,277	10,158,808	2,782	4,155,606	94,550	145,436,844	130,326	248,420,847

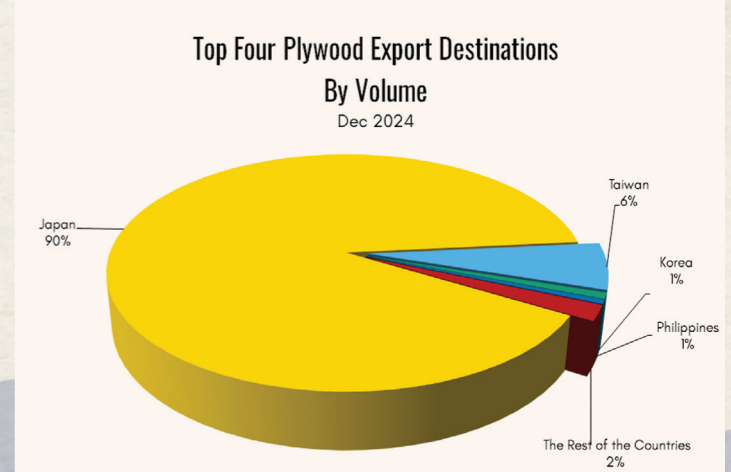
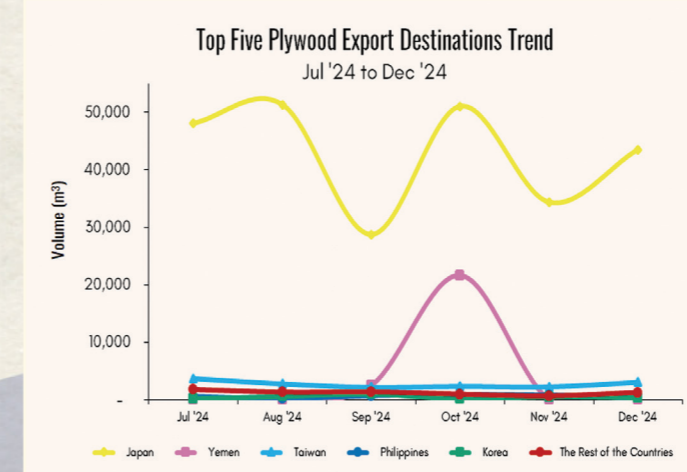
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EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口量

Country of Destination	Oct '24		Nov '24		Dec '24		Jan - Dec '24		Jan - Dec '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	126	291,663	19	38,458	138	309,943	1,178	3,080,542	1,420	4,781,156
Brunei 汶莱	273	357,447	296	389,857	188	273,416	3,286	4,346,346	2,972	3,787,726
China 中国	---	---	---	---	85	136,009	332	590,053	1,151	2,644,293
Japan 日本	51,022	101,639,549	34,339	74,795,692	43,507	93,737,777	497,211	1,112,805,634	474,402	1,210,674,122
Korea 韩国	190	305,496	546	953,866	404	663,001	10,403	18,706,913	23,113	44,589,270
Maldives 马尔代夫	---	---	---	---	251	436,828	251	436,828	21	41,415
Philippines 菲律宾	864	2,921,959	786	2,822,968	278	898,423	5,768	19,832,157	2,910	9,848,143
Qatar 卡塔尔	43	82,300	---	---	85	173,498	171	348,325	46	98,425
Taiwan 台湾	2,329	3,850,373	2,244	3,795,116	3,046	5,031,333	31,629	55,776,112	38,987	73,529,417
United Arab Emirates 阿联酋	86	127,380	---	---	257	418,962	1,668	2,671,813	1,571	3,171,400
Other Countries 其他国家	22,126	34,667,418	371	1,074,560	259	637,822	75,492	137,357,417	66,955	143,614,104
TOTAL:	77,059	144,243,585	38,601	83,870,517	48,498	102,717,012	627,389	1,355,952,140	613,548	1,496,779,471

