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## STA Certification Committee Meeting No. 1/2025

The STA Certification Committee held its first meeting of the year on 9 May 2025 at Wisma STA, Kuching. During the meeting, the Committee expressed its appreciation for the contributions made under the leadership of the late Mr Wong Ting Chung, who passed away earlier this year. Following the passing of Mr Wong, the Committee elected Mr Nelson Bijack James Chas as the new Committee Chairman.

Several key topics were discussed during the meeting, including enrichment planting, updates on the proposal to list *Shorea* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and the timber legality assurance system.



Mr Nelson Bijack James Chas (seated 4<sup>th</sup> from right) is the newly elected STA Certification Committee Chairman

*Jawatankuasa Pensijilan STA bermesyuarat buat kali pertama tahun ini pada 9 Mei 2025 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Jawatankuasa memberi penghormatan kepada mendiang Encik Wong Ting Chung atas sumbangannya, berikutan pemergiannya awal tahun ini. Encik Nelson Bijack James Chas telah dipilih sebagai Pengerusi Jawatankuasa yang baharu.*

本会认证委员会于2025年5月9日在古晋STA大厦召开本年度首次会议。委员会向于今年初逝世的前任委员会主席已故黄祯俊先生致敬，表彰他所做出的贡献。会议推选纳尔逊比杰克先生为新任委员会主席。

## STA Mutual Sdn Bhd's Board of Honorary Advisers and Board of Directors Meetings



The BHA meeting, held virtually, was chaired by Mr David Tiong (first column, second row)



Dato Henry Lau, Chairman (bottom) chairs the BOD meeting

The Board of Honorary Advisers (BHA) and Board of Directors (BOD) of STA Mutual Sdn Bhd held their respective meetings on 9 May 2025 and 13 May 2025 respectively.

During these meetings, the five (5) members of the BHA and three (3) members of the BOD unanimously approved a scholarship worth RM12,500.00 to Mr Melvin Ayom anak Lawan, a student currently pursuing a Diploma in Forestry at Universiti Putra Malaysia, Bintulu Campus. In addition, they also considered and approved financial assistance to several charitable organisations.

*Lembaga Penasihat Kehormat (BHA) dan Lembaga Pengarah (BOD) STA Mutual Sdn Bhd telah mengadakan mesyuarat masing-masing pada 9 Mei 2025 dan 13 Mei 2025. Dalam mesyuarat tersebut, BHA dan BOD telah meluluskan pemberian biasiswa serta beberapa bantuan kewangan kepada organisasi kebajikan.*

本会子公司STA Mutual有限公司的名誉顾问董事会(BHA)和董事会(BOD)分别于2025年5月9日和2025年5月13日召开会议。会议中，BHA和BOD批准颁发奖学金以及对慈善机构提供财政资助。



# Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) Strengthening Study Project

As global demand for legal timber grows, Malaysia is taking proactive steps to enhance its Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS). Spearheaded by the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (KPK) through the Malaysia Timber Industry Board (MTIB), the TLAS Strengthening Study Project aims to strengthen and align Malaysia's TLAS framework with international trade standards.

Running from 1 February to 31 August 2025, the project is led by consultancy firm 27 Advisory Sdn Bhd (27 Advisory). It emphasises stakeholder engagement, interregional collaboration, and benchmarking against global best practices.

To support this initiative, forestry agencies and timber industry representatives from Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak, headed by Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) conducted a working visit to the Sabah Forestry Department (SFD) Headquarters in Sandakan on 6 May 2025. The visit facilitated open discussion on TLAS implementation.

The group was welcomed by Mr Indra Purwandita Sunjoto, Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests (Planning & Management). Officers from each region shared experiences on TLAS practices, compliance verification processes, and digitalisation initiatives in forest data and licensing systems. This exchange of ideas reinforced the importance of regional collaboration in enhancing national timber legality framework. The meeting concluded with all three forestry departments, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd (HTSB), and MTIB recognising significant value in the forum's outcomes and agreed that the MTA shall continue to facilitate this forum.



Forestry agencies and timber industry representatives from Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak were received by Mr Indra Purwandita Sunjoto (front, 4<sup>th</sup> from left) during a working visit to SFD on 6 May 2025

Following the working visit, Focus Group Discussion (FGD) under the project was held on 8 May 2025 at Citadines Uplands, Kuching. Organised by MTIB, the session aimed to validate findings, identify improvements to the existing TLAS, and review a draft framework tailored to Sarawak's context.

The session gathered key stakeholders from Sarawak, including the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development (MUDeNR), Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), STIDC, HTSB, and STA. Facilitated by 27 Advisory, the discussion examined local implementation of the Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System (STLVS) and its integration into a broader national framework.

The session also highlighted international best practices, including timber legality verification systems, supply chain integrity, and trade compliance. The Sarawak group pointed out that the National TLAS proposed by the consultant may cause confusion in the market, as the STLVS is already well accepted by buyers. The National TLAS should incorporate the existing TLAS frameworks from all three regions without attempting to harmonise them, as each framework is already credible and recognised in the market. Any proposed changes would need to be brought to the State Cabinet for consideration, in light of Sarawak's autonomy in forestry governance. Moreover, each region is at a different stage of development and operates under its own laws and regulations.

Similar FGDs were also conducted in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah, gathering feedback from regional stakeholders. Insights gathered, were compiled into a draft interim project report. This report was then shared with stakeholders for review and comments.

On 23 May 2025, the Sarawak Inter-Agency Committee on Forestry and Timber Industry convened at Wisma STA, Kuching to review the draft interim report. The meeting was chaired by Mdm Tessy Nimos, Head of the Forest and Wildlife Division at MUDeNR, and attended by officers from FDS, STIDC, Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, and the STA Secretariat.

Participants provided constructive feedback to refine the report, ensuring the framework accurately reflects Sarawak's unique legal and operational landscape. This finalised feedback was submitted by STIDC to MPC and MTIB.

Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia (MTIB) di bawah Kementerian Perlindungan dan Komoditi (KPK) sedang menerajui Projek Kajian Pengukuhan Sistem Jaminan Kesahan Kayu (TLAS) bagi menyelaraskan kerangka kesahan kayu Malaysia dengan piawaian perdagangan antarabangsa. Sebagai sebahagian daripada inisiatif ini, agensi perhutanan dan wakil-wakil industri daripada seluruh Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah dan Sarawak telah mengadakan lawatan ke Jabatan Perhutanan Sabah di Sandakan pada 6 Mei 2025 bagi bertukar pandangan tentang pelaksanaan TLAS dan usaha pendigitalan.

Susulan lawatan tersebut, sesi Perbincangan Kumpulan Fokus yang pertama telah diadakan pada 8 Mei 2025 di Kuching, di mana para pemegang taruh Sarawak menyuarakan sokongan terhadap model TLAS kebangsaan sambil menekankan keperluan untuk mengekalkan kebebasan operasi di peringkat negeri bagi memastikan pengiktirafan antarabangsa.

Jawatankuasa Antara Agensi Sarawak mengenai Perhutanan dan Industri Perakayuan telah meneliti draf laporan interim projek pada 23 Mei 2025 dan maklum balas akhir telah dikemukakan oleh STIDC kepada KPK dan MTIB bagi tujuan penambahbaikan selanjutnya ke atas kerangka TLAS kebangsaan.

隶属于马来西亚种植及原产业部(KPK)的马来西亚木材工业局(MTIB)正在主导木材合法性保证系统(TLAS)强化研究项目,旨在使马来西亚的木材合法性框架与国际贸易标准接轨。作为该项目的一部分,来自马来西亚半岛、沙巴和砂拉越各地的林业机构和工业代表于2025年5月6日访问位于山打根的沙巴森林局,就TLAS的实施和数字化转型交换见解。

在访问之后,首次焦点小组讨论于2025年5月8日在古晋举行。砂拉越的利益相关者表示支持联合TLAS模式,同时倡导州级运营独立性,以确保获得国际认可。

砂拉越森林和木材工业跨机构委员会于2025年5月23日审查该项目的中期报告草案,并将最终反馈由砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC)提交给KPK和MTIB,以进一步完善马来西亚的TLAS框架。

## Field Visit to the Research Plots at Samarakan, Bintulu

On 21 May 2025, Ms Tchin Boon Ling, Member Services Officer joined the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) on a field visit to the research plots in Samarakan, Bintulu. The primary objective of the visit was to assess the current condition and performance of various tree species, as well as to explore strategies for future management and practical applications within Sarawak's industrial forest plantation landscape.

Guided by Mr Paul Valentine, General Manager of Sarawak Planted Forests Sdn Bhd, the group toured several research plots. Among the sites visited were those developed under the *Falcataria moluccana* research project, previously funded by STA.

The visit also included a forward-looking discussion on how to maximise the value of these research plots. Key proposals included the establishment of seed production areas and integration of research outcomes into industrial forest plantation initiatives.

