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STA Forest Plantation Category Meeting No. 1/2024



The virtual STA Forest Plantation Category Meeting No.1/2024 convened on 24 April 2024, with the primary agenda of electing new Committee members to serve for the Term 2024 & 2025. The elected Committee members are as follows:

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The meeting also received the working report on industrial forest plantation development in Sarawak, covering several aspects, along with updates on STA-funded Research and Development Projects.

The roles and functions of the Inter-Agencies Committee on Forestry and Timber Industry were also discussed in the meeting. It was shared that the Inter-Agencies Committee aimed at nurturing collaboration and active engagement among Sarawak Ministries, agencies and stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of the forestry and timber sector.

Additionally, discussions delved into the potential impacts of European Union (EU) Deforestation-Free Regulation, the study of the costs associated with industrial forest plantation development, and the appointment of the Forest Plantation Committee Members in the Environmental Compliance Audit Working Group.

Mesuarat maya Kategori Ladang Hutan STA Bil.1/2024, yang diadakan pada 24 April 2024 memberi tumpuan kepada pemilihan ahli Jawatankuasa baharu untuk 2024 & 2025 dan membincangkan pembangunan ladang hutan industri, termasuk kemas kini mengenai projek penyelidikan dan usaha kerjasama untuk memastikan kelestarian sektor di tengah-tengah perubahan peraturan.

本会人工造林小组于2024年4月24日召开本年度第一次线上会议，着重于选出2024年和2025年新的委员会成员并讨论人工造林工业的发展，包括研究项目的最新进展和协作努力确保监管变化中工业的可持续性。

Meeting of The Working Group on Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA)

An Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) Working Group consisting of representatives from STA members was formed to address concerns faced in complying with the mandatory implementation of ECA, which will take effect on 1 July 2024. One of the pressing concerns was the terms and conditions (T&Cs) issued with the approval of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for projects in the forestry sector. During the conduct of ECAs through the pilot project for ECA involving STA members, some of the T&Cs were found to be not applicable and repetitive, leading to inefficiencies in the auditing process and hindering effective compliance monitoring.

The Working Group, joined by officers from the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) met on 16 April 2024 at Wisma STA, Kuching to review the EIA Approval T&Cs. Through collaborative discussions, they reviewed specific T&Cs to ensure that they align more effectively with the objectives of environmental compliance. The Working Group also expanded on the EIA mitigation measures recommended by EIA consultant and detailed specific indicators of proposed actions and corresponding verifiers for ensuring compliance.

By outlining what actions project proponents intend to take and how they will be verified, the Working Group is optimistic that the T&Cs will not only be easy to interpret but most importantly, practical to audit, thus benefitting both regulatory bodies and project proponents.



Kumpulan Kerja Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar (ECA) yang terdiri daripada ahli-ahli STA menangani kebimbangan mengenai T&S Kelulusan Penilaian Impak Alam Sekitar (EIA) dalam mesyuarat yang diadakan pada 16 April 2024, disertai oleh pegawai-pegawai daripada Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar. Mesyuarat mengenal pasti dan menyemak T&S yang tidak praktikal, dengan tujuan untuk menyelaraskan proses pengauditan dan meningkatkan kecekapan pemantauan pematuhan.

本会会员组成的环境合规审计(ECA)工作组在2024年4月16日召开的会议上讨论有关环境影响评估(EIA) 审批条款和条件的课题。砂天然资源和环境局的官员也参加此会议。他们确定并修改多余或不切实际的条件,旨在简化审计流程并提高合规监控效率。

Forestry Sector Engagement: Preparing for the Full Implementation of ECA

The Natural Resources and Environment (Audit) Rules, 2008 (NRE (Audit) Rules, 2008) was gazetted on 31 December 2008 and came into force on 1 January 2013. This paved the way for the signing of Memoranda of Understanding for two (2) batches of Pilot Project on Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) between the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB), STA and 13 of its members.

Following the completion of these Pilot Projects, the Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak issued a directive on mandatory implementation of ECA for the Forestry Sector in Sarawak, in its letter ref.: (5) NREB/1-9/1/1 (Vol.1) dated 26 January 2024 to all companies in the forestry sector, copied to STA. The Directive specifies the mandatory transition from Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMR) to ECA for all forestry projects, effective from 1 July 2024, to encourage self-regulation in environmental management.

In preparing for the full implementation of ECA, the NREB and STA jointly organised an engagement session for all stakeholders in the forestry sector on 23 April 2024 at Wisma STA, Kuching.

In her welcoming remark, Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, informed that STA Training Sdn Bhd is organising trainings on Environmental Quality Management and Environmental Compliance Audit in the following months. She encouraged companies to capitalise on their Human Resource Development contributions and urged them to enrol their staff in these courses, which are HRD claimable, thereby ensuring preparedness for the evolving regulatory landscape.

Mr Jack anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality, in his opening remark, concurred with Ms Ting that the critical role of capacity building cannot be overstated in equipping industry stakeholders with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate and comply with the changing regulatory requirements. He also shared NREB's optimism that the directive, which culminated from extensive groundwork, inclusive of guideline formulation and training initiatives will catalyse improvements in environmental management practices among project proponents.



Group photo with Mr Jack anak Liam, Controller of Environmental Quality Sarawak, NREB (seated, centre) and Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (seated, 4th from right).

He added that the delineation of the implementation framework, commencing on 1 July 2024 outlines a structured approach. This includes a phased submission of Internal and External ECA reports over a three-year cycle, with provision for review based on environmental performance.

Mr Mathew anak Losey, Head of Forestry, Livestock and Environmental Audit Unit in the Compliance and Enforcement Section then briefed all stakeholders on the background, requirements, process and procedures of ECA in accordance with the NRE (Audit) Rules, 2008 as well as the Guidelines for NRE (Audit) Rules, 2008. He also deliberated on the gaps and opportunities in implementing the ECA that were identified during the "Post-Pilot Project of ECA for Forestry Sector Workshop" held in

November 2023. Some of the gaps included insufficient qualified auditors to support the full implementation of ECA, high external audit fees as well as Environmental Impact Assessment Approval Terms & Conditions that are not auditable or applicable. He added that NREB is committed to considering necessary amendments to the Guidelines, expanding the pool of registered external auditors, reassessing audit criteria to ensure relevance and attainability, as well as intensifying training and awareness efforts to bolster capacity within the forestry sector.

Nonetheless, it is imperative that all stakeholders work together to address the identified gaps and capitalise on opportunities for improvement, ensuring a robust framework for environmental compliance and stewardship within the forestry sector.



Mr Jack anak Liam, CEQ of NREB (left photo) and Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (middle photo) delivering their remarks to stakeholders present at the engagement session (right photo)

Peraturan Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar (Audit), 2008, berkuat kuasa 1 Januari 2013 telah membuka jalan bagi Projek Perintis mengenai Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar (ECA). Pada Januari 2024, NREB telah mewajibkan pelaksanaan ECA untuk sektor perhutanan Sarawak mulai 1 Julai 2024. Bagi menyediakan pemain industri dan meningkatkan pemahaman mereka tentang keperluan dan proses baharu, STA dan NREB secara bersama telah menganjurkan sesi libat urus pada 23 April 2024 di Wisma STA. Pembangunan kapasiti, peningkatan kawal selia, dan kerjasama ditekankan sebagai asas-asas penting bagi pematuhan dan pengurusan alam sekitar yang berterusan.

于2013年1月1日生效的2008年天然资源与环境(审计)规则,为环境合规审计(ECA)的试点项目铺路。在2024年1月颁布的指令强制砂拉越的林业从2024年7月1日起实施 ECA。为了让业界人士对即将到来的转型做好准备并增强他们对新条件和流程的理解,本会和天然资源与环境局于2024年4月23日在STA大厦联合举办交流会。其中强调能力建设、加强监管和合作作为持续环境合规和管理的基石。

Inter-Agency Committee Meeting

The Inter – Agency Committee meeting to review the Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System (STLVS) was called by the Forest Department Sarawak on 16 April 2024. The meeting, chaired by Mr Semilan Ripot, Deputy Director of Forests, was attended by officers from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development, Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd and STA.

Dr Affendi Suhaili, Assistant Director of Forests briefed on Enterprise Forest Information Management System (EFIMS) – a web Geographical Information System for forest information and management. EFIMS is integrated with other systems such as

Revenue and Log Tracking System to capture data at the coupe level and the licensing system to integrate licensing data with enforcement. He also shared that EFIMS is an intra-departmental system within the Forest Department Sarawak. Information is regularly updated by Regional Forest Officers in near real-time. Dr Affendi also discussed how EFIMS can assist in geolocation, which is required under the European Union Deforestation-free Regulation.