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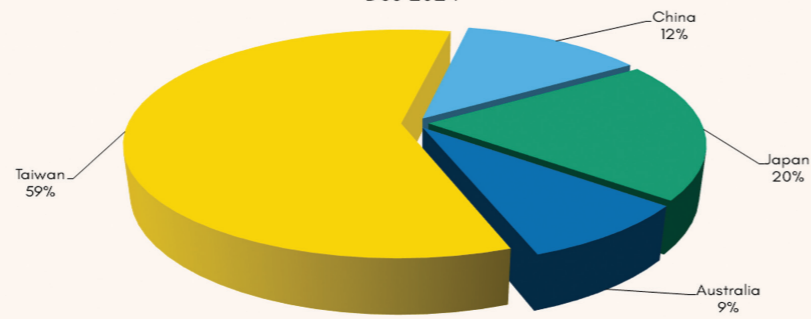
SARAWAK timber trade statistics



EXPORT VALUE OF VENEER BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK
 NILAI EKSPORT VENIR MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
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Top Four Veneer Export Destinations

By Value
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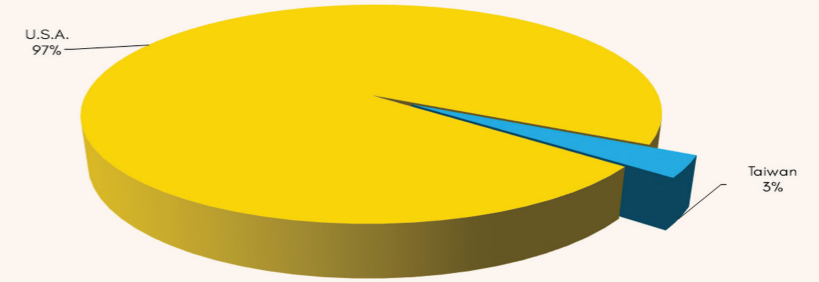
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
1,923,357	2,442,526	2,185,633	1,082,027	1,268,712	20,808,576



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 Two Laminated Board / Flooring Export Destinations

By Value
 Dec 2024



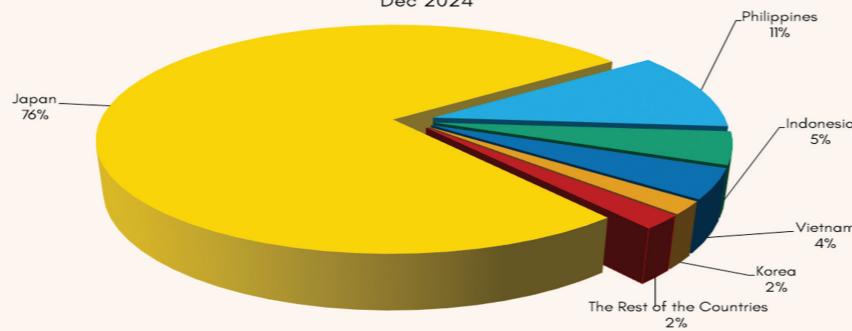
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
7,144,139	7,690,369	7,083,811	5,805,769	3,973,454	66,014,953



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
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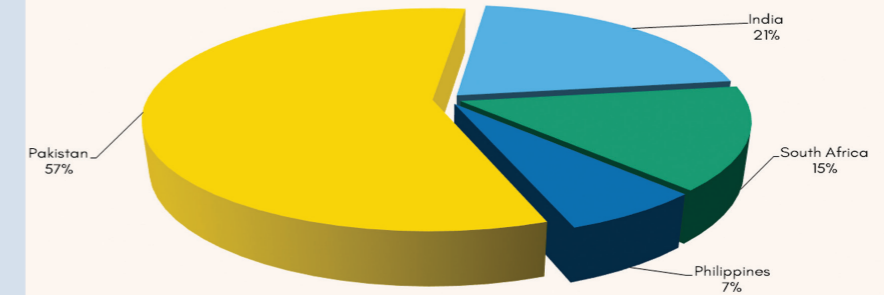
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
28,833,220	37,153,150	30,139,985	34,549,741	28,011,619	388,220,038



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 Four Doorskin Export Destinations

By Value
 Dec 2024



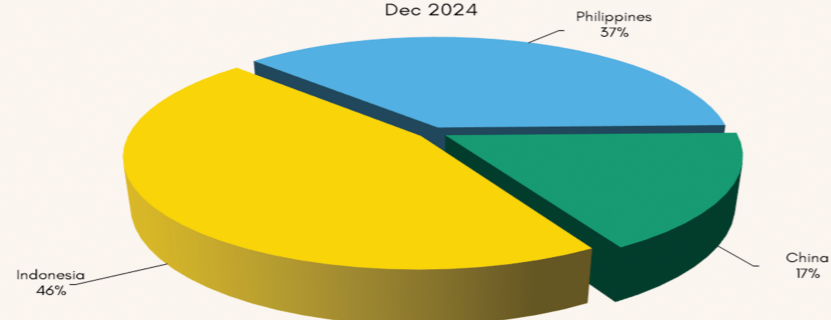
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
2,657,112	2,050,032	2,886,986	3,763,102	2,667,488	41,593,310