Pada 21 Mei 2025, Sekretariat STA telah menyertai Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) dalam lawatan lapangan ke plot penyelidikan di Samarakan, Bintulu. Lawatan bertujuan menilai keadaan semasa dan prestasi pelbagai spesies pokok serta meneroka strategi untuk pengurusan masa depan dan aplikasi praktikal dalam landskap ladang hutan Sarawak.

2025年5月21日, 本会秘书处与砂森林局一同前往民都鲁萨马拉堪的研究样地进行实地考察。此次考察评估各种树种的现况和生长表现,并探讨未来管理策略以及在砂拉越人工林景观中的实际应用。



FDS research officers in deep discussion with Mr Paul Valentine during the field visit



# Engagement Session on the Implementation of MyTLAS towards European Union Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR) Compliance



Participants of the session gathered for a group photo (Source: MTIB)

The Engagement Session on the Implementation of MyTLAS towards European Union Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR) Compliance was organised by Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) on 15 May 2025 at Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The session was attended by about 140 participants from government agencies, timber industry players and associations, including STA.

The session aimed to update stakeholders on the strengthening of MyTLAS and preparations for compliance with the EUDR within the industry, focussing on timber supply chains in Peninsular Malaysia.

Four (4) presentations were delivered:

## (a) Status of MyTLAS Implementation and Preparation towards EUDR

Ms Sunita binti Muhamad, Senior Deputy Director of MTIB's Licensing and Inspectorate Division outlined MyTLAS procedures, including company registration, physical inspection, and certification. Companies must use only legal timber, perform due diligence, and keep transaction records for two years. EUDR compliance demands additional documentation such as removal passes, harvesting licenses, scientific names, geolocation, and certification. She also shared timber export statistics, noting the top markets as the USA, China, Japan, Singapore, and Australia.



Ms Sunita binti Muhamad, Senior Deputy Director of MTIB delivering her presentation

## (b) Preparation by AP-MyTLAS in the Peninsular Malaysia Forestry Department

Ms Nor Halizah binti Ab Halim, Head of Forest Certification at the Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia discussed their preparedness efforts. The Department can now include QR codes on removal passes for geolocation tracking. Challenges remain in providing scientific names for over 1,300 tree species, requiring improved digital and dendrology skills. Other challenges include procuring high-precision GPS equipment, improving digital tracing, ongoing staff training, and costly, time-consuming data coordination across states. Additionally, obtaining approvals for the release of confidential geolocation data adds to the complexity. Given the high compliance costs, there may be a need to review existing tax rates and fees related to forest products.

## (c) Geolocation Data Requirements for EUDR Compliance

Mr Muhammad Annizam bin Mohd Mohtar, Principal Assistant Secretary of the Strategic Planning and International Division at the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities explained the detailed geolocation data requirements under EUDR, including precise latitude and longitude coordinates, and polygon mapping for plots larger than four hectares. He noted security restrictions on sharing certain geospatial data per Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia guidelines, recommending alternative mapping sources like MyLOT, Google Maps, and the EU Forest Observatory.

## (d) TEAM Intelligence Mission to the European Union (EU) and United Kingdom

Mr Chua Song Fong, President of the Timber Exporters' Association of Malaysia shared insights from a November 2024 mission to the EU. Stakeholders raised concerns over free, prior informed consent. Recommendations included speeding up removal pass digitalisation, providing detailed technical data on Malaysian tree species, and encouraging MTIB to engage EU authorities to promote MyTLAS-EUDR.

Sesi Libat Urus mengenai pelaksanaan MyTLAS ke arah Pematuhan Peraturan Bebas-Penyahutan Kesatuan Eropah (EUDR) telah dianjurkan oleh Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia pada 15 Mei 2025 di Hotel Sunway Putra, Kuala Lumpur. Sesi itu menampilkan empat pembentangan yang bertujuan untuk memaklumkan kepada pihak berkepentingan mengenai usaha memperkukuh MyTLAS dan persediaan ke arah pematuhan EUDR, memfokuskan kepada rantaian bekalan kayu di Semenanjung Malaysia.

由马来西亚木材工业局(MTIB)举行的实施马来西亚木材合法性保证系统(MyTLAS)以符合欧盟无毁林法规(EUDR)的交流会于2025年5月15日假吉隆坡双威太子酒店举行。该会发表四个报告,旨在向利益相关者分享有关加强MyTLAS的努力以及为遵守EUDR的准备工作,尤其是马来西亚半岛的木材供应链。

# STA Hosts Welcome Reception for 2025 International Timber Club JIV HOO-HOO Convention

STA hosted a reception on 8 May 2025 at Izzy's, Kuching, to welcome the delegates attending the 2025 International Timber Club JIV HOO-HOO Convention, organised by the Malaysia Timber Industry Club 275.

The convention brought together approximately thirty five timber industry professionals, including delegates from Australia, Canada and Malaysia. As part of HOO-HOO International, a global organisation founded in 1892 in Arkansas, USA dedicated to uniting members from all sectors of the forest products industry, this event provided a valuable platform for sharing knowledge and strengthening industry ties.

The reception at Izzy's offered a relaxed and friendly environment where about fifteen STA members and staff, led by Dato' Sri Patrick Wong, STA Honorary Secretary, interacted with the visiting delegates. The event was a great platform to foster connections, exchange ideas, and celebrate the collaborative spirit that defines the wood products sector.

This welcoming evening set a positive tone for the days ahead, reinforcing the STA's commitment to supporting industry growth and facilitating meaningful international partnerships within the forest products community.



Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA introducing Dato' Sri Patrick Wong and STA members to the delegates



Hammering the table to start the ice-breaking session

STA telah menganjurkan majlis sambutan alu-aluan pada 8 Mei 2025 di Izzy's, Kuching, bagi delegasi yang menghadiri Konvensyen Kelab Kayu Antarabangsa JIV HOO-HOO 2025. Majlis tersebut menghimpunkan para profesional industri dari Australia, Kanada dan Malaysia menawarkan platform untuk rangkaian dan kerjasama, sekali gus mengukuhkan komitmen STA dalam menyokong usaha sama antarabangsa dalam industri perikanan.

本会于2025年5月8日在古晋Izzy's举办欢迎酒会,迎接参加2025年国际木材俱乐部JIV HOO-HOO大会的代表。此次活动汇聚来自澳大利亚、加拿大和马来西亚的工业专业人士,提供交流与合作的平台,进一步巩固本会对支持木材工业国际合作的承诺。



# Malaysia Strengthens EUDR Readiness through Strategic Mission to Belgium, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic

The Malaysian Timber Association (MTA), in collaboration with the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC), successfully concluded an industry-led mission to Brussels, Utrecht, and Prague from 18 to 24 May 2025. The mission aimed to enhance Malaysia’s engagement with the European Union Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR) and to strengthen the timber sector’s readiness its implementation.

Led by Mr George Yap, MTA President, the delegation included Mr Yong Teng Koon, MTA Advisor, along with MTA members from Malaysia’s three regions: Mr Chua Song Fong, President of the Timber Exporters’ Association of Malaysia, Mr Tu Kui Foh, Vice President of the Sabah Timber Industry Association, and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA. MTC was represented by Mr Khairul Anwar, Director of Strategic Planning & Sustainability, and Mr Gopi Tanikudy, Regional Head of MTC Europe.

Coordinated by MTC’s Europe Regional Office, the delegation engaged in high-level meetings in Brussels and Utrecht with the EU Competent Authorities, European Commission officials, Members of the European Parliament, and key stakeholders in the European timber industry. Discussions reaffirmed Malaysia’s commitment to sustainable forest management and responsible timber trade, while highlighting the importance of transparency and inclusivity in the EUDR country benchmarking process.

A key highlight was the meeting on 21 May 2025 with Mr Patrick Child, Acting Director-General of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Environment. Mr Child acknowledged Malaysia as a valued partner and welcomed the country’s constructive participation in the EUDR process. The delegation was informed that the EUDR country benchmarking results would be released on 22 May 2025. While no formal appeal mechanism exists for the benchmarking decisions, stakeholders may seek legal recourse through the European Court of Justice.

The delegation also sought clarification on the EU’s guidance document regarding the submission of annual due diligence statements, noting the ambiguities in its practical implementation.



