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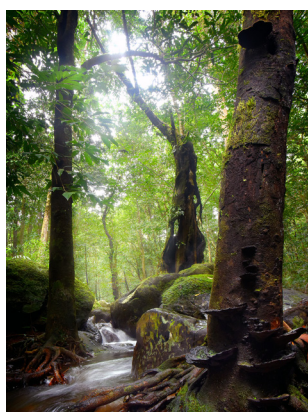
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STA Council Meeting No 1/2021

The STA Council for the term 2020 and 2021 held its inaugural meeting on 8 March 2021 via video conferencing since taking office on 28 December 2020. The Meeting, chaired by Pemanca Datuk Sir Wong Kie Yik, was attended by Vice Chairman Mr David Tiong, Honorary Secretary Dato Henry Lau, Honorary Treasurer Mr Philip Choo and twenty-eight (28) members of the Council.

The Meeting received reports from the several Category Committees and Working Committees as well as updates on the progress of the forest plantation research projects funded by the Association. The Meeting endorsed the general terms and conditions over the use of the logging roads and bridges for Government rural projects prepared by the Hill Logging category as well as the contribution in the form of maintenance fees to be collected from the appointed project proponents/contractors of the Government rural projects. The Meeting also deliberated at length the Government's proposal to reinstate the cabotage

policy, as well as the actions to be undertaken by the Association, which included carrying out a study on the impact of the cabotage policy, creating more awareness on the policy among members and facilitating individual members to present their positions to the relevant Government agencies.

In light of the prevalent COVID-19 pandemic in Sarawak whereby many divisions are classified as red zones and travels are not possible without permits, the Council resolved to reschedule the Annual General Meeting previously fixed on 30 March 2021 to 29 June 2021. The Council also considered the effects of COVID-19 pandemic on the timber industry and resolved to waive the annual subscription for a period of two (2) years for 2021 and 2022.

The Meeting also addressed administrative matters of the Association as well as its three (3) subsidiary companies, namely STA Training Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd and STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd.

本會2020至2021年的新一屆理事會自2020年12月28日上任以來於2021年3月8日首次召開線上會議。本會主席邦曼查拿督黃啓曄爵士主持該會議。本會副主席張昌恩先生，榮譽秘書拿督劉利康，榮譽財政朱光輝先生和28位理事會員踴躍出席此會議。理事會決定將原定於2021年3月30日舉行的常年會員大會改期為2021年6月29日。

Majlis STA bagi penggal 2020 & 2021 telah mengadakan mesyuarat sulungnya pada 8 Mac 2021 melalui persidangan video sejak perantukan pada 28 Disember 2020. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Pemanca Datuk Sir Wong Kie Yik dan dihadiri oleh Naib Pengerusi David Tiong, Setiausaha Kehormat Dato Henry Lau, Bendahari Kehormat Encik Philip Choo dan 28 anggota Majlis. Majlis memutuskan untuk menjadualkan semula Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan yang sebelum ini ditetapkan pada 30 Mac 2021 kepada 29 Jun 2021.

STA Category Meetings

Members from Hill Logging, Log Marketing, Timber Products Marketing as well as Furniture and Other Woodworking Categories convened their virtual meeting respectively in March 2021. During the Category Meetings, new committee members were elected for a 2-year term of 2020 & 2021. The respective Category Meetings also highlighted several other issues impacting the timber industry such as mandatory COVID-19 screening for all foreign workers, compliance with the *Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 (Act 446)*, implementation of cabotage policy as well as the restriction on importation of ordinary plywood for thickness of 6mm and above into Sarawak.

The details of the meetings are as follows:

(i) STA Hill Logging Category Meeting No 1/2021, 2 March 2021

The Category Committee Chairman, Mr Roger Tiang Chiin Yew, in his welcoming remarks, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead the Hill Logging Category. He applauded the active participation of members in handling and resolving common issues affecting hill logging as well as the ability to agree on way forward for the good of the industry.

The Meeting received updates on several matters that are affecting the Hill Logging Category members comprising enforcement of *The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015*, introduction of the Forest Licensee Portal by Forest Department Sarawak and efforts by members on forest management certification, among others. The Meeting also deliberated at length the general terms and conditions over the use of the logging roads and bridges for Government rural projects, and subsequently submitted recommendations to the STA Council for consideration.

STA Hill Logging Committee Members (2020 & 2021)

Chairman : Mr Roger Tiang Chiin Yew
Vice Chairman : Mr Tsen Teck Fen
Honorary Secretary : Mr Joseph Lau Ching Hoo¹
Honorary Treasurer : Mr Wong Ting Chung²

Members:

Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong³
 Tan Sri Datuk Ling Chiong Ho⁴
 Dato' Wong Sie Young⁵
 Dato' Tiong Ing⁶
 Dato Hii King Chiong⁷
 Dato Wong Kuo Hea⁸
 Mr Ling Ting Sie⁹
 Mr Ting Jack Hui¹⁰
 Mr Collin Goh Tee Khiang¹¹
 Ms Happy Wong Fei Fei¹²
 Mr Kenny Law Hui Kong

Alternate Members:

1: Mr Kong Muk Shui
 2: Mr Wong Tai Hwa
 3: Ms Adeline Lau Kor See
 4: Mr Andy Wong Ko Hock
 5: Mr Ling Kuok Phiew
 6: Mr Desmond Kang Dai Yiing



STA Hill Logging Category Meeting in progress

7: Mr Hii Yu Sing
 8: Mr Ling Tiing Tchin
 9: Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung
 10: Mr William Tham Kok Liang
 11: Ms Ho Chin Mei
 12: Ms Audrey Wong Haw Ing

(ii) STA Timber Products Marketing Category Meeting No 1/2021, 3 March 2021

The Meeting discussed the challenges and the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Meeting agreed that soft loans or incentives from the Government is very crucial to assist the downstream industry, especially small and medium enterprises, and STA will continue to work with relevant Government agencies to ensure sustainability of the industry.

STA Timber Products Marketing Committee Members (2020 & 2021)

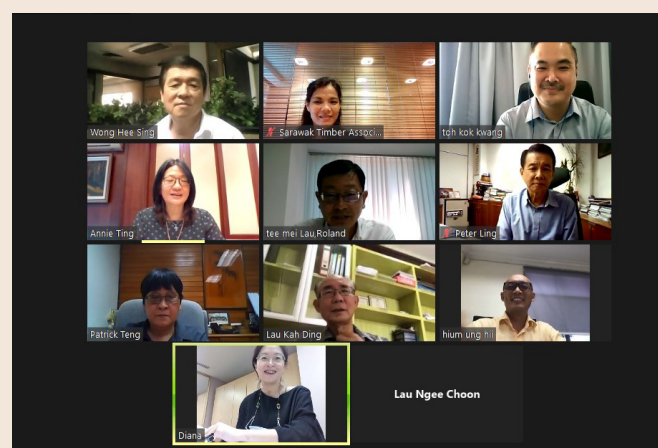
Chairman : Mr Stephen Hii Hium Ung
Vice Chairman : Mr Patrick Teng Kheng Huh
Honorary Secretary : Mr Roland Lau Tee Mei¹
Honorary Treasurer : Mr Toh Kok Kwong

Members:

Mr Augustine Teng Kheng Hong²
 Mr Vincent Chieng Ai Ung³
 Mr Lau Kah Ding

Alternate Members:

1: Mr Wong Hee Sing
 2: Mr Allen Teng Wei Jieng
 3: Ms Lau King Tuang



STA Timber Products Marketing Category Meeting in progress

(iii) STA Furniture and Other Woodworking Category Meeting No 1/2021, 22 March 2021

The Meeting noted that the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) is carrying out a study on license and permit requirements in the timber industry in Malaysia. A technical committee, consisting of stakeholders from the three (3) regions of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak, has been formed by MTC to facilitate the study. STA has also been appointed as a member of the technical committee.

The Meeting discussed anti-dumping investigation by the United States of America on imported wooden cabinets and vanities from Malaysia. The Meeting also discussed members' participation in the Shanghai International Furniture Machinery & Woodworking Machinery Fair which will be held from 3 to 6 September 2021 at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre, Shanghai Hongqiao, China.

STA Furniture and Other Woodworking Committee Members (2020 & 2021)

Chairman : Mr Yek Siew Liong
Vice Chairman : Mr Lai King Min
Honorary Secretary : Ms Evelyn Chung Nyet Joo
Honorary Treasurer : Mr Yap Fui Fook

Members:

Mr Desmond Cheng Hwa Tang
 Mr Alvin Yii Heng Kee
 Mr Ong Seng Guan
 Mr Lai Chin Choi



STA Furniture and Other Woodworking Category Meeting in progress

(iv) STA Log Marketing Category Meeting No 1/2021, 30 March 2021

The Meeting was updated on the Federal and Sarawak Governments' policies as well as initiatives to support the commitment to maintain at least 50% of land mass under forest cover, namely the (i) Malaysia Forest Policy; (ii) Sarawak Forest Policy; (iii) Sarawak's Policy Direction for Forest Management Certification; and (iv) 'Greening' campaign where Sarawak Government aims to plant 35 million trees by year 2025. The Meeting also discussed matters on log production, log export and phytosanitary certification.

STA Log Marketing Committee Members (2020 & 2021)

Chairman : Mr James Ho Yam Kuan
Vice Chairman : Dato' Tiong Ing
Honorary Secretary : Ms Audrey Wong Haw Ing
Honorary Treasurer : Mr George Wong Tuong Nang¹

Members:

Pemanca Datuk Sir Wong Kie Yik²
 Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King
 Datuk Yaw Chee Chik³
 Temenggong Dato Vincent Lau Lee Ming
 Datuk Hii King Chiong
 Ms Diana Lau Kor Ping
 Ms Adeline Lau Kor See
 Mr William Ting Dau Hu

Alternate Members:

1: Mr Ling Tiing Tchin
 2: Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung
 3: Mr Vincent Chieng Ai Ung



STA Log Marketing Category Meeting in progress

STA 丘陵采伐小组,木材产品行销小组以及傢俬与其它木工小组会员在2021年3月分别召开了线上视频会议。各会议推选任期两年(2020年和2021年)的新委员会成员。会议详情如英文版所列。

Ahli-ahli daripada Kategori-kategori Pembalakan Hutan Bukit, Pemasaran Kayu Balak, Pemasaran Produk Kayu serta Perabot dan Kerja Kayu Lain telah mengadakan mesyuarat maya pada Mac 2021. Dalam Mesyuarat tersebut, ahli-ahli jawatankuasa baru telah dilantik untuk penggal 2 tahun iaitu 2020 & 2021. Butiran mengenai mesyuarat-mesyuarat tersebut adalah seperti di dalam artikel ini.

STA Photography Contest 2020 Winners

STA has successfully organised its first photography contest with the theme “*Forests and Forest Landscapes of Sarawak*” in collaboration with Sarawak Photo-Art Society (SPAS). The contest was launched on 1 October 2020 and opened to enthusiastic photographers to capture the natural beauty and uniqueness of the forests environment across Sarawak.

The contest went through two (2) judging sessions, namely Filtering Panel Session and Judging Panel Session, both held at Wisma STA, Kuching, on 9 March 2021 and 19 March 2021 respectively. A total of 160 qualified photographs were carefully reviewed and considered by a panel of judges consisting of representatives from SPAS, STA Council Members and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA. The contest concluded on 19 March 2021 and the results have been published in STA Website at www.sta.org.my

本会与砂拉越摄影艺术协会 (SPAS) 成功合作举办了以“砂拉越森林与森林景观”为主题的首届摄影比赛。比赛于2020年10月1日开始，并于2021年3月19日结束。获奖者名单已发布在本会网站 www.sta.org.my。

STA telah menganjurkan peraduan fotografi pertama dengan tema “*Hutan dan Landskap Hutan Sarawak*” dengan kerjasama Persatuan Foto-Seni Sarawak (SPAS). Peraduan telah dilancarkan pada 1 Oktober 2020 dan berakhir pada 19 Mac 2021. Senarai pemenang telah diterbitkan di dalam laman web STA di www.sta.org.my



First Prize: Nature Beauty Forest of Sarawak by Mak Sen Fatt



Second Prize: Nature's Portrait by Rizal Bin Ahad



Third Prize: The Forest of Padawan by Clarence Meripa Meechang

Virtual Workshop on Social Forestry in Malaysia 2021

The Virtual Workshop on Social Forestry in Malaysia 2021, with the theme “*Experiences and Ways Forward*”, was jointly hosted by the Sabah Association for Social Forestry (SASOF), Non-Timber Forest Products – Exchange Programme (NTFP-EP) Malaysia and the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) from 24 to 25 March 2021.

The programmes lined up for the two (2) half-day virtual workshop were designed to achieve the objectives including to (i) present and discuss the Malaysian National Social Forestry Roadmap; (ii) share experiences, realities, and challenges of social forestry in Malaysia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries; as well as (iii) discuss general consideration in exploring potential social forestry projects to move the Roadmap forward.

It was learnt that some Southeast Asian countries have revised their regulations to, among others, allow participation of indigenous people and local communities in managing the forests. Recently, in 2020, the ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry (AWG-SF) formulated a new plan of action for year 2021-2025 and among some of the priorities defined under the plan of action include developing a social forestry activity database system to be used by ASEAN Member States for the purpose of sharing information.

In Sabah and Sarawak, social forestry programmes started in the 1990s. At the time, community based projects in Sarawak were mostly conducted in Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary under the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO), and social forestry practices were confined in the interior parts of Sabah. Tuan Haji Azahari Bin Omar from the Social Forestry Division of Forest Department Sarawak highlighted that the Sarawak Forest Policy 2019 has given social forestry more imminent emphasis.

Meanwhile, Mr Ricky Alisky Martin from Sabah Forestry Department shared Sabah's Reducing Emissions from

Deforestation and Forest Degradation and The Role of Conservation, Sustainable Management of Forests and Enhancement of Forest Carbon Stocks in Developing Countries (REDD+) Roadmap which began in 2011 and going beyond 2020. Sabah is currently planning for the full implementation of REDD+ and several joint projects to tackle climate change have been carried out. He agreed with Tuan Haji Azahari that funding is essential to craft policies that supports social forestry practices. Apart from funding, other challenges going forward include land use conflict and accessibility of remote areas.

Ms Nurul Shasheila Binti Abdul Mutalib, Assistant Director (Agroforestry) at the Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia, shared that social forestry initiatives in Peninsular Malaysia began in 1950s, and starting this year, the Department has devoted more efforts to create social forestry model. The Department has applied for funding from the Government to implement activities throughout 2021 to 2025, but lack of manpower expertise on social forestry at the Department is seen as an issue that needs immediate attention.

