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## Meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Compliance Audit



ECA Working Group posed for photo with NREB officers, seated 2<sup>nd</sup> from left to right

The Working Group on Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA), consisting of representatives from STA members, met on 6 May 2024 to address concerns related to the mandatory implementation of ECA, effective 1 July 2024. Their focus was on reviewing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Approval Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) issued for forestry sector projects, aiming to ensure these align effectively with environmental compliance objectives.

Joined by officers from the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB), they drew from their experiences in conducting ECAs

during the pilot project and reviewed the EIA Approval T&Cs for establishing planted forest under the Licence for Planted Forest. This meeting followed an earlier one held in April 2024, which had reviewed the EIA Approval T&Cs for timber harvesting in natural forests.

To foster a unified understanding and facilitate compliance, the Working Group also developed specific indicators for proposed actions and corresponding verifiers for each mitigating measure recommended by the EIA Consultants.

*Kumpulan Kerja Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar bermesyuarat pada 6 Mei 2024 untuk menyemak Terma dan Syarat Kelulusan Penilaian Kesan Alam Sekitar (EIA) untuk projek perhutanan, memastikan ianya sejajar dengan matlamat pematuhan.*

*Disertai pegawai-pegawai daripada Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar, ahli Kumpulan Kerja turut mencadangkan penunjuk dan verifikasi untuk langkah-langkah mitigasi bagi memudahkan pemahaman dan pematuhan di lapangan.*

*环境合规审计工作小组于2024年5月6日召开会议，审查林业项目环境影响评估(EIA)的批准条款和条件，确保与合规目标保持一致。*

*工作小组与自然资源与环境局官员(NREB)共同为拟议的缓解措施制定指标和核查程序，以促进实地理解和遵守。*



Discussion in progress

## STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No. 2/2024

STA Forest Plantation Committee Chairman, Mr Joseph Lau Ching Hoo chaired the Committee meeting attended by a total of six committee members and two Secretariat staff on 28 May 2024 at Wisma STA, Kuching.

The agenda of the meeting was packed with discussions and assessments, primarily focused on the progress reports concerning the STA-funded research and development projects centred on tree plantation species *Neolamarckia cadamba* and *Falcataria moluccana*.



Group photo taken during the meeting

The progress of the field trials at members' plantations involving planting materials derived from the projects was also reviewed.

Additionally, meeting discussions revolved around the activities slated for the year, including budget planning and allocation. Moreover, the meeting was informed about the proactive measures undertaken to ensure compliance with Environmental Compliance Audit requirement, reflecting a commitment to sustainable practices and regulatory adherence.

*Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA, diketuai oleh Pengerusi Encik Joseph Lau telah mengadakan mesyuarat dengan 6 ahli dan 2 kakitangan Sekretariat pada 28 Mei 2024 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mereka membincangkan kemajuan projek penyelidikan mengenai Neolamarckia cadamba dan Falcataria moluccana, ujian lapangan, aktiviti tahunan, peruntukan sumber dan pematuhan kepada keperluan audit pematuhan alam sekitar.*

本会人工造林委员会由主席刘晋福先生主持，于2024年5月28日在古晋STA大厦与六名委员和两名秘书处职员召开会议。他们讨论黄梁木和南洋楹研究项目的进展、实地种植试验、年度活动、资源分配以及遵从环境合规审计要求事项。

## Environmental Quality Monitoring Training

The Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) Sarawak has issued a directive on mandatory implementation of Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) under the Natural Resources and Environmental (Audit) Rules, 2008 for the forestry sector in Sarawak, effective 1 July 2024. This directive marks a shift from Environmental Monitoring Reports to ECA for all forestry projects, aiming to promote self-regulation in environmental management.

To equip personnel in the forestry sector with the requisite knowledge and skills to

comply with the Rules, STA Training Sdn Bhd, the training arm of STA, in-collaboration with the NREB and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) organised Environmental Quality Monitoring (EQM) Training on 15-16 May 2024 at Wisma STA Kuching. The training, which focused on supporting water quality monitoring in the ECA report, saw the participation of 36 individuals.

The training was conducted by Associate Professor Dr Tay Meng Guan from UNIMAS, who has vast experience in the field of water sampling, data analysis and interpretation.

During the training, participants were taught on water quality and the proper technique for both water sampling and water quality analysis. A site practical was also arranged to provide participants with hands-on experience in water sampling.

Mr Halarry anak Nyabar, Environmental Control Officer in the Environmental Regulation Section of NREB shared with the participants on the Rules and format of reporting for environmental status in Chapter 5 of the ECA report. He highlighted that the water sampling shall only be conducted by personnel from company who has been trained in EQM. If trained personnel are not available, companies are advised to engage environmental consultants or personnel from an accredited laboratory registered with NREB to conduct the sampling.

The next EQM Training will be conducted on 21-22 August 2024 at Wisma STA Kuching. For more information and registration, please scan the QR code or contact Mr Wong How Chu at 082-332222 or 019-4594668.



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*Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar (NREB) Sarawak mewajibkan Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar untuk sektor perhutanan bermula 1 Julai 2024. Untuk membantu pematuhan, STA Training Sdn Bhd, cabang latihan STA, dengan kerjasama NREB dan UNIMAS menjalankan latihan Pemantauan Kualiti Alam Sekitar pada 15-16 Mei 2024. Pendaftaran kini dibuka untuk latihan seterusnya yang akan dijalankan pada 21-22 Ogos 2024.*



Dr Tay demonstrating proper handling of water sampling equipment



Participants taking in-situ measurement during water sampling exercise



Group photo taken at the site

砂拉越天然资源与环境局(NREB)将于 2024 年 7 月 1 日起强制林业实施环境合规审计。为了帮助合规，本会的培训子公司 STA Training 有限公司与 NREB 和砂拉越大学合作，于 2024 年 5 月 15 日至 16 日举办环境质量监测培训。下一次培训将于 2024 年 8 月 21 日至 22 日举办，现已开放注册。



Sharing by Mr Halarry anak Nyambar from NREB



Photo call with participants of EQM Training

## HCV Screenings Results for PFEs in Sarawak

A presentation on the High Conservation Value (HCV) Screenings for Permanent Forest Estates (PFE) in Sarawak was organised by the World Wildlife Fund for Nature Malaysia (WWF-Malaysia), in collaboration with the Forest Department Sarawak and STA on 27 May 2024 via online platform. The presentation was delivered by Mr Neville Kemp from the HCV Network. He shared the findings and outcomes from the screening workshops conducted from July 2023 to March 2024.

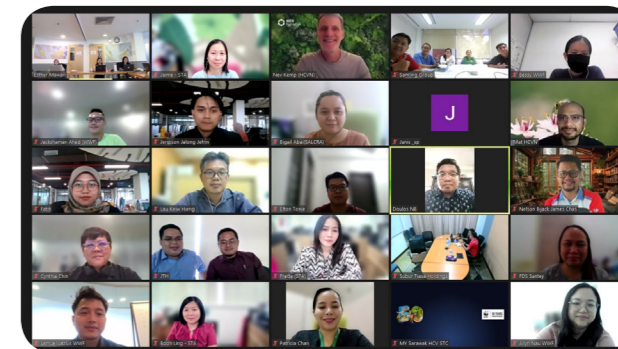
Mr Kemp outlined the steps of the HCV screening exercise, including defining the scope and purpose, gathering information for analysis, determining the likelihood of HCV presence and threats to HCV, identifying

priorities in the landscape, and presenting the results. He emphasised that the purpose of the HCV screening was to identify additional priority areas throughout Sarawak for conservation. The HCV Screening approach includes a threat analysis resulting in a risk assessment identifying priority areas for improved management or enhanced conservation measures.

He mentioned that the majority of the data collated for the HCV screening was sourced from publicly available sources. He clarified that while screening does not produce definitive maps of HCV areas, it does result in priority areas to guide future fieldwork to confirm actual HCV presence. He also stressed that publicly available data and proxies are appropriate but do not replace official or verified data.

During the presentation, Mr Kemp shared maps depicting the probability of HCVs and associated threats, alongside identified landscape priorities achieved by merging probability and threat maps. He emphasised that these maps are indicative and not meant for direct decision-making. The data feeding into these maps is dynamic and subject to change.

The outcomes of HCV screening serve various purposes, including confirming HCV presence, validating threats, enhancing HCV management and monitoring, and facilitating regional conservation actions and planning.



Participants of the session

WWF-Malaysia, dengan kerjasama Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan STA, telah mengadakan pembentangan maya mengenai Penapisan Nilai Pemuliharaan Tinggi (HCV) untuk Estet Hutan Kekal (PFE) pada 27 Mei 2024. Encik Neville Kemp daripada Rangkaian HCV memperincikan proses penyaringan, sumber data dan kepentingan mengenal pasti kawasan utama pemuliharaan, menekankan bahawa hasilnya sebagai panduan kerja lapangan dan perancangan pemuliharaan masa hadapan.

马来西亚世界自然基金会与砂拉越森林局和本会合作，于2024年5月27日举办高保护价值(HCV)永久林区(PFE)筛查线上分享会。来自HCV Network的尼彼乐克明先生详细介绍了筛查过程、数据来源以及确定优先保护区的重要性，并强调研究成果可指导未来的实地工作和保护规划。

## Seminar on the Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2022 & Factories and Machinery (Repeal) Act 2022

The Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2022 (“Amendment Act”) along with two (2) subsidiary legislations; namely the Occupational Safety and Health (Plant Requiring Certificate of Fitness) Regulations 2024 and the Occupational Safety and Health (Licensed Person) Order 2024 will come into effect on 1 June 2024. Concurrently, the Factories and Machinery Act 1967 will be repealed by the Factories and Machinery (Repeal) Act 2022 (“Repeal Act”), with its relevant provisions being incorporated into the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) 1994.

In order to inform employers, employees and safety and health practitioners on the latest amendments to the Amendment Act and Repeal Act, the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) conducted a

series of seminars across Malaysia. For the Sarawak region, the seminar took place on 27 May 2024 at the Imperial Hotel, Kuching and was attended by a total of 125 participants from various industries.