The meeting then proceeded to review the STLVS document. It was decided that another meeting on STLVS shall be convened and the document will be circulated to all present to incorporate all the new changes within the various agencies.

砂拉越森林局于2024年4月16日召开机构间委员会会议，审查砂拉越木材合法性验证系统(STLVS)。在森米兰先生的主持下，与会者讨论EFIMS，一个用于森林管理的网络地理信息系统，并决定再次召开会议以完成STLVS文件的修订。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah mengadakan mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Antara Agensi pada 16 April 2024 untuk menyemak Sistem Pengesahan Kesahan Kayu Sarawak (STLVS).

Dipengerusikan oleh Encik Semilan Ripot, para hadirin membincangkan EFIMS, satu Sistem Maklumat Geografi web untuk pengurusan hutan, dan memutuskan untuk mengadakan satu lagi mesyuarat untuk memuktamadkan semakan yang dibuat pada dokumen STLVS.



Mr Semilan anak Ripot, Deputy Director of Forests (center) chairing the inter-agency committee meeting.

Meeting to Address Shortage of Sarawak Migrant Workers

STA Manpower Working Group and STA Secretariat led by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer held a meeting with officers from Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) led by Mr Nicholas Lisse, Assistant General Manager on 23 April 2024 at Wisma STA Kuching. The meeting discussed shortage of migrant workers in the timber industry and forestry sector in Sarawak, a pressing issue impacting production and operations.



Discussion in progress

STA raised concerns on procedural delays in migrant worker applications, Approval in Principle (AP) submissions for the recruitment of non-resident employees and reductions in AP quota.

Additionally, the Monitoring System on the Employment of Non-Sarawakians (MSEN) posed challenges, as it does not recognise skill upgrades without workers exiting and re-entering Sarawak. STIDC emphasised that unresolved issues could undermine Sarawak's reputation for production sustainability and export continuity.

They proposed a forum with the Labour and Immigration Departments, alongside STA, to discuss these issues comprehensively and foster collaborative solutions.

Pada 23 April 2024, Kumpulan Kerja Tenaga Manusia STA dan Sekretariat bertemu dengan pegawai daripada Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak untuk menangani kekurangan pekerja asing di Sarawak, dengan mengentengahkan kebimbangan mengenai prosedur. Mesyuarat mencadangkan kerjasama dengan Jabatan Buruh dan Jabatan Imigresen untuk mencari jalan penyelesaian bagi kemampuhan pengeluaran dan kesinambungan eksport.

本会人力资源工作小组和秘书处职员于2024年4月23日与砂拉越木材工业发展机构的官员会面，以解决砂拉越外劳短缺的担忧，并强调程序上的问题。会议提议与劳工局和移民局合作，寻找生产可持续性和出口连续性的解决方案。

Get it Right: Mastering the Application of Labour Ordinance (Sarawak Cap.76) & The Rules

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) hosted a workshop titled “Get It Right – Mastering the Application of Labour Ordinance (Sarawak Cap. 76) & The Rules” on 17 and 18 April 2024 at Hilton Kuching.

The 2-day workshop, attended by human resources officers and managers, industrial relations practitioners, head of departments, managers and supervisors, delved into the practical applications of the Ordinance through engaging and interactive discussions on real cases adjudicated by the Labour and Civil Courts.

It also equipped participants with strategies for effective implementation of the Ordinance and adapting to anticipated changes.

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) mendalami aplikasi praktikal Ordinan Buruh (Sarawak Cap.76) melalui perbincangan interaktif dalam bengkel yang berlangsung selama 2 hari pada 17 dan 18 April 2024. Bengkel tersebut yang dihadiri oleh pegawai sumber manusia, pengurus, pengamal perhubungan industri, dan penyelia, membincangkan aplikasi praktikal dan strategi untuk pelaksanaan yang berkesan.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)在2024年4月17日至18日举办为期两天的工作坊上通过参与式互动讨论，深入探讨了劳工法令(砂拉越第76章)的实际应用。该工作坊由人力资源员工、经理、劳资关系从业者和主管参与，重点关注实际应用和有效实施的策略。



Mr Phang Pin, Industrial Relations Officer of Labour Department Sarawak presented on the Labour Court procedures comprising of complaints and inquiries.



Group exercise on case hearing

Briefing on European Union Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR)



Mr Yong Teng Koon (2nd from right) briefed those present in person and online on EUDR. Also present at the briefing is Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA (right).

Mr Yong Teng Koon, a consultant from the Malaysian Timber Association has conducted an assessment on the requirements of the European Union Deforestation-Free Regulation (EUDR) to raise awareness and prepare the timber industry in Malaysia to comply with the EUDR once it comes into force starting 30 December 2024.

The EUDR applies to an extensive list of products made from commodities that the European Union (EU) deemed as associated with deforestation, namely from soy, beef, palm oil, wood, cocoa, coffee, and rubber. It also covers some derived products such as leather, chocolate, and furniture. The regulation states that any of these commodities being imported to or exported from the EU have to meet three (3) criteria:

1. The goods must be deforestation-free, meaning they must not have originated from land that has been deforested since 31 December 2020;
2. The goods have been produced in conditions that are fully compliant with local laws; and
3. A due diligence statement indicating no more than a negligible risk of non-compliance.

On 17 April 2024, Mr Yong shared what's new in the EUDR with STA members, both physically at Wisma STA and virtually. He compared it with the European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR) and highlighted key differences

between the two (2) regulations, such as new definitions of deforestation and forest degradation, requirements and cut-off date of 31 December 2020. He added that compared to EUTR, the scope of EUDR is broadened to include more commodities, and due diligence statement which includes the geolocation of plots of land, date, and time range of production are also emphasised. He also examined the timber legality assurance systems of the three (3) regions in Malaysia against the EUDR and made a comparison between the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme and the EUDR.

He recommended that the government assist the timber industry in addressing the requirements for information needed in the due diligence statement, especially regarding geolocation and the full scientific names of timber species, and participate in the country benchmarking process to ensure Malaysia is categorised as a low-risk country.

He also shared the latest trade performance with the European Union (EU) and discussed the operation of the EU Observatory on Deforestation and Forest Degradation, which produces a global map of forest cover using global spatial layers of land cover, land use, and tree height as of 31 December 2020. A similar briefing was also held in the Forest Department Sarawak to brief the forestry agencies officers in the afternoon of 17 April 2024.

Encik Yong Teng Koon, konsultan daripada Persatuan Kayu-Kayan Malaysia, menilai Peraturan Bebas Penyahutan Kesatuan Eropah (EUDR) untuk menyediakan industri perkayuan Malaysia ke arah pematuhannya. EUDR, meliputi pelbagai komoditi, memerlukan barangan bebas penyahutan, pematuhan undang-undang tempatan dan pernyataan usaha wajar.

Dalam sesi taklimat hibrid pada 17 April 2024, Encik Yong membincangkan kemas kini EUDR dengan ahli-ahli STA, menekankan skop yang diperluaskan dan usaha wajar yang lebih ketat. Beliau menyeru bantuan kerajaan untuk pematuhan dan berkongsi data perdagangan dengan EU dan maklumat mengenai Balai Cerap EU bagi Penyahutan dan Degradasi Hutan.



Group photo with Mr Yong Teng Koon (seated, 3rd from right).

马来西亚木材公会顾问杨天光先生评估了欧盟无毁林法规(EUDR), 为马来西亚木材业的合规做好准备。EUDR 涵盖各种商品, 要求无毁林货物、遵守当地法律并提供尽职调查声明。在 2024年4月17日的混合简报会上, 杨先生与本会会员讨论 EUDR 的最新进展, 强调其范围的扩大和尽职调查的严格化。他建议政府协助合规, 并与欧盟共享贸易数据以及欧盟毁林和森林退化观察网站的信息。

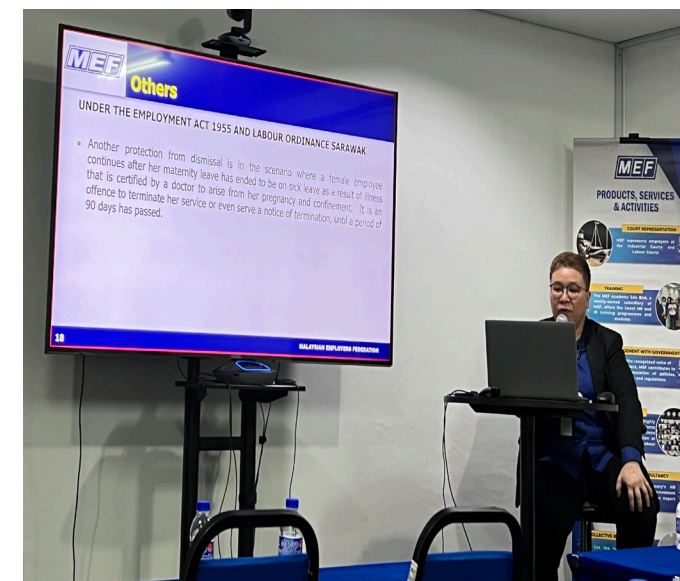
MEF Sarawak Regional Meeting No.4/2024

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region convened its hybrid-meeting No. 4/2024 on 29 April 2024 at MEF Sarawak Region office. The meeting was presided over by MEF Sarawak Chairperson, Ms Norhayati Johari and facilitated by Ms Dayang Jamillah Tun Abg Muhd Salahuddin, Consultant-Industrial Relations of MEF Sarawak.