Representatives from NTFP-EP Malaysia and Jaringan Kampung Orang Asli Semenanjung Malaysia (JKOASM) also shared their social forestry experiences. Mr Dominic Langat from NTFP-EP Malaysia talked about how the organisation help the Penan community in Baram and Belaga conserve wild food such as sago and medicinal plant, while Ms Tijah Yok Chopil from JKOASM shared their initiatives on encouraging local communities to be not just consumers, but also stewards and conservationists of the forests.

While the speakers agreed that social forestry system contributes to the socio-economic wellbeing of the country especially the local communities, there should also be a balance between protecting and conserving the forests and sharing of benefits with all. Interpretation and implementation of best policy option for social forestry is very important because of the role played by social forestry in climate change management and adaptation.

沙巴社会林业协会 (SASOF), 马来西亚非木材林产品交流计划 (NTFP-EP) 和国际林业研究中心 (CIFOR) 于2021年3月24日至25日联合举办题为“经验和前进的方向”2021年马来西亚社会林业线上工作坊。为期两天半的线上工作坊所规划的活动旨在实现以下目标: (i) 提出并讨论马来西亚国家社会林业路线图; (ii) 分享马来西亚和东协 (ASEAN) 国家在社会林业方面的经验, 现实和挑战; 以及 (iii) 讨论在探索潜在的社会林业项目以推动路线图向前发展时的一般考虑事项。

Bengkel Maya Perhutanan Sosial di Malaysia 2021, dengan tema “*Pengalaman dan Langkah Ke hadapan*”, dianjurkan secara bersama oleh Persatuan Perhutanan Sosial Sabah (SASOF), Program Pertukaran - Produk Hutan Bukan Kayu Malaysia (NTFP-EP) dan Pusat Penyelidikan Perhutanan Antarabangsa (CIFOR) dari 24 hingga 25 Mac 2021. Program-program yang disusun semasa bengkel 2 setengah hari ini adalah untuk mencapai objektif termasuk (i) membentangkan dan membincangkan Pelan Perhutanan Sosial Kebangsaan Malaysia; (ii) berkongsi pengalaman, realiti, dan cabaran perhutanan sosial di Malaysia dan Persatuan Negara-negara Asia Tenggara (ASEAN); serta (iii) membincangkan pertimbangan umum dalam menerokai projek perhutanan sosial yang berpotensi untuk memacu Pelan tersebut.

Felling of Protected Tree Species Within Licenced Areas & Its Prohibited Acts

The Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) conducted a virtual briefing on the process of felling protected tree species within licenced areas and its prohibited acts on 16 March 2021. The briefing was attended by members of STA and officers from the STA Secretariat.

Tuan Haji Zolkipli Mohamad Aton, Chief Executive Officer of SFC cum Controller of Wild Life and National Parks & Nature Reserves Sarawak, in his welcoming remarks, mentioned that in 2020, the Sarawak Government had streamlined the functions of both Forest Department Sarawak and SFC. In line with this, SFC has been entrusted to protect the wildlife in Sarawak, to manage the Totally Protected Areas and to conserve the biodiversity of Sarawak under the *National Parks and Nature Reserves Ordinance, 1998* and *Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998*. The Controller of Wild Life relayed that under the *Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998*, the licensees are required to apply for licence from the Controller of Wild Life for the felling of any protected tree species in the areas marked and approved either for development or salvage.



Virtual briefing in progress

Subsequently, Mr Willy Chin of SFC presented the latest procedures for application of licence in the felling protected tree species within the licenced areas. The procedures are as follows:

- Licensee to write to Controller of Wild Life to apply licence to collect, cut and fell protected trees;
- Licensee to also submit supporting documents, i.e. tree mapping of protected species, locality map, tree enumeration data and valid Permit to Enter Coupe;
- Controller of Wild Life issues licence to collect, cut and fell protected tree species with fees of RM100/year for the licence and RM10/piece for the tree species;
- Upon receiving the licence from SFC, licensee can commence tree felling activity;
- Before removing the logs from licenced area, licensee to prepare log specification and summary of protected trees along with log production identity serial number as well as inform SFC to conduct ground verification and inspection; and
- Licensee to remove logs to the designated place.

Besides that, Mr Chin also touched on the prohibition of hunting within licenced area in accordance with the *Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998* and DF Circular No 6/99. He emphasised that, in licenced areas, employees of the timber companies are prohibited to (i) hunt; (ii) use company vehicles for hunting and carrying meat of wild animals; and (iii) sell wildlife and meat of wild animals. All feeder roads are to be closed after final block inspection to prevent further entry of vehicles for hunting of wildlife. STA members raised their concerns over the new procedures of felling of protected tree species within licenced area and hoped that these procedures will not cause any delay on their ground operations.

砂拉越林业机构有限公司 (SFC) 于2021年3月16日针对在许可区域内砍伐受保护树种的过程及其禁止的行为进行了线上简报会。本会会员和秘书处代表参与了该简报会。SFC 首席执行官兼砂拉越野生生物和国家公园与自然保护区总监哈芝基比利转述根据1998年《野生动物保护条例》,许可证持有人必须向野生生物总监申请许可证,以砍伐在标记为或经批准可用于开发或恢复区域内的任何受保护树木。

Perbadanan Perhutanan Sarawak (SFC) mengadakan taklimat maya mengenai proses penebangan spesies pokok terlindung di kawasan berlesen dan akta larangannya pada 16 Mac 2021. Taklimat tersebut dihadiri oleh ahli-ahli STA dan Sekretariat STA.

Tuan Haji Zolkipli Mohamad Aton, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif SFC merangkap Pengawal Hidupan Liar dan Taman Negara & Cagar Alam Sarawak menyatakan bahawa di bawah *Ordinan Perlindungan Hidupan Liar, 1998*, pemegang lesen hendaklah memohon lesen daripada Pengawal Hidupan Liar untuk penebangan spesies pokok terlindung di kawasan yang ditandai dan diluluskan sama ada untuk pembangunan atau pembersihan.

'Nyungkakka Penemu' Halatuju Penyelidikan Perhutanan di Malaysia

The Faculty of Agricultural Science and Forestry, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Bintulu Campus held the 'Nyungkakka Penemu' Halatuju Penyelidikan Perhutanan di Malaysia programme on 31 March 2021, in conjunction with UPM 50 Years Golden Jubilee Celebrations (1971-2021). Themed "Direction of Forestry Research in Malaysia", this programme explored the present and future needs and direction of forestry research in the country.

Two distinguished panellists were invited to speak during this 2-hour online programme which was moderated by Dr Roland Kueh, Deputy Dean (Research and Funding) of UPM Bintulu Campus, and attended by about 200 participants.

Datu Hamden Bin Haji Mohamad, Director of Forests, highlighted Sarawak's land use policy where forestry sector is allocated with 6 million hectares for the purpose of Permanent Forest Estates and 1 million hectares for Totally Protected Area, while 4 million hectares are for agricultural purpose and the remaining 1.4 million hectares for other land uses. He shared with participants the forestry research in Sarawak carried out by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and other organisations such as Sarawak Forestry Corporation and Sarawak Biodiversity Centre.

According to Datu Hamden, the history of forestry research in Sarawak started in 1921 with the collection of botanical specimens. To date, the herbarium in Sarawak has more than 300,000 specimens with 9,518 species from 3,088 genus and 336 family. He said that Sarawak currently has four (4) research centres, namely Forest Research Centre, Timber Research Centre, Industrial Forest Research Centre and Forest Technology & Geospatial Unit of FDS. He shared some of the on-going researches carried out in relation to the natural forest and planted forest as well as highlighted the challenges faced in forestry research such as shortage of manpower and expertise, sources of research funding and lack of interest in forestry research.

Dr Ismail Bin Parlan, Director of Forest & Environment Division at Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), spoke on the roles of FRIM in forestry research in Malaysia. He introduced the leisure facilities and natural attractions of FRIM as well as the existing research activities conducted by FRIM across Malaysia. He proudly revealed the awards and recognitions received by FRIM from 2009 to 2020 and the intellectual properties obtained by FRIM from 2013 to 2020. He also shared the main focus of FRIM in the coming 10 years (2020-2030) and the FRIM Strategic Plan Towards 2050 to be a global leader in tropical forest and forest products research.

The panellists had a fruitful discussion with participants before the end of the programme.



'Nyungkakka Penemu' Halatuju Penyelidikan Perhutanan di Malaysia

为了配合马来西亚博特拉大学 (UPM)成立50周年纪念活动 (1971-2021)，UPM民都鲁分校农业科学与林业学院于2021年3月31日举办线上标题为 'Nyungkakka Penemu' 马来西亚林业研究方向的讲座会。该讲座会探索国内林业研究当前和未来的需求及方向。

Fakulti Sains Pertanian dan Perhutanan, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Kampus Bintulu telah mengadakan program 'Nyungkakka Penemu' Halatuju Penyelidikan Perhutanan di Malaysia pada 31 Mac 2021, bersempena dengan Sambutan Jubli Emas 50 Tahun UPM (1971-2021). Bertemakan "Arah Penyelidikan Perhutanan di Malaysia", program ini meneroka keperluan dan arah penyelidikan perhutanan kini dan masa depan negara ini.

International Day of Forests 2021

The International Day of Forests (IDF) is celebrated worldwide on 21 March each year. With the current pandemic situation, the State-level celebration for IDF 2021 was celebrated with a much scaled-down version.

A launching ceremony was jointly organised by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and the Commission of the City of Kuching North (DBKU), with cooperation from Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd (HTSB), Sarawak Planted Forest (SPF), Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) as well as STA, on 26 March 2021, at Bukit Siol, Kuching. Themed “*Forests Restoration: A Path to Recover and Well-Being*”, IDF 2021 emphasised on the importance of forest restoration to curb crisis related to biodiversity and climate change for better health and general well-being of the people as well as future generations.

The launching ceremony was officiated by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg. Also present was Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Chief Minister of Sarawak who is also the Second Minister of Urban Development and Natural Resources cum Minister of International Trade and Industry, Industry Terminal and Entrepreneur Development.

The event was attended by approximately 300 participants including representatives from FDS, HTSB, SBC, Sarawak Energy Board (SEB), SFC, STIDC, SPF, Sime Darby Plantation (SDP), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), STA, local government officers, and members of the media. Upon arrival of the Chief Minister of Sarawak, a symbolic tree planting ceremony was carried out followed by a tour to the mini exhibition held in conjunction with IDF 2021.



A visit to the STA Booth at the mini exhibition held in conjunction with IDF on 26 March 2021

Datu Hamden Bin Haji Mohammad, Director of Forests, in his welcoming speech, mentioned that the theme for IDF 2021 is in line with Sarawak Government's initiative to ensure that Sarawak stays green through the Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) programme with the tagline “*Towards a Greener Generation*” launched on 15 June 2019. He also spoke of the efforts undertaken by FDS through the FLR initiatives where various planting activities have been carried out as well as the new collaboration with UPM involving technology based research works such as “*drone seedling*” to expedite planting efforts in degraded forest areas in Sarawak. He shared that FDS had also developed tree nurseries at Sabal, Niah, Sibul and Lawas to meet the needs of providing forest tree seedlings for planting throughout Sarawak.

In his opening speech, the Chief Minister of Sarawak said that the forest in Sarawak is known as one of the biological hotspots in the world for its rich and unique biodiversity. Sarawak has the highest forest coverage in the whole of Malaysia with 7.7 million hectares of trees covering the State. The forest is a vital contributor to the socio-economic development of Sarawak as well as to the mitigation of global climate change. He also pointed out the importance of balancing between transforming Sarawak into a developed State by 2030 and carrying out forest restoration activities to repair the ecological function of the forest for the well-being of the local communities.

The Chief Minister of Sarawak also mentioned that Sarawak Government has allocated RM62 million under the 12th Malaysia Plan for FDS to implement forest restoration programmes throughout Sarawak. Another allocation of RM2.5 million from cess fund has also been added to ensure the success of these programmes. He urged all forest licensees to carry out forest restoration activities in their respective licenced areas by working together with the local communities.

During the ceremony, a new species, i.e. *Vatica abang-zoharii*, was launched to honour the Chief Minister of Sarawak for his interest in the biodiversity and conservation of forests in Sarawak. Later, he also witnessed the exchange of three (3) Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between FDS with SEB, SDP and UPM. These MoUs establish cooperation in the aspects of environmental, restoration and conservation, especially in water catchment areas.

On 24 March 2021, a tree planting event was also held at Bukit Siol, with Datu Haji Junaidi Bin Haji Reduan, Mayor of DBKU, as the guest of honour. During this event, a total of 1,080 seedlings comprising six (6) species, namely Belian, Kapur Bukit, Luis, Lun Damar Hitam, Meranti Majau and Meranti Tembaga, were planted by the participants including STA.

在当前的疫情情况下，2021年世界森林日(IDF) 州级庆祝活动以缩小方式进行。IDF推展仪式于2021年3月26日在古晋武吉萧举行。IDF 2021 的主题为“森林恢复：通往复苏和福祉之路”，强调恢复森林对于遏制相关生物多样化和气候变化的危机对改善人民和后代的健康和福祉的重要性。



STA participated in the tree planting event held in conjunction with IDF on 24 March 2021

Dengan situasi semasa pandemik, sambutan Hari Hutan Antarabangsa (IDF) 2021 peringkat Negeri telah diraikan secara berskala kecil. Majlis pelancaran telah diadakan pada 26 Mac 2021, di Bukit Siol, Kuching.

Bertemakan “Restorasi Hutan: Jalan Menuju Pemulihan dan Kesejahteraan”, IDF 2021 menekankan kepentingan restorasi hutan untuk menangani krisis berkaitan dengan biodiversiti dan perubahan iklim bagi kesihatan yang lebih baik dan kesejahteraan umum rakyat serta generasi masa hadapan.

Net-Zero by 2050: UK and Japan Efforts to Address Climate Change

Even though the United Kingdom (UK) and Japan have both announced that they will aim to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, it is known that there is still a huge need for international action and collaboration to limit the global temperature rise in line with the Paris Agreement which was signed in 2016 during the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris. In making headway towards the COP26 to be held in November 2021, Chatham House in partnership with the Embassy of Japan in the UK and Japan House London organised a webinar on 31 March 2021 to discuss the latest efforts of the UK and Japan in tackling climate change.

The speakers for the webinar were Mr Junichiro Otake, Director (Climate Change Division), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, as well as Mr Peter Betts, Strategic Advisor to the Cabinet Office on COP26 and Associate Fellow (Energy, Environment and Resources Programme), Chatham House. The webinar was moderated by Ms Ana Yang, Acting Executive Director (Hoffmann Centre for Sustainable Resource Economy), Chatham House.