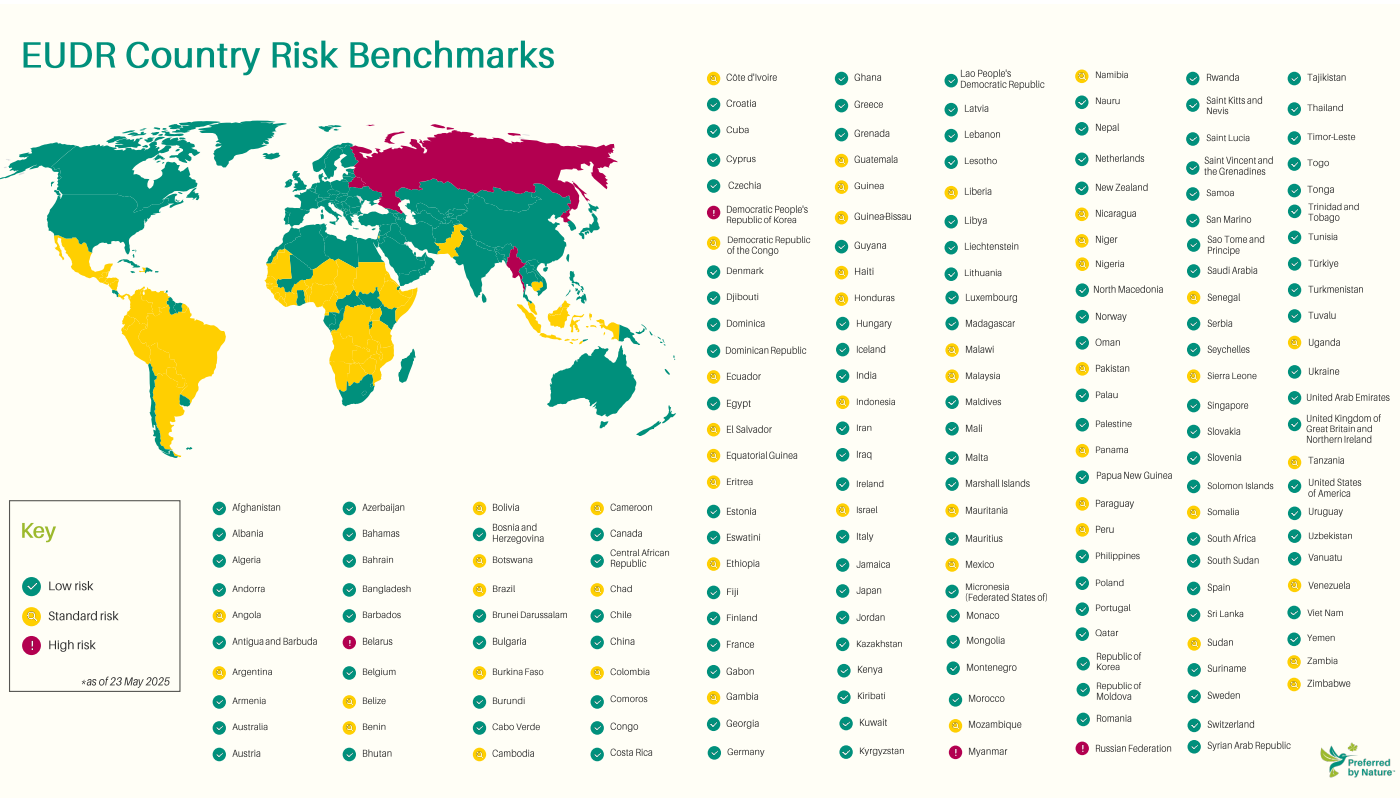
Mr Patrick Child, Acting Director-General of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Environment (6<sup>th</sup> from right) and his team together with the delegation featured in a photo taken after the meeting



Group picture with Ms Lisa van den Boogaard, Dutch Permanent Representation to the EU (5<sup>th</sup> from left) and Ms Myrinne Rietveld Dutch Diplomat – Trade Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU (6<sup>th</sup> from left)

Meetings with European timber industry representatives revealed that several EU Member States, including Germany and Austria, are unlikely to meet the EUDR implementation deadlines (31 December 2025 for large operators and traders, and 30 June 2026 for micro and small enterprises). Many stakeholders attributed the delays to stringent and, in some cases, impractical regulatory requirements in the agriculture and forestry sectors. As a result, pressure is mounting for the EU to reconsider, revise, or delay certain aspects of the regulation to enable a more feasible and effective implementation.

The delegation expressed disappointment with the European Commission’s announcement on 22 May 2025, which classified Malaysia as a ‘standard risk’ country under the EUDR benchmarking process. This designation has significant consequences, as it subjects Malaysian timber products to more stringent due diligence requirements by EU importers, placing them under heightened regulatory scrutiny compared to timber from countries classified as ‘low risk,’ such as Papua New Guinea and Vietnam.



EUDR Country Risk Benchmark (Source: Preferred by Nature)

The mission concluded in Prague, where the delegation participated in the Wood Industry Associations from Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Conference on 23 May 2025. Co-hosted by the Forestry and Wood-Processing Companies Association of the Czech Republic and the Association of the Austrian Wood Industries, the conference brought together policymakers, researchers, and industry leaders to discuss shared challenges and opportunities across the European wood value chain.

Mr Patrik Mlynář, Director General of the Forestry Section at the Czech Ministry of Agriculture, opened the conference by emphasising the critical role of the wood industry in addressing global environmental

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challenges, especially in light of climate change and increasing demand for sustainable resources. He stressed the importance of cross-border collaboration to ensure the sustainable management of forest resources.

In a video message, Ms Veronika Vrecionová, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, underscored the EU's commitment in supporting greener practices within the forestry and wood industries. She highlighted the EU's role in shaping policies that balance environmental sustainability with economic growth.

The conference brought together influential voices from across the forestry, academic, industry, and policymaking spheres.

Speakers addressed a broad spectrum of issues, including the need for stronger cross-sector collaboration within the wood value chain, the growing impact of climate change on forest ecosystems, and the challenges surrounding raw material availability. Discussions also highlighted the economic importance of the forestry sector and called for coherent, long-term policy frameworks to support the sustainable management of forest resources throughout the region.

Mr Yong Teng Koon presented “*Malaysia's Perspective on EUDR – Impact & Readiness*.” He reiterated Malaysia's commitment to sustainable forest management and underscored the country's proactive efforts to align with the EUDR. He also called for practical and inclusive implementation frameworks that recognise the efforts of responsible producer countries.

The conference provided a valuable platform for fostering regional and international cooperation, reinforcing a shared commitment to sustainability, trade fairness, and climate resilience within the forestry and timber sectors.

*Dari 18 hingga 24 Mei 2025, Persatuan Perakayuan Malaysia (MTA) dan Majlis Perakayuan Malaysia (MTC) telah mengetuai misi strategik ke Belgium, Belanda dan Republik Czech bagi memperkukuhkan kesiapsiagaan industri terhadap Peraturan Bebas Penyahutanan Kesatuan Eropah (EUDR). Delegasi tersebut telah berinteraksi dengan pegawai EU dan pemegang taruh industri bagi menegaskan komitmen Malaysia terhadap pengurusan hutan secara lestari, menjelaskan keperluan pematuhan serta menyokong proses pelaksanaan yang adil dan inklusif. Misi tersebut berakhir di Prague pada persidangan industri kayu serantau, yang memperkukuh kerjasama global dalam mempromosikan perdagangan kayu yang mampan dan bertanggungjawab.*

自2025年5月18日至24日，马来西亚木业联合会(MTA)和马来西亚木材理事会(MTC)率领前往比利时、荷兰和捷克共和国，开展策略性访问，旨在加强业界对欧盟无毁林法规(EUDR)的应对准备。代表团与欧盟官员以及工业利益相关者进行交流以重申马来西亚对森林可持续管理的承诺，厘清合规要求并倡导公平且具有包容性的实施进程。此次访问在布拉格的区域性木材业论坛会中圆满结束，进一步巩固全球在推动可持续性及其负责任木材贸易上的合作。



Malaysian delegation captured in a photo with Mr Mag. Herbert Jobstl, Chairman of the Association of the Austrian Wood Industries (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Ms Katerina Kupkova, President of the Forestry and Wood-Processing Companies Association of the Czech Republic (5<sup>th</sup> from left)

## Rimbunan Hijau Celebrates 50 Years of Excellence

The Rimbunan Hijau (RH) Group commemorated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a grand two-day celebration in Sibu, Sarawak, from 12 to 13 May 2025. Held under the theme “*Gratitude for 50 Years, Forging the Future*”, the event highlighted RH's evolution from a humble local enterprise into a globally recognised conglomerate with roots firmly planted in Sarawak.



Members of the timber industry fraternity joining the celebration at RH's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner on 13 May 2025

Festivities included a dazzling drone and fireworks show at Tun Tuanku Bujang Square, vibrant cultural performances, and a Gala Dinner at the University of Technology Sarawak (UTS), where long-serving staff were honoured for their contributions.

Gracing the dinner as guest of honour, the Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, praised RH Group for its resilience, innovation, and lasting contribution to Sarawak's economy. “*The journey was not easy. But with strong spirit and determination, RH not only survived—it thrived,*” he said.

The Premier also commended the leadership of the founder Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King and his family, who successfully transformed the company from a timber-based operation into a diversified player in manufacturing and international trade. Today, RH has a presence across Asia, the Middle East, and Russia.

