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## Regional Stakeholder Consultation on Draft National Interpretation of High Conservation Values Identification



*Photo: (top) Stakeholders briefed on the content of the draft HCV document, (bottom) Participants joined by the moderator for a discussion*

A Regional Stakeholder Consultation on Draft National Interpretation of High Conservation Values (HCV) Identification for Sarawak was conducted on 2 October 2017 at Harbour View Hotel, Kuching.

The Consultation session, facilitated by Proforest, was attended by representatives from various stakeholders such as Sarawak Oil Palm Plantation Owners Association (SOPPOA), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-Malaysia), SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation (SFC), Persatuan Dayak Sarawak (PEDAS), Sarawak Dayak Iban Association (SADIA), Environment Consultancy Firm, Malaysian Nature Sarawak (MNS) and Sarawak Timber Association (STA).

The objectives of this Consultation were to brief and seek input from various stakeholders on the 1st Draft of Malaysian National Interpretation for the Identification of HCV (draft HCV Identification) prepared by the Technical Working Group (TWG).

The draft HCV Identification was prepared based on the Common Guidance for the Identification of High Conservation Values developed by HCV Resource Network in 2013 following the amendment of global HCV definitions due to revision of the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC) Principles and Indicators in 2012.

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Identification will apply to a diversity of ecosystem i.e. oil palm, commercial farming, forestry and aquatic system compared to the HCVF Toolkit for Malaysia developed by WWF-Malaysia in 2009 which focuses only on forestry sector.

Mr Surin Sukswan, Southeast Asia Regional Director of Proforest briefed the participants of the Conference on the progress of HCV Malaysia Toolkit development followed by a discussion on the draft HCV Identification.

The identification of HCVs will be done through an HCV assessment which consists of a stakeholder consultation, analysis of existing information and collection of additional information, if necessary.

The six (6) HCVs are Species Diversity, Landscape-level Ecosystems and Mosaics, Ecosystems and Habitats, Ecosystem Services, Community Needs and Cultural Values.

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## 8th Occupational Safety and Health Campaign for the Timber Industry



Photo (left and right): Participants listening attentively to the presentation being delivered in the 2-day campaign

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak and Sarawak Timber Association (STA) jointly organised the 8th series of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Campaign for the Timber Industry from 25 to 26 October 2017 in Kastima Logging Sdn Bhd, Bintulu as a continued effort from previous campaigns carried out across the State to create culture of OSH at the workplace.

The 2-day Campaign attended by twenty four (24) workers aimed to create awareness in the timber industry on the importance of occupational safety and health in workplace as well as to carry out ground inspection to assess safety compliance in the logging activities.

In the opening remarks, Mr Norman Botes Noma, Assistant Information Officer of STIDC, representing General Manager of STIDC thanked both DOSH and STA for their continual support granted to STIDC in conducting this Campaign. He also thanked all participants for taking off their time to participate in this Campaign. He urged all participants of this Campaign to fully understand the safety and health in their workplaces in order to minimise any occurrence of accident related to work.

During the Campaign, Mr Sadiyuk Henry Rigit and Mr Hong Boon Jing from DOSH Sarawak presented (i) Introduction to Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) 1994, (ii) Notification of Accident, Dangerous

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### Did you know that.....

Our food system is broken. More than one billion people on the planet receive too many calories while almost a million people are chronically under-nourished. Factors and pathways leading to undernutrition are diverse, complex and most often interconnected. However, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a step in the right direction to address this issue once and for all through Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

Source: Policy perspective: how implementation of the SDGs can put an end to undernutrition, <http://www.globalnutritionreport.org/2017/07/10/policy-perspective-how-implementation-of-the-sdgs-can-put-an-end-to-undernutrition/>

## Did you also know that....

Land carry too heavy a burden with regard to the achievement of the Paris Agreement objective of keeping global warming below 2 or even 1.5 degrees. Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) scientists state that biofuels are part of the solution but they will not be able to cover all energy needs. Furthermore, by moving from fossil fuels to biofuels, we will need to dedicate more land to the production of the energy we need.



Source: Addressing the dangers of degraded land, <https://forestsnews.cifor.org/51948/addressing-the-dangers-of-degraded-land?fnl=en>

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Occurrence, Occupational Poisoning and Occupational Disease (NADOPOD) Regulations 2004, (iii) Occupational Safety and Health Committee, (iv) Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Risk Control (HIRARC), and (v) Occupational Safety and Health (Use and Standard of Exposure Chemical Hazardous to Health) (USECHH) Regulations 2000.