According to Mr Betts, challenges related to tackling climate change in the 2020s will involve issues that the public will notice such as heat and transportation, and addressing these issues will require good policy design and communication, including a sense that the transition to low carbon is being handled fairly. He also pointed out that innovation in overcoming climate change issues needs to be driven, but it does not provide immediate solutions. There are also the barriers of willingness to share intellectual property and know-how, as well as bringing down costs to enable the successful deployment of technologies which can require much investment. Mr Otake explained that to realise a decarbonised society

by 2050, Japan formulated its Green Growth Strategy in December 2020 under five (5) policy tools/support measures of (i) grant funding; (ii) tax incentive; (iii) guidance policy on finance; (iv) regulatory reform; and (v) international collaboration, together with action plans for fourteen (14) sectors involving energy, transport/manufacturing and home/office. He mentioned that Japan is also seeking to promote stronger collaboration between its central and local governments by sharing best practices of local communities. With this, Japan hopes to bring about a domino effect towards domestic decarbonisation.

Both speakers agreed that the UK and Japan should draw on their common and shared values to develop their collaboration on climate change, as well as in assisting and encouraging other countries to take action and move forward on climate goals.

在迈向将于2021年11月举行的联合国气候变化框架公约 (UNFCCC) 第26届缔约方会议 (COP26)，查塔姆研究所连同日本驻英国大使馆和伦敦日本之家于2021年3月31日举办线上研讨会以讨论英国和日本在应对气候变化方面的最新努力。

Bagi memacu ke arah Persidangan Para Pihak Ke-26 (COP26) di bawah Persidangan Rangka Kerja Pertubuhan Bangsa-bangsa Bersatu mengenai Perubahan Iklim (UNFCCC) yang akan diadakan pada November 2021, Chatham House dengan kerjasama Kedutaan Jepun di United Kingdom (UK) dan Japan House London telah mengadakan webinar pada 31 Mac 2021 untuk membincangkan usaha terkini UK dan Jepun dalam menangani perubahan iklim.

AdvocacyTalks: One Stop Centre for Business Travellers

On 18 March 2021, EUROCHAM Malaysia (European Union-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry) in collaboration with Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), organised a webinar entitled “*AdvocacyTalks: One Stop Centre (OSC) for Business Travellers*”. Mr Sivasuriyamoorthy Sundara Raja, Executive Director (Investment Promotion) from MIDA, was invited to share about the roles and functions of the OSC for Business Travellers.

The OSC has been set up by the Malaysian Government effective 2 October 2020 to ease the movement of business travellers by expediting the approval of their entries to do business or work in the country. It also assumes the critical role in ensuring the legitimacy and health status of business travellers before they enter into Malaysia. The OSC is managed by MIDA with support from Immigration Department of Malaysia (IMI), Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) as well as other relevant ministries and agencies.

Due to the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic on Malaysia's economic growth, the country's gross domestic product (GDP) has declined by 5.6% for the year 2020. Besides that, another challenge faced by the country is that its unemployment rate has increased by 0.1% month-on-month to 4.8% in November 2020 bringing the number of unemployed close to 800,000 people.

Between 2018 and 2019, the National Committee on Investment (NCI) had approved 241 FDI projects worth RM52.7 billion. In 2020, a total of 436 FDI projects worth RM56.6 billion had also been approved by NCI. Currently, MIDA is in the process of evaluating outstanding projects valued at RM89.4 billion while other projects worth RM47.7 billion have been submitted to NCI pending its approval. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of these projects have been delayed because foreign business owners were unable to be on the ground making decision, negotiating and finalising work to be done in Malaysia.

Therefore, the implementation of OSC is essential in reviving our economy by facilitating the movement of business travellers into Malaysia. The implementation of the OSC consists of three (3) components as follows:

i. OSC Committee

The OSC Committee is represented by MITI, MIDA, MOH and IMI. It is responsible for evaluating and approving two (2) types of applications, namely Long Term Business Travellers for those who are staying more than fourteen (14) days and Short Term Business Travellers for 14 days or less. The Committee meets daily and decisions are made within three (3) working days for each application upon receiving complete information.

ii. Business Travellers Centre (BTC)

MIDA in collaboration with MOH is finalising the construction of BTC at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) which will facilitate the incoming of Short Term Business Travellers' entry into Malaysia. Duty/Liaison Officers will be available at BTC to assist Short Term Business Travellers to check and verify their documents as well as undertake COVID-19 screening with result obtainable within 3 hours.

Note: The process and procedures upon arrival at KLIA for Short Term Business Travellers are different from Long Term Business Travellers. Short Term Business Travellers are required to undertake COVID-19 screening at BTC and are exempted from quarantine if result is negative, while Long Term Business Travellers will need to serve their mandatory quarantine period at designated centres/hotels.

iii. Online Website

A dedicated website safetravel.mida.gov.my has been set up to provide latest information and advisory services to business travellers who are entering Malaysia to do business or work. Alternatively, they could also contact the OSC Secretariat at osccom@mida.gov.my for general enquiries.

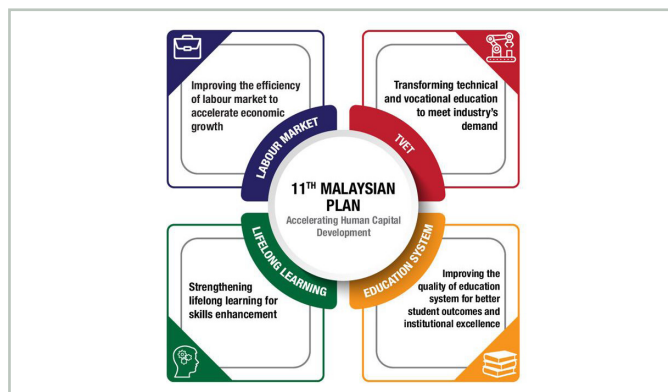
欧盟马来西亚商会 (EUROCHAM Malaysia) 与马来西亚投资发展局 (MIDA) 于2021年3月18日合办题为“商务旅客一站式中心(OSC)”线上研讨会。倡导讲座主讲者为 MIDA (推广投资) 执行董事西瓦苏里亚穆迪先生。他分享有关商务旅客 OSC 的角色和功能。

Pada 18 Mac 2021, EUROCHAM Malaysia (Dewan Perniagaan dan Industri Kesatuan Eropah-Malaysia) dengan kerjasama Lembaga Pembangunan Pelaburan Malaysia (MIDA), telah menganjurkan webinar bertajuk “*AdvocacyTalks: One Stop Centre (OSC) for Business Travellers*”. Encik Sivasuriyamoorthy Sundara Raja, Pengarah Eksekutif (Promosi Pelaburan) daripada MIDA dijemput untuk berkongsi mengenai peranan dan fungsi OSC bagi Pengembara Perniagaan.

HRDF Meet & Greet Session 2021

The Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) Sarawak Regional Office organised a Meet & Greet Session 2021 on 18 March 2021 through online platform to update employers especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs) registered with HRDF on the latest terms and conditions, services and products provided by HRDF.

Mr Bruce Jackson Joe Jabas, Associate of HRDF Sarawak Regional Office, informed participants that HRDF is one of the leading bodies in up-skilling, re-skilling & multi-skilling Malaysian talents to be globally competitive. He highlighted that HRDF has expanded the coverage of the *Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) Act 2001* effective from 1 March 2021 to Malaysian employers with ten (10) local employees or more across all industries except for Federal and State Governments, statutory bodies, and non-governmental organisations with social and welfare activities.



The Government has initiated several programmes under the 11th Malaysian Plan towards accelerating human capital development through 4 key areas. Under the area of "Strengthening lifelong learning for skills enhancement", HRDF is mandated to ensure the growth of current and future workforce through efficient high-skilled training certification programmes and initiatives
(Image courtesy of HRDF)

Apart from that, Mr Bruce also mentioned that HRDF through its Employers' Circular No 3/2021 dated 25 January 2021 announced that the terms and conditions for levy based schemes have been revised effective 1 April 2021. Under the revised terms and conditions, claimable courses must be offered by a HRDF registered training provider and the courses must also be registered with HRDF under the Skim Bantuan Latihan Khas (SBL-Khas). However, exception is made for certain types of trainings including in-house training conducted by internal trainers, product training by vendors, training conducted by government departments, training conducted by non-governmental organisations, overseas training/seminar/conference and long term development training involving academic qualifications.

Mr Bruce also enlightened participants on the enhancement of the terms and conditions for HRDF e-learning, mobile learning and remote online learning whereby the claimable sum for eligible online trainings has increased from RM500/pax/day to RM700/pax/day with effect from 15 January 2021. Mr Bruce also highlighted e-LATiH, a learning aggregator platform which offers all Malaysian unlimited access to more than 200 free online courses from now until 5 February 2022.

Apart from browsing HRDF website www.hrdf.com.my for latest information and updates, participants can also subscribe to the Telegram channel of HRDF Sarawak Regional Office.

During the Session, officers from the Credit Counselling and Debt Management Agency (CCDMA) and Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) were also invited to brief participants on their products and services. CCDMA, set up by the Central Bank of Malaysia in 2006, serves as a one-stop centre to empower households and SMEs, by providing financial education, advisory and debt management services, leading to a financially resilient society, while contributing to a sound, robust and inclusive financial system. The latest service offered by CCDMA is the Small Debt Resolution Scheme (SDRS). SDRS is a secondary avenue for SMEs and their banks to work out debt rehabilitation solutions amicably and collectively without resorting to legal recourse. More details of services and products offered by CCDMA are available on its official website www.akpk.org.my. SMA is a regulatory body with the primary objective to spearhead, oversee and facilitate the development and implementation of communication, multimedia and digital economy initiatives of Sarawak. Various projects implemented by SMA and their success stories were shared with participants.

人力资源发展基金 (HRDF) 砂拉越分局于2021年3月18日举办2021年线上座谈会，以向雇主特别是与 HRDF 注册的中小型企业 (SMEs) 提供有关 HRDF 的最新条款和条件，及所提供的服务和产品的最新信息。

Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (HRDF) Pejabat Cawangan Sarawak telah mengadakan Sesi Perjumpaan dan Kenalan 2021 pada 18 Mac 2021 melalui platform atas talian untuk memberi kemas kini kepada majikan terutamanya perusahaan kecil dan sederhana (SMEs) yang berdaftar dengan HRDF mengenai terma dan syarat, perkhidmatan serta produk terkini yang disediakan oleh HRDF.

MOHR-ILO Open Engagement Session on Social Dialogue and Trade Unions in Malaysia: The Way Forward

The Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) held the “MOHR-ILO Open Engagement Session on Social Dialogue and Trade Unions in Malaysia: The Way Forward” through video conferencing on 10 March 2021. The objective was to assess ecosystem of Malaysia’s industrial relations, including social dialogue and collective bargaining, and to ensure the reforms of the relevant labour acts, in particular to the *Trade Union (TU) Act 1959 [Act 262]*, are conducive towards the strengthening of the Malaysian industrial relations system.

Various experts were invited to share about relevant topics as follows:

Topic 1: Social Dialogue and Collective Bargaining: What’s Next for IR in Malaysia

by Mr John Ritchotte, ILO Specialist (Social Dialogue and Labour Administration), ILO

Mr Ritchotte presented the characteristics of industrial relations (IR) in Malaysia and noted that the Government has a predominant role in shaping the country’s IR relationship. He said that it is important to fully engage social partners in order to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Mr Ritchotte, some of the actions which could be taken to move towards an improved IR system include (i) reconsidering the role of the Government in IR; (ii) increasing the roles and responsibilities of workers and employers; (iii) promoting greater representativeness for workers and employers; (iv) using the tripartite National Labour Advisory Council (NLAC) and bipartite mechanisms such as workplace cooperation and collective bargaining more robustly; as well as (v) amending existing laws to achieve conducive legal framework.

Topic 2: Amendment to Trade Unions Act 1959 [Act 262]

by Mdm Nazatulsima Bt Che Hassan, Director, Department of Trade Union Affairs (Perak)

Mdm Nazatulsima highlighted three (3) main areas of proposed amendments to the TU Act 1959, namely (i) discretionary power of the Director General of Trade Union (DGTU), (ii) discretionary power of the Minister; and (iii) rights of trade unions.

The proposed changes to the power of DGTU touched on registration and cancellation of trade union, suspension of a trade union branch, declaration of strike as well as withdrawal or declaration of affiliation with international bodies. Meanwhile, amendments have also been proposed pertaining to the power of the Minister, i.e. Minister of Human Resources, on suspension of trade unions, removal of ouster clause and provision of automatic stay for cancellation or withdrawal of trade union’s registration. She also shared various proposed amendments to the rights of trade unions in relation to formation and membership of trade unions, application time frame to register trade unions as well as threshold for calling strike or lockout.

Later, a panel discussion was held to gain understanding on the way forward for stakeholders facing challenges in labour issues. A total of four (4) panelists were invited, namely Datuk Hj Shamsuddin Bardan, Executive Director, Malaysian Employers Federation; Mr Mohd Effendi A Ghani, Malaysian Trades Union Congress; Mr T Shanmugan, Ministry of Human Resources; and Mdm Nazatulsima. All 4 panelists were in consensus on the importance of convening the NLAC to discuss various pressing matters including the proposed amendments to the TU Act 1959 and the impacts of COVID-19 to employers and employees, among others.

The session was attended by representatives from various trade unions, employers’ organisations and associations including STA.

Kementerian Sumber Manusia (MOHR) dan Pertubuhan Buruh Antarabangsa (ILO) mengadakan “Sesi Penglibatan Terbuka MOHR-ILO mengenai Dialog Sosial dan Kesatuan Sekerja di Malaysia: Langkah Kehadapan” melalui persidangan video pada 10 Mac 2021.

Objektif Sesi adalah untuk menilai ekosistem hubungan perindustrian di Malaysia, termasuk dialog sosial dan penawaran kolektif, dan untuk memastikan pembaharuan akta buruh yang relevan, khususnya Akta Kesatuan Sekerja (TU) 1959 [Akta 262] adalah kondusif ke arah pengukuhan sistem hubungan perindustrian di Malaysia.

人力资源部 (MOHR) 和国际劳工组织 (ILO) 于2021年3月10日联办 MOHR-ILO 马来西亚社会对话和工会：前进的道路开放式会议。

目的是评估马来西亚劳资关系生态系统，涵盖社会对话和集体谈判，以及确保有关劳动法的改革，主要是1959年工会 (TU) 法令 (第262条) 有利于加强马来西亚劳资关系体系。

Expansion of PSMB Act 2001

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) organised a virtual meeting on 29 March 2021 attended by 30 members of MEF East Malaysia Region. Chaired by Mr George Young Jr, Associate Consultant Industrial Relations of MEF, the meeting aimed at sharing information about the latest expansion of the *Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) Act 2001*.

Effective from 1 March 2021, the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) has expanded the coverage of the PSMB Act 2001 to Malaysian employers with ten (10) local employees or more across all industries except for Federal and State Governments, statutory bodies, and non-governmental organisations with social and welfare activities. Through this expansion, HRDF will be able to improve its regulatory and funding support across all industries as well as increase the number of employees who are eligible for training under HRDF approved courses.