As RH Group celebrates five decades of growth and transformation, the Managing Director Datuk Tiong Thai King emphasised that the Group is not only reflecting on its legacy, but also reaffirming its commitment to a future grounded in sustainability, innovation, and continued contributions to the prosperity of Sibu, Sarawak, and beyond. The golden jubilee marks a proud milestone, honouring the past while confidently looking toward the opportunities ahead.

### Congratulations

STA extends its warmest congratulations to RH on this important milestone. STA recognises RH's longstanding contributions to the timber and forestry sector in Sarawak and appreciates its ongoing efforts to support industry development and responsible business practices.

*Kumpulan Rimbunan Hijau (RH) meraikan ulang tahun yang ke-50 dengan sambutan besar selama 2 hari di Sibu, Sarawak, dari 12 hingga 13 Mei 2025. Di bawah tema “Syukur Untuk 50 Tahun, Menempai Masa Depan,” acara itu menyerlahkan perjalanan RH daripada perusahaan kayu tempatan kepada konglomerat global. Sorotan termasuk dron yang mempesonakan dan pertunjukan bunga api, persembahan kebudayaan dan Makan Malam Gala. Premier Sarawak memuji daya tahan dan impak RH, manakala Pengarah Urusan Datuk Tiong Thai King mengesahkan komitmen Kumpulannya terhadap kemampanan dan inovasi untuk masa depan.*

常青集团于2025年5月12日至13日假诗巫举办为期两天的隆重庆典，庆祝其创立50周年。以主题为“感恩五十，再创未来”，该庆典重点展现常青集团从本地木材企业发展为全球企业集团的历程。庆祝活动包括精彩纷呈的无人机飞行表演和烟花秀，文化表演以及盛大的晚宴。砂拉越总理高度赞扬常青集团的韧性及影响力，董事经理拿督张泰卿则重申集团对未来可持续发展和创新的承诺。



# PwC Malaysia’s 2025 Transfer Pricing & Stamp Duty Seminar

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Malaysia conducted its 2025 Transfer Pricing & Stamp Duty Seminar on 5 May 2025 at the Borneo Cultures Museum in Kuching. In his opening address, Mr Keegan Ong, Partner, Tax at PwC Malaysia, emphasised the significance of OP Rejang, a recent initiative by the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) in Sarawak aimed at strengthening tax compliance. He also noted the IRB’s move towards digitalisation, particularly through the introduction of e-invoicing, which promotes greater transparency and efficiency.

The seminar provided timely insights into recent updates in transfer pricing and the transformation of the stamp duty regime. Mr Desmond Goh, Partner, Transfer Pricing, provided an overview of the Malaysian Transfer Pricing Guidelines 2024 and Transfer Pricing Audit Framework, focusing on transfer pricing documentation requirements and audit readiness. The MPTG 2024 also provides exemptions to relieve certain

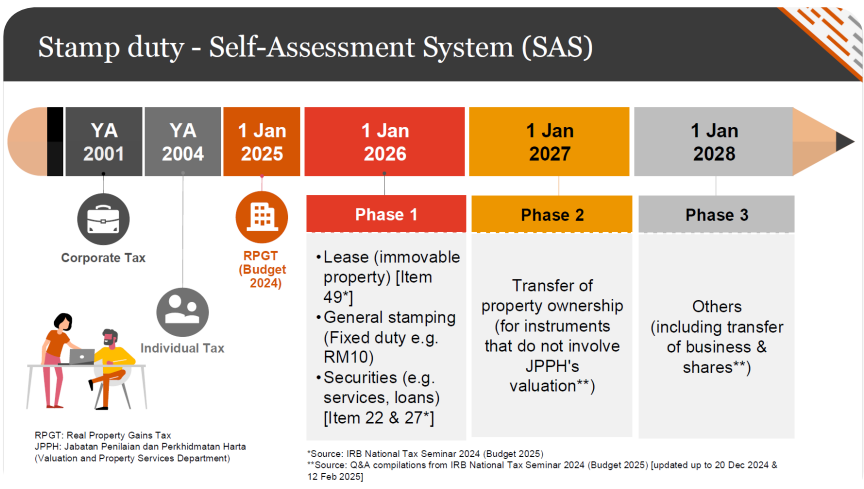
individuals and companies from complying with Contemporaneous Transfer Pricing Documentation.

On the stamp duty front, Ms Cynthia Ng, Director, Tax, discussed the forthcoming Stamp Duty Self-Assessment System (SDSAS), which represents a major shift in compliance obligations. Effective 1 January 2026, the responsibility for computing and paying stamp duty will shift from the IRB to taxpayers, who must accurately assess and remit the duty based on the relevant instruments or agreements, including employment contracts. The IRB has also issued a Stamp Duty Audit Framework, effective 1 January 2025, which outlines audit and investigation procedures, including guidelines for voluntary disclosure.

The speakers offered valuable perspectives and practical guidance, drawing on

extensive experience to help participants navigate the evolving tax compliance landscape on transfer pricing and stamp duty. They stressed the importance of accuracy and timeliness in tax submissions, cautioning that non-compliance or incorrect returns could lead to severe penalties, including substantial fines or imprisonment.

All relevant guidelines and frameworks are accessible on IRB’s website at [www.hasil.gov.my](http://www.hasil.gov.my).



Phased implementation of SDSAS  
(Source: PwC)

*Seminar PwC Malaysia 2025 yang diadakan di Kuching pada 5 Mei 2025 mengetengahkan inisiatif pendigitalan Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri, kemas kini harga pindahan serta pelaksanaan Sistem Taksir Sendiri Duti Setem (SDSAS) yang akan berkuat kuasa pada tahun 2026. Penceramah menekankan keperluan kesiapsiagaan audit, tanggungjawab pematuhan dan kepentingan ketepatan yang disokong oleh Rangka Kerja Audit Duti Setem baharu yang berkuat kuasa mulai 1 Januari 2025.*

马来西亚普华永道 (PwC Malaysia) 在古晋举行的 2025 年研讨会中重点分享马来西亚内陆税收局的数字化举措、转让定价更新以及即将于 2026 年生效的印花税自我评估系统(SDSAS)。讲者强调审计准备、合规责任和准确度的重要性，并介绍于 2025年1月1日起生效的新印花税审计框架。

## Stamping of Employment Contracts

Starting 1 January 2025, the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has intensified enforcement of the Stamp Duty Act 1949 (Act 378) through the implementation of the Stamp Duty Audit Framework. This move has brought new urgency to a long-overlooked compliance requirement: the stamping of employment contracts.

Under the audit framework, the IRBM will examine company documents, including employment contracts, offer letters, and transfer letters, dating back three years from 1 January 2025. This retrospective scrutiny has caught many employers by off guard and raised concerns over potential penalties for non-compliance.

To address growing concerns, the Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) organised a nationwide online briefing for its members on 26 May 2025. The session was conducted by Datuk Haji Shamsuddin Bardan, Advisor to MEF.

Datuk Shamsuddin explained that under the Act, duty is payable on “instruments” listed in the First Schedule. The term “instrument” is broadly defined as every written documents, which encompasses employment contracts, offer letters, transfer letters, and any documentation involving an offer and acceptance of employment.

While the stamp duty for each employment contract is relatively modest at RM10, the issue is one of widespread non-compliance as many companies have never stamped their employment agreements. Exemptions apply only to contracts where the employee earns RM300 or less per month, a figure that is widely seen as outdated and no longer reflective of Malaysia’s current wage landscape.

Under current regulations, employment contracts must be stamped within 30 days of execution. Failing to meet this requirement triggers financial penalties:

Delay Period	Penalty
After 30 days but within 3 months	RM50 or 10% of the stamp duty, whichever is higher
More than 3 months	RM100 or 20% of the stamp duty, whichever is higher

Given that most companies have accumulated years of unstamped employment contracts, the potential costs of retrospective compliance can be significant, especially for organisations with large workforces. Datuk Shamsuddin shared that MEF is in active dialogue with the IRBM, and there is ongoing consideration for penalty waiver if employers stamp outstanding contracts by 31 December 2025.

Recognising the logistical and financial challenges employers face, MEF as well as STA intend to propose an extension of the waiver deadline to 30 June 2026.

Additionally, MEF will advocate for an upward revision of the RM300 monthly income exemption threshold, which no longer reflects current wage levels. MEF also invited members to share feedback and challenges, as part of ongoing advocacy efforts on behalf of employers.

*Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia (LHDNM) telah meningkatkan penguatkuasaan Akta Duti Setem 1949 (Akta 378) yang memerlukan majikan menyetem kontrak pekerjaan yang kebanyakannya masih tidak bersestem di seluruh negara. Bagi menangani kebimbangan tersebut, Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) mengadakan taklimat dalam talian pada 26 Mei 2025, di mana Datuk Haji Shamsuddin Bardan menjelaskan bahawa kontrak pekerjaan mesti disetem dalam tempoh 30 hari untuk mengelakkan penalti. Duti setem sebanyak RM10 dikenakan bagi setiap kontrak, dengan pengecualian untuk pekerja yang berpendapatan RM300 atau kurang sebulan.*

马来西亚内陆税收局(IRBM)已加强对1949年印花税法令(第378号法令)的执法，要求雇主在雇佣合约上盖章，而且目前全国大多数合约尚未加盖印花。为回应业界的关切，马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)于2025年5月26日举行线上简报会，并由拿督哈芝沙姆苏丁在会上说明，雇佣合约必须在30天内盖章，以避免受到处罚。每份合约的印花税为马币10令吉，惟月薪马币300令吉或以下的员工则可获豁免。



# MEF East Malaysia (Sarawak) Regional Meeting No. 5/2025

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region held its fifth meeting on 22 May 2025, with Ms Dayang Jamillah binti Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin, Consultant of Industrial Relations at MEF Sarawak, facilitating the session.

The meeting included an informative session on the latest developments in the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) 1994, presented by Ms Norliyana binti Ahmad Zainuri, Assistant Factory & Machinery Inspector from the Enforcement Section of the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak.

Ms Norliyana discussed the significant changes introduced by the OSHA (Amendment) Act 2022, which now applies to all workplaces, excluding domestic service, the Malaysian Armed Forces, and work on ships. She emphasised the importance of designating an Occupational Safety and Health Coordinator from among employees. The amendment also introduced key updates to the role of Safety and Health Officers, who are now restricted to working at a single workplace.

Additionally, Ms Norliyana also highlighted the increased penalties of up to RM500,000 for non-compliance with the OSHA regulations, underscoring the serious legal consequences for failing to adhere to safety standards.

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) Wilayah Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) mengadakan mesyuarat kelimanya pada 22 Mei 2025 mengetengahkan perubahan penting yang diperkenalkan oleh Akta Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (Pindaan) 2022. Pindaan tersebut meluaskan skop peraturan keselamatan dan kesihatan pekerjaan, memperkenalkan peranan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan, dan penalti untuk ketidakpatuhan.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)东马(砂拉越)区于2025年5月22日召开第五次会议，分享2022年职业安全与卫生(修正)法案的主要修订内容。修正案扩大职业安全与卫生法规的适用范围，增设职业安全与卫生协调员的职责，并对违规行为施加更严厉的处罚。

# Labour Day 2025 Sarawak Level Celebration

The Sarawak-level Labour Day 2025 celebration, themed “Pekerja Cemerlang, Sarawak Maju Makmur” was held on 18 May 2025 at the Hikmah Exchange Event Centre in Kuching. The event was jointly organised by the Sarawak Premier’s Department and the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) Sarawak Division.

In his opening speech, MTUC Sarawak Chairman Haji Zaidi bin Nasar highlighted the rising demand for specialised skills in today’s fast-evolving, technology-driven economy. He stressed that employees remain vital, but must upskill continuously and be fairly compensated, aligning with Sarawak’s vision of becoming a high-income state by 2030.

While officiating the event, the Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg highlighted Sarawak’s unique labour framework and confirmed that the Sarawak Labour Ordinance (SLO) has been harmonised with the Malaysian Employment Act and is now aligned with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) standards. This harmonisation was done with careful consideration to safeguard the rights of Sarawakian employees.

He also emphasised the importance of data-driven and well-coordinated management, particularly in relation to foreign labour. These efforts are essential to ensuring that labour policies remain responsive and aligned with Sarawak’s long-term socio-economic objectives. He noted that Sarawak’s ambition to become a high-income



The Premier of Sarawak delivering is address during the Labour Day 2025 Sarawak Level Celebration

state depends on the willingness of its workforce to embrace change, upskill and lead the state’s economic transformation.

Also speaking at the event, Datuk Gerawat Gala, Deputy Minister in the Sarawak Premier’s Department (Immigration, Labour and Management Unit), outlined recent labour law reforms.

Datuk Gerawat emphasised that these reforms are not merely legal updates, but reflect Sarawak’s core values in upholding dignity in labour, employee rights and social justice. A balanced approach supporting both employers and employees will foster long-term stability, higher motivation and productivity.

Mr Phang Pin, Industrial Relations Officer at the Sarawak Labour Department, presented 16 key amendments to the SLO. With the exception of Part IVA relating to employees’ minimum standards of housing, accommodation and amenities, all other amendments came into effect on 1 May 2025 covering all employees.

The event also celebrated outstanding contributions in the workplace, including presentations of the Outstanding Employee Award and Cheeriest Union Contingent, along with cultural performances that added a celebratory and unifying spirit to the occasion.

Premier Sarawak telah merasmikan sambutan Hari Pekerja 2025 peringkat Sarawak bertemakan “Pekerja Cemerlang, Sarawak Maju Makmur” yang diadakan pada 18 Mei 2025 di Pusat Acara Hikmah Exchange di Kuching. Dalam ucapannya, beliau menekankan bahawa Ordinan Buruh Sarawak (SLO) kini telah diselaraskan dengan Akta Kerja Malaysia dan sejajar dengan piawaian Pertubuhan Buruh Antarabangsa (ILO).

2025年5月18日，砂拉越总理假古晋砂督智慧贸易中心主持主题为“优秀员工，砂拉越繁荣昌盛”的2025年州级劳动节庆祝活动。他在致词中强调砂拉越劳动法(SLO)已经与马来西亚就业法令协调一致，并且现已符合国际劳工组织(ILO)标准。

EFFECTIVE  
1 MAY 2025

AMENDMENTS TO THE  
LABOUR ORDINANCE (SARAWAK CAP. 76)

PROVISIONS  
BEFORE AMENDMENT

PROVISIONS  
AFTER AMENDMENT

The coverage of the Ordinance is limited to employees with a monthly salary below RM2,500.00 and employees under the Schedule only

The coverage of the Ordinance is expanded to all employees regardless salary limits and job types

Overtime pay, work on public holidays and rest days are limited to employees with monthly salary below RM2,001.00

Overtime pay, work on public holidays and rest days, termination and temporary layoff benefits and shift allowances as determined by the Minister are limited to employees earning RM4,000.00 and below monthly

Working hours of 48 hours a week

Working hours of 45 hours a week

Maternity leave of 60 days

Maternity leave of 98 days

Sick leave and hospitalisation leave are combined (14 days sick leave + 46 days hospitalisation leave = 60 days)

Sick leave and hospitalization leave are separated (14 days sick leave + 60 days hospitalization leave = 74 days)

4 days non-replaceable mandatory public holidays:

- National Day
- Labour Day
- Yang di-Pertuan Agong's Birthday
- Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak's Birthday

6 days non-replaceable mandatory public holidays:

- National Day
- Labour Day
- Yang di-Pertuan Agong's Birthday
- Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak's Birthday
- Malaysia Day
- Sarawak Independence Day

Salary payment method is by cash only

Salary payment method

- i. Payment through banking
- ii. Payment through the payment instrument issuers designated by the Minister

General Penalty for violating the provisions of the Ordinance up to RM10,000.00

General Penalty for violating the provisions of the Ordinance up to RM50,000.00

No minimum age limit for light works for child workers

Minimum age limit for light works for child workers is 13 years old

None

Paternity leave of 7 days

None

Prohibition of discrimination in employment

None

Prohibition of forced labour

None

Sexual harrasment at workplace

None

List of employment prohibited for children and young persons provided in the Second Schedule

None

List of hazardous work prohibited provided in the Third Schedule

None

Employees can apply for flexible working through Flexible Working Arrangement

Amendments to the Labour Ordinance (Sarawak Cap. 76)



## MTA Task Force on Industrial Tree Plantation Engages with the Malaysian Timber Council



Mdm Noraihan Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer of MTC (6<sup>th</sup> from left) and by Mr Abdul Rahman Khan, Leader of MTA's Task Force on Industrial Tree Plantations (6<sup>th</sup> from right) in a group photo taken after the meeting

At its Executive Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2025 in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, the Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) took a significant step toward ensuring the long-term sustainability of the timber industry by establishing a Task Force on Industrial Tree Plantations (ITP). This move underscores the crucial role that ITPs play in securing a steady raw material supply for Malaysia's timber sector. The Task Force is led by Mr Abdul Rahman Khan, Deputy President of the Sabah Timber Industry Association, and includes Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, as one of its four members.

On 19 May 2025, the Task Force held a pivotal meeting with the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) at Menara PGRM 1, Kuala Lumpur. The meeting saw active participation from members and secretariats of both the Task Force and the MTA, as well as senior officers from the MTC.

In her welcome address, Mdm Noraihan Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer of MTC, expressed her support for the Task Force and provided updates on the development of a comprehensive Framework for Community Tree Farming (CTF) and ITP. Developed with support from a consultant under the Task Force on CTF and ITP (TFCI), the framework aims to centralise all relevant information at the national level, providing structured guidelines to enhance the planning, implementation, and execution

of both CTF and ITP programmes. Once completed, it will be submitted to the relevant ministries for approval.