During the meeting, Ms Dayang Jamilah presented on *"Law on Prolonged Illness"*. Prolonged illness refers to an absence from work that exceeds typical sick leave and hospitalisation entitlements due to serious illness, resulting in the inability to perform duties. Employees are safeguarded from unjust dismissal under Section 20(1) of the Industrial Relations Act 1967.

She stressed the importance of clear communication and understanding between employers and affected employees, highlighting the need for proper procedures including consultation, acting reasonably, allowing adequate recovery time and establishing policies like prolonged illness medical board out in the employee handbook.

Termination of an employee's services is permissible if the illness severely impedes job performance with little chance of recovery.



Ms Dayang Jamillah Tun Abg Muhd Salahuddin, Consultant-Industrial Relations of MEF Sarawak

马来西亚雇主联合会 (MEF) 东马(砂拉越)区域于2024年4月29日召开的混合会议中讨论长期疾病法则。会议强调雇主和雇员之间的明确沟通至关重要, 若是疾病严重影响工作则可能会导致解雇。

Meanwhile, Ms Monika Bill, Senior Executive Benefit Division of Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) delivered a presentation on *"Prolonged Illness-The Benefits Claimable under SOCSO and the Eligibility to Make Such Claims"*.

She discussed the Employment Injury Scheme and the Invalidity Scheme under the Employee's Social Security Act 1969 (Act 4), which provide free medical treatment, rehabilitation and financial assistance to employees incapacitated by work-related accidents or illnesses. Ms Monika emphasised the importance of Form 34 for reporting accidents, service-related illnesses, disabilities or deaths, ensuring proper documentation for benefit claims.

Ms Monika also highlighted SOCSO's role in mitigating income loss and productivity decline among affected workers and their dependents, underscoring the significance of social insurance and employment services mandated by SOCSO.



Ms Monika Bill, Senior Executive Benefit Division of SOCSO

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) Wilayah Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) membincangkan undang-undang penyakit yang berpanjangan dalam mesyuarat hibrid yang diadakan pada 29 April 2024. Kepentingan komunikasi yang jelas di antara majikan dan pekerja telah ditekankan, dengan kemungkinan pemberhentian pekerja sekiranya penyakit serius menjejaskan kerja.

MITI Outreach Session on Trade Remedy Measures

The Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry (MITI) is a ministry that is responsible for international trade, industry, investment, productivity, small and medium enterprise, among many others. It aims to make Malaysia the preferred investment destination, sustainable industrial and competitive trading nation.

On 2 April 2024, MITI conducted an Outreach Session on Trade Remedy Measures. The hybrid session was held at MITI Tower and were accessible to more online participants.

In her opening remarks, Ms Gayatri Kumaraveloo, Director of the Trade Practices Section (TPS) at MITI highlighted the session's objectives, which aimed to raise awareness and educate domestic industry players about the available options for trade remedy measures.

The session also sought to clarify the prerequisites for filing petitions against unfair trade practices or surges of imports, and addressed the appropriate actions to be taken if domestic industries are implicated or impacted by trade remedy investigations initiated by other countries.

Trade remedy measures are instruments provided by the World Trade Organization (WTO) to combat unfair trade practices and surges of imports that may cause material injury to the domestic industries of WTO members. In Malaysia, legislations have been enacted to implement remedial measures against unfair trading by foreign manufacturers/exporters. These legislations also provide a framework for investigating allegations of injury caused by dumped or subsidised imports.

The three key trade remedy measures are:

ANTI-DUMPING MEASURE

Aims to counteract the injury caused by dumping, which occurs when a company exports a product to foreign markets at a price lower than the exporter's domestic market price.

COUNTERVAILING MEASURE

addresses the effects of subsidies provided directly or indirectly by the government to specific enterprises, groups of enterprises, industries or regions.

SAFEGUARD MEASURE

an emergency measure implemented in response to increased imports of a specific product that threatens serious injury to the domestic industry of the importing country.

Anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed on dumped or subsidised imports for a period of five (5) years, with the possibility of extensions.

These duties are imposed when material injury caused by dumped or subsidised imports can be demonstrated through price, volume and profitability effects. Price effects refers to the impact of dumped or subsidised imports on the prices of similar products in the domestic market, including price undercutting, price depression, or price suppression.

Volume effect refers to the subsequent impact on the domestic market in terms of loss or potential loss of sales volume or market share. Profitability effect reflects reduced profitability resulting from factors associated with dumped or subsidised imports, which can include downward pressure on prices, decreased sales volume, or the inability of domestic producers to absorb the increase in production costs.

Meanwhile, safeguards measures such as quantitative restrictions or tariffs, are temporary measures aimed at controlling imports and assisting industries in becoming more competitive. These measures are imposed when a causal link is established between import surges and serious injury to the domestic industry.

The TPS, with 13 staff members, serves as the Investigating Authority responsible for conducting trade remedies investigations. It also defends the interests of domestic industries during trade remedy investigations initiated by other countries against Malaysia.

In order to initiate a trade remedy investigation, a written petition must be filed by or on behalf of the domestic industry. This petition should provide evidence of dumping or subsidised imports in countervailing actions, injury, and a causal relationship between the imports and the alleged injury. The petition must be prepared in consultation with domestic producers who represent more than 50% of the total production, with at least 25% expressing support for the petition.

Upon acceptance of the petition, the Investigating Authority will publicly announce the initiation of the investigation and conduct full investigation of the alleged dumping or subsidy, material injury, and causal link. A preliminary determination must be made within 120 days from the publication of the initiation notice, with the possibility of a 30-day extension.

The Investigating Authority is required to make a final determination on dumping or subsidisation and injury within 120 days from the publication of the preliminary determination notice.

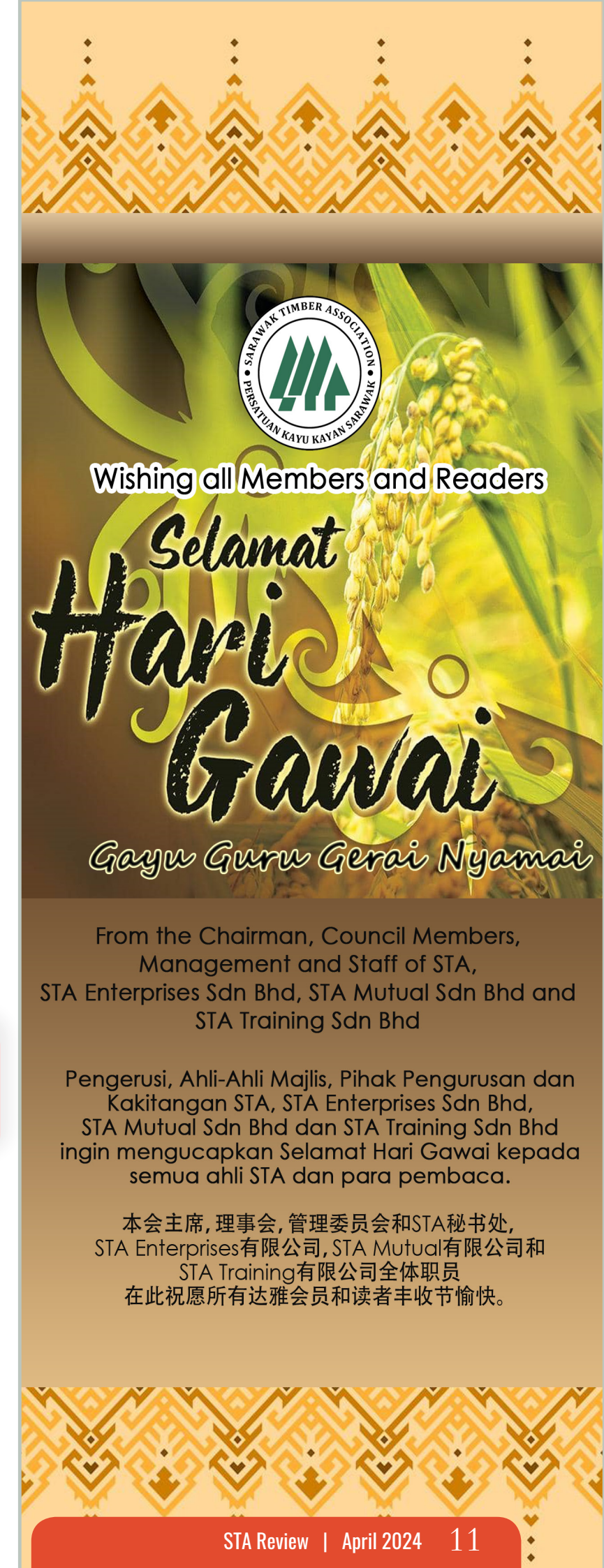
Similarly, the TPS advises exporters are involved in trade remedies investigations to cooperate with the investigating authorities of other countries and respond within the stipulated timeframe. Exporters may also seek guidance from the TPS when necessary.