Employers who were previously not eligible to register with HRDF or had their application rejected because it was not subject to the PSMB Act 2001 prior to 1 March 2021, may now be subject to the Act and liable to pay HRD levy. Potentially liable employers will have received

a letter from HRDF to register, and they must respond by completing Form 1 through the HRDF website and submitting it within thirty (30) days from the date stated on the letter. Employers can check their eligibility/liability by referring to www.hrdf.com.my/expansion_psmb_act2001/

Ms Tuty Binti Bujang, Regional Manager of HRDF, who presented the information, added that Section 13(1) of the PSMB Act 2001 stipulates that employers liable under the Act are obligated to register. Employers who are convicted for not registering with HRDF may be fined up to an amount not exceeding RM10,000 or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year or both under Section 13(2) of the PSMB Act 2001. According to her, employers of the new sectors are given an exemption from paying HRD levy for three (3) months from 1 March 2021 to 31 May 2021.

Related road tour briefing sessions will be conducted nationwide soon. For more information, contact HRDF Sarawak at 082-254721/254564; or HRDF Kuala Lumpur, Mr Suhaimy Mohd at 03-20964606 or email to suhaimy@hrdf.com.my, or Ms Kamariah Samri at 03-20964869 or email to kamariah@hrdf.com.my

Employers of the new sectors are given an exemption of HRD levy for three (3) months under *Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001* from 1 March to 31 May 2021. The registration of HRDF employers under the new industries takes effect from 1 March 2021.



Expansion of PSMB Act 2001 (Image courtesy of HRDF)

人力资源发展有限公司 (PSMB) 于2021年3月1日起扩大2001年 PSMB 法案的适用范围，以涵盖所有行业且拥有至少10名本地雇员的马来西亚雇主，但联邦和州政府，法定机构以及从事社会和福利活动的非政府组织除外。通过这项扩展，人力资源发展基金 (HRDF) 将能够改善其在所有行业的监管和资金支助，并增加有资格获得 HRDF 所批准的培训课程的雇员人数。

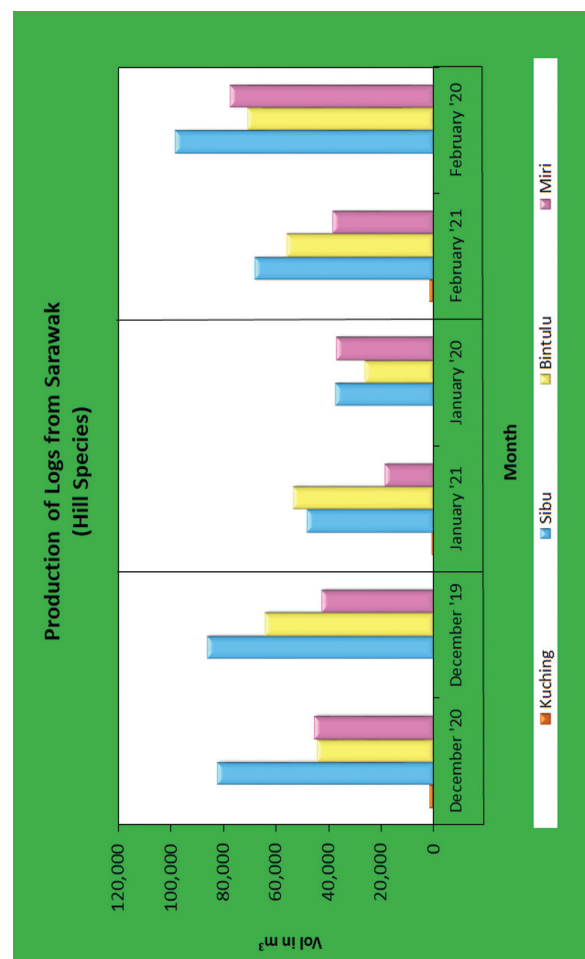
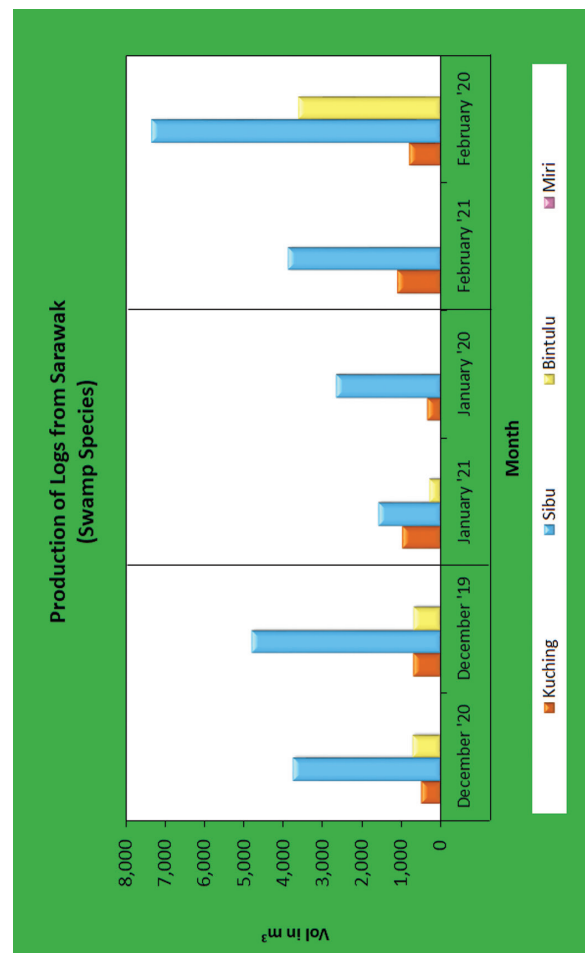
Berkuatkuasa mulai 1 Mac 2021, *Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad* (HRDF) telah memperluaskan liputan Akta PSMB 2001 untuk merangkumi majikan Malaysia yang mempunyai 10 atau lebih orang pekerja tempatan di semua industri kecuali Kerajaan Wilayah dan Negeri, badan berkanun, serta pertubuhan bukan kerajaan yang menjalani aktiviti sosial dan kebajikan. Melalui peluasan ini, HRDF akan dapat menambahbaik sokongan kawal selia dan pendanaannya di semua industri serta meningkatkan jumlah pekerja yang layak dilatih di bawah kursus yang diluluskan oleh HRDF.

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	December '20	December '19	January '21	January '20	February '21	February '20	Jan - Feb '21	Jan - Feb '20
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	1,442	---	769	---	1,413	---	2,182	---
(Swamp)	508	697	983	368	1,104	809	2,087	1,177
Sibu (Hill)	82,381	86,442	48,443	37,609	68,308	98,567	116,751	136,175
(Swamp)	3,759	4,808	1,615	2,682	3,902	7,364	5,517	10,046
Bintulu (Hill)	44,617	64,498	53,449	26,551	56,081	71,143	109,530	97,694
(Swamp)	735	698	308	---	---	3,633	308	3,633
Miri (Hill)	45,647	42,726	18,707	37,171	38,504	77,683	57,211	114,854
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Subtotal (Hill)	174,087	193,666	121,369	101,331	164,307	247,393	285,676	348,724
(Swamp)	5,003	6,203	2,906	3,050	5,006	11,806	7,912	14,856
Total:	179,089	199,869	124,275	104,381	169,313	259,198	293,587	363,579



Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak

(Please note that the figures for March '21 Edition may be subject to change in the next Edition due to revised data from source)

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	October '20	November '20	December '20	January '21	February '21	Jan - Feb '21
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Bindang	2,021	1,412	1,298	1,347	986	2,333
Meranti	77,631	81,356	69,676	44,447	64,112	108,560
Kapur	6,951	7,449	6,590	5,001	4,932	9,932
Keruing	4,925	4,810	4,517	2,857	3,873	6,730
Sepetir	571	686	520	321	460	781
Selangan Batu	4,639	4,812	4,286	3,056	3,762	6,817
Nyato	2,329	2,111	1,821	1,343	1,839	3,182
Other Species	95,971	106,270	85,377	62,998	84,343	147,341
Total:	195,036	208,904	174,087	121,369	164,307	285,676

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

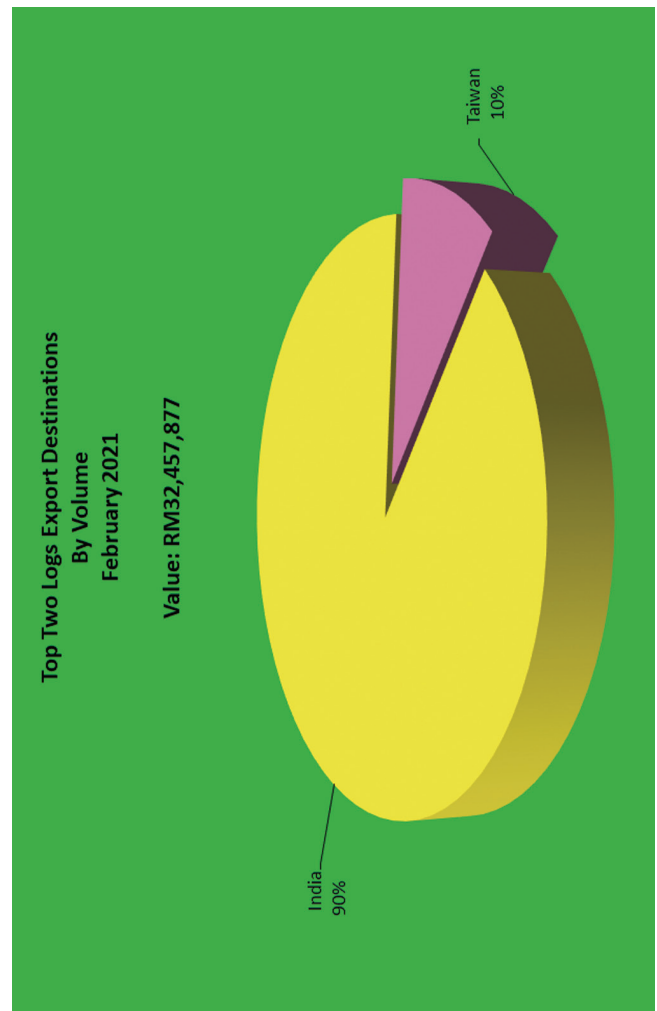
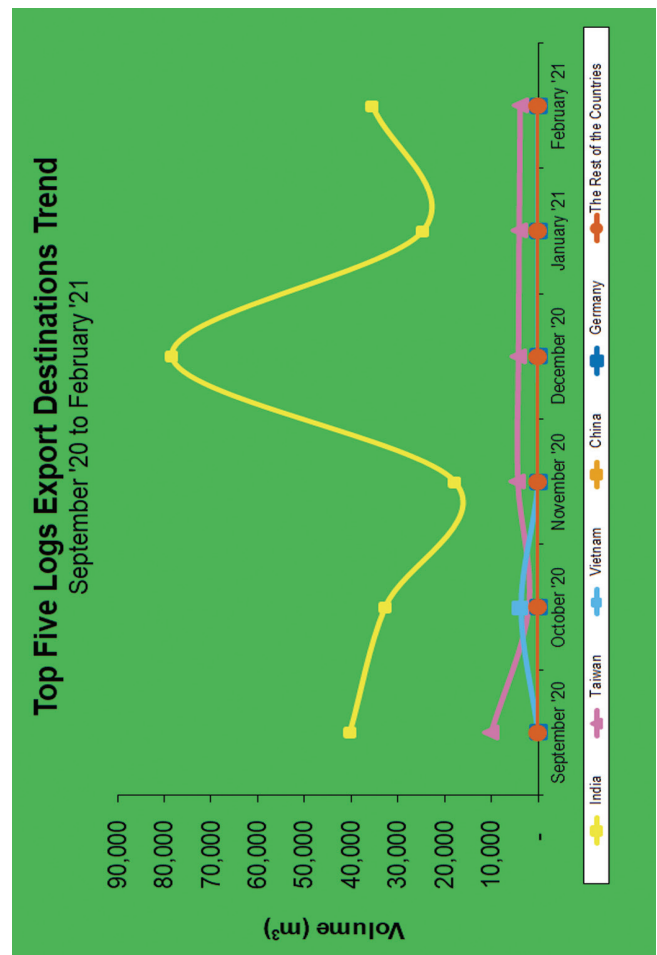
Swamp Species	October '20	November '20	December '20	January '21	February '21	Jan - Feb '21
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Ramin	---	---	---	---	---	---
Jongkong	2	---	21	2	14	15
Sepetir	2	16	28	1	4	5
Alan	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapur	113	249	236	87	80	167
Keruing	19	19	9	1	7	8
Meranti	378	868	280	129	519	647
Other Species	4,643	6,305	4,430	2,687	4,382	7,069
Total:	5,157	7,458	5,003	2,906	5,006	7,912

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak
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EXPORT OF LOGS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

EKSPORT BALAK MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之原木出口量

Country of Destination	December '20		January '21		February '21		Jan - Feb '21		Jan - Feb '20	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
China 中国										
India 印度	78,299	64,835,743	24,623	20,365,162	35,395	28,964,062	60,018	49,329,224	56,827	44,677,028
Indonesia 印尼									113,297	27,605,582
Japan 日本									1,376	1,153,195
Korea 韩国										
Taiwan 台湾	4,253	3,287,469	4,107	3,969,237	3,881	3,493,815	7,988	7,463,052	8,973	7,773,867
U.S.A. 美国										
Vietnam 越南									7,750	5,335,661
Other Countries 其他国家										
Total:	82,553	68,123,212	28,729	24,334,399	39,276	32,457,877	68,006	56,792,276	188,223	86,545,333