Mr Rahman thanked the MTC for arranging the meeting with the Task Force. He emphasised the need for understanding the unique challenges faced by Malaysia's three regions, especially in relation to CTF and ITP initiatives. Factors such as legislation, land size, regional conditions, and soil quality must be carefully considered when designing a framework that can be effectively implemented across Malaysia's diverse landscapes. He also shared valuable insights from his company's approach to ITPs, including their inter-crop project with local communities and methodology for assessing the long-term economic viability of ITP ventures.

The meeting included a briefing from the appointed consultant on the framework's background, objectives, and methodology, and expected outcomes. The session sparked constructive discussions, with participants identifying areas within the framework that could benefit from further improvement or re-evaluation. The dialogue also explored opportunities for collaboration to ensure a coordinated and effective document development process.

To strengthen this effort, the MTA Task Force welcomed MTC's invitation for Mr Rahman to join the TFCI. This collaboration will aid in identifying and addressing critical areas within the framework for CTF and ITP. Moreover, both parties agreed to develop a strategic action plan once the framework is finalised. This collaborative plan will focus on key issues such as legislation, policy, and financing, with a region-specific approach, tailored to the unique practices and requirements of each area.

*Persatuan Perakayuan Malaysia (MTA) menubuhkan Pasukan Petugas Perladangan Pokok Perindustrian (ITP) untuk menyokong kemampanan jangka panjang industri perakayuan. Pada 19 Mei 2025, Pasukan Petugas telah bertemu dengan Majlis Perakayuan Malaysia untuk membincangkan pembangunan Rangka Kerja komprehensif bagi Penanaman Pokok Komuniti (CTF) dan ITP, bertujuan untuk menyediakan garis panduan untuk perancangan, pelaksanaan dan merealisasikan kedua-dua program CTF dan ITP. Encik Abdul Rahman Khan telah dijemput untuk menyertai Pasukan Petugas MTC mengenai CTF dan ITP untuk menyumbangkan pandangan industri dalam rangka kerja tersebut. Kedua-dua pihak bersetuju untuk membangunkan kertas kerja ITP kebangsaan sebaik sahaja rangka kerja itu dimuktamadkan.*

马来西亚木业联合会(MTA)成立工业树木种植园(ITP)工作组, 以支持木材业的长期可持续发展。2025年5月19日, 工作组与马来西亚木材理事会(MTC)召开会议, 讨论制定社区树木种植(CTF)和ITP的综合框架, 旨在为CTF和ITP项目的规划, 实施并执行上提供结构化的指导方针。阿都拉曼勒先生受邀加入MTC的CTF和ITP工作组为其框架贡献工业见解。双方同意在框架完成后制定一份国家级ITP报告。

## Establishing a Weight-to-Volume Conversion Factor for Planted *Gmelina arborea* in Sarawak

In 2024, the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), in partnership with Samling Reforestation (Bintulu) Sdn Bhd and STA, initiated a study to develop a reliable weight-to-volume conversion factor for planted *Gmelina arborea* in Sarawak. The aim was to ensure greater consistency in timber royalty calculations and reporting.

The study combined field measurements and laboratory analysis to produce accurate, site relevant data. A review meeting was held on 13 May 2025 at FDS headquarters

in Kuching, chaired by Mr Semilan anak Ripot, Deputy Director of Forests (Forest Management). Representatives from all collaborating organisations, including the STA Secretariat, were in attendance.

During the meeting, Mr Teng Xin Yao, Research Officer with FDS presented the study's findings and the proposed conversion factor. Following a detailed technical discussion, stakeholders reached consensus on the recommended conversion factor, which will be submitted for formal approval.

Once adopted, the conversion factor will serve as a standardised reference for to ensure consistency and fairness

in the calculating of timber royalties for planted *Gmelina arborea* throughout.

*Satu mesyuarat semakan telah diadakan pada 13 Mei 2025 di ibu pejabat Jabatan Hutan Sarawak di Kuching untuk menyemak penemuan kajian dan mengesyorkan faktor penukaran berat kepada isipadu untuk Gmelina arborea yang ditanam di Sarawak. Setelah diluluskan, faktor penukaran akan digunakan sebagai rujukan untuk memastikan lebih konsisten dalam pengiraan dan pelaporan royalti kayu.*

2025年5月13日, 一场审查会议在古晋的砂森林局总部召开, 旨在审查研究成果, 并推荐砂拉越人工种植云南石梓的重量与体积换算系数。该换算系数一旦获得批准, 将作为标准化参考, 用于确保木材税计算和报告的一致性。



Mr Semilan anak Ripot, Deputy Director of Forests (Forest Management) (seated, centre) with the attendees of the meeting



# STA Participates in Sub-TWG Meetings for Malaysia's Forest Carbon Offset Programme

The Malaysia Forest Fund (MFF), under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, is spearheading the development of the Forest Carbon Offset (FCO) Programme, an initiative designed to incentivise forest conservation and climate action through market-based mechanisms.

To guide the technical development of the FCO Programme, MFF has convened a Technical Working Group (TWG) comprising representatives from government agencies, industry stakeholders, and subject matter experts. STA is represented in the TWG by Mr Ling Tiing Tchin, with support from his alternate representative, Ms Freda Emmanuel, Member Services Officer.

Among the four (4) core methodologies developed, namely (i) Afforestation, Reforestation and Restoration (ARR), (ii) Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), (iii) Improved Forest Management (IFM) and (iv) Wetland Restoration (WR), the STA Carbon Committee has identified IFM and REDD as priority focus areas. In preparation for the Sub-TWG meetings, STA members convened an internal discussion to review MFF's draft materials and provide preliminary feedback. Concerns were raised regarding the risk of environmental harm if carbon licences are issued over areas potentially reclassified as Shifting Agriculture, as well as the proposed use of insurance to address non-permanence risks.

The Sub-TWG meetings on IFM and REDD were held on 30 April 2025 and 2 May 2025 respectively. KPMG Malaysia, the lead consultant appointed to develop the methodologies shared findings from a benchmarking study that compared REDD frameworks and definitions used by various standards, including Verra, the American Carbon Registry, and Thailand's

Voluntary Emission Reduction framework.

A key discussion point involved buffer requirements, which serve as safeguards against risks that may compromise the permanence of carbon benefits. The consultant shared benchmarking insights and preliminary recommendations for the FCO Programme, drawing on approaches adopted by existing international standards. Sub-TWG members also worked in breakout groups to match project types with different forest classifications.

The draft methodology will be circulated to TWG members for further review and feedback.

*Malaysia Forest Fund telah menubuhkan sub-Kumpulan Kerja Teknikal (sub-TWG) bagi membangunkan 4 metodologi teras bagi Program Pampasan Karbon Hutan. Mesyuarat sub-TWG bagi Pengurusan Hutan yang Dipertingkatkan serta bagi Pengurangan Pelepasan daripada Penebangan Hutan dan Kemerosotan Hutan telah diadakan pada 30 April 2025 dan 2 Mei 2025. Draf metodologi akan diedarkan kepada TWG untuk maklum balas selanjutnya.*

马来西亚森林基金已成立多个子技术工作组 (TWG)，负责制定森林碳抵消计划的四项核心方法。关于改善森林管理以及减少因森林砍伐和森林退化导致的排放的子技术工作组会议已于2025年4月30日和5月2日召开。该方法草案将提交 TWG，征求进一步意见。



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# Workshop on Exploring Carbon Market Opportunities in Sarawak & ASEAN

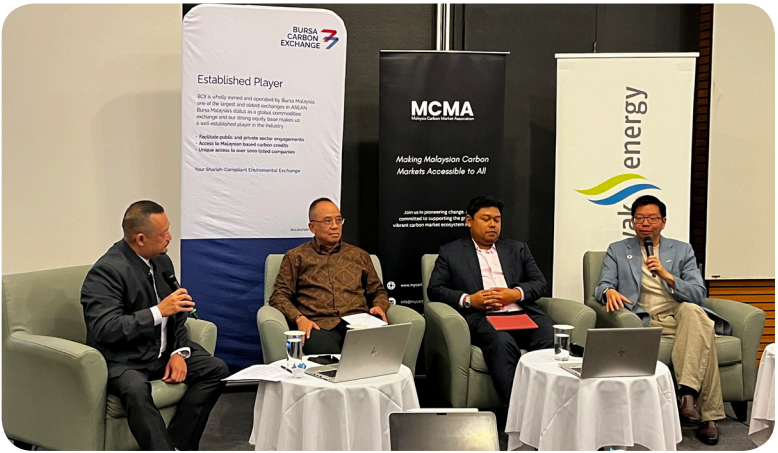
In conjunction with the Argus Asia Carbon Conference, the Malaysia Carbon Market Association (MCMA), in partnership with Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) and Bursa Malaysia, successfully hosted a capacity building workshop titled “Exploring Carbon Market Opportunities in Sarawak and ASEAN” on 28 May 2025 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching. The event, held under the flagship of the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability of Sarawak took place one day prior to the regional conference, drawing participation from government agencies, private sector stakeholders, including STA, financial institutions and civil society organisations.