For additional information or assistance, please contact TPS via email at alltps@miti.gov.my or visit their office at:

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Kementerian Pelaburan, Perdagangan dan Industri telah mengadakan Sesi Jangkauan hibrid mengenai Langkah-langkah Remedi Perdagangan pada 2 April 2024 untuk mendidik industri domestik tentang memerangi amalan perdagangan tidak adil dan lonjakan import. Sesi tersebut meliputi langkah-langkah anti-lambakan, timbal balas dan perlindungan serta menggariskan prosedur untuk memulakan siasatan dan mempertahankan industri domestik.

马来西亚投资、贸易和工业部于2024年4月2日以线上和实体模式举办贸易救济措施外展活动，以教育国内产业应对不公平贸易操作和进口激增。活动当中讨论反倾销、反补贴和保障措施，并概述启动调查和保护国内产业的程序。



Wishing all Members and Readers

Selamat Hari Gawai
Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai

From the Chairman, Council Members, Management and Staff of STA, STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd and STA Training Sdn Bhd

Pengerusi, Ahli-Ahli Majlis, Pihak Pengurusan dan Kakitangan STA, STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd dan STA Training Sdn Bhd ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Gawai kepada semua ahli STA dan para pembaca.

本会主席, 理事会, 管理委员会和STA秘书处, STA Enterprises有限公司, STA Mutual有限公司和 STA Training有限公司全体职员
在此祝愿所有达雅会员和读者丰收节愉快。

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	Jan '24 Vol (m³)	Jan '23 Vol (m³)	Feb '24 Vol (m³)	Feb '23 Vol (m³)	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Mar '23 Vol (m³)	Jan-Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Jan-Mar '23 Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	---	---	414*	1,135	---	---	414*	1,135
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sibu (Hill)	17,509	35,872	26,174	34,901	15,419	37,183	59,102	107,956
(Swamp)	1,402	3,318	3,218	3,413	1,608	6,329	6,228	13,060
Bintulu (Hill)	65,220	49,828	43,667	82,152	64,738	81,943	173,625	213,923
(Swamp)	3,153	199	---	2,855	2,688	961	5,841	4,015
Miri (Hill)	4,429	11,796	11,159	30,617	7,440	19,461	23,028	61,874
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	45,337	46,651	47,048	45,420	45,939	57,679	138,324	149,750
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	6,955	6,913	9,957	6,332	10,992	3,833	27,904	17,078
(Swamp)	---	206	---	128	---	430	---	764
Sarikei (Hill)	5,135	4,495	3,932	2,632	4,140	5,986	13,207	13,113
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	---	637	---	1,961	---	1,259	---	3,857
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Subtotal (Hill)	144,585	156,192	142,351*	205,150	148,668	207,344	435,604	568,686
(Swamp)	4,555	3,723	3,218	6,396	4,296	7,720	12,069	17,839
TOTAL	149,140	159,915	145,569	211,546	152,964	215,064	447,673	586,525

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak
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Note: Forest Department Sarawak has revised the data for Hill Species from Kuching Region for the month of February 2024 from 154 m³ to 414 m³.

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	Nov '23 Vol (m³)	Dec '23 Vol (m³)	Jan '24 Vol (m³)	Feb '24 Vol (m³)	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Mar '24 Vol (m³)
Bindang	1,006	15	124	121	125	370
Meranti	71,959	51,840	62,147	63,747*	61,635	187,529
Kapur	7,110	4,072	6,243	5,990	4,873	17,106
Keruing	3,656	2,446	3,197	2,979	2,444	8,620
Sepetir	374	201	236	253	258	747
Selangan Batu	2,687	1,610	2,318	2,497	1,888	6,703
Nyato	1,797	973	1,447	1,205*	1,303	3,955
Other species	77,767	58,197	68,873	65,559*	76,142	210,574
TOTAL:	166,356	119,354	144,585	142,351	148,668	435,604

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	Nov '23 Vol (m³)	Dec '23 Vol (m³)	Jan '24 Vol (m³)	Feb '24 Vol (m³)	Mar '24 Vol (m³)	Jan - Mar '24 Vol (m³)
Sepetir	---	6	6	3	14	23
Kapur	213	161	100	84	89	273
Keruing	85	5	4	44	4	52
Meranti	302	318	478	504	445	1,427
Other species	1,561	3,429	3,967	2,583	3,744	10,294
TOTAL:	2,161	3,919	4,555	3,218	4,296	12,069

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Note: Forest Department Sarawak has revised the data for the month of February 2024 as follow:-

: Meranti - from 63,720m³ to 63,747m³
: Nyato - from 1,200m³ to 1,205m³
: Other species - from 65,331 m³ to 65,559m³

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		Jan '24	Jan '23	Feb '24	Feb '23	Mar '24	Mar '23	Jan - Mar '24	Jan - Mar '23
		Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sibu	(ACMG)	7,008	---	5,147	362	2,542	---	14,697	362
	(ALBZ)	---	---	712	---	1,427	---	2,139	---
	(KLPN)	621	---	858*	---	1,303	---	2,782	---
Bintulu	(ACMG)	52,302	64,680	51,290	88,480	58,504	115,105	162,096	268,265
	(ALBZ)	2,520	1,455	2,195	1,250	5,118	4,530	9,833	7,235
	(EUCA)	1,807	500	2,860	1,166	1,511	1,008	6,178	2,674
	(KLPN)	---	---	---	77	91	41	91	118
Miri	(ACMG)	12,865	8,529	13,452	6,665	15,050	8,004	41,367	23,198
	(ALBZ)	2,130	46	1,295	230	1,958	467	5,383	743
	(EUCA)	4,594	997	6,580	2,282	8,662	2,521	19,836	5,800
Limbang	(ACMG)	1,002	693	2,143	2,389	1,241	3,155	4,386	6,237
Subtotal	(ACMG)	73,177	73,902	72,032	97,896	77,337	126,264	222,546	298,062
	(ALBZ)	4,650	1,501	4,202	1,480	8,503	4,997	17,355	7,978
	(EUCA)	6,401	1,497	9,440	3,448	10,173	3,529	26,014	8,474
	(KLPN)	621	---	858	77	1,394	41	2,873	118
TOTAL:		84,849	76,900	86,532	102,901	97,407	134,831	268,788	314,632