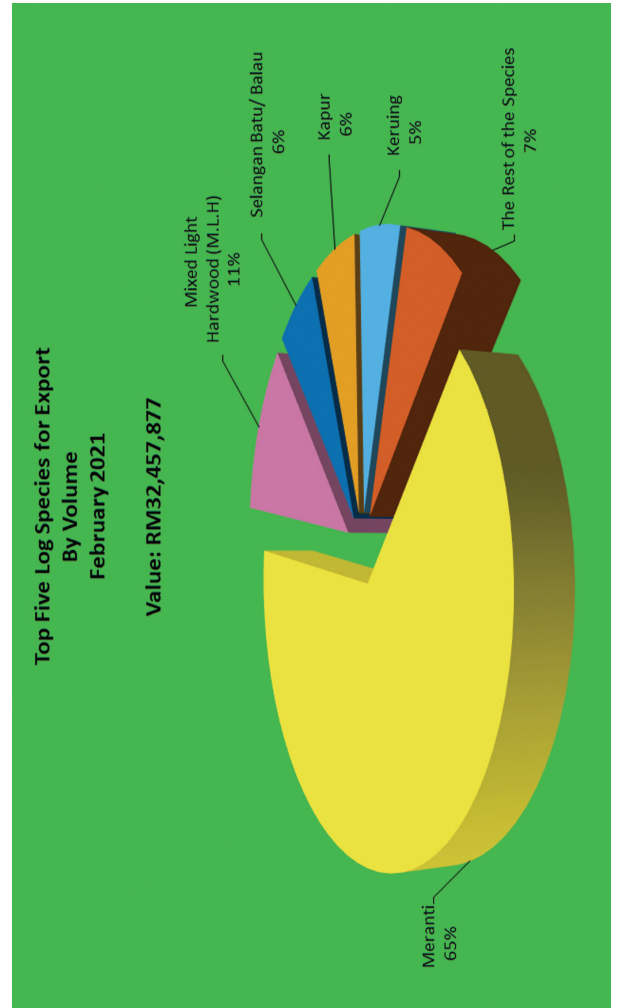
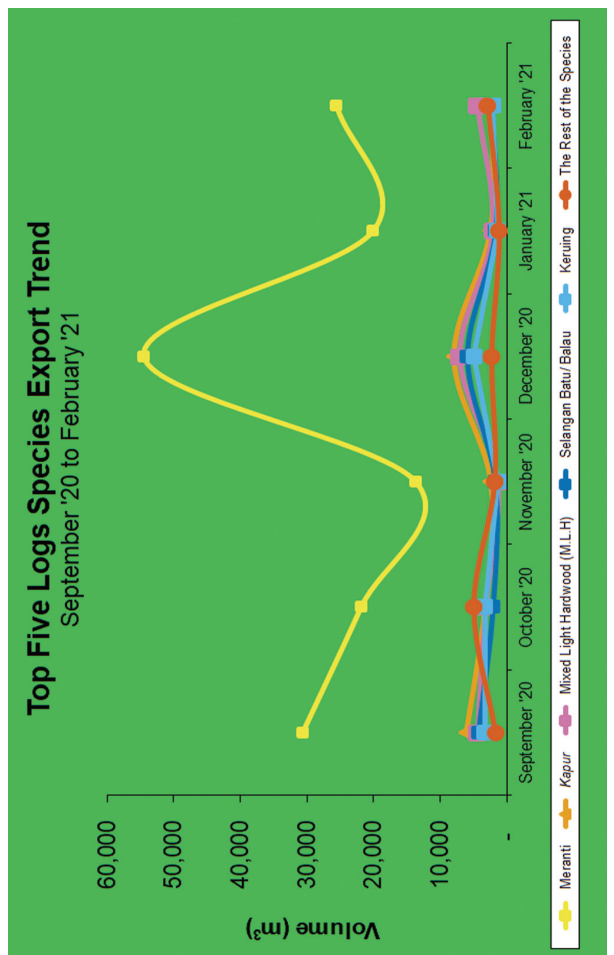


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EXPORT OF LOGS BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK

EKSPORT BALAK MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越原木树种出口量

Species	December '20		January '21		February '21		Jan - Feb '21		Jan - Feb '20	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Arau	826	804,617	62	60,409	674	629,980	736	690,389	1,375	1,409,872
Kapur	7,888	8,708,381	2,376	2,823,124	2,198	2,671,948	4,574	5,495,072	7,785	7,645,903
Keruing	4,915	4,008,170	1,373	1,136,724	2,046	1,780,804	3,420	2,917,527	3,909	2,958,262
Meranti	54,514	41,830,125	20,113	16,040,396	25,593	20,124,211	45,707	36,164,607	44,024	30,925,467
Mersawa	372	368,480	110	99,575	216	204,078	327	303,653	381	270,327
Mixed Light Hardwood (M.L.H)	7,085	4,041,300	2,087	1,193,036	4,390	2,521,622	6,478	3,714,659	8,136	3,899,322
Mixed Medium Hardwood (M.M.H)	296	224,901	159	94,593	1,211	730,097	1,369	824,691	728	510,014
Nyatoh	26	18,273	---	---	65	39,645	65	39,645	322	221,498
Resak	614	581,439	136	118,496	557	458,268	693	576,764	827	569,518
Selangan Batu/ Balau	5,940	7,465,691	1,696	2,289,935	2,283	3,264,435	3,978	5,554,370	6,307	9,620,551
Other Species	76	71,833	616	478,111	43	32,789	659	510,900	114,429	28,514,600
Total:	82,553	68,123,212	28,729	24,334,399	39,276	32,457,877	68,006	56,792,276	188,223	86,545,333

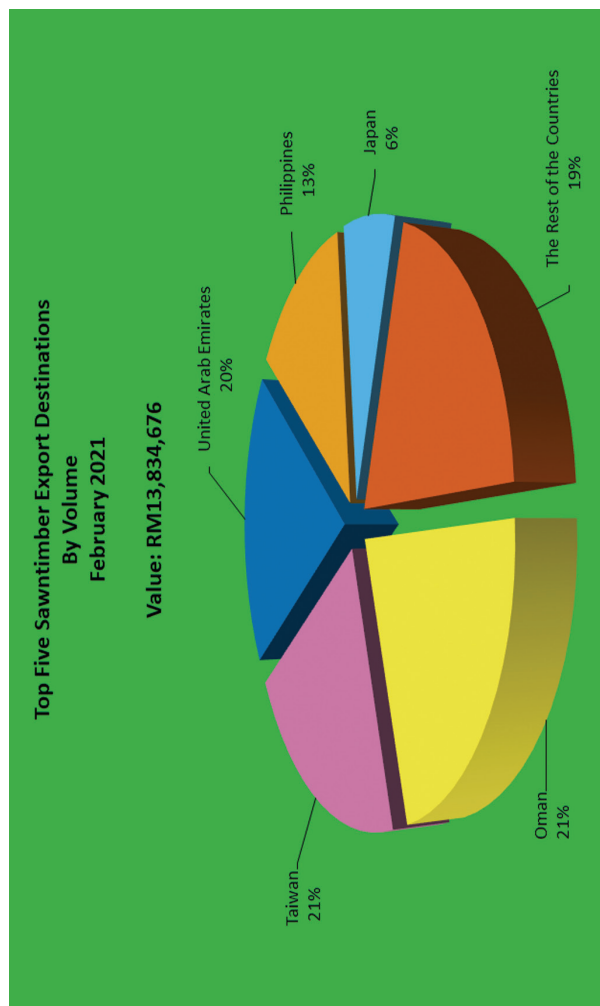
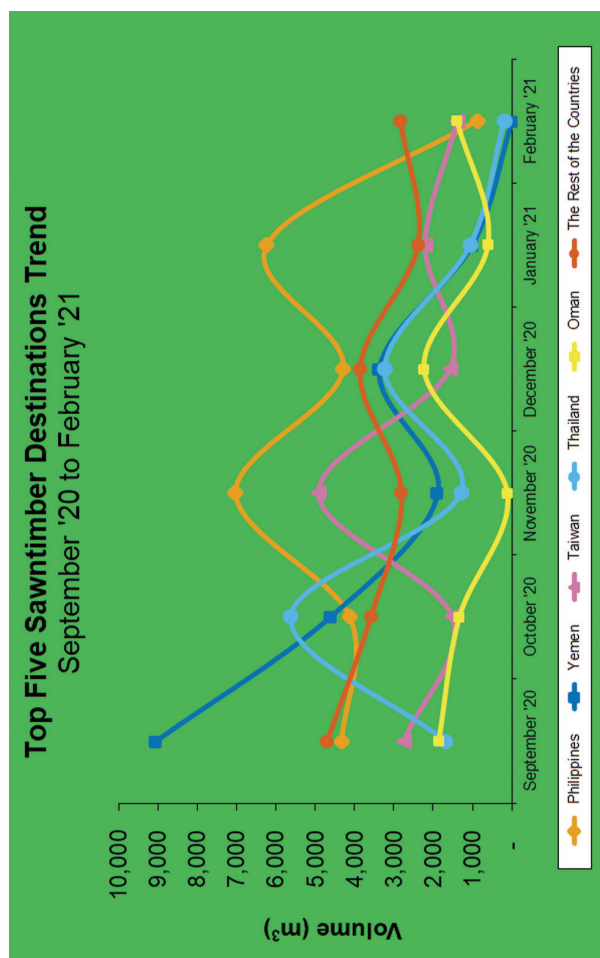


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EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越至各目的地之锯木出口量

Country of Destination	December '20		January '21		February '21		Jan - Feb '21		Jan - Feb '20	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
China 中国	576	823,092	100	119,877	192	341,584	292	461,461	694	1,864,311
Japan 日本	948	2,299,972	548	1,239,042	440	1,104,444	989	2,343,486	1,561	4,014,719
Korea 韩国	287	406,885	550	925,431	196	355,294	746	1,280,724	1,943	3,221,620
Oman 奥曼	2,229	3,458,764	607	966,020	1,395	2,590,598	2,001	3,556,618	3,559	4,207,465
Philippines 菲律宾	4,291	4,873,361	6,235	9,256,312	873	2,069,402	7,108	11,325,714	14,684	21,622,839
South Africa 南非	219	338,419	220	422,877	328	618,156	548	1,041,033	430	838,011
Sri Lanka 斯里兰卡	261	590,593	286	675,360	189	394,511	475	1,069,871	219	530,446
Taiwan 台湾	1,565	2,740,420	2,198	3,542,291	1,386	2,464,622	3,585	6,006,914	5,115	7,819,103
Thailand 泰国	3,235	4,099,810	1,049	1,417,814	188	243,849	1,237	1,661,663	5,396	6,229,201
United Arab Emirates 阿拉伯联合酋长国	1,186	2,864,908	91	96,570	1,314	3,379,159	1,404	3,475,729	813	2,066,982
Other Countries 其他国家	3,759	7,157,181	1,595	3,051,698	178	273,057	1,773	3,324,755	22,043	40,586,269
Total:	18,555	29,653,407	13,479	21,713,292	6,679	13,834,676	20,158	35,547,968	56,455	93,000,967

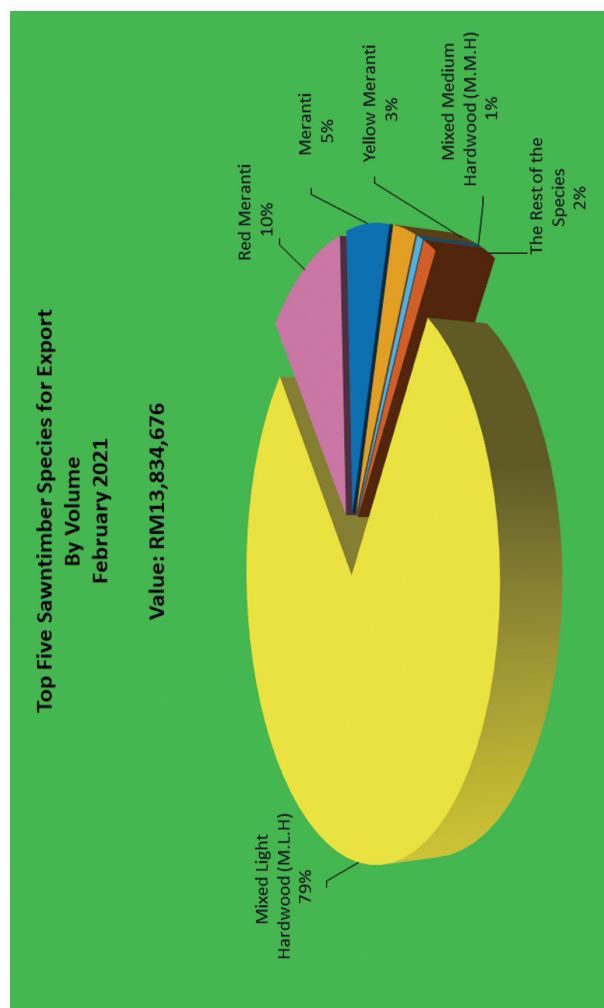
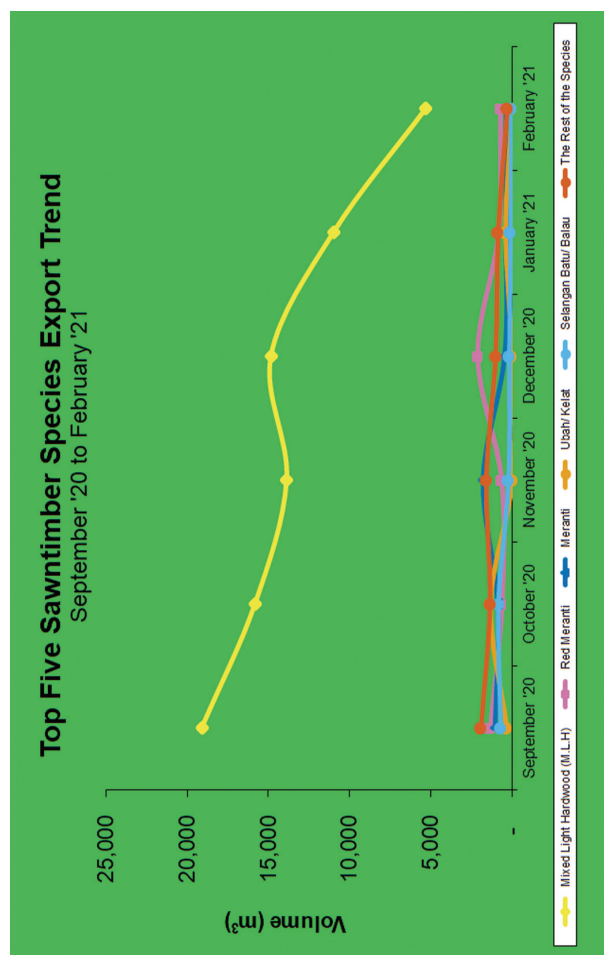


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EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK

EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK 砂拉越锯木树种出口量

Species	December '20		January '21		February '21		Jan - Feb '21		Jan - Feb '20	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
<i>Acacia mangium</i>	247	361,537	35	76,359	35	76,282	69	152,642	112	145,705
Bindang/ Damar Minyak/ Agathis	---	---	133	327,772	---	---	133	327,772	92	227,836
Keranji	54	91,910	176	283,717	---	---	176	283,717	172	243,500
Meranti	438	953,038	367	890,698	361	951,786	728	1,842,484	1,789	2,986,853
Mixed Light Hardwood (M.L.H)	14,842	22,877,859	10,980	17,117,466	5,300	10,847,265	16,280	27,964,731	49,351	80,020,440
Mixed Medium Hardwood (M.M.H)	116	201,264	35	51,136	46	91,310	82	142,446	651	741,413
Red Meranti	2,106	3,402,443	800	1,573,217	694	1,360,385	1,495	2,933,602	1,457	2,418,262
Selangan Batu/ Balau	145	335,139	74	94,328	37	68,754	111	163,083	544	1,482,281
Ubah/ Kelat	21	41,704	422	431,035	25	39,780	446	470,815	310	568,819
Yellow Meranti	148	290,265	211	399,029	181	399,113	392	798,143	655	994,767
Other Species	438	1,098,248	247	468,535	---	---	247	468,535	1,322	3,171,089
Total:	18,555	29,653,407	13,479	21,713,292	6,679	13,834,676	20,158	35,547,968	56,455	93,000,967