The session commenced with a welcoming remark by Hajah Siti Aisah binti Adenan, Senior Vice President of Corporate Services at SEB, who highlighted the critical role of carbon markets in facilitating Malaysia's transition to a low-carbon economy. Hajah Siti Aisah also stressed the importance of transparency and environmental integrity in the development of robust carbon credit systems, to prevent challenges such as double counting and greenwashing.

Dr Renard Siew, President of MCMA, opened the workshop by sharing MCMA's vision of establishing a credible and collaborative national platform to support the growth of Malaysia's carbon ecosystem. He emphasised the importance of inclusive stakeholder engagement and capacity building to unlock the full potential of carbon markets. This was followed by a comprehensive presentation by Dr Wei-Nee Chen, Head of Carbon Market at Bursa Malaysia, who introduced the fundamentals of carbon markets and the ASEAN Common Carbon Framework (ACCF). She highlighted the varied stages of carbon market development across ASEAN member

states and called for greater regional alignment and interoperability to create a cohesive and efficient ASEAN carbon market. Dr Chen also addressed the importance of enabling policy frameworks, especially as Malaysia prepares to implement a carbon tax in 2026, urging the government to balance ambition with practicality to avoid unintentionally undermining a carbon project's eligibility criteria.

A key highlight of the workshop was the ASEAN Plenary Panel, moderated by Mr Steve Tan, Vice President of Business Development at Argus Media. The panel featured distinguished speakers from regional carbon market associations and networks, including Dr Riza Suarga from the Indonesia Carbon Trade Association, Dr Renard Siew from the MCMA, Mr Anshari Rahman from the Singapore Sustainable Finance Association and Ms Natalia Ria from the ASEAN Alliance on Carbon Markets. Discussion centred on the need for clear and consistent climate policies across ASEAN to attract long-term investment and foster regional carbon market integration of carbon markets.



Mr Steve Tan (left) moderating the plenary panel consisting of Dr Riza Suarga (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Mr Anshari Rahman (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Dr Renard Siew (right). The discussion was also joined virtually by Ms Natalia Ria

Participants also engaged in a series of presentations from Mr Tan Win Sim, Regional Representative for East and Southeast Asia at Verified Carbon Standard (VERRA), who introduced Verra's new CCS methodology (VM0049) and Scope 3 Standard for carbon accounting. Mr Soon Hun-Yang, the Chief Executive Officer of Eco-

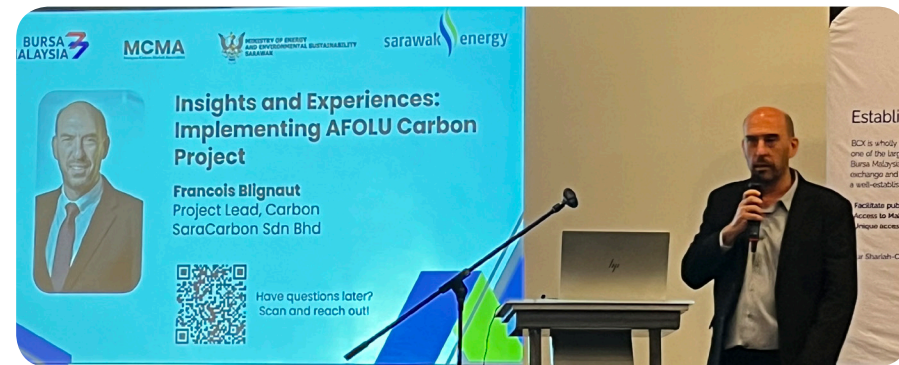
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Ideal Consulting and Mr Francois Blignaut, Carbon Project Lead at SaraCarbon also took the opportunity to share their experiences in developing and implementing carbon projects on the ground, highlighting both the technical and regulatory challenges as well as the opportunities for delivering environmental and social co-benefits.

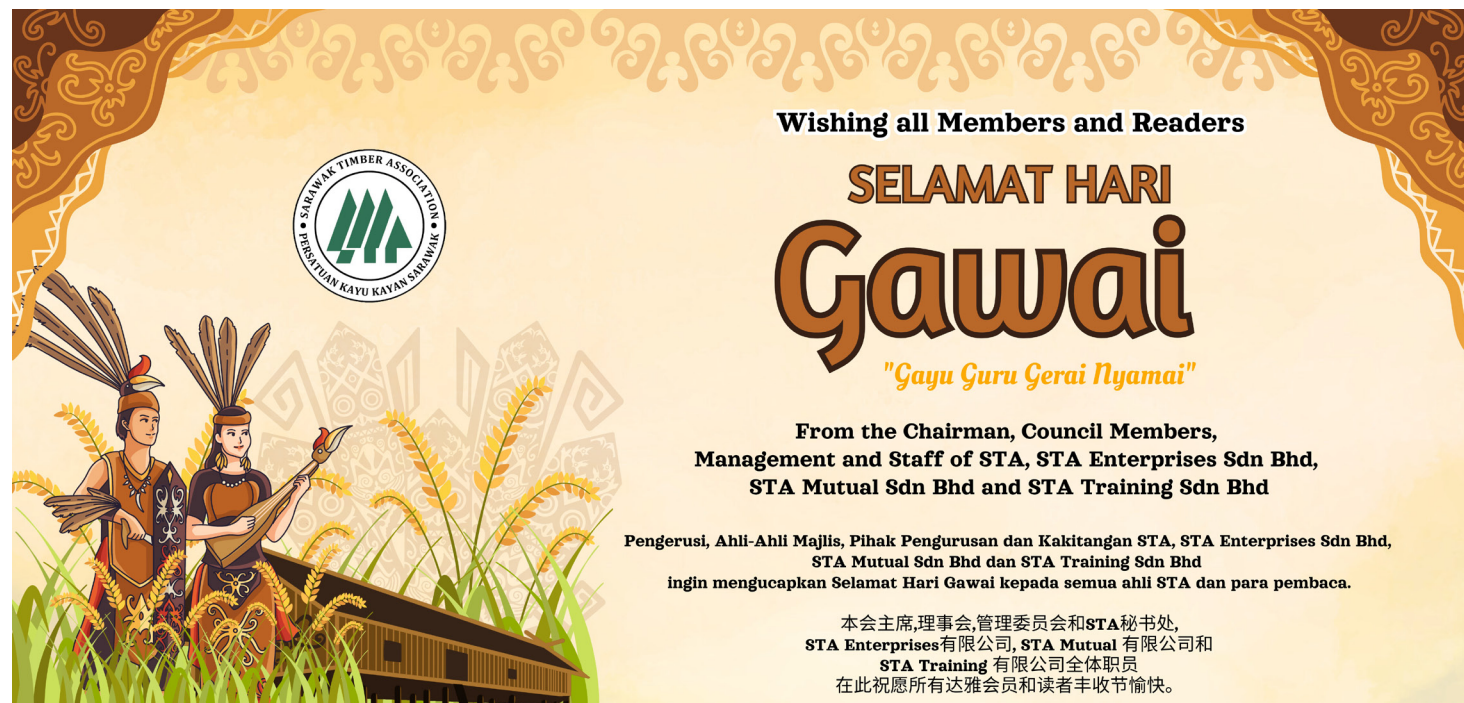
The workshop concluded with a shared understanding that while the carbon market presents promising opportunities, there are still challenges to be addressed, particularly in the context of Sarawak. To move forward effectively, more open and continuous discussions are needed at the state level to build capacity, align stakeholders, and ensure that Sarawak is well-positioned to participate meaningfully in the evolving carbon landscape.



Mr Francois Blignaut from SaraCarbon shared practical lessons from the field, offering a deep dive into the realities of developing carbon projects in Sarawak and beyond

Bengkel bertajuk “Meneroka Peluang Pasaran Karbon di Sarawak dan ASEAN” telah diadakan pada 28 Mei 2025 di Pusat Konvensyen Borneo Kuching. Bengkel merangkumi topik penting termasuk asas pasaran karbon, penjajaran serantau melalui Rangka Kerja Karbon Bersama ASEAN, dan cukai karbon Malaysia yang akan datang. Perbincangan panel menekankan kepentingan dasar iklim yang jelas dan konsisten di seluruh ASEAN untuk menggalakkan integrasi pasaran dan menarik pelaburan, manakala pembentangan pakar menjelaskan cabaran dan peluang yang terlibat dalam membangunkan projek karbon.