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
 Dec 2024



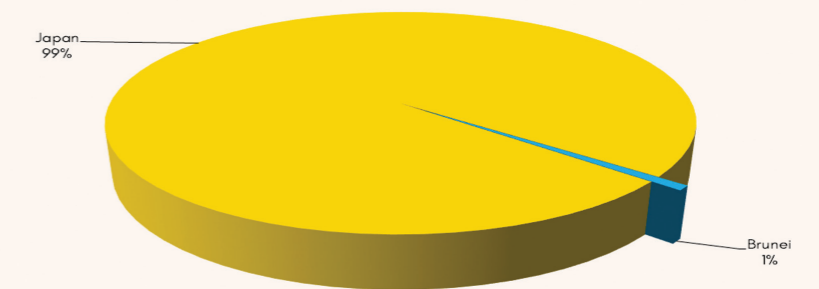
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
669,854	227,763	1,347,203	873,992	1,166,947	10,292,982



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
 Dec 2024



Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
3,126,650	1,370,516	2,166,530	2,609,408	2,874,268	29,291,708

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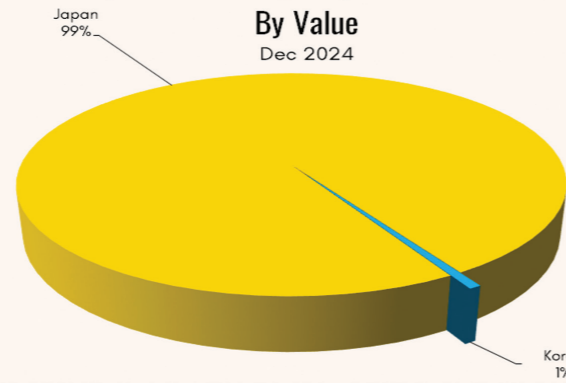
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EXPORT VALUE OF MOULDINGS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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



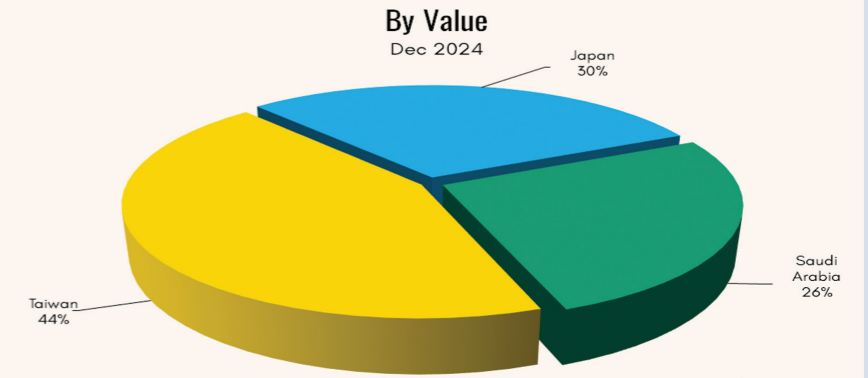
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
497,924	224,353	665,730	553,302	11,768,877	17,093,114



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



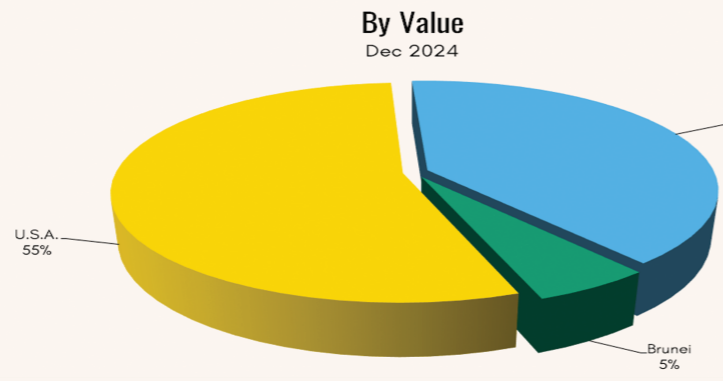
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
806,574	1,271,524	535,135	600,414	322,199	8,746,735