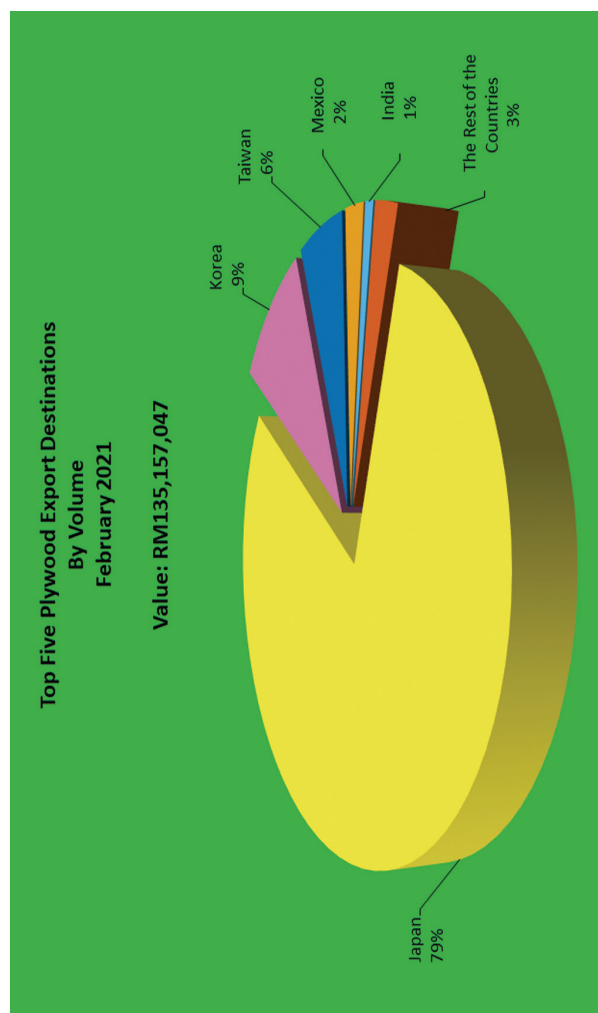
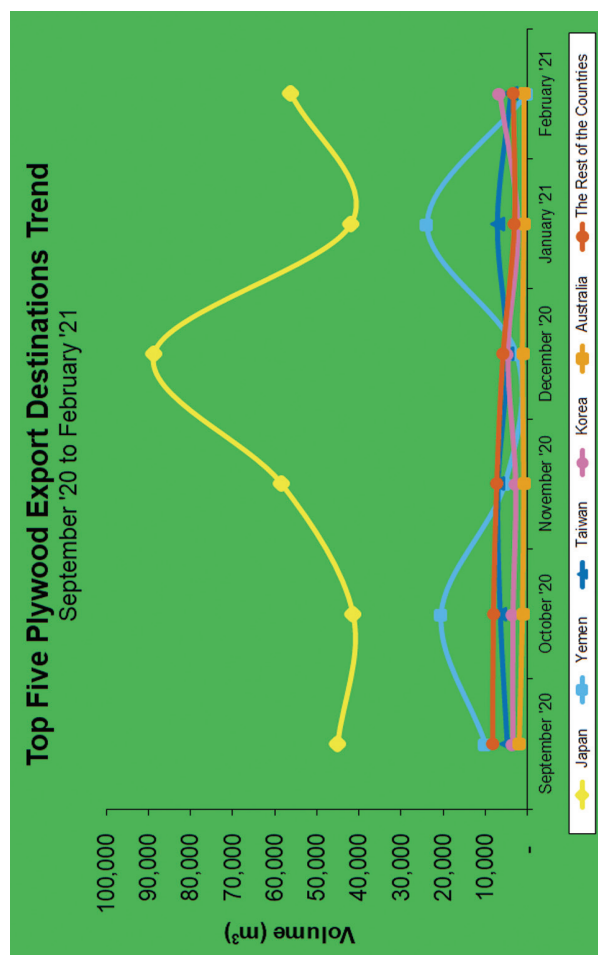


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EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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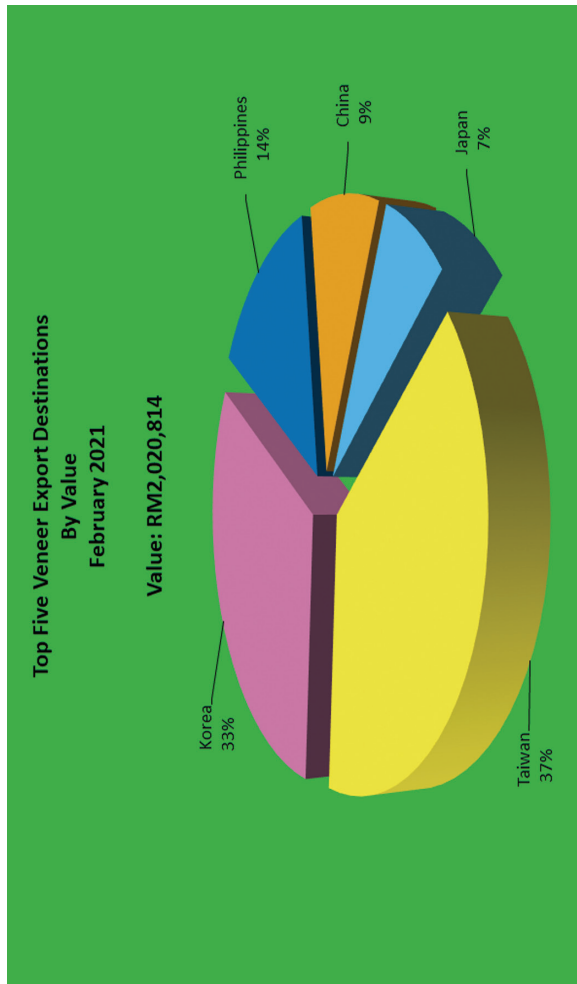
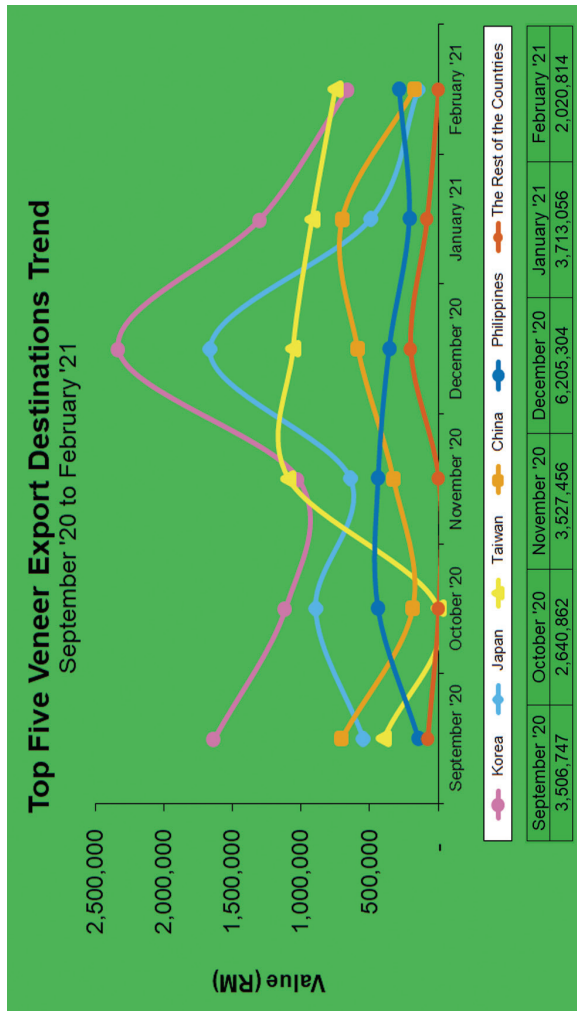
Country of Destination	December '20		January '21		February '21		Jan - Feb '21		Jan - Feb '20	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	1,151	2,680,373	770	1,978,539	697	1,783,862	1,467	3,762,401	2,190	5,405,844
Brunei 汶莱	593	767,501	559	786,549	251	347,378	810	1,133,927	1,260	2,058,925
China 中国	540	1,032,596	128	232,322	283	485,725	411	718,047	202	350,774
India 印度	693	1,483,916	626	1,323,349	708	1,754,747	1,334	3,078,096	1,430	3,020,826
Japan 日本	88,675	163,186,247	41,921	77,753,768	56,279	111,044,808	98,199	188,798,575	133,751	259,590,384
Korea 韩国	4,734	6,901,213	2,297	3,642,347	6,702	9,667,855	8,999	13,310,202	15,003	24,687,170
Mexico 墨西哥	911	1,863,783	537	1,138,205	1,618	3,343,238	2,155	4,481,443	1,573	3,335,336
Philippines 菲律宾	232	521,221	233	538,506	165	325,005	398	863,511	1,026	2,180,247
Taiwan 台湾	4,913	6,896,279	7,213	10,980,185	4,044	5,274,020	11,257	16,254,205	14,922	22,352,241
U.S.A. 美国	527	1,072,745	198	401,822	283	577,200	482	979,022	156	380,584
Other Countries 其他国家	5,010	9,053,749	24,715	37,630,909	220	553,209	24,934	38,184,117	35,857	55,763,413
Total:	107,978	195,459,623	79,196	136,406,501	71,250	135,157,047	150,446	271,563,548	207,369	379,125,746



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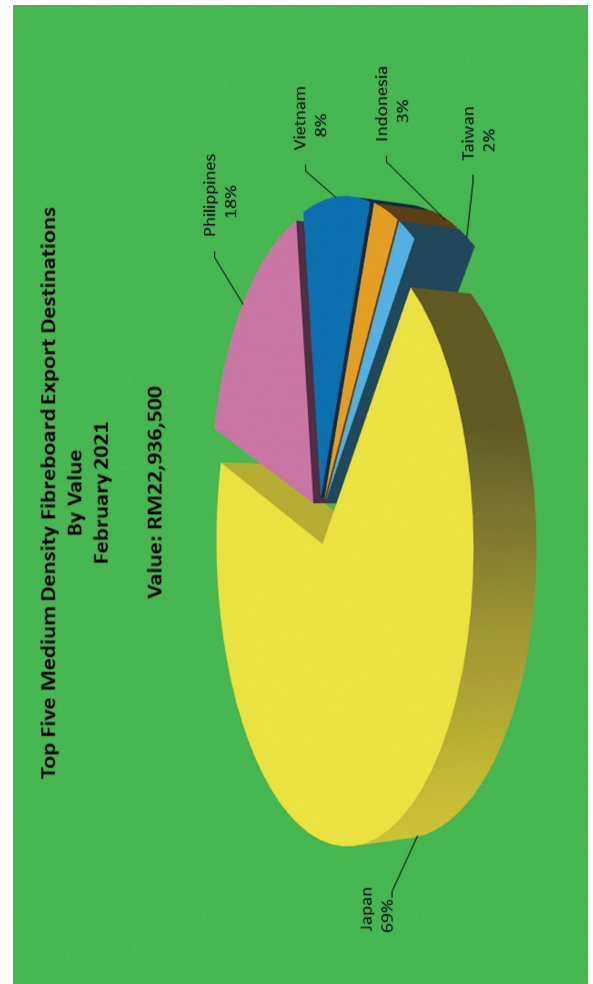
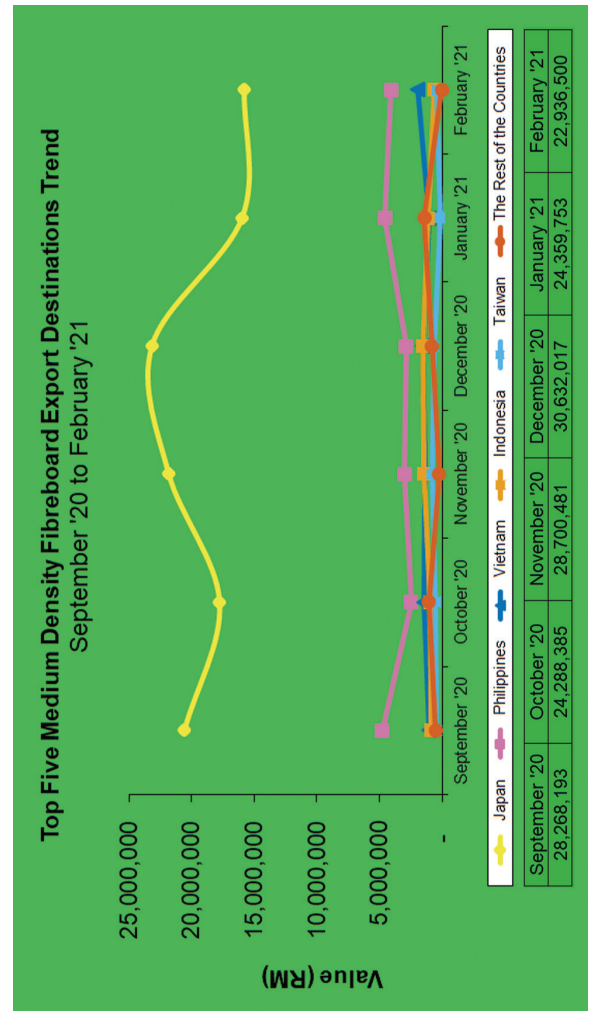
EXPORT VALUE OF VENEER BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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