题为“探索砂拉越与东盟碳市场机遇”的工作坊于2025年5月28日在古晋婆罗洲会展中心举行。工作坊内容涵盖碳市场基础知识、通过东盟共同碳框架推动区域协调，以及马来西亚即将实施的碳税等关键议题。专题讨论强调，在东盟地区制定明确和一致的气候政策对于促进市场整合和吸引投资具有重要意义，而专题演讲则深入阐述开发碳项目过程中所面临的挑战与机遇。



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT TRAINING

**Date** : 6-8 May 2025 (Part 2)

**Venue** : Wisma STA, Kuching

**Trainer** : Mr Justine Jok Jau Emang



The second part of the Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) training course was successfully organised by STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) in collaboration with the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) from 6 to 8 May 2025, at Wisma STA Kuching. The part 2 training covers identifying and overcoming challenges during audits, case studies, review of audit reports, and examinations. The training was delivered by an experienced trainer, Mr Justine Jok Jau Emang.



The ECA training course aims to provide a thorough understanding and practical application of the ECA process to meet the requirements of the *Natural Resources and Environment (Audit) Rules, 2008*, and the associated guidelines as well as to promote self-regulation within the industry players. This training will enable qualified personnel to be registered as Environmental Auditor with NREB and to conduct internal audits, migrating from the existing Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMR) submission.



With effect from 1 July 2024, it is mandatory for the forestry sector in Sarawak to implement the ECA, replacing the submission of the Environmental Monitoring Report. For agriculture (oil palm plantation), quarry, and mining sectors, it will come into effect on 1 January 2027.

For more information on the above training, contact Mr Wong How Chu at 082- 332222 or email to [howchu@sta.org.my](mailto:howchu@sta.org.my)

### Image Captions:

1. Classroom lecturing by Mr Justine Jok Jau Emang, the ECA Trainer
2. Group discussion on the case studies related to the conduct of ECA
3. Trainer briefed the participants prior to the examinations
4. Participant received a Certificate of Attendance after completing the training. Certificate of Competency will be issued to those successfully passed the examinations



PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY REGION FROM SARAWAK-  
HILL AND SWAMP SPECIES  
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK - SPESIS HUTAN BUKIT DAN  
HUTAN PAYA  
砂拉越各区域天然林原木生产量 - 丘陵与沼泽地树种

Region	Feb '25	Feb '24	Mar '25	Mar '24	Apr '25	Apr '24	Jan - Apr '25	Jan - Apr '24
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	200	414	289	---	171	---	660	414
(Swamp)	753	---	---	---	958	---	1,711	---
Sibu (Hill)	18,743	25,338	20,047	15,419	20,641	26,750	74,046	83,205
(Swamp)	2,023	3,218	1,442	1,608	1,221	1,034	5,748	7,262
Bintulu (Hill)	40,464	43,667	41,197	64,738	42,910	53,533	165,295	227,158
(Swamp)	169	---	1,274	2,688	6,558	1,276	10,283	7,117
Miri (Hill)	7,090	11,159	6,408	7,440	10,823	6,776	32,133	29,804
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	40,995	47,884	42,303	45,939	55,809	50,564	164,847	191,535
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	1,224	9,957	5,231	10,992	8,214	7,786	19,055	35,690
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sarikei (Hill)	221	3,932	842	4,140	1,542	1,047	2,677	14,254
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	---	---	793	---	429	432	1,404	432
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Subtotal (Hill)	108,937	142,351	117,110	148,668	140,539	146,888	460,117	582,492
(Swamp)	2,945	3,218	2,716	4,296	8,737	2,310	17,742	14,379
TOTAL	111,882	145,569	119,826	152,964	149,276	149,198	477,859	596,871

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak  
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PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY HILL SPECIES FROM  
SARAWAK  
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT SPESIS HUTAN BUKIT DARI SARAWAK  
砂拉越丘陵地树种之天然林原木生产量

Hill Species	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Bindang	659	204	994	68	2,148	3,414
Meranti	50,066	40,315	45,233	50,404	63,004	198,956
Kapur	4,718	2,617	3,785	3,246	4,047	13,695
Keruing	2,748	1,824	2,326	2,572	2,864	9,586
Sepetir	122	107	141	165	240	653
Selangan Batu	2,039	1,652	973	1,551	2,469	6,645
Nyatoh	1,154	664	1,036	1,050	1,323	4,073
Other species	62,400	46,148	54,449	58,054	64,444	223,095
TOTAL:	123,906	93,531	108,937	117,110	140,539	460,117

PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY SWAMP SPECIES  
FROM SARAWAK  
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT SPESIS HUTAN PAYA DARI SARAWAK  
砂拉越沼泽地树种之天然林原木生产量

Swamp Species	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Jongkong	---	---	6	---	13	19
Kapur	86	27	169	20	596	812
Keruing	53	17	24	5	6	52
Meranti	262	217	385	109	599	1,310
Other species	1,774	3,083	2,361	2,582	7,523	15,549
TOTAL:	2,175	3,344	2,945	2,716	8,737	17,742

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PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM INDUSTRIAL FOREST PLANTATION BY REGION FROM SARAWAK  
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI PERLADANGAN HUTAN INDUSTRI MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK  
砂拉越各区域工业人工林原木种类生产量

Region		Feb '25	Feb '24	Mar '25	Mar '24	Apr '25	Apr '24	Jan - Apr '25	Jan - Apr '24
		Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sibu	(ACMG)	2,540	5,147	3,258	3,442	3,653	6,907	10,475	22,504
	(ALBZ)	1,606	712	---	1,427	1,372	1,081	4,825	3,220
	(EUCA)	---	---	2,054	---	729	---	2,783	---
	(KLPN)	---	858	---	1,303	44	841	123	3,623
Bintulu	(ACMG)	4,426	51,290	13,314	58,504	15,733	41,368	63,403	203,464
	(ALBZ)	1,172	2,195	1,986	5,118	3,608	5,595	7,546	15,428
	(EUCA)	3,299	2,860	3,170	1,511	1,510	794	11,172	6,972
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(KLPN)	---	---	---	91	---	144	---	235
Miri	(ACMG)	4,433	13,452	7,477	15,050	11,997	15,832	29,687	57,199
	(ALBZ)	2,211	1,295	3,376	1,958	2,977	1,438	12,935	6,821
	(EUCA)	3,585	6,580	6,495	8,662	5,112	8,512	18,788	28,348
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(KLPN)	---	---	120	---	---	---	120	---
Limbang	(ACMG)	---	2,143	---	1,241	---	1,320	---	5,706
Subtotal	(ACMG)	11,399	72,032	24,049	78,237	31,383	65,427	103,565	288,873
	(ALBZ)	4,989	4,202	5,362	8,503	7,957	8,114	25,306	25,469
	(EUCA)	6,884	9,440	11,719	10,173	7,351	9,306	32,743	35,320
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	(KLPN)	---	858	120	1,394	44	985	243	3,858
TOTAL:		23,272	86,532	41,250	98,307	46,735	83,832	161,857	353,520

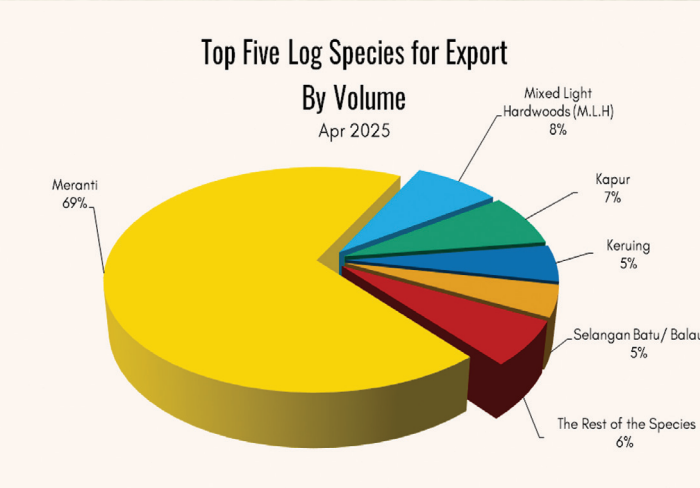
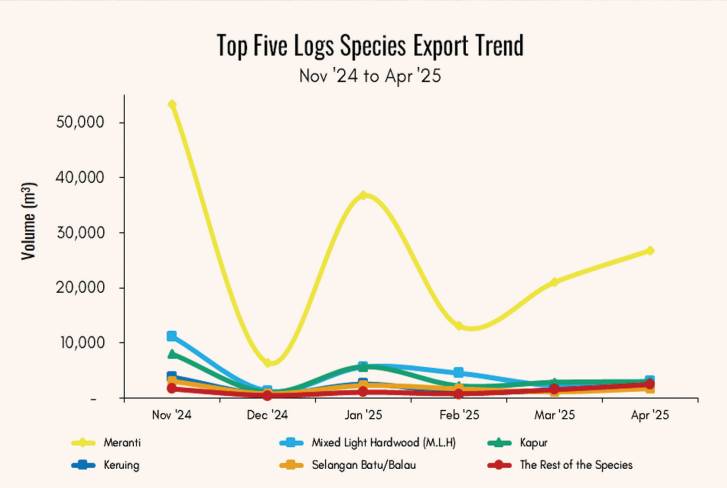
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