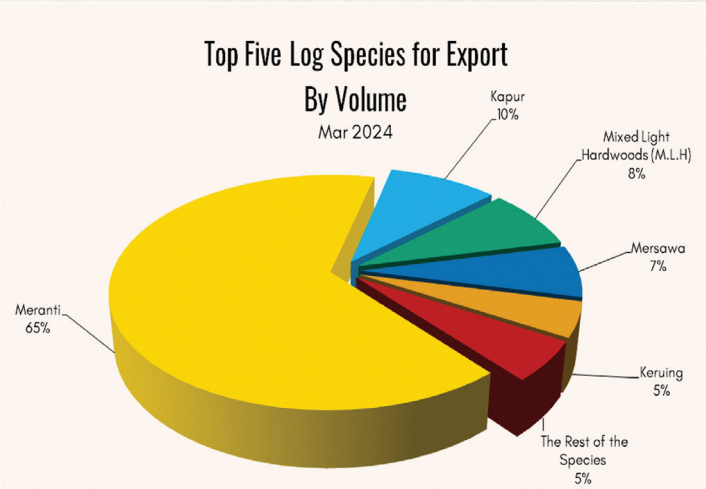
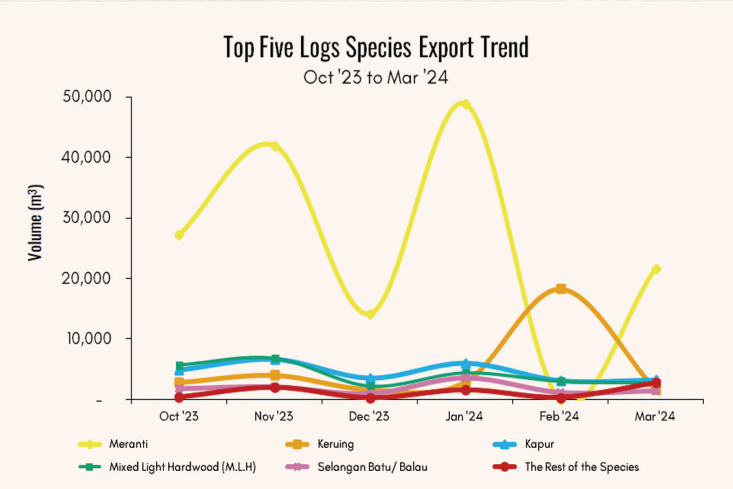
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* ACMG - Acacia mangium ALBZ - Albizia EUCA - Eucalyptus KLPN - Kelampayan

Note: Forest Department Sarawak has revised the data for Sibu Region for the month of February 2024 as follows:
: EUCA - from 858m³ to 0m³
: KLPN - from 0m³ to 858m³

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

Species	Jan '24		Feb '24		Mar '24		Jan - Mar '24		Jan - Mar '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Arau	551	608,215	24	27,533	251	304,439	826	940,187	89	101,400
Kapur	5,957	6,549,791	3,096	3,731,348	3,190	3,644,449	12,243	13,925,588	11,452	14,584,410
KerANJI	12	6,856	---	---	24	15,011	36	21,867	116	117,524
Keruing	2,865	2,268,431	18,231	14,006,164	1,606	1,297,046	22,702	17,571,641	9,095	8,362,676
Meranti	48,846	35,033,479	---	---	21,706	16,224,172	70,552	51,257,651	71,045	63,126,327
Mersawa	302	267,428	193	174,126	2,393	1,561,692	2,888	2,003,246	699	731,108
Mixed Light Hardwood (M.L.H)	4,440	2,620,499	3,052	1,852,215	2,773	1,779,993	10,265	6,252,707	10,617	7,256,361
Nyatoh	25	16,107	17	9,860	20	12,991	62	38,958	---	---
Resak	674	580,079	90	77,343	114	104,984	878	762,406	553	539,409
Selangan Batu/ Balau	3,605	5,887,609	1,141	1,658,994	1,430	2,184,068	6,176	9,730,671	8,395	14,327,595
Other species	39	22,219	---	---	---	---	39	22,219	384	375,350
TOTAL:	67,316	53,860,713	25,844	21,537,583	33,507	27,128,845	126,667	102,527,141	112,445	109,522,160

Source of data: Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation

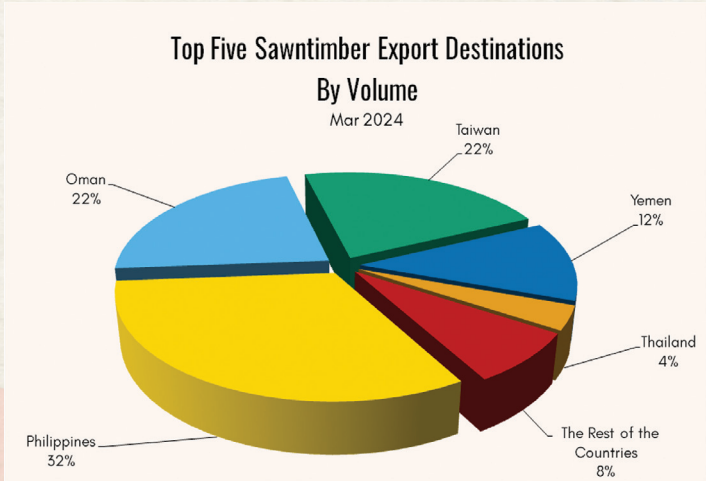
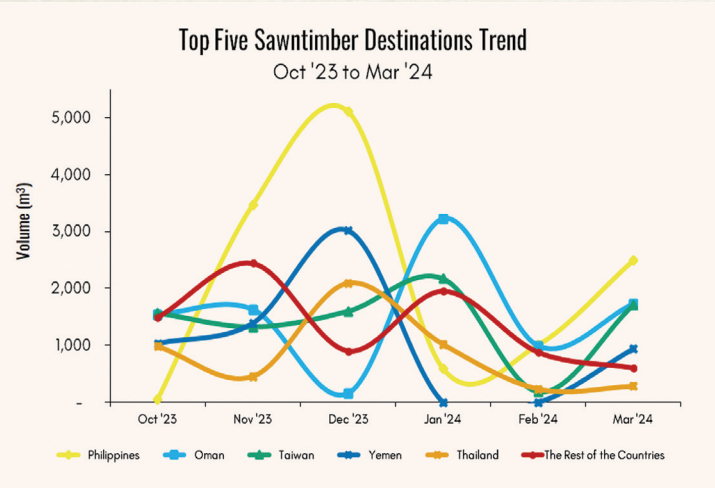


SARAWAK timber trade statistics

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	Jan '24		Feb '24		Mar '24		Jan - Mar '24		Jan - Mar '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
China 中国	79	130,283	395	365,838	70	124,021	544	620,142	1,024	1,589,632
Japan 日本	374	1,129,136	337	974,724	241	720,868	952	2,824,728	1,322	4,066,986
Korea 韩国	89	179,747	97	160,061	40	94,886	226	434,694	1,244	2,322,584
Oman 阿曼	3,225	4,296,834	988	938,273	1,729	2,075,162	5,942	7,310,269	3,301	5,482,033
Philippines 菲律宾	592	196,445	1,014	1,197,770	2,500	2,568,799	4,106	3,963,014	14,095	20,957,392
South Africa 南非	---	---	---	---	36	49,747	36	49,747	108	244,008
Taiwan 台湾	2,175	4,185,883	182	188,420	1,717	3,587,335	4,074	7,961,638	4,095	9,292,851
Thailand 泰国	1,020	1,030,924	233	263,846	283	189,256	1,536	1,484,026	3,351	3,571,521
Vietnam 越南	---	---	---	---	161	144,648	161	144,648	---	---
Yemen 也门	---	---	---	---	945	1,592,347	945	1,592,347	12,428	35,318,208
Other Countries 其他国家	1,414	3,371,835	46	216,728	52	105,806	1,512	3,694,369	669	2,161,922
TOTAL:	8,968	14,521,087	3,292	4,305,660	7,774	11,252,874	20,034	30,079,622	41,637	85,007,137

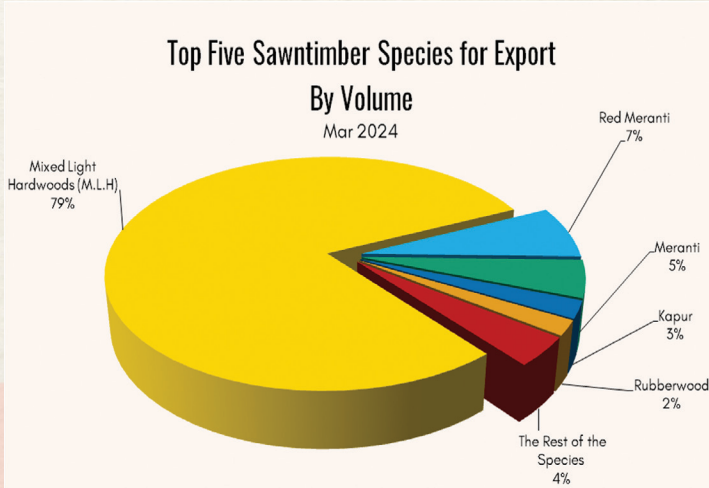
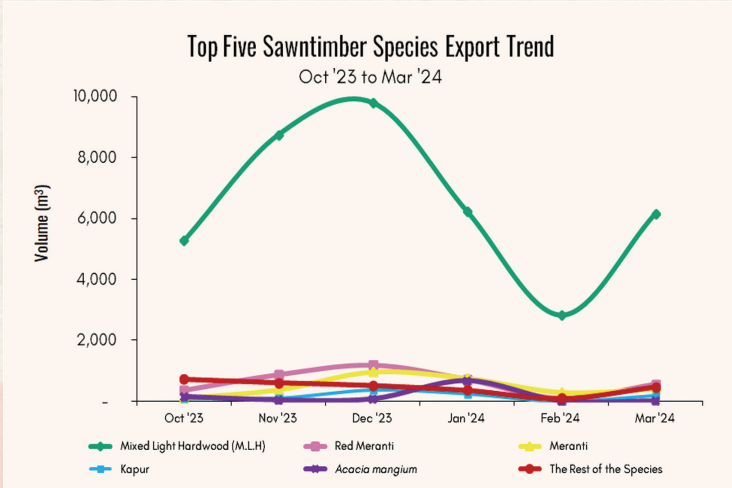
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EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越锯木树种出口量

Species	Jan '24		Feb '24		Mar '24		Jan - Mar '24		Jan - Mar '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Kapur	239	759,332	---	---	186	622,991	425	1,382,323	479	1,348,377
Keruing	13	29,121	---	---	150	424,830	163	453,951	302	845,333
Meranti	744	1,169,960	279	199,961	393	806,474	1,416	2,176,395	1,051	2,608,954
Mixed Light Hardwoods (M.L.H)	6,238	8,734,721	2,835	3,618,141	6,166	7,717,839	15,239	20,070,701	37,254	74,422,865
Red Meranti	717	1,722,519	83	150,708	559	1,154,587	1,359	3,027,814	1,106	2,442,610
Rubberwood	---	---	---	---	161	144,648	161	144,648	---	---
Selangan Batu/ Balau	187	768,848	40	205,370	10	15,605	237	989,823	219	824,073
Selunsur	---	---	---	---	24	13,962	24	13,962	19	44,692
Yellow Meranti	79	231,620	28	79,844	125	351,939	232	663,403	355	1,015,433
Other species	751	1,104,966	27	51,636	---	---	778	1,156,602	852	1,454,800
TOTAL:	8,968	14,521,087	3,292	4,305,660	7,774	11,252,875	20,034	30,079,622	41,637	85,007,137

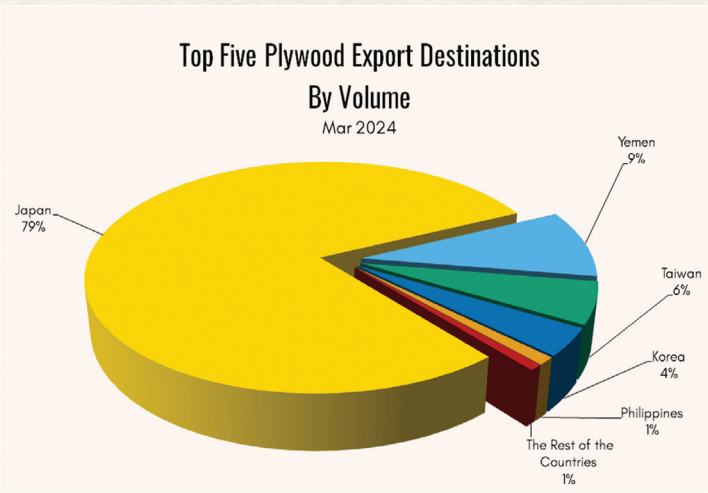
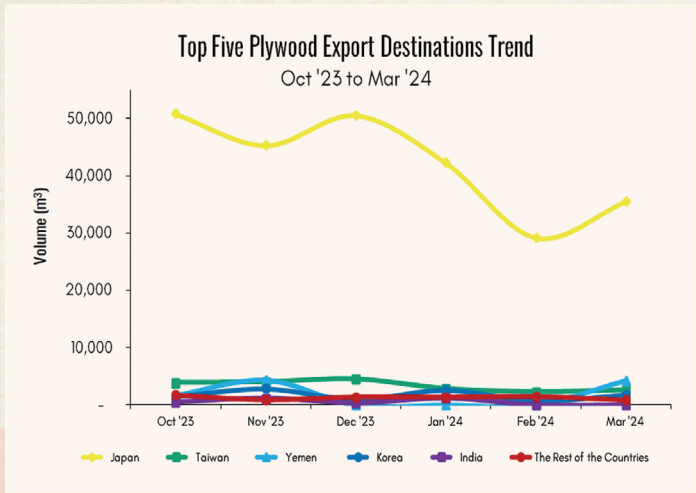
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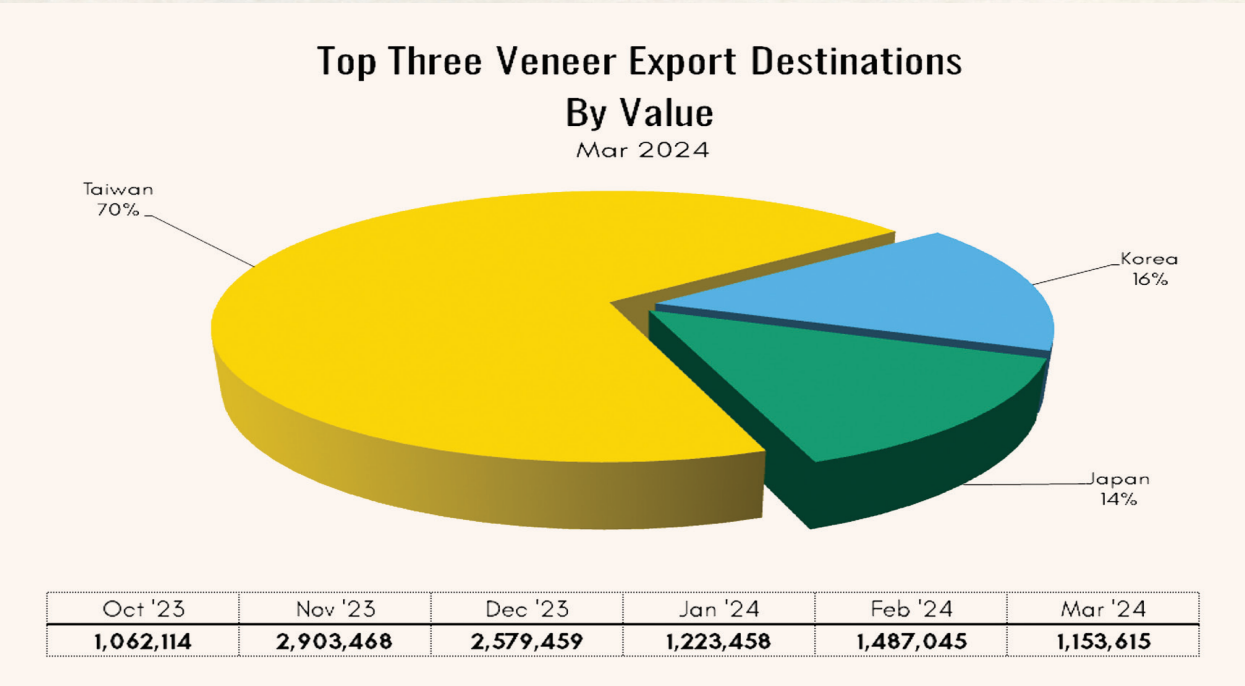
EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之合板出口量

Country of Destination	Jan '24		Feb '24		Mar '24		Jan - Mar '24		Jan - Mar '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	---	---	97	288,615	83	347,235	180	635,850	507	1,535,340
Brunei 汶莱	320	401,794	129	187,675	151	227,083	600	816,552	673	887,187
Japan 日本	42,260	102,610,768	29,161	73,446,586	35,465	85,324,524	106,886	261,381,878	85,965	245,160,805
Korea 韩国	2,554	4,363,352	643	1,245,242	1,709	3,151,089	4,906	8,759,683	5,774	11,762,891
Papua New Guinea 巴布亚新几内亚	11	17,000	---	---	5	8,925	16	25,925	---	---
Philippines 菲律宾	566	1,730,073	434	1,512,995	472	1,763,700	1,472	5,006,768	773	2,479,120
Taiwan 台湾	2,816	5,208,688	2,244	4,112,780	2,583	4,893,611	7,643	14,215,079	7,975	15,198,137
Thailand 泰国	46	182,723	---	---	42	50,221	88	232,944	88	122,175
Vietnam 越南	34	148,201	70	274,331	70	274,770	174	697,302	35	155,226
Yemen 也门	---	---	---	---	4,219	8,387,852	4,219	8,387,852	18,124	37,077,570
Other Countries 其他国家	1,484	3,648,277	676	1,245,677	---	---	2,160	4,893,954	2,994	7,394,850
TOTAL:	50,091	118,310,876	33,454	82,313,901	44,799	104,429,010	128,344	305,053,787	122,908	321,773,301

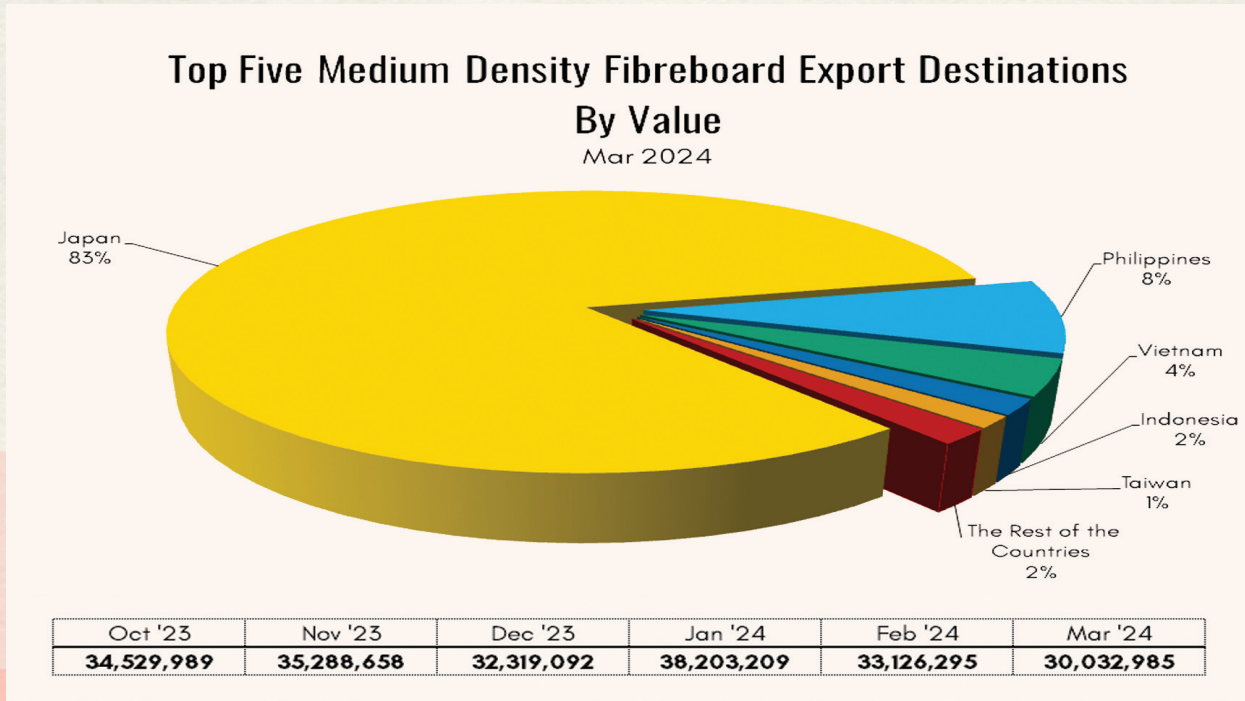
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EXPORT VALUE OF VENEER BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK
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砂拉越至各目的地之单板出口量

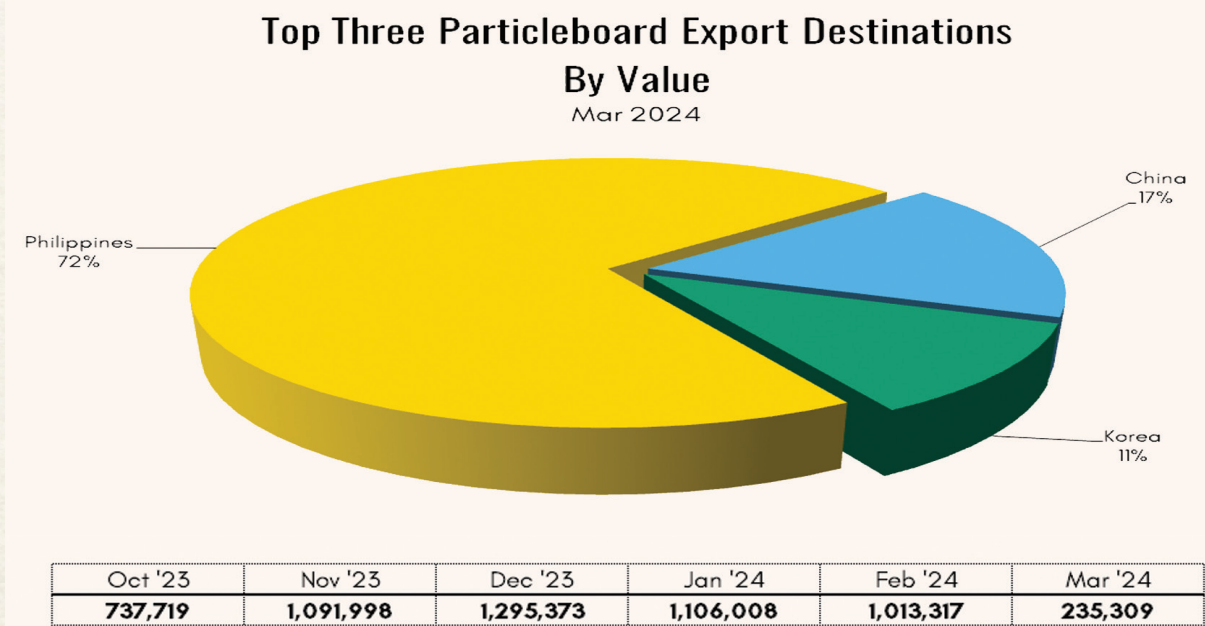


EXPORT VALUE OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBREBOARD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK
NILAI EKSPORT PAPAN GENTIAN BERKETUMPATAN SEDERHANA MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之中密度纤维板出口值

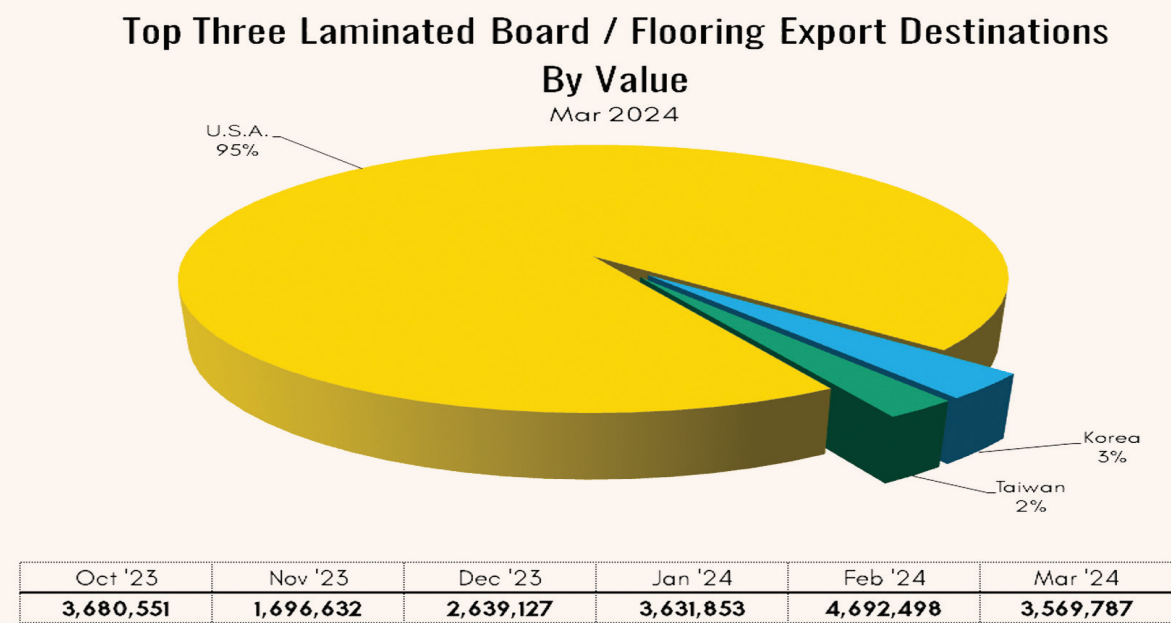


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EXPORT VALUE OF PARTICLEBOARD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK
NILAI EKSPORT PAPAN SERPAI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之膠合板出口值

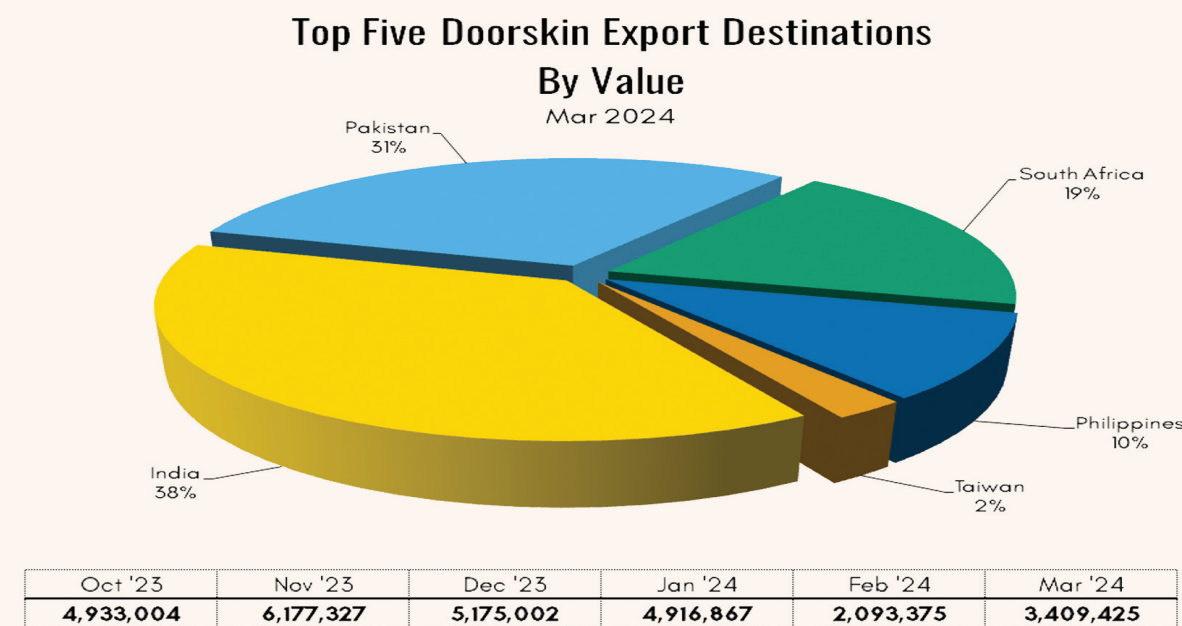


EXPORT VALUE OF LAMINATED BOARD / FLOORING BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK
NILAI EKSPORT PAPAN LAMINA / LANTAI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之层压板/地板出口值

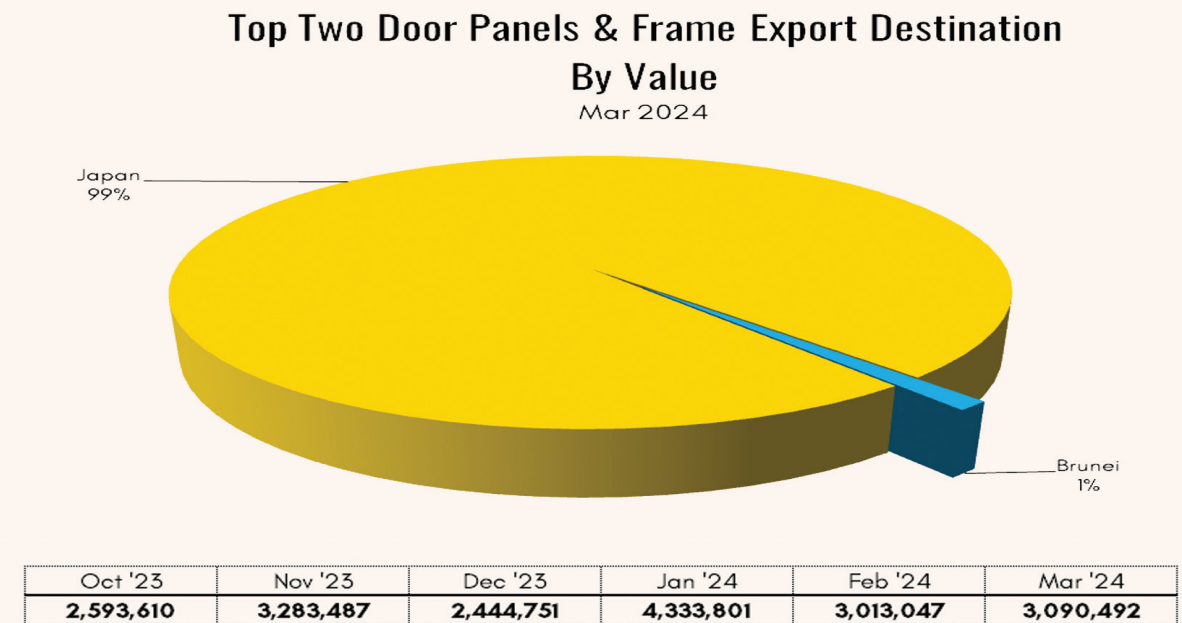


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EXPORT VALUE OF DOORSKIN BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK
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砂拉越至各目的地之门皮出口值



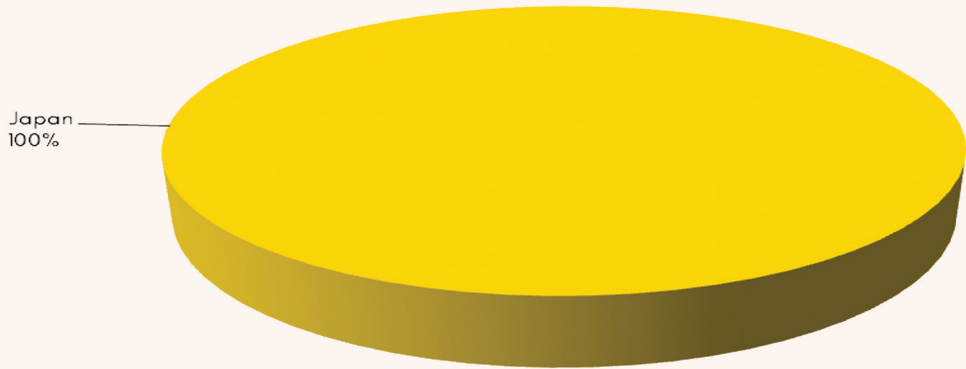
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NILAI EKSPORT PANEL & BINGKAI PINTU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之门框出口值



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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 Mouldings Export Destination
By Value
Mar 2024



Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24
575,096	684,859	626,057	563,461	504,487	579,283

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
Mar 2024

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

Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '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

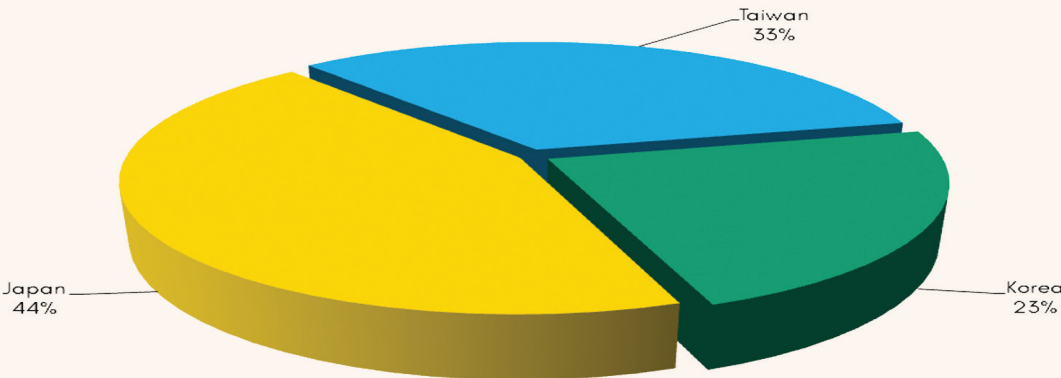
Top Two Furniture & Furniture Parts Export Destinations
By Value
Mar 2024



Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24
6,611,102	6,729,564	2,981,262	6,525,964	4,146,868	5,544,565

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
Mar 2024



Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24
1,058,939	447,131	600,551	651,751	892,852	676,000

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OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME APRIL 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:

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Tree and Log Identification

STAT Trainer / Assessor

: Mr Sumbang Rani

Date

: 2 - 6 April 2024

Location

: Tebanyi Camp, Baram

Company

: Syarikat Samling Timber Sdn Bhd

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Tree and Log Identification

STAT Trainer / Assessor

: Mr Sumbang Rani

Date

: 26 - 28 April 2024

Location

: Balleh Balui FMU, Kapit

Company

: Jaya Tiasa Holdings Berhad



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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