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



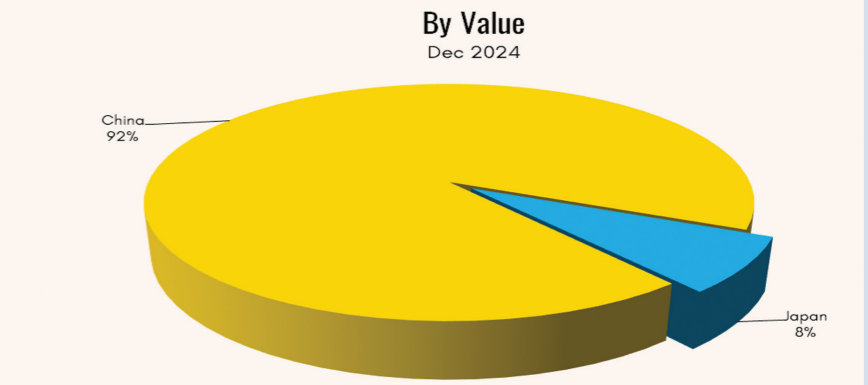
Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
5,168,592	5,010,438	5,195,574	3,432,476	3,665,961	59,228,814



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



Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
---	17,672,339	3,413,223	13,996,572	34,301,017	179,293,667



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
Dec 2024

Remark:
No export of wood pellets was recorded in Dec 2024

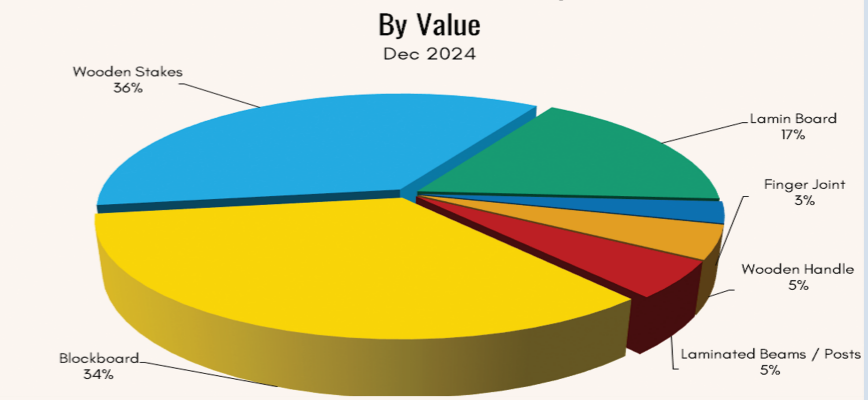
Month	Value
Aug '24	---
Sep '24	---
Oct '24	---
Nov '24	45,475,560
Dec '24	---
Jan - Dec '24	105,944,312



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



Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan - Dec '24
1,527,207	1,082,315	1,454,328	1,010,724	1,438,364	23,511,399

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OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME JANUARY 2025

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 : 19 - 22 January 2025
Location : Berkakap Camp, Kapit
Company : Reliwood Sdn Bhd

> Log Extraction - Tractor (Natural Forest)

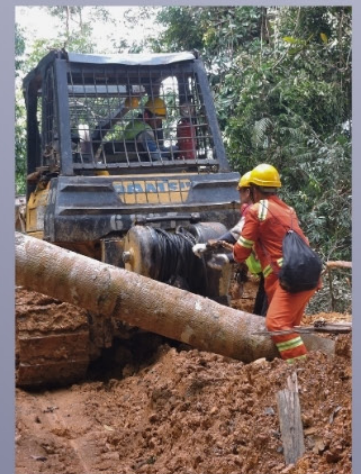
STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Ginda Uli
Date : 19 - 22 January 2025
Location : Berkakap Camp, Kapit
Company : Reliwood Sdn Bhd

> Log Loading - Front End Loader (Natural Forest)

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Kutok Bayang
Date : 15 - 18 January 2025
Location : Berkakap Camp, Kapit
Company : Reliwood Sdn Bhd

> Mechanical Site Preparation - Excavator (Forest Plantation)

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Ngumbang Bayang
Date : 15 - 18 January 2025
Location : Berkakap Camp, Kapit
Company : Reliwood 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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