The seminar was inaugurated by Mr Bahrudin bin Mamat, Deputy Director General (Occupational Safety) of DOSH Malaysia. In his opening speech, he emphasised that the Amendment Act aims to enhance workplace safety and health standards by extending OSHA’s applicability to all workplaces in Malaysia, except for domestic employment, armed forces and work on board ships. He also highlighted the introduction of substantial penalties under the Amendment Act, with fines up to RM500,000 or imprisonment for employers, self-employed person or principals who fail to fulfil their duties.

During the Seminar, participants were briefed on the Amendment Act, Repeal Act, the Occupational Safety and Health (Plant Requiring Certificate of Fitness) Regulations 2024, and the Occupational Safety and Health (Licensed Person) Order 2024. Additionally, guidelines for OSH Coordinators and employee rights were also presented.

For more information on the Amendment Act and Repeal Act, please visit DOSH’s Website at [www.dosh.gov.my](http://www.dosh.gov.my)

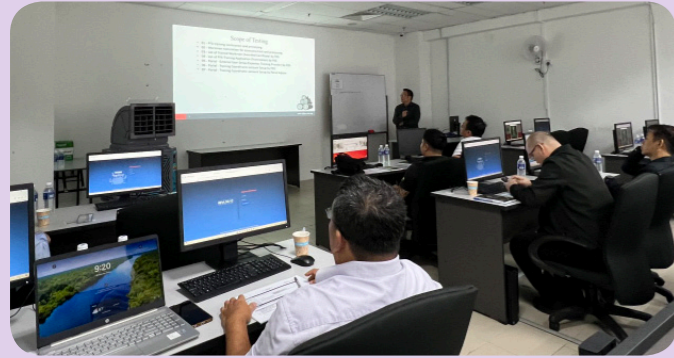
Akta Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (Pindaan) 2022 dan peraturan subsidiari berkuat kuasa pada 1 Jun 2024. JKKP mengadakan satu siri seminar di seluruh Malaysia untuk memaklumkan kepada pihak berkepentingan, menonjolkan liputan OSHA yang diperluas dan peningkatan penalti bagi ketidakpatuhan. Di Sarawak, Seminar tersebut telah diadakan pada 27 Mei 2024 dengan dihadiri lebih 100 peserta. Butiran lanjut boleh didapati di laman web DOSH.

2022年职场安全与卫生(修订)法令及其附属法规将于2024年6月1日起生效。职场安全与卫生局在马来西亚各地举办一系列讲座会，向利益相关者通报情况，强调扩大该法令的覆盖范围及提高违规处罚力度。在砂拉越，该研讨会于2024年5月27日举行，获得百多人参加。欲知更多详情，请游览职场安全与卫生局网站。



Opening speech by Mr Bahrudin bin Mamat, Deputy Director General (Occupational Safety) of DOSH Malaysia

# User Acceptance Test of FDS Integrated System



UAT session in progress

The Sarawak Information Systems Sdn Bhd (SAINS) has been commissioned by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) to integrate their licensee portal & Sarawak Logs Tracking and Forest Revenue System (REVLOG) with STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) database on trained workmen. As the integration of the system are at the final stage, a User Acceptance Test (UAT) session was held jointly by FDS and SAINS at SAINS Training Centre, Eco Mall Kuching on 8 May 2024 to test the functionality of the

integrated system developed for the licensee portal. Attended by representatives from FDS, SAINS, STA and STAT, this collaborative effort aimed to ensure a seamless transition and optimal utilisation of the platform.

The UAT process was comprehensive, encompassing planning, test data cases, execution, issue resolution, validation and sign-off. With the successful completion of the UAT, there are plans for workshop and briefing session to familiarise relevant users with the portal's features and functionalities, ahead its official launch.

Wakil-wakil daripada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) dan Sarawak Information Systems Sdn Bhd (SAINS), STA dan STA Training Sdn Bhd menyertai sesi Ujian Penerimaan Pengguna, yang dikendalikan bersama oleh FDS dan SAINS pada 8 Mei 2024. Sesi tersebut bertujuan untuk menguji kefungsi bersepadu sistem yang dibangunkan untuk portal lesen.

来自砂森林局(FDS)、砂资讯系统有限公司(SAINS)、本会以及STA Training有限公司的代表参与由FDS和SAINS于2024年5月8号共同举办的用户验收测试会议，以测试为许可证持有者门户开发的集成系统的功能。

# UNIMAS Students' Visit to STA



Professor Dr. Wong providing an impromptu lesson to her students in the Exhibition Centre

On 16 May 2024, STA hosted a visit from a group of eighteen (18) second-year students, led by Professor Dr. Wong Sin Yeng, from the Wood Science and Technology course at the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

The visit aimed to provide the students with an understanding of the roles and functions of STA, as well as a comprehensive overview of the forestry and timber industry in Sarawak, as part of their curriculum.

The visit commenced with a briefing on "the Roles and Functions of STA and Overview of the Timber Industry in Sarawak" by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA.

The Briefing also included topics such as:

- STA and its subsidiary companies;
- An overview of the timber industry in Sarawak, highlighting resources from both natural and planted forests, the industry structure and export performance;
- Forest management in Sarawak, including Sarawak's very own Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System, and Forest Management Certification (FMC);
- Global developments addressing climate change, and
- Challenges faced by the forestry and timber industry in Sarawak.

The students engaged actively during the question and answer session, posing insightful questions about STA's roles and functions, climate change and anti dumping issues.

Following the briefing, the group was given a guided tour of STA Exhibition Centre located at Level 4 of Wisma STA. The Centre, a hub for education and promotion, features touch screen kiosks and multimedia presentation screens to provide detailed information about the forestry and timber industry in Sarawak.

Pada 16 Mei 2024, STA telah menerima kunjungan 18 pelajar tahun dua, diketuai oleh Profesor Dr. Wong Sin Yeng, daripada kursus Sains dan Teknologi Kayu, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Annie Ting memberi taklimat kepada mereka tentang peranan STA, industri perikanan Sarawak, dan pengurusan hutan. Lawatan itu termasuk sesi soal jawab dan lawatan berpandu ke Pusat Pameran STA.

本会于2024年5月16日接待由黄欣盈教授带领的18位来自马来西亚砂拉越大学 (UNIMAS) 木材科学与技术专业的二年级大专生。本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐向他们介绍本会的职责、砂拉越木材工业和森林管理。此次拜访也涵盖有趣的问答环节和STA展览中心的导览游。



Briefing in progress



Professor Dr. Wong (seated 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right), Ms Annie Ting (seated 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right) posed for photo with the students and STA secretariat

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



Group photo with Dr Paridah Md Tahir, Chairperson of the Technical Committee (front row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left)

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) Certification Body (CB) unit recently conducted a pilot test to audit mills based on the Product Certification Scheme: Formaldehyde Emission from Wood-Based Panel Products (MTIB-CB-PS-02).

Consequently, the Technical Committee Meeting No 1/2024 on Product Certification on Formaldehyde Emission from Wood Based Panel was held on 7 to 8 May 2024 at Pacific Regency Port Dickson to re-assess the standard and gather input from committee members to improve it. STA is a member of this Technical Committee, represented by Mr Alvin Yii, STA Panel Products Committee member and Ms Miriam Hong, Manager of STA. The 2-day meeting was chaired by Dr Paridah Md Tahir, the chairperson of the Technical Committee from the Institute of Tropical Forestry and Forest Product, Universiti Putra Malaysia.

During the meeting, MTIB CB presented the audit finding, highlighting several clauses in the standard that required revision to address inadequacy identified during the recent audit exercise. The proposed revisions aim to provide clearer and more detailed requirements to close the gaps for auditors and manufacturers of wood based panel product applying for MTIB Certification for Formaldehyde Emission.

The MTIB-CB-PS-02 specifies the requirements for the product certification scheme for wood-based panel, ensuring compliance with formaldehyde emission levels in plywood, particleboard and fibreboard used in the domestic market.

Committee members thoroughly reviewed the standard, engaging in detailed discussions on the requirements for the product certification scheme. This included detailed documentation and specifications regarding production planning and testing that companies must provide when applying for MTIB Certification for Formaldehyde Emission.



Meeting in progress

Unit Badan Pensijilan Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia baru-baru ini menjalankan ujian perintis ke atas piawaian pelepasan formaldehid untuk panel berasaskan kayu. Jawatankuasa Teknikal bermesyuarat dari 7 hingga 8 Mei 2024 untuk menyemak penemuan audit dan mencadangkan semakan yang diperlukan.

Matlamat inisiatif ini adalah untuk meningkatkan kejelasan dan perincian dalam keperluan pensijilan untuk papan lapis, papan partikel dan papan gentian yang digunakan dalam pasaran domestik.

马来西亚木材工业局的认证单位近期进行人造板甲醛释放量标准的试点项目。该项目的技术委员会在2024年5月7至8日开会以审查审计结果并提出必要的修改建议。此项目旨在提高国内市场所使用的胶合板、塑合板和纤维板认证要求的清晰度和细节。

## Malaysian Timber Industry Board Certification Body (MTIB CB) Product Certification Scheme Briefing

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) Certification Body (CB) was established in 2010 with the primary objectives of developing and implementing product certification schemes. Its mandate includes conducting audits, evaluations, and awarding certifications to applicants meeting specified standards. To fulfill these goals, MTIB CB has set up Technical Committees to develop product standards. Currently, two (2) standards are in place: the Plywood Certification Standard (MTIB-CB-PS-01) and the Product Certification on Formaldehyde Emission from Wood Based Panel (MTIB-CB-PS-02).

In furtherance of its objectives, MTIB CB organised a briefing on 27 May 2024 at Oakwood Hotel Kuala Lumpur, aiming to inform stakeholders about its role and functions, the significance of product certification in the construction industry, and the importance of standards and certifications. Stakeholders from timber associations in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah as well as STA attended the briefing.

Puan Nor Syarafahan Dini Rosli of MTIB CB explained that MTIB-CB-PS-01 specifies the requirements and criteria for certification for three (3) types of plywood: General Purpose, Concrete Formwork and Structural Plywood. Meanwhile, MTIB-CB-PS-02 outlines the requirements for acceptable level of formaldehyde emission from wood-based panel products such as plywood, particleboard and fibreboard intended for the domestic market.