Participants of the Campaign were later divided into

four (4) groups to conduct a group exercise on HIRARC based on different logging activities such as tree felling, log extraction, workshop as well as log loading and transportation to identify hazards, risk assessment and risk control in each activity. A ground inspection was also conducted by DOSH officers during the Campaign to evaluate the compliance of OSH requirements in Kastima Logging Sdn Bhd.

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## Seminar on Malaysian Standards for Timber Structures

The Department of Standards Malaysia and the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) jointly organised a Seminar on Malaysian Standards for Timber Structures on 10 October 2017 in Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel.

Approximately 110 participants from timber industry, architecture firms, engineering companies, developers, contractors, builders, research organisations and the Government agencies attended this Seminar. The opening remarks was delivered by Dato' Dr Jalaluddin Harun, the Director General of MTIB who informed participants of the Seminar that Malaysia was chosen to represent the developing countries at the General Assembly of International Organization for Standardisation in September 2017.

According to him, Malaysia's Standards for timber structures have caught the attention of the General Assembly. He stressed the need for collaboration with researchers from internationally renowned universities on the use of timber for structural applications. He then highlighted the many projects around the world and in Malaysia, using cross laminated timber and glue laminated beams in high rise buildings and multi-purpose hall.

The first paper entitled "*Timber as Green Materials for Construction*" was delivered by Puan Hajjah Mahsuri Mat Dris, the Senior Director of Industry Development Division of MTIB, who spoke on the National Timber Industry Policy (NATIP), issues and challenges on the

use of timber as well the role of MTIB in developing and promoting the use of Malaysian Standards in the industry.

Associate Professor Dr Mohd Ariff Jamaludin, Chairman of the Working Group on Roof Trusses from Universiti Teknologi MARA, then took the participants through *MS544-8 : 2015 Code of Practice for Structural Use of Timber - Part 8: Design, Fabrication and Installation of Prefabricated Timber Roof Trusses using Toothed Metal Plate Connectors*. He covered the design, fabrication and installation of prefabricated roof trusses within the limitations of a maximum of 16 m of clear span; maximum truss spacing of 1,220 mm for concrete tiles and 1,830 mm for metal sheet in a maximum design wind speed of 3.52 m/s.

The last paper on *MS544-11-4 : 2015 Code of Practice for Structural Use of Timber - Part 11 Recommendations for the Calculation Basis for Span Tables - Section 4: Domestic Rafters* was delivered by Professor Dr Badorul Hisham Abu Bakar, Chairman of the Working Group on Domestic Rafters from Universiti Sains Malaysia.

He highlighted the basis for calculating permissible clear span for the roof rafter with a slope ranging from 15° to 45° for rafters at a maximum spacing of 1.200mm centre-to-centre.

The Seminar was followed by a *Question and Answer Session*, after which Associate Professor Dr Mohd Ariff Jamaludin

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consulted the participants of the Seminar on the *Draft Malaysian Standard DMS544-5: Timber Joints*. This Standard covers joints in solid timbers fabricated with the following mechanical fastener; nails, wood screws, bolts, coach screws, split ring connectors, shear- plate connectors and steel dowels.

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## **Sarawak Government Steps Up Effort to Ensure the Sustainable Development of Planted Forests Industry**

The Sarawak Government steps up its effort to ensure the sustainable development of its planted forests industry through revising the State's Planted Forests Policy. These were done through different occasions, i.e. *Meeting on Engagement with LPF Holders on Revising the Planted Forests Policy* held on 28 September 2017 at Tanahmas Hotel, Sib; *Mini Lab on Review of Planted Forests Policy* conducted from 5 to 7 October 2017 at Golden Bay Hotel, Bintulu; and *Meeting on LPF Policy and Action Plans* held on 18 October 2017 at Wisma STA, Kuching.

A working group comprising members from the Ministry of Urban Development and Natural Resources (MUDNR), Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd (HTSB), Natural Resources and Environmental Board (NREB), Sarawak State Attorney-General's Chambers (SAG) and Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) was formed for this purpose. The improvements to the current policy as well as new, practical and effective approaches, strategies and actions are expected to help accelerate the development of the planted forests industry in Sarawak.

The working group had organized a few mini Labs to come out with the new Planted Forests Policy and Action Plans for MUDNR to consider. The Licence for Planted Forests (LPF) holders were also