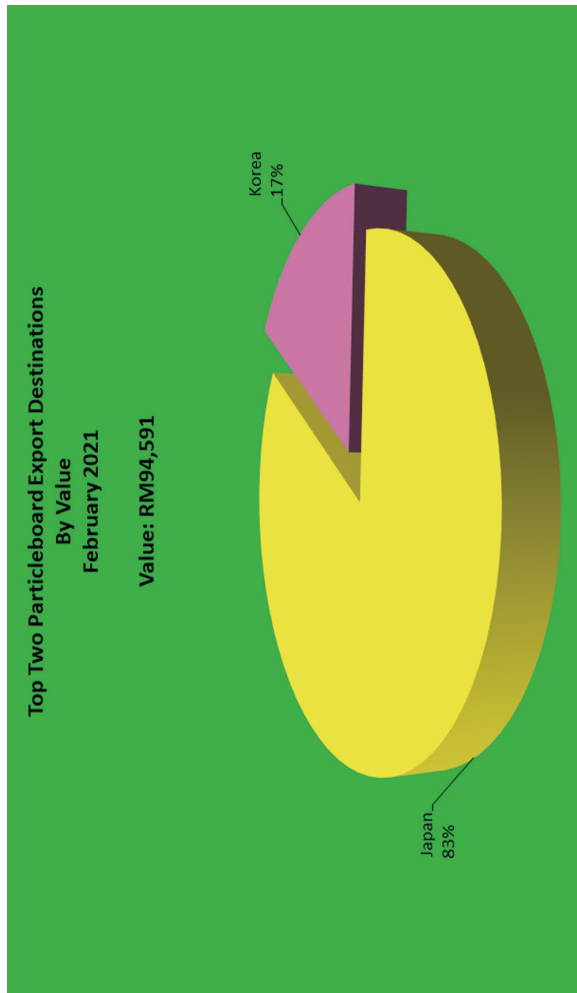
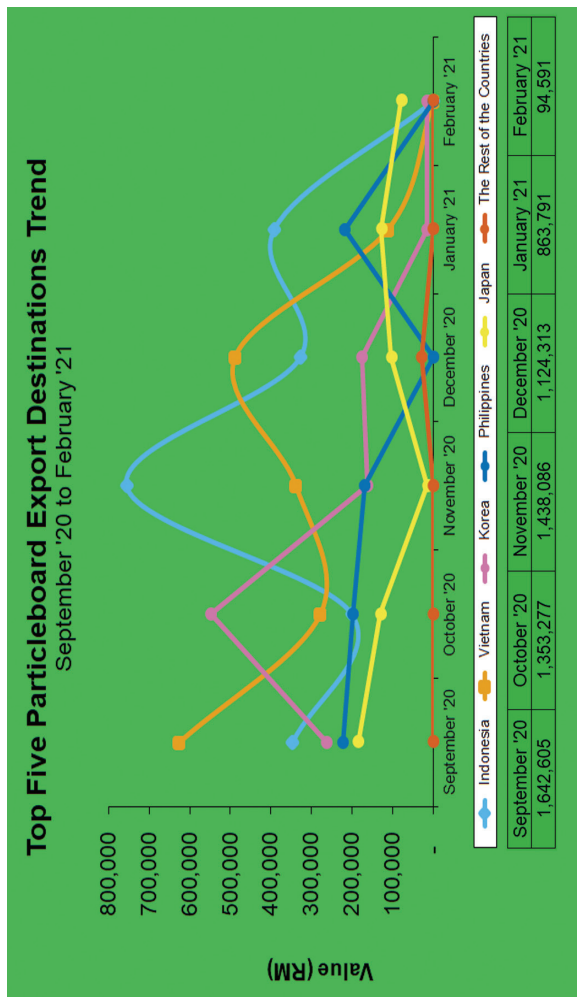
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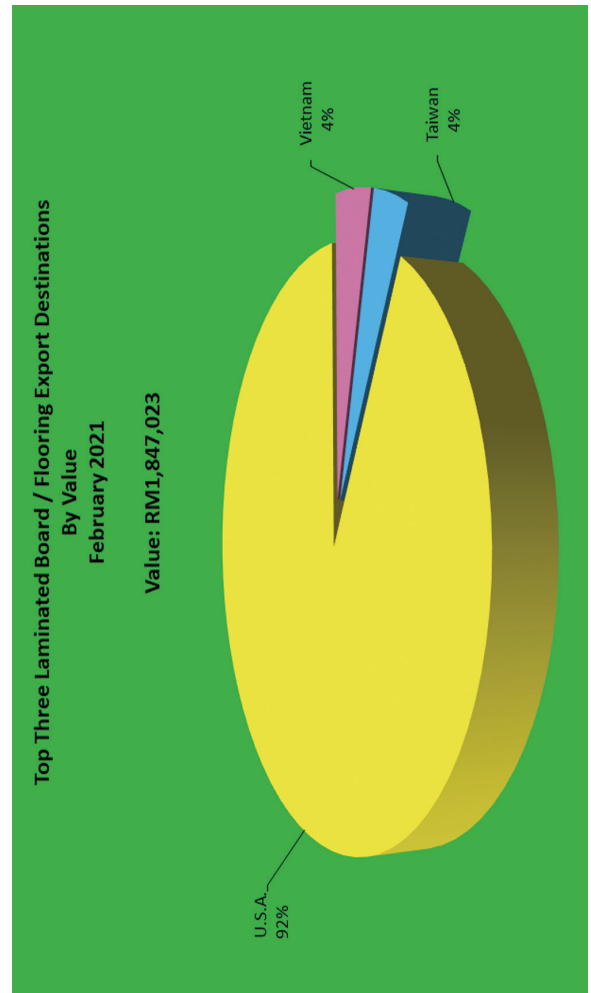
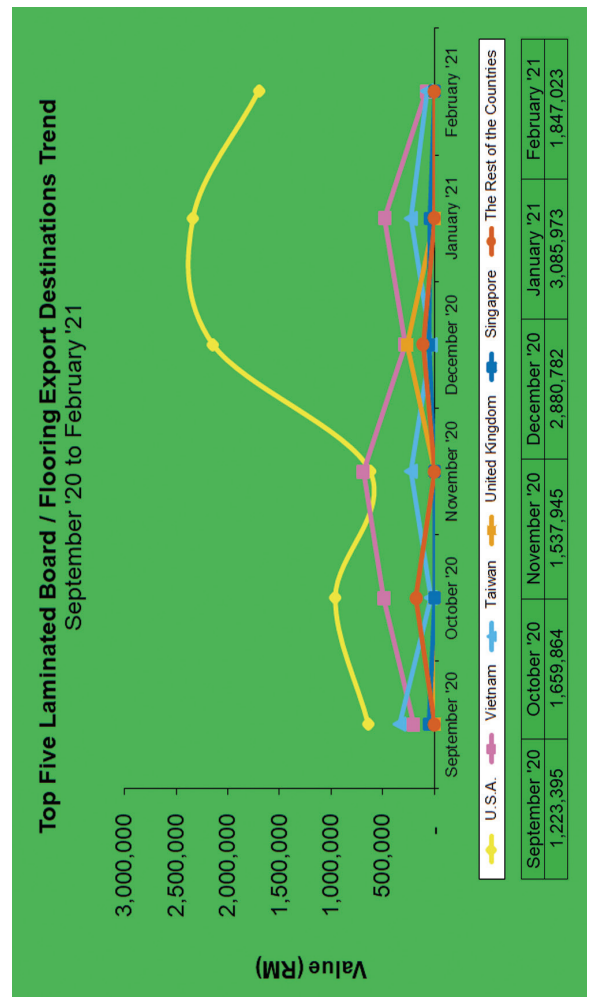
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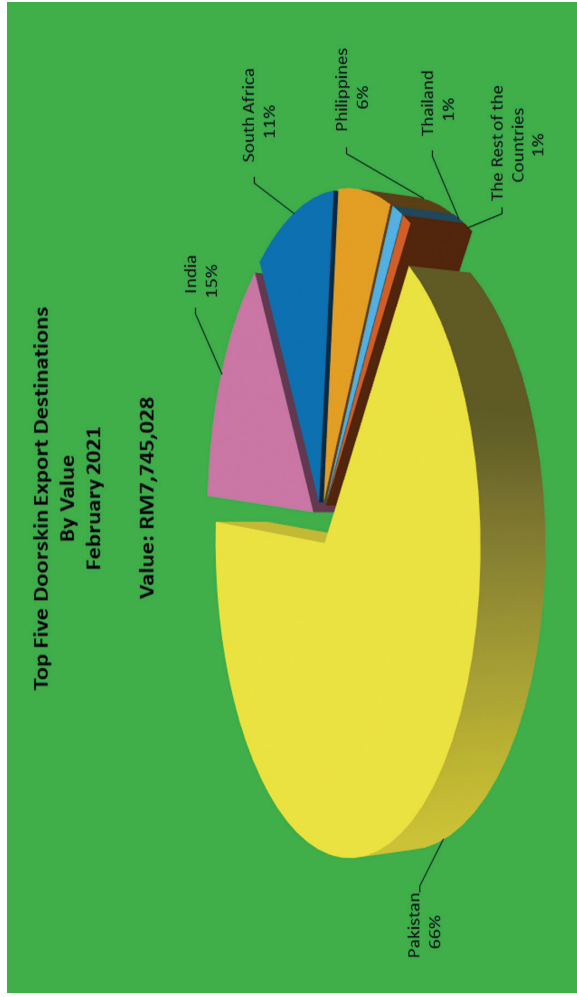
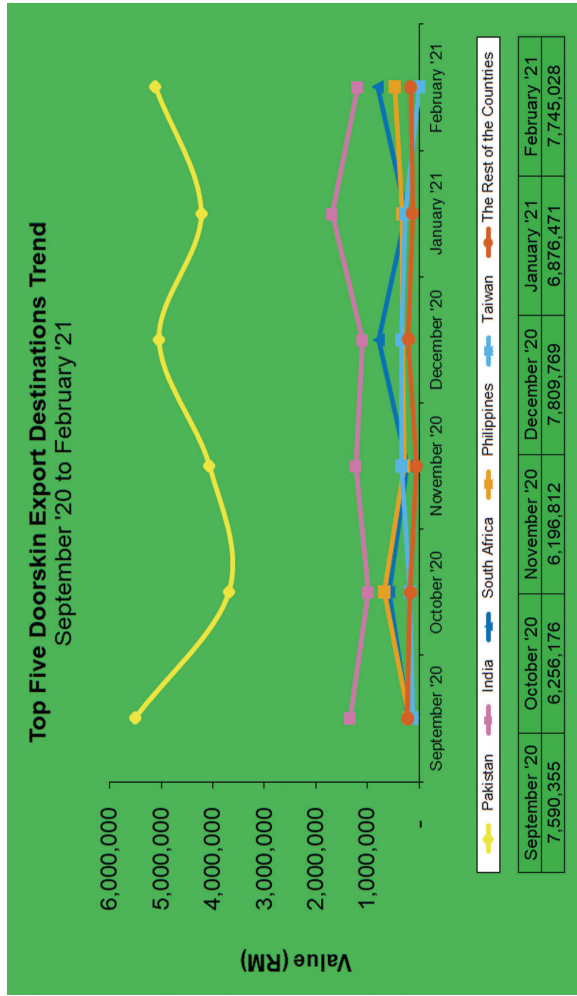
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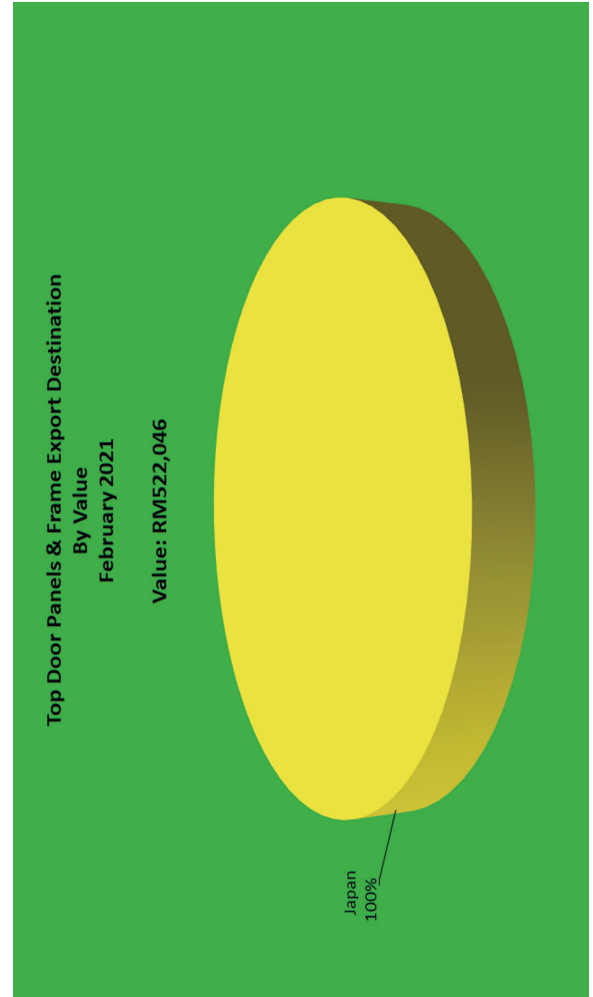
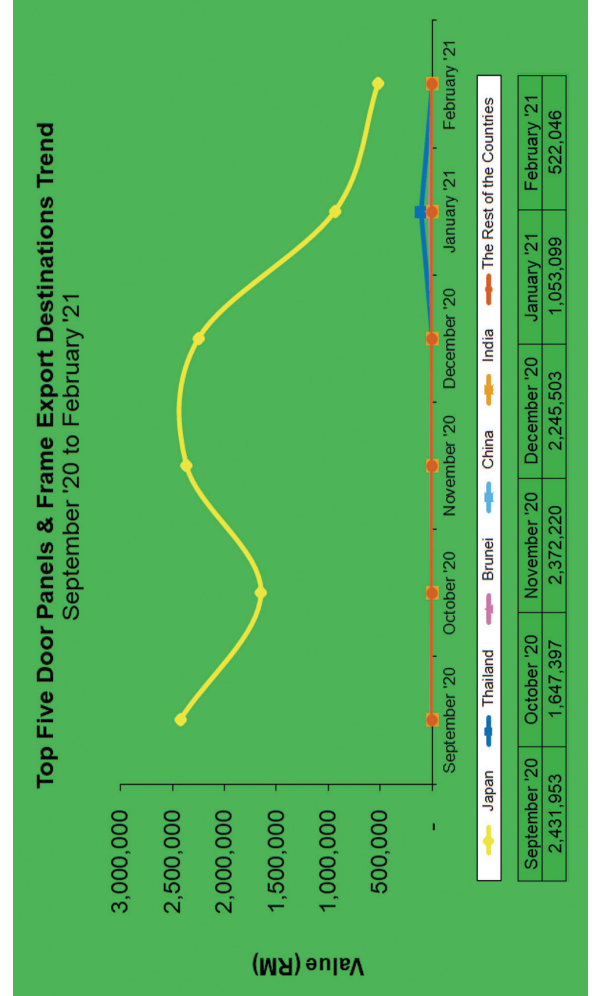
EXPORT VALUE OF DOORSKIN BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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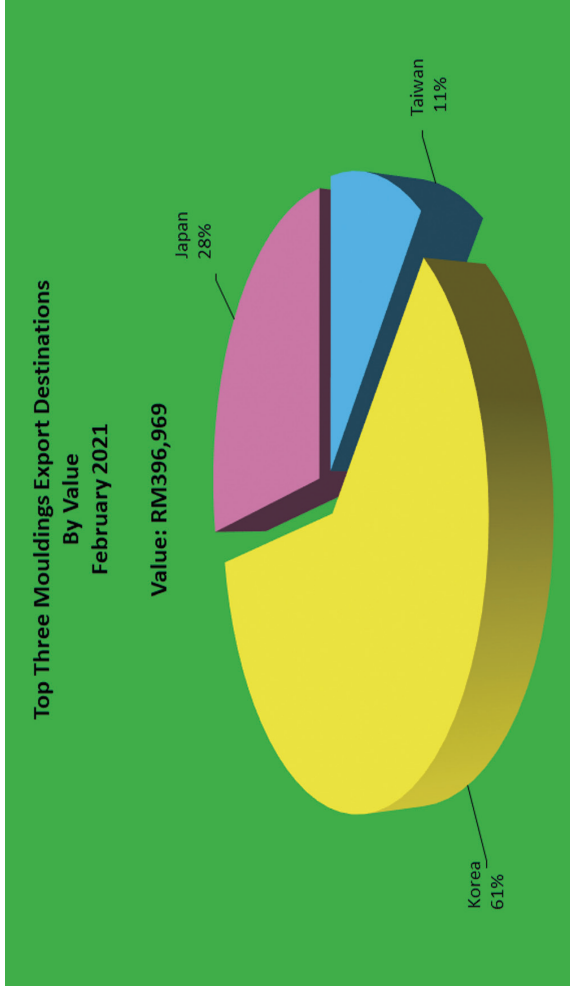
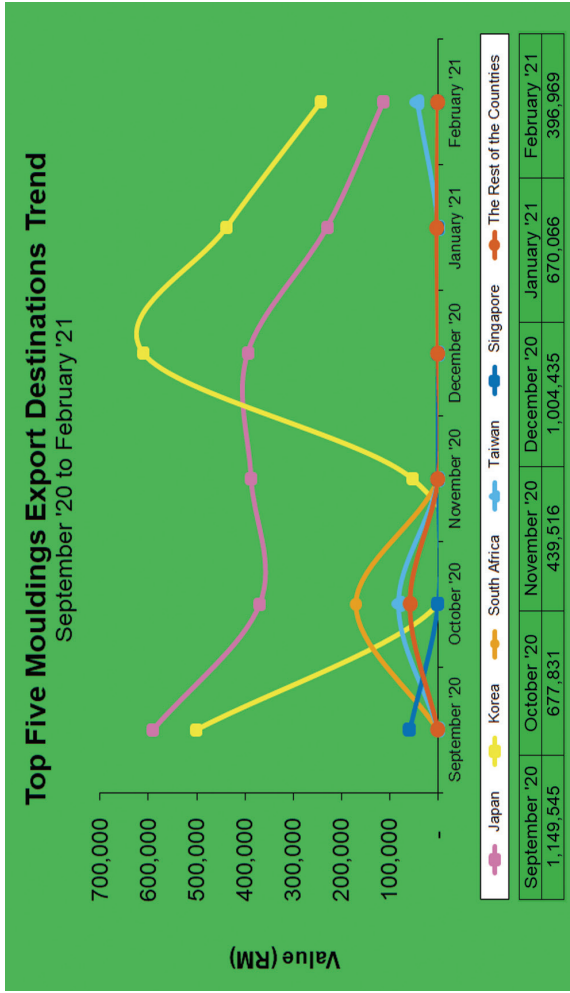
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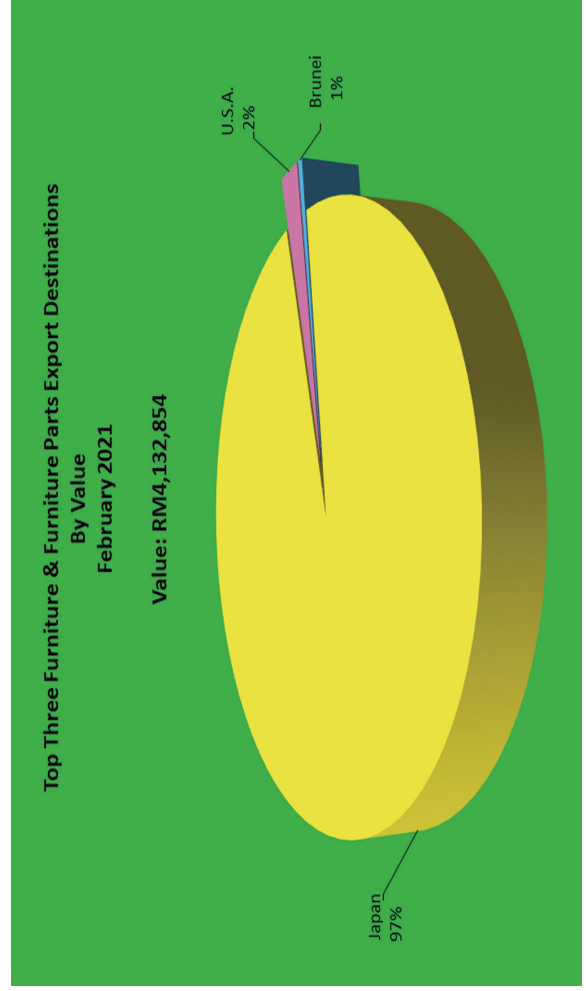
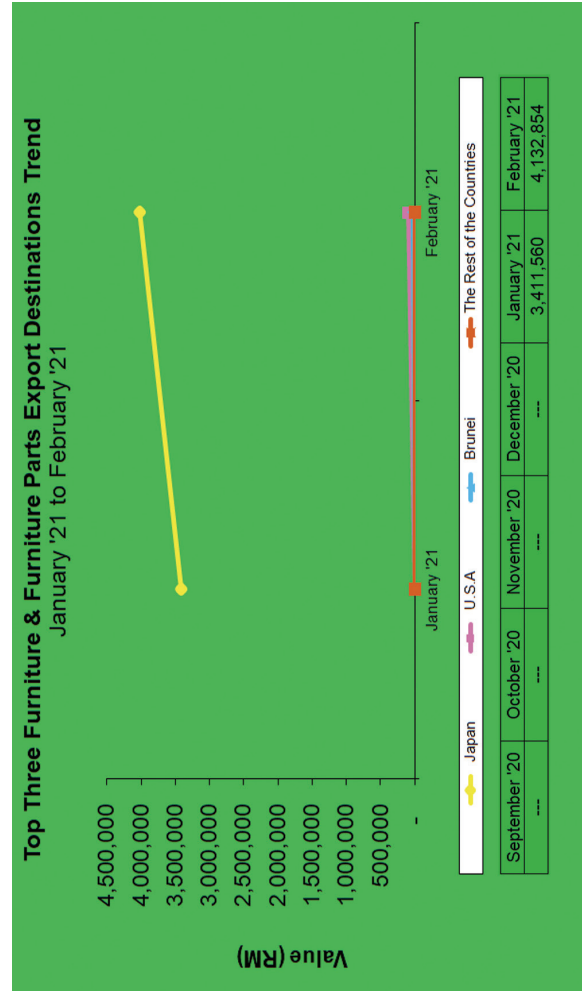
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EXPORT VALUE OF FURNITURE & FURNITURE PARTS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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