Puan Nor Syarafahan Dini Rosli highlighting roles and functions of MTIB CB

Mr Barnados Bingkang, Principal Assistant Director of the Department of Standards Malaysia (SM) explained that SM serves as the national accreditation body, offering conformity assessment services including testing, calibration, certification, inspection, proficiency testing and validation & verification.

The final presentation by Ts. Rozainah Ibrahim, Head of Department (Business Development), CIDB IBS Sdn Bhd focused on the Construction Industry Standard (CIS 24: 2023) of Industrialised Building System (IBS) Assessment & Certification. CIS 24: 2023 is essential to ensure that all construction materials meet set standards, enhancing structural integrity, durability and user safety.

Presently, there is only one IBS manufacturer of timber framing system in Johor. It is imperative for the timber industry to understand the significance of CIS 24:2023 for increased usage of certified timber in construction industry. Additionally, a potential pilot project is planned in Sarawak to audit the plywood in accordance with the newly developed products standards.

Badan Pensijilan (CB) Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia (MTIB) yang ditubuhkan pada 2010, mengawasi pensijilan produk dalam industri perkayuan Malaysia. Dalam taklimat baru-baru ini kepada pihak berkepentingan, ianya menekankan kepentingan piawaian.

Juga dikongsikan bahawa projek perintis yang berpotensi sedang dirancang di Sarawak untuk mengaudit papan lapis mengikut piawaian produk yang baru dibangunkan.

马来西亚木材工业局 (MTIB) 认证机构 (CB) 成立于 2010 年, 负责监督马来西亚木材业的产品认证。在近期向利益相关者举行的简报会上, MTIB CB 强调标准的重要性。

它还透露, 计划在砂拉越开展一个潜在的试点项目, 以根据新制定的产品标准对胶合板进行审核。

## Discussion with Jawala Plantation Industries Sdn Bhd

A discussion between Mr Abdul Rahman Khan Bin Hakim Khan, Chief Executive Officer cum Executive Director of Jawala Plantation Industries Sdn Bhd (JPISB) and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA was held on 2 May 2024 at his office at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The meeting discussed the costing components of industrial forest plantation development at JPISB, in comparison to similar ventures in Sarawak. These insights are crucial for an upcoming ministerial presentation to address the issue of carry-forward unabsorbed business losses within the industrial forest plantation industry.

During his presentation, Mr Rahman outlined the key economic factors influencing industrial forest plantation development. He underscored the significant impact of variations in development costs, planted log price, gestation period and yield on the plantation's profitability. Additionally, the discussion also delved into the recovery rate and processing costs associated with planted logs.

Harnessing JPISB insights, a collaborative stakeholder session is vital for holistic data gathering. This facilitates enhanced presentation to the minister, crucial for fostering the sustainable growth of the industrial forest plantation industry in Sarawak.

*Pada 2 Mei 2024, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA, Cik Annie Ting dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Jawala Plantation Industries Sdn Bhd, Encik Abdul Rahman Khan bertemu di Kota Kinabalu untuk membincangkan kos perladangan hutan industri. Pandangan mengenai kos pembangunan, harga balak dan keuntungan akan digunakan dalam pembentangan peringkat menteri mengenai kerugian perniagaan yang tidak diserap. Ini adalah penting untuk memastikan industri perladangan Sarawak berkembang secara mampan.*

本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐于2024年5月2号与贾瓦拉种植园工业有限公司的首席执行官阿都拉曼勒先生在亚庇会面并讨论工业人工林的种植成本。对于开发成本、原木价格和盈利能力的见解，将为有关未吸收商业损失的部长级演讲提供参考，这对砂拉越人工林业的可持续增长至关重要。

## Kuamut Rainforest Conservation Project: Malaysia's 1<sup>st</sup> Nature-based Carbon Initiative

The Kuamut Rainforest Conservation Project (Kuamut Project) covers 83,381 ha of tropical forest in the Tongod and Kinabatangan Districts of Sabah. The forest area was designated as a production forest for further commercial use and reclassified by the government in 2016 as a Totally Protected Area, thus demonstrating additionality for Kuamut Project through the prevention of commercial logging.

The Kuamut Project, which is Malaysia's first nature-based carbon initiative, contributes towards 12 of 17 Sustainable Developments Goals of the United Nation and includes an extensive process of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC).

It is managed by Permian Malaysia with objectives to protect and restore carbon-rich forest to help mitigate the global climate crisis, improve the lives, well-being and sustainable economic opportunities of the communities living around the forest area and increase the chances for tropical forest biodiversity to thrive.

Bursa Carbon Exchange (BCX), in a webinar on 16 May 2024, informed that they will facilitate an auction of carbon credits, representing carbon avoidance or removal from Kuamut Project in the period of 2017 to 2021 on 25 July 2024, at a floor price of RM50 per metric tonne of carbon dioxide (tCO<sub>2</sub>e).

Ms Ivy Wong, Chief Executive Officer of Permian Malaysia provided a brief introduction to Kuamut Project and shared that Kuamut Project adheres to Verra Standards and is verified by third-party entities, maintaining high standards of accountability and transparency.

Mr Muhammad Rizal Azmi, Assistant Vice President of Business Development & Sales at BCX presented auction format and how interested companies can participate in the auction. He also informed that these voluntary carbon credits can be offboarded and traded in various markets, with no expiry date. Though the value of older vintage credits may decline, they remain valid until retired, at which point they are permanently removed from circulation to offset emissions elsewhere.

*Diklasifikasikan semula pada tahun 2016 sebagai Kawasan Terlindung Sepenuhnya, Projek Pemuliharaan Hutan Hujan Kuamut yang merangkumi 83,381 hektar di Sabah dan memberi tumpuan kepada pemuliharaan hutan, kesejahteraan komuniti dan biodiversiti membantu mencegah pembalakan komersial dan menyumbang ke arah 12 Matlamat Pembangunan Lestari PBB. Bursa Pertukaran Karbon akan melelong kredit karbonnya, mewakili pengelakan atau penyingkiran karbon daripada Projek Kuamut dalam tempoh 2017 hingga 2021, pada 25 Julai 2024.*

瓜末熱帶雨林保育項目位於沙巴，占地 83,381 公頃，于 2016 年被重新劃分為完全保護區，專注於森林保護、社區福祉和生物多樣性，有助於防止商業伐木，並為實現 12 項聯合國可持續發展目標做出貢獻。馬來西亞國家碳交易所將於 2024 年 7 月 25 日拍賣瓜末碳信用額，即 2017 年至 2021 年期間該項目的碳減排量或碳排放減少量。

## Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises MADANI Budget 2024 Financing Initiatives Sarawak Roadshow

To ensure that micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are not neglected, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) organised a financing initiatives roadshow. This roadshow aimed to provide information to MSMEs about the requirements and methods of obtaining financing and grants through the MADANI Budget 2024 Financing Initiative, announced by the Minister of Finance.



Sharing session in progress

The MSMEs Financing Initiative Roadshow Sarawak 2024 visited four (4) major cities in Sarawak: Kuching on 11 May 2024, Sibu on 21 May 2024, Bintulu on 23 May 2024 and Miri on 27 May 2024.

During the briefing in Kuching attended by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA and Ms Miriam Hong, Manager of STA, several agencies and financial institutions presented their products and programmes. These included Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), the Securities Commission, Agrobank, Bank Simpanan Nasional, EXIM Bank, the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation, and Credit Guarantee Corporation, as well as Prokhas/Syarikat Jaminan Pembiayaan Perniagaan Berhad.

BNM introduced several facilities to support SMEs in various areas, such as adopting sustainable and low-carbon practices, undertaking capital expenditure, increasing agrofood production for domestic and export markets, enhancing automation processes and digitalisation

operations to boost productivity and efficiency, and upgrading to high-tech and green facility for a sustainable and entrenched economic recovery.

Various booths were set up by the participating agencies and financial institutions during the Roadshow to provide detailed information on their financing products and advisory services. Additional information on these products and services can be found on the official website of the respective agencies and financial institutions.

*Kementerian Kewangan menganjurkan jerayawara di seluruh bandar utama Sarawak untuk mendidik perusahaan mikro, kecil dan sederhana mengenai pilihan pembiayaan dan geran yang tersedia melalui Bajet MADANI 2024. Jerayawara ini turut memberi peluang kepada agensi-agensi seperti Bank Negara Malaysia, Agrobank dan EXIM Bank untuk mempromosikan kelestarian dan amalan perniagaan yang cekap.*

财政部在砂拉越主要城市举办巡回讲座会，向微小中型企业介绍通过 2024 年昌明大马财政预算案提供的融资方案和补助金。该巡回讲座会也邀请了马来西亚国家银行、农业银行和进出口银行等机构参与，促进可持续和高效的商业实践。

# Roadshow on National Training Week 2024 – Sarawak Region

The Human Resource Development Corp (HRD Corp) organised a Roadshow on National Training Week (NTW) 2024 for the Sarawak Region at Sheraton Hotel Kuching on 30 May 2024. The event was attended by approximately 90 representatives from various partners, collaborators and stakeholders in Sarawak.

Mr Bruce Jackson Joe anak Jabas, Head of Unit, Acquisition Engagement (Sarawak) Unit HRD Corp shared that the NTW 2024, themed “Inspiring Malaysian Excellence through Lifelong Learning” will take place from 24 to 30 June 2024 nationwide. This initiative aims to offer 25,000 courses, targeting 200,000 enrollments. He emphasised that the NTW 2024 aspires to empower Malaysians through a wide range of comprehensive training initiatives, enabling them to actively contribute to the nation’s growth and well-being, beyond being mere participants.

NTW 2024 will focus on five (5) main pillars: life skills, future skills, financial, sustainable development, and creativity and innovation. Building on the success of NTW 2023, NTW 2024 will continue to provide various short term personnel development programmes covering multiple disciplines such as training, coaching, facilitating and learning. These programmes will be available through various formats including physical, online, hybrid and self-paced learning.

Also present at the Roadshow was Madam Siti Suryati binti Kama Asnawi, Chief Human Resources Officer of HRD Corp. In her speech, she thanked all 45 partners of NTW 2024 in Sarawak for their support in offering relevant courses free of charge. She mentioned that the NTW week is nationwide learning and development initiative that unites organisations and individuals from diverse backgrounds and industries to engage in extensive learning and development opportunities.



Partners of NTW 2024

Mr Brian Yeo, Finance and Administration Senior Manager of STA receiving appreciation as NTW 2024 partners from HRD Corp

As one of the partners of NTW 2024, STA Training Sdn Bhd, the training arm of STA, will be offering four (4) online courses related to the forestry sector. More information about these courses can be accessed by scanning the provided QR codes.



Pada 30 Mei 2024, Perbadanan Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (HRD Corp) mengadakan Jerayawara untuk Minggu Latihan Kebangsaan (NTW 2024) di Sarawak, mengumumkan penganjuran acara itu dari 24-30 Jun dengan 25,000 kursus dan 200,000 sasaran penyertaan.

Bertemakan “Menginspirasi Kecemerlangan Malaysia melalui Pembelajaran Sepanjang Hayat,” NTW 2024 akan memberi tumpuan kepada kemahiran hidup, kemahiran masa depan dan banyak lagi, dengan kursus percuma daripada 45 rakan kongsi di Sarawak, termasuk Latihan STA.

人力资源发展机构(HRD Corp)于2024年5月30日在砂拉越举办全国培训周(NTW 2024)巡回发布会,宣布该活动将于6月24日至30日举行,其中将开设2万5千个课程,并设定20万报名人数目标。NTW 2024的主题是“通过终身学习激发马来西亚人的卓越”,并将重点关注在生活技能、未来技能等。包括本会子公司STA Training 有限公司在内的45家合作伙伴为NTW 2024提供免费课程。

## Networking Engagement on Malaysia-China Summit 2024

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of formal diplomatic ties between Malaysia and China, the Malaysia-China Summit 2024 (MCS 2024) will be held from 17 to 19 December 2024 at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC), Kuala Lumpur. In insuring inclusive participation, especially from Sarawak, the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), in association with Qube Integrated Malaysia Sdn Bhd, organised a networking engagement on 23 May 2024 at Hilton Hotel, Kuching.

MCS 2024, themed “Prosperity Beyond 50”, reaffirms the commitment of Malaysia and China to shared growth, enduring resilience and continued success. The 3-day summit comprises two key components:

1. International Trade and Investment Exposition, highlighting products, services, and innovations from Malaysia, The People’s Republic of China and the ASEAN region; and
2. Leadership Conference covering topics related to trade, investment, culture, education and tourism.

Sidang Kemuncak Malaysia-China 2024, meraikan 50 tahun hubungan diplomatik antara kedua-dua negara, akan diadakan dari 17 hingga 19 Disember di Pusat Perdagangan dan Pameran Antarabangsa Malaysia (MITEC). Dengan tema “Kemakmuran Melebihi 50”, ianya menampilkan Ekspo Perdagangan dan Pelaburan Antarabangsa serta Persidangan Kepimpinan, meneroka teknologi masa depan, pertumbuhan, pengetahuan, peluang dan mobiliti.

### MCS 2024: Exploring 5 Pillars Across Sectors

- 1 Future Technology
- 2 Future Growth
- 3 Future Knowledge & Experience
- 4 Future Opportunity
- 5 Future Mobility & Connectivity

2024年马来西亚-中国峰会将于12月17日至19日在马来西亚国际贸易展览中心(MITEC)举行,庆祝两国建交50周年。此峰会以“共创繁荣50载”为主题,活动包括国际贸易投资博览会和领导大会,探索未来的技术、增长、知识、机遇和流动性。



## Bank Negara Malaysia's Regional Briefing for Key Stakeholders in Sarawak

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) conducted a Regional Briefing for Key Stakeholders in Sarawak at the Chemsain Auditorium, Kuching on 14 May 2024. The briefing was part of BNM's ongoing efforts to engage with stakeholders and share insights on the economic landscape, as detailed in its Annual Report 2023, Economic and Monetary Review 2023, and Financial Stability Review for the Second Half 2023.

Led by Mr Suhaimi Ali, Assistant Governor of BNM, the briefing had two primary objectives: to present BNM's assessment of Malaysia's economic and financial sectors, and to gather feedback from stakeholders representing diverse segments of the economy.

BNM's economic forecast for Malaysia indicated a growth rate of 4% to 5% in 2024, a positive trajectory from the 3.7% growth recorded in 2023. This positive trajectory was attributed to various factors including increased domestic spending driven by higher income growth and continued expansion in employment; improved investment due to new and ongoing projects as well as the implementation of national master plans; recovery in goods trade activity amid a technology upcycle; and further improvement in tourist arrivals and spending. However, the growth outlook also faces downside risks such as weaker-than-expected external demand, further escalation of geopolitical conflicts, and potential declines in commodity production.

In addressing concerns about inflation, BNM anticipated headline inflation to average between 2.0% and 3.5% for the year, considering potential impacts from subsidy rationalisation measures. Core inflation is projected to average between 2.0% to 3.0% amidst stable cost and demand conditions.

Monetary policy would remain focused on maintaining price stability to support sustainable domestic economic growth. The Monetary Policy Committee will stay vigilant amid

evolving economic dynamics to ensure that the monetary policy effectively balances the risks of domestic inflation and economic growth outlook. The favourable growth trajectory and manageable inflation presented an opportunity for implementing structural reforms, particularly in optimising fuel subsidies to alleviate the cost of living burden while creating fiscal space for essential investments.

BNM highlighted that the ringgit's performance was influenced partly by higher policy rates in other countries and the shifting expectations of the United States' monetary policy, leading to higher volatility in regional currencies. However, coordinated actions between the Government and BNM, including encouraging repatriation of foreign investment income, ensured consistent inflows into the foreign exchange markets. Furthermore, BNM reassured stakeholders about Malaysia's robust international reserves, sufficient to cover imports and short-term external debt obligations.

The stable growth and stabilising global cost conditions present an opportune moment to carry out reforms aimed at bolstering Malaysia's economic landscape. These reforms include the implementation of master plans such as the National Energy Transition Roadmap, New Industry Master Plan 2030, and New Investment Policy. Additionally, restructuring the labour market, enhancing social protection measures, and implementing fiscal reforms are imperative. BNM underscored the paramount importance of the government's unwavering commitment to these structural reforms to ensure stronger and more sustainable economic growth.

*Pada 14 Mei 2024, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) mengadakan taklimat di Kuching, diketuai oleh Penolong Gabenor, Encik Suhaimi Ali untuk membincangkan ramalan ekonomi Malaysia.*

*BNM mengunjurkan pertumbuhan 4-5% untuk 2024, menegenahkan kawalan inflasi, dan menekankan pembaharuan struktur dan langkah dasar untuk mengekalkan kestabilan dan pertumbuhan ekonomi di tengah-tengah cabaran global.*

马来西亚国家银行 (BNM) 于 2024 年 5 月 14 日假古晋举办简报会，在助理总裁苏海米先生主持下讨论马来西亚的经济预测。

国行预测2024年经济增长率为4至5%，强调控制通胀，并重申结构性改革和政策措施，以在全球挑战中维持经济稳定和增长。



## Webinar on Malaysia-Singapore Business Development Fund

A webinar hosted by the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) on 31 May 2024, spotlighted the Malaysia-Singapore Third Country Business Development Fund (MSBDF), marking a pivotal moment for cross-border collaboration.

Designed to catalyse joint efforts between associations, chambers of commerce, and businesses from Malaysia and Singapore, the MSBDF serves as a springboard for ventures into third-country markets. With a focus on fostering synergy and partnership, this initiative aims to unlock a wealth of opportunities while fortifying ties between the private sectors of both nations.

Mr Sivasuriyamoorthy Sundara Raja, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Investment Promotion and Facilitation at MIDA, emphasised the strategic importance of leveraging the MSBDF to access untapped commercial landscapes abroad. Originating in 2004, this collaborative endeavour has evolved significantly, culminating in the launch of an enhanced MSBDF in March 2024. This enhanced MSBDF empowers companies in Malaysia and Singapore to embark on joint pilot projects, particularly in emerging sectors like the green and digital economies.

Ms Mimi Ezura Mohamad Iqbal, representing MIDA, outlined the three (3) primary joint activities supported by the MSBDF: Joint Missions, Joint Feasibility Studies, and Joint Pilot Projects. By shouldering up to 50% of

eligible expenses with a maximum grant cap of RM200,000 per activity, the fund incentivises innovative initiatives that generate economic value and facilitate technological access to overseas markets.

For companies eager to delve deeper into the intricacies of the MSBDF, comprehensive guidelines, eligibility criteria, application procedures, and funding mechanisms are available on MIDA's official website: <https://www.mida.gov.my/forms-and-guidelines>.

This repository of information serves as a gateway for ambitious enterprises seeking to expand their horizons and embark on transformative ventures in collaboration with like-minded counterparts across borders.

*Webinar yang dianjurkan oleh Lembaga Pembangunan Pelaburan Malaysia (MIDA) pada 31 Mei 2024 menegenahkan Dana Pembangunan Perniagaan Negara Ketiga Malaysia-Singapura (MSBDF), menggalakkan kerjasama rentas sempadan untuk usaha niaga dalam pasaran negara ketiga.*

*MSBDF yang dipertingkatkan menyokong misi bersama, kajian kebolehlaksanaan dan projek perintis, menawarkan geran untuk menampung sehingga 50% daripada perbelanjaan yang layak. Butiran lanjut tersedia di laman web MIDA.*

马来西亚投资发展局 (MIDA) 于2024年5月31日举办一场线上研讨会，重点介绍了马来西亚-新加坡第三国商业发展基金 (MSBDF)，鼓励跨境合作进军第三国家市场。

增强后的MSBDF支持联合任务、可行性研究和试点项目，提供资金以支付高达50%的合格费用。欲知更多详情，请浏览MIDA网站。

## Meeting of MEF East Malaysia Region Members No. 5/2024

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region convened its fifth meeting of 2024 on 29 May 2024. Presided over by Ms Dayang Jamillah Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin, Consultant-Industrial Relations of MEF Sarawak, the online session delved into the crucial topic of Employer's Right to offer the option to resign.

During the session, Mr Justin Lee, Senior Consultant Industrial Relations of MEF, presented a comprehensive analysis of a recent court decision, shedding light on the intricate nuances of labour law. He elaborated on Section 20 of the Industrial Relations Act, explaining the process for a dismissed worker to pursue reinstatement through representations to the Director General. Mr Lee also underscored Section 30(5), emphasising the court's obligation to consider equity, good conscience and substantive justice over procedural technicalities.

In Malaysia, the concept of 'just cause or excuse' is not explicitly defined in legislation but has evolved through judicial precedents. Additionally, he provided detailed insights into the Court of Appeal's ruling in the case of Pannirselvam Vadivelu Pathar v. Exxonmobil Exploration and Production



Meeting in progress

Malaysia Inc., affirming an employer's discretion to offer underperforming employees the option to resign as an alternative to undergoing a Performance Improvement Plan.

Crucially, he clarified that such options do not constitute ultimatums inevitably leading to termination. The Court of Appeal's dismissal of the employee's appeal upheld the Industrial Court's earlier findings without error in law or fact.

In most cases, the onus rests on the employer to substantiate, on a balance of probabilities, that a dismissal was justified. However, in cases of forced resignation, the burden shifts to the employee to prove coercion.

He advised members to promptly address any misunderstandings or allegations in an employee's resignation to mitigate potential disputes.

*Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) Wilayah Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) dalam mesyuaratnya pada 29 Mei 2024, membincangkan Hak Majikan mengenai pilihan peletakan jawatan, merujuk kes mahkamah baru-baru ini.*

*Mesyuarat menekankan bahagian undang-undang, budi bicara majikan, dan beban pembuktian serta menasihati pengendalian surat peletakan jawatan secara proaktif untuk mengelakkan salah faham.*

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)东马(砂拉越)区域于2024年5月29日召开会议,讨论雇主在辞职选择方面的权利,并参考最近的一起法庭案件。

会议强调了法律条款、雇主自由裁量权和举证责任,并建议积极处理辞职信以防止误解。

## Briefing on Green Building Index

On 24 May 2024, STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd (STAE) invited Ts. Ngoh Wan Fei, Director of Greenspaces Sdn Bhd and Mr Andrew Kong, General Manager of Green Building Index (GBI) for a discussion on GBI and how Wisma STA can attain GBI certification.

Prior to the discussion, STAE conducted a tour of Wisma STA, allowing them to familiarise themselves with the building's structure and existing systems.

Ts. Ngoh, a registered GBI Facilitator, then provided a concise overview of GBI, covering key topics such as green building principles, energy consumption reduction strategies and carbon emissions mitigation.

The discussion also explored potential areas of improvement for Wisma STA, to meet the requirements for GBI certification.

*Pada 24 Mei 2024, STA menjemput Ts. Ngoh Wan Fei, Pengarah Greenspaces Sdn. Bhd dan Encik Andrew Kong, Pengurus Besar Indeks Bangunan Hijau (GBI) untuk perbincangan mengenai GBI.*

*Selepas melawat Wisma STA, Ts. Ngoh memberikan gambaran keseluruhan GBI meliputi topik utama seperti prinsip bangunan hijau, strategi pengurangan penggunaan tenaga dan pengurangan pelepasan karbon. Perbincangan itu juga meneroka bidang yang berpotensi untuk penambahbaikan bagi Wisma STA, untuk memenuhi keperluan pensijilan GBI.*

本会于2024年5月24日邀请绿色空间有限公司董事伍婉菲(译音)技术和绿色建筑指数(GBI)总经理安德鲁先生就GBI进行讨论。

参观完STA大厦后,伍技术家概述GBI,涵盖了绿色建筑原则、减少能源消耗策略和碳排放缓解等关键事项。讨论也探讨STA大厦的潜在改进方面,以符合GBI认证的要求。

## 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	Feb '24 Vol (m³)	Feb '23 Vol (m³)	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Mar '23 Vol (m³)	Apr '24 Vol (m³)	Apr '23 Vol (m³)	Jan - Apr '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Apr '23 Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	414	1,135	---	---	---	213	414	1,348
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sibu (Hill)	26,174	34,901	15,419	37,183	26,750	34,880	85,852	142,836
(Swamp)	3,218	3,413	1,608	6,329	1,034	5,403	7,262	18,463
Bintulu (Hill)	43,667	82,152	64,738	81,943	53,533	65,308	227,158	279,231
(Swamp)	---	2,855	2,688	961	1,276	2,670	7,117	6,685
Miri (Hill)	11,159	30,617	7,440	19,461	6,776	25,304	29,804	87,178
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	47,048	45,420	45,939	57,679	50,564	61,863	188,888	211,613
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	9,957	6,332	10,992	3,833	7,786	10,310	35,690	27,388
(Swamp)	---	128	---	430	---	294	---	1,058
Sarikei (Hill)	3,932	2,632	4,140	5,986	1,047	3,450	14,254	16,563
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	---	1,961	---	1,259	432	2,388	432	6,245
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Subtotal (Hill)</b>	<b>142,351</b>	<b>205,150</b>	<b>148,668</b>	<b>207,344</b>	<b>146,888</b>	<b>203,716</b>	<b>582,492</b>	<b>772,402</b>
<b>(Swamp)</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>6,396</b>	<b>4,296</b>	<b>7,720</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>8,367</b>	<b>14,379</b>	<b>26,206</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145,569</b>	<b>211,546</b>	<b>152,964</b>	<b>215,064</b>	<b>149,198</b>	<b>212,083</b>	<b>596,871</b>	<b>798,608</b>

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	Dec '23 Vol (m³)	Jan '24 Vol (m³)	Feb '24 Vol (m³)	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Apr '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Apr '24 Vol (m³)
Bindang	15	124	121	125	154	524
Meranti	51,840	62,147	63,747	61,635	62,326	249,855
Kapur	4,072	6,243	5,990	4,873	5,418	22,524
Keruing	2,446	3,197	2,979	2,444	2,970	11,590
Sepetir	201	236	253	258	273	1,020
Selangan Batu	1,610	2,318	2,497	1,888	1,671	8,374
Nyatoh	973	1,447	1,205	1,303	1,199	5,154
Other species	58,197	68,873	65,559	76,142	72,877	283,451
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>119,354</b>	<b>144,585</b>	<b>142,351</b>	<b>148,668</b>	<b>146,888</b>	<b>582,492</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	Dec '23 Vol (m³)	Jan '24 Vol (m³)	Feb '24 Vol (m³)	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Apr '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Apr '24 Vol (m³)
Sepetir	6	6	3	14	11	34
Kapur	161	100	84	89	43	316
Keruing	5	4	44	4	5	57
Meranti	318	478	504	445	198	1,625
Other species	3,429	3,967	2,583	3,744	2,053	12,347
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>4,555</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>4,296</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>14,379</b>

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak  
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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		Feb '24	Feb '23	Mar '24	Mar '23	Apr '24	Apr '23	Jan - Apr '24	Jan - Apr '23
		Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sibu	(ACMG)	5,147	362	2,542	---	6,907	363	21,604	725
	(ALBZ)	712	---	1,427	---	1,081	---	3,220	---
	(KLPN)	858	---	1,303	---	841	---	3,623	---
Bintulu	(ACMG)	51,290	88,480	58,504	115,105	41,368	82,735	203,464	351,000
	(ALBZ)	2,195	1,250	5,118	4,530	5,595	1,358	15,428	8,593
	(EUCA)	2,860	1,166	1,511	1,008	794	691	6,972	3,365
	(KLPN)	---	77	91	41	144	---	235	118
Miri	(ACMG)	13,452	6,665	15,050	8,004	15,832	11,031	57,199	34,229
	(ALBZ)	1,295	230	1,958	467	1,438	33	6,821	776
	(EUCA)	6,580	2,282	8,662	2,521	8,512	5,188	28,348	10,988
Limbang	(ACMG)	2,143	2,389	1,241	3,155	1,320	---	5,706	6,237
Subtotal	(ACMG)	72,032	97,896	77,337	126,264	65,427	94,129	287,973	392,191
	(ALBZ)	4,202	1,480	8,503	4,997	8,114	1,391	25,469	9,369
	(EUCA)	9,440	3,448	10,173	3,529	9,306	5,879	35,320	14,353
	(KLPN)	858	77	1,394	41	985	---	3,858	118
<b>TOTAL:</b>		86,532	102,901	97,407	134,831	83,832	101,399	352,620	416,031

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak

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

## EXPORT OF LOGS BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK

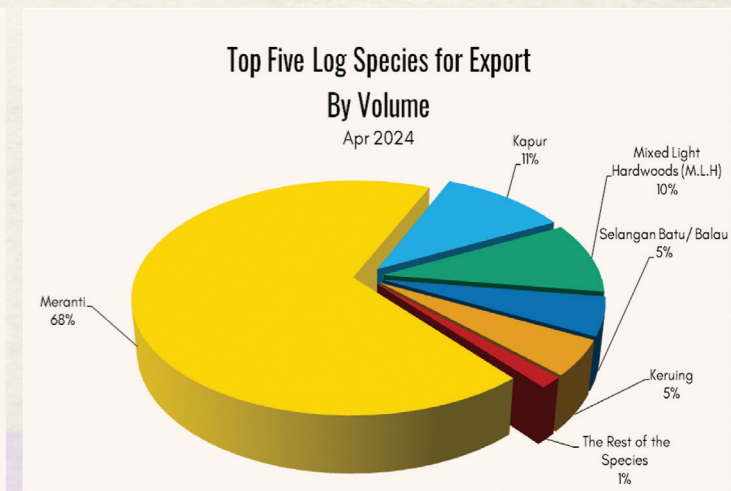
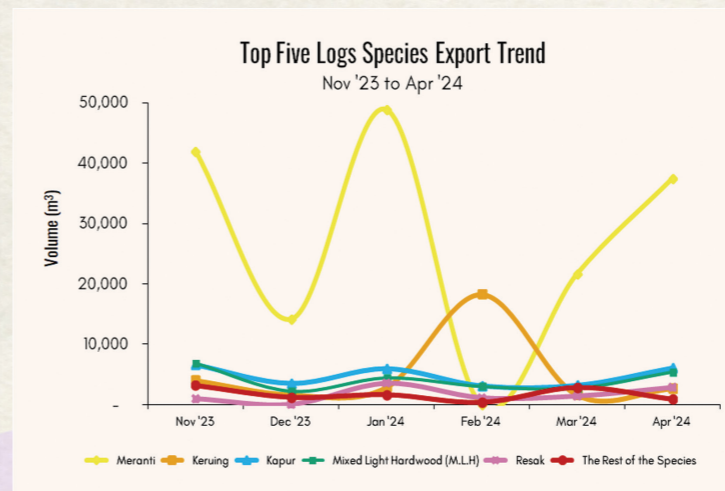
EKSPORT BALAK MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK

砂拉越原木树种出口量

Species	Feb '24		Mar '24		Apr '24		Jan - Apr '24		Jan - Apr '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Arau	24	27,533	251	304,439	180	229,617	1,006	1,169,804	237	267,741
Kapur	3,096	3,731,348	3,190	3,644,449	6,069	6,536,647	18,312	20,462,235	17,757	22,653,183
Keranjai	---	---	24	15,011	21	12,050	57	33,917	116	117,524
Keruing	18,231	14,006,164	1,606	1,297,046	2,685	2,214,524	25,387	19,786,165	12,499	11,433,774
Meranti	---	---	21,706	16,224,172	37,482	27,968,158	108,034	79,225,809	104,220	91,134,600
Mersawa	193	174,126	2,393	1,561,692	222	198,461	3,110	2,201,707	1,076	1,107,906
Mixed Light Hardwood (M.L.H)	3,052	1,852,215	2,773	1,779,993	5,436	3,474,583	15,701	9,727,290	15,621	10,382,852
Nyatoh	17	9,860	20	12,991	48	33,691	110	72,649	8	6,572
Resak	90	77,343	114	104,984	353	310,350	1,231	1,072,756	1,178	1,153,661
Selangan Batu/Balau	1,141	1,658,994	1,430	2,184,068	2,907	4,448,772	9,083	14,179,443	12,848	21,723,095
Other species	---	---	---	---	17	12,699	56	34,918	384	375,351
<b>TOTAL:</b>	25,844	21,537,583	33,507	27,128,845	55,420	45,439,552	182,087	147,966,693	165,944	160,356,259

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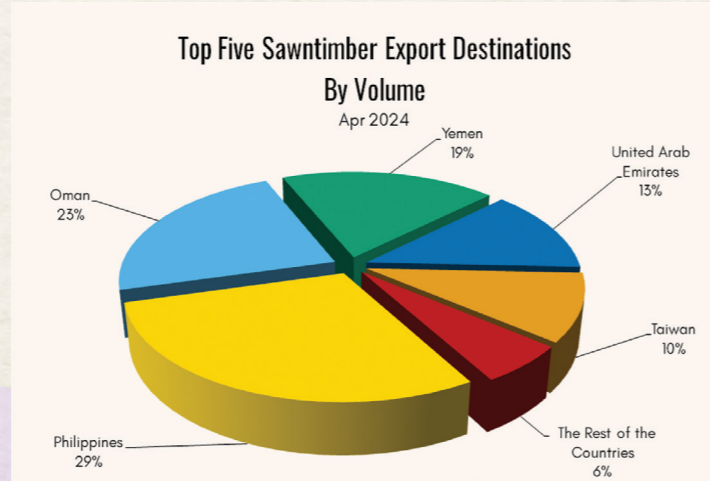
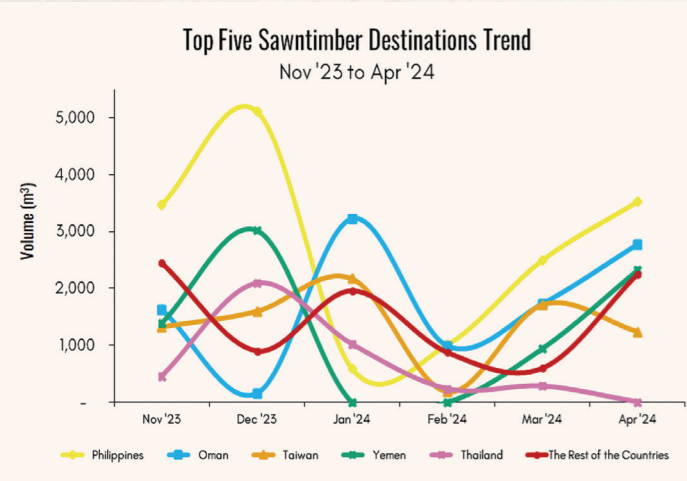


# SARAWAK timber trade statistics

## 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	Feb '24		Mar '24		Apr '24		Jan - Apr '24		Jan - Apr '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
China 中国	395	365,838	70	124,021	80	132,895	624	753,037	1,339	2,089,497
India 印度	---	---	24	13,962	98	251,021	135	292,958	104	362,991
Japan 日本	337	974,724	241	720,868	223	683,377	1,175	3,508,105	1,544	4,761,990
Korea 韩国	97	160,061	40	94,886	50	121,950	276	556,644	1,480	2,751,842
Oman 阿曼	988	938,273	1,729	2,075,162	2,774	3,970,600	8,716	11,280,869	4,538	7,360,376
Philippines 菲律宾	1,014	1,197,770	2,500	2,568,799	3,527	2,634,819	7,633	6,597,833	14,589	21,236,360
South Africa 南非	---	---	36	49,747	148	153,082	184	202,829	108	244,008
Taiwan 台湾	182	188,420	1,717	3,587,335	1,243	2,306,522	5,317	10,268,160	5,416	12,414,885
United Arab Emirates 阿联酋	---	---	---	---	1,551	3,042,637	2,664	5,316,481	656	1,485,440
Yemen 也门	---	---	945	1,592,347	2,329	5,100,993	3,274	6,693,340	14,785	41,535,002
Other Countries 其他国家	279	480,574	472	425,748	102	311,196	2,161	3,318,458	4,136	5,701,015
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,292</b>	<b>4,305,660</b>	<b>7,774</b>	<b>11,252,875</b>	<b>12,125</b>	<b>18,709,092</b>	<b>32,159</b>	<b>48,788,714</b>	<b>48,695</b>	<b>99,943,406</b>

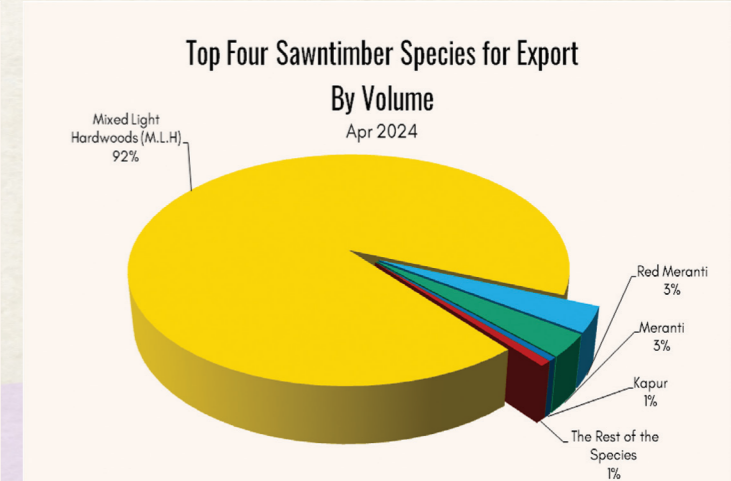
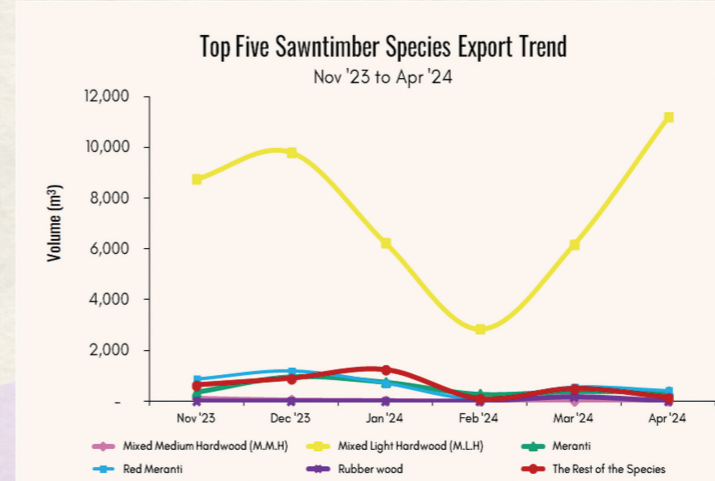
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## EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越锯木树种出口量

Species	Feb '24		Mar '24		Apr '24		Jan - Apr '24		Jan - Apr '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Kapur	---	---	186	622,991	63	239,743	488	1,622,066	558	1,629,892
Keruing	---	---	150	424,830	44	137,730	207	591,681	345	981,594
Meranti	279	199,961	393	806,474	371	793,041	1,787	2,969,436	1,563	4,094,016
Mixed Light Hardwoods (M.L.H)	2,835	3,618,141	6,166	7,717,839	11,183	16,632,145	26,422	36,702,846	43,246	86,129,324
Red Meranti	83	150,708	559	1,154,587	419	727,235	1,778	3,755,049	1,240	2,832,711
Selangan Batu/Balau	40	205,370	10	15,605	7	20,393	244	1,010,216	439	1,642,154
Selunsur	---	---	24	13,962	18	101,539	42	115,501	55	91,127
Yellow Meranti	28	79,844	125	351,939	20	57,266	252	720,669	355	1,015,433
Other species	27	51,636	161	144,648	---	---	939	1,301,250	894	1,527,155
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,292</b>	<b>4,305,660</b>	<b>7,774</b>	<b>11,252,875</b>	<b>12,125</b>	<b>18,709,092</b>	<b>32,159</b>	<b>48,788,714</b>	<b>48,695</b>	<b>99,943,406</b>

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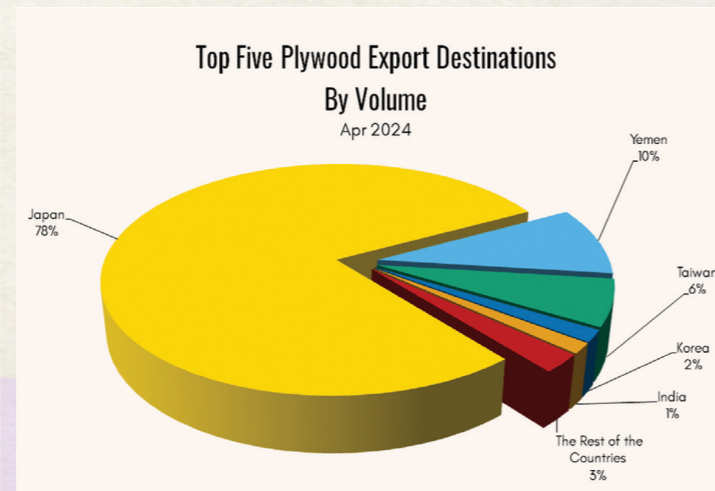
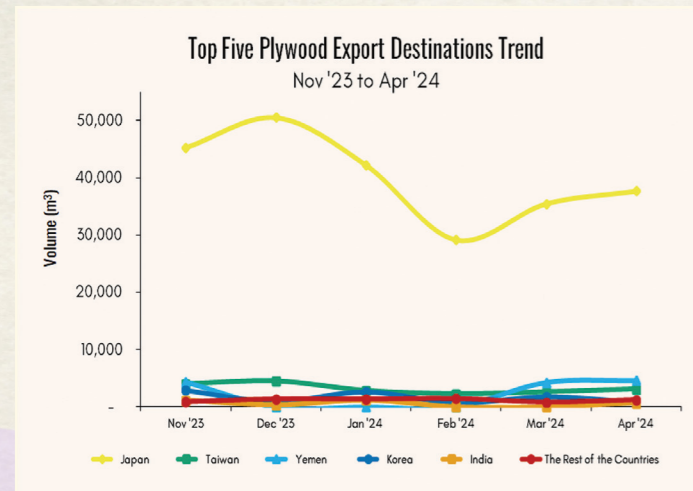


# SARAWAK timber trade statistics

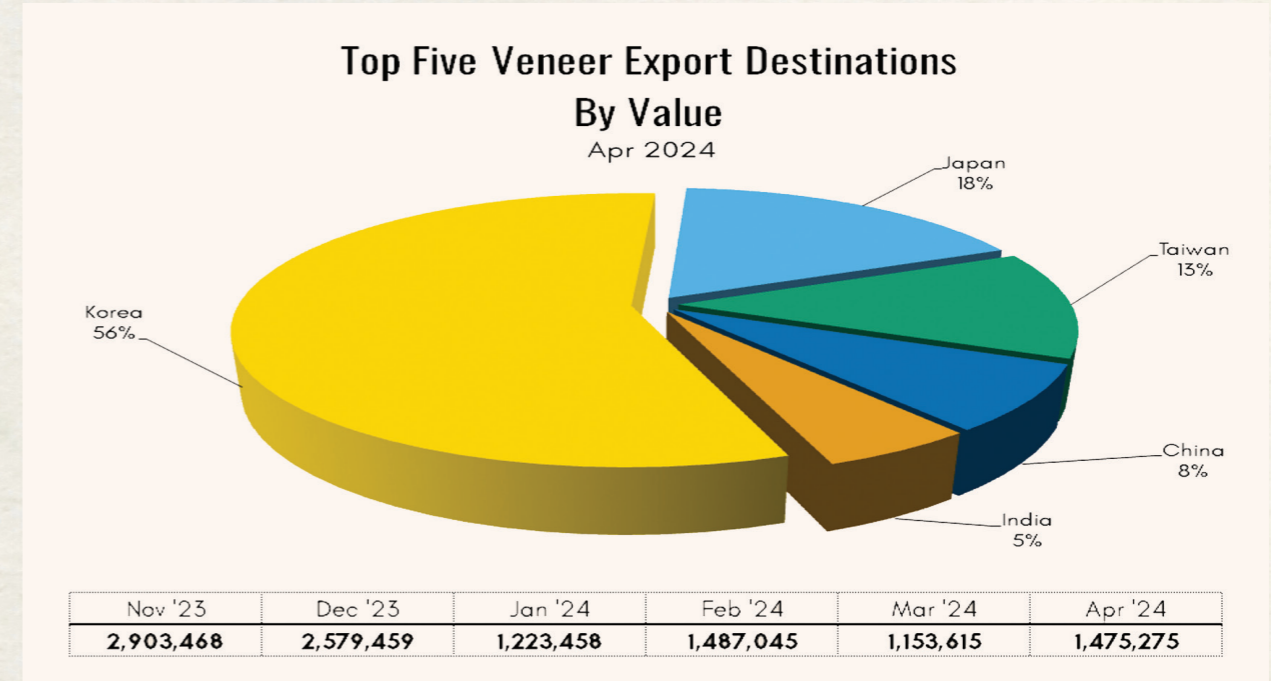
## EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口量

Country of Destination	Feb '24		Mar '24		Apr '24		Jan - Apr '24		Jan - Apr '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Brunei 汶莱	129	187,675	151	227,083	337	398,115	937	1,214,667	734	962,334
India 印度	---	---	---	---	698	2,073,018	1,836	5,013,013	747	2,452,599
Japan 日本	29,161	73,446,586	35,465	85,324,524	37,693	86,548,766	144,579	347,930,644	106,723	298,288,192
Korea 韩国	643	1,245,242	1,709	3,151,089	778	1,609,351	5,684	10,369,034	7,756	15,355,730
Oman 阿曼	341	538,831	---	---	214	345,440	640	1,011,101	129	226,762
Philippines 菲律宾	434	1,512,995	472	1,763,700	396	1,488,606	1,868	6,495,374	895	2,907,114
Singapore 新加坡	43	102,054	---	---	64	160,276	172	458,600	---	---
Taiwan 台湾	2,244	4,112,780	2,583	4,893,611	3,093	5,484,450	10,736	19,699,529	10,891	20,775,457
Vietnam 越南	70	274,331	70	274,770	69	276,000	243	973,302	70	308,222
Yemen 也门	---	---	4,219	8,387,852	4,556	8,385,727	8,775	16,773,579	29,737	58,579,354
Other Countries 其他国家	389	893,407	130	406,381	129	401,099	901	2,285,792	3,515	8,509,810
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>33,454</b>	<b>82,313,901</b>	<b>44,799</b>	<b>104,429,010</b>	<b>48,027</b>	<b>107,170,848</b>	<b>176,371</b>	<b>412,224,635</b>	<b>161,197</b>	<b>408,365,574</b>

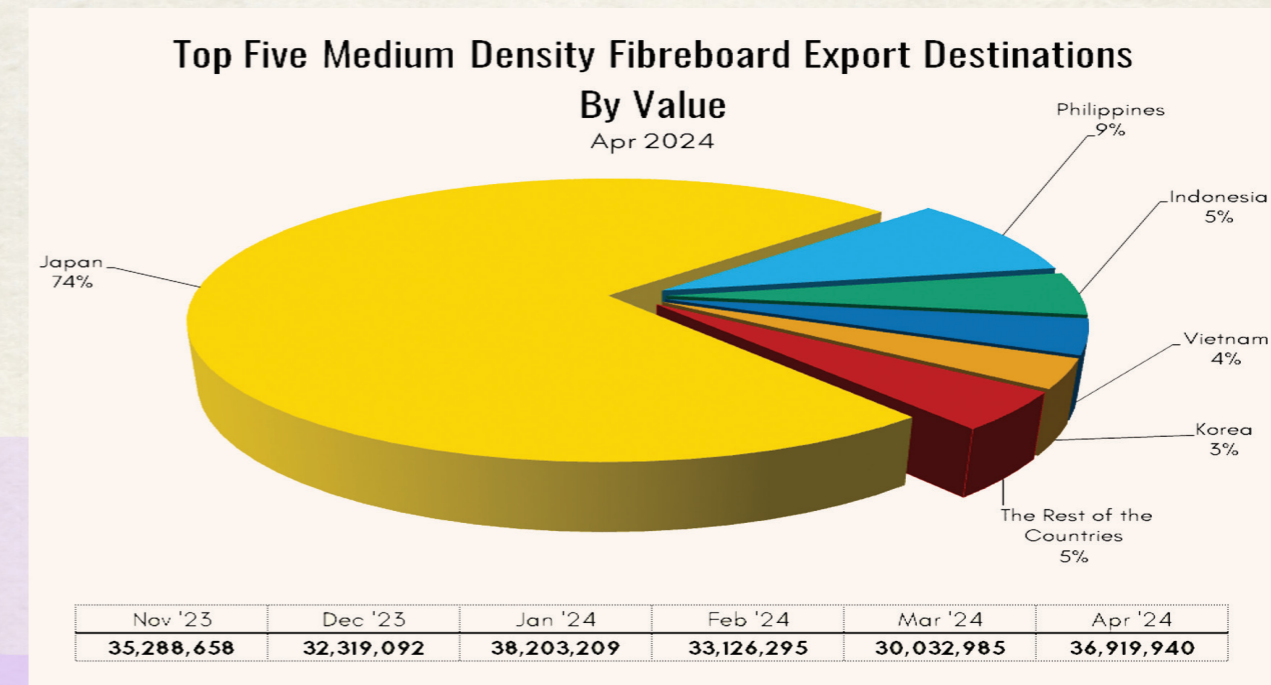
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## EXPORT VALUE OF VENEER BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK NILAI EKSPORT VENIR MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之单板出口量



## 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



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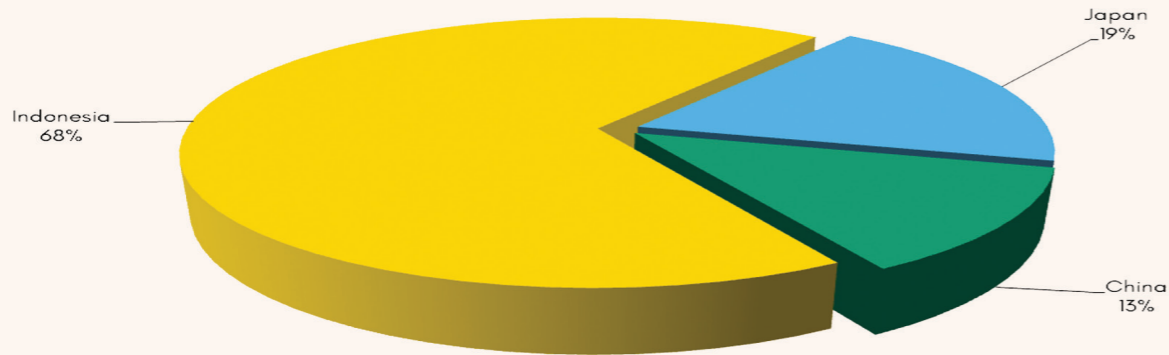


## EXPORT VALUE OF PARTICLEBOARD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Apr 2024



Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
1,091,998	1,295,373	1,106,008	1,013,317	235,309	685,383

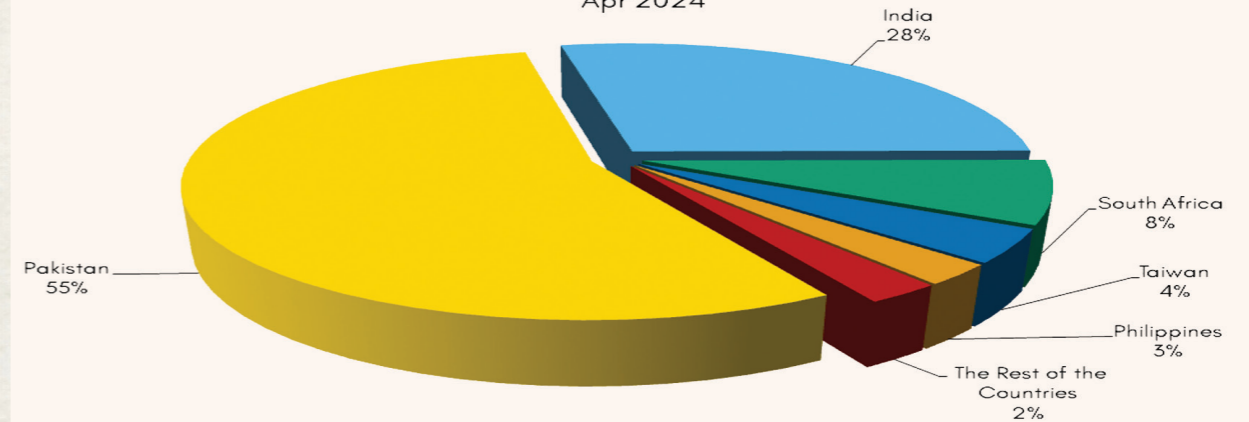


## EXPORT VALUE OF DOORSKIN BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Apr 2024



Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
6,177,327	5,175,002	4,916,867	2,093,375	3,409,425	5,850,429

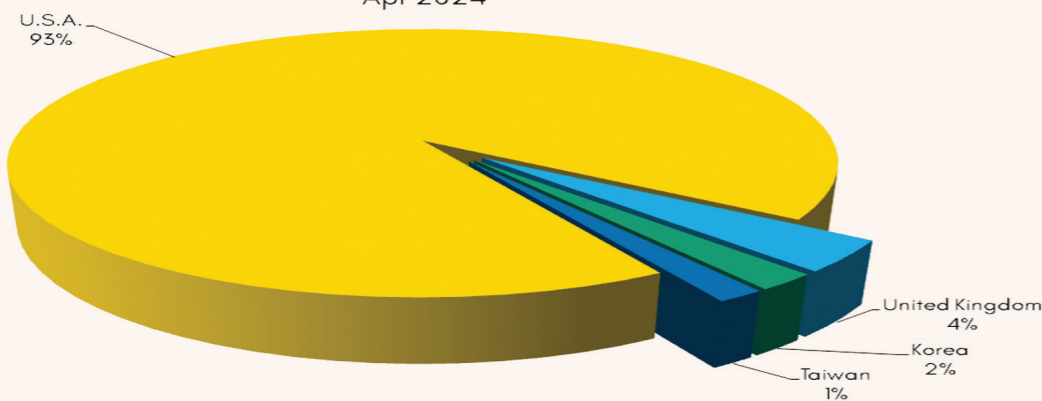


## EXPORT VALUE OF LAMINATED BOARD / FLOORING BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
Apr 2024



Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
1,696,632	2,639,127	3,631,853	4,692,498	3,569,787	5,075,148

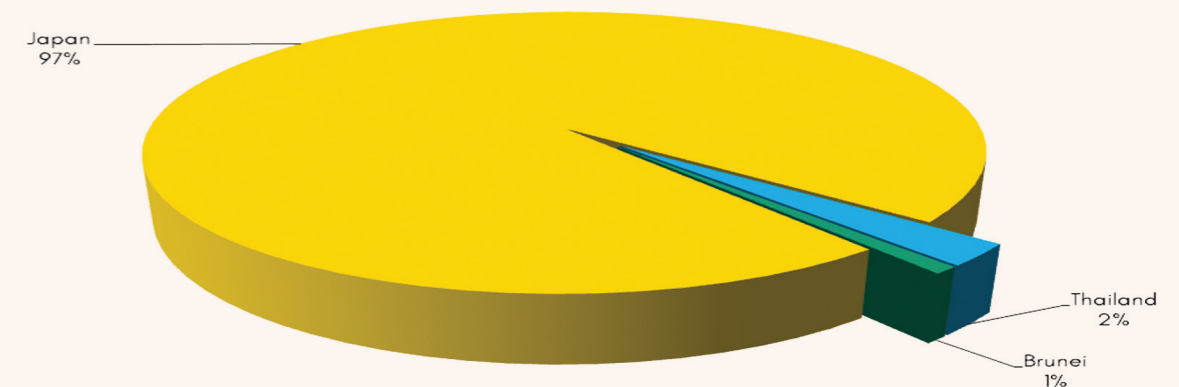


## EXPORT VALUE OF DOOR PANELS & FRAME BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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

### Top Three Door Panels & Frame Export Destination

By Value  
Apr 2024



Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
3,283,487	2,444,751	4,333,801	3,013,047	3,090,492	2,087,614

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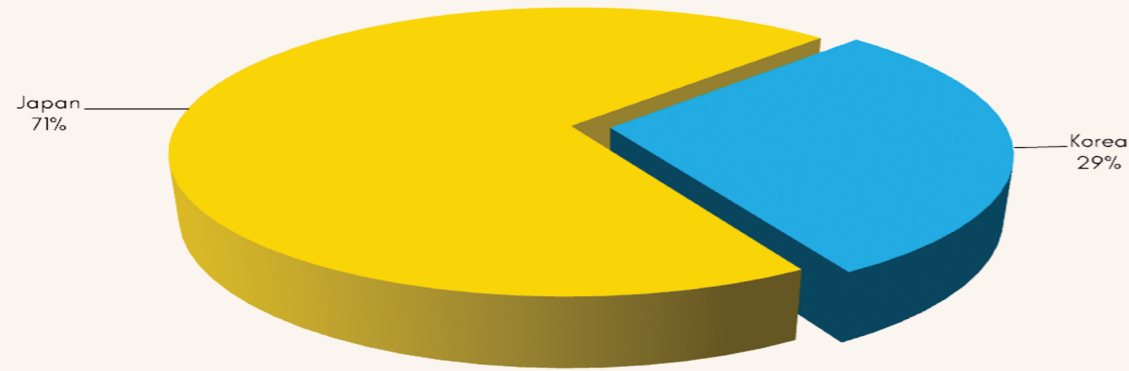
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## EXPORT VALUE OF MOULDINGS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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  
By Value  
Apr 2024



Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
684,859	626,057	563,461	504,487	579,283	376,639



## 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  
Apr 2024

*Remark:*  
No export of wood pellets was recorded in April 2024

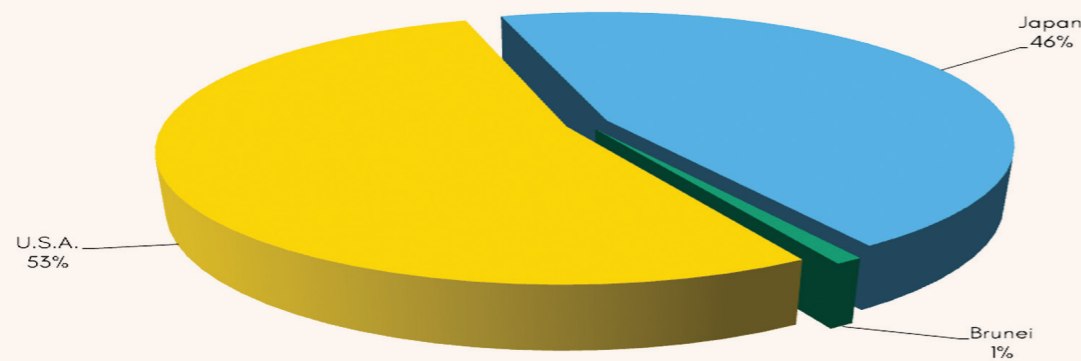
Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
8,496,513	160,650	7,857,850	14,034,300	—	—



## 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 Parts Export Destinations  
By Value  
Apr 2024



Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
6,729,564	2,981,262	6,525,964	4,146,868	5,544,565	4,798,397



## EXPORT VALUE OF CHARCOAL & BRIQUETTE BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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

Top Three Charcoal & Briquette Export Destinations  
By Value  
Apr 2024



Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24
447,131	600,551	651,751	892,852	676,000	652,271

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**OPERATOR TRAINING  
PROGRAMME  
MAY 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:

- **Log Extraction – Tractor (Natural Forest)**
- Tree Felling – Chainsaw (Natural Forest)**
- Mechanical Site Preparation – Excavator (Forest Plantation)**

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Ginda Uli, Mr Kutok Bayang & Mr Ngumbang Bayang

**Date** : 21 – 24 May 2024

**Location** : Muput Camp, Tatau

**Company** : Zedtee Sdn Bhd



- **Breaking Out – Cable Hauler (Forest Plantation)**

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Sumbang Rani

**Date** : 21 – 25 May 2024

**Location** : Muput Camp, Tatau

**Company** : Zedtee 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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