STA Feedback to MPC on The Importance of Foreign Workers in The Manufacturing Sector of Sarawak Timber Industry

On 29 March 2021, STA submitted feedback to the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) on the need for foreign workers in the manufacturing sector of timber industry in Sarawak. The submission was compiled and produced in close communication with and assistances from the Association's members.

In the submission, STA highlighted the Government's policy in reducing the country's dependency on foreign workers by only allowing employers in three (3) sectors, namely construction, plantation and agriculture, to recruit foreign workers, which was reported by the media on 29 July 2020. STA strongly believed that more careful consideration is required by looking into the needs and unique situation of each sector such as the manufacturing sector of the timber industry.

In Sarawak, manpower is crucial for the resource-based timber industry, especially for the industry's manufacturing sector. However, employers in this sector face great difficulties in hiring local workers. This is mainly because locals are reluctant to take up labourious jobs in the timber industry which are often perceived as lowly-respected or demeaning career choices; equipped with better education, they prefer to work in offices. Moreover, Sarawak's relatively smaller population distributed across its vast geographic area has further limited local manpower availability. Hence, most of these jobs are filled up by foreign workers, especially Indonesians. Competing countries, i.e. Viet Nam, Indonesia and China, have no manpower issues as they have larger populations that are willing to take up labourious jobs as their choice of career.

The submission also touched on the Government's initiative in moving the timber industry towards full automation in order to decrease dependency on foreign workers. The industry supports and wants to go for automation. For example, plywood mills in Sarawak have undergone gradual automation and a lot of efforts have been put into processes which can be automated. On the other hand, there are processes of which intensive manual labour and where the workers' skills/experiences

are indispensable such as (i) segregating logs based on grade, colour, species as well as buyer request; (ii) performing in-feed of veneer into dryer and out-feed of face/back veneer to segregate the veneer based on usage and quality; (iii) repairing defects such as knots and splits on veneer after drying as well as before sanding; (iv) performing visual checks and fill in gaps with putty; and (v) grading each piece of plywood based on quality and appearance. This situation is further complicated by the (i) wide variety of species and diameters of tropical logs and their complex textures; (ii) utilisation shift of raw materials from natural forests to planted logs in line with the Sarawak Government's forestry policy; as well as (iii) lack of highly-skilled technical engineers in Sarawak/locally to maintain and repair machineries.

STA urges the Government to continue allowing the recruitment of foreign workers, especially for the manufacturing sector of the timber industry. On moving towards full automation, there should also be proper implementation guidelines, as well as assistances or subsidies towards upgrading of machineries and technologies for the industry. STA will continue to follow up on this matter and engage the Government and relevant agencies including MPC to address identified gaps and seek a sustainable solution.

本会于2021年3月29日向马来西亚生产力公司(MPC)提交有关砂拉越木材制造业对外劳的需求反馈意见。这份意见书是在与本会会员密切协商下编制而成。

Pada 29 Mac 2021, STA telah mengemukakan maklum balas kepada Perbadanan Produktiviti Malaysia (MPC) tentang perlunya pekerja asing di dalam sektor pembuatan industri perkayuan di Sarawak. Maklum balas telah dikumpul dan dikemukakan melalui komunikasi rapat serta bantuan daripada anggota-anggota Persatuan.

New Addition to Statistics Section: Export Value of Furniture & Furniture Parts by Destination from Sarawak

Dear Members and Readers,

From March 2021 Edition onwards, the *Export Value of Furniture & Furniture Parts by Destination from Sarawak*, i.e. starting year 2021, will be made available in the Statistics section. We hope that this new addition would help to provide you with a better overview of timber and timber products exported from Sarawak.

Editorial Board of STA Review

PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM PLANTED FORESTS BY REGION FROM SARAWAK
BY SPECIES - *ACACIA MANGIUM*, *ALBIZIA* & *EUCALYPTUS*
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI LADANG HUTAN MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK
MENGIKUT SPESIES - *ACACIA MANGIUM*, *ALBIZIA* & *EUCALYPTUS*
砂拉越各区域人工林原木种类生产量-大叶相思, 南洋楹与有加利

Region	November '20	December '20	January '21	January '20	February '21	February '20	Jan - Feb '21	Jan - Feb '20
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sibu (ACMG)	1,130	652	662	907	1,590	241	2,252	1,148
(ALBZ)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
(EUCA)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bintulu (ACMG)	122,755	100,921	72,108	121,177	104,252	152,376	176,360	273,553
(ALBZ)	2,928	470	588	1,164	280	5,017	868	6,181
(EUCA)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Miri (ACMG)	4,029	2,538	1,740	1,062	2,733	6,615	4,473	7,678
(ALBZ)	1,552	850	1,269	1,089	641	1,615	1,910	2,703
(EUCA)	97	---	195	---	19	249	214	249
Subtotal (ACMG)	127,914	104,111	74,509	123,147	108,576	159,231	183,085	282,378
(ALBZ)	4,480	1,319	1,857	2,253	921	6,632	2,778	8,884
(EUCA)	97	---	195	---	19	249	214	249
Total:	132,491	105,430	76,562	125,399	109,516	166,113	186,078	291,512

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak

(Please note that the figures for March '21 Edition may be subject to change in the next Edition due to revised data from source)

* ACMG - *Acacia mangium*

ALBZ - *Albizia*

EUCA - *Eucalyptus*

Training On Forest Licensee Portal

Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) has appointed Sarawak Information Systems Sdn Bhd (SAINS) to develop a Forest Licensee Portal as part of the Sarawak Government's initiative to facilitate online transaction and interaction between timber licensees and FDS.

In order to facilitate implementation and provide better understanding on the newly developed Portal, a Training was organised by FDS on 30 March 2021 at the Grand Palace Hotel, Miri. The Training was attended by nine (9) licensees in the Northern region of Sarawak who submit their daily production return and royalty assessment applications to Long Lama and Central Base Camp (CTB) Forest One Stop Checking Centres (FOSCCs).

During the Training, Mr Joshua Deri of FDS briefed the participants on the overview of the Portal and informed that besides providing hands-on training, the Training was also to field test and receive feedback from licensees on the Portal. He hoped that the timber licensees could take this Training as an opportunity to better understand the features provided by the Portal. Similar trainings will also be conducted for licensees in Bintulu, Sibu and Kuching in April 2021 prior to the full deployment of the Portal statewide in May 2021.

Mr Mervyn Jim Brooke of SAINS provided a system demonstration on the six (6) features of the Portal, namely (i) Worker Registration; (ii) Management Personnel;

(iii) User Administration; (iv) Bill Listing; (v) Daily Production Return; and (vi) Royalty Assessment. He informed that in order for the timber licensees to gain access and benefit from the Portal, they need to register as an Administrator by submitting pre-requisite documents, along with a Sarawak ID account to FDS Headquarters for further processing.

砂森林局 (FDS) 委任砂资讯系统有限公司 (SAINS) 开发了一个森林许可证持有人的门户网站, 作为砂拉越政府为促进木材许可证持有人与 FDS 之间在线交易和互动的倡议的一部分。FDS 于 2021 年 3 月 30 日假美里大皇宫酒店举办培训以促进实施并更深入了解新开发的门户网站。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) telah melantik Sarawak Information Systems Sdn Bhd (SAINS) untuk membangunkan Portal Pemegang Lesen Hutan sebagai salah satu inisiatif Kerajaan Sarawak untuk memudahkan transaksi dalam talian dan interaksi di antara pemegang lesen kayu dan FDS. Untuk memudahkan pelaksanaan dan memberikan pemahaman yang lebih jelas tentang Portal yang baru ditubuhkan, satu Latihan telah dianjurkan oleh FDS pada 30 Mac 2021 di Hotel Grand Palace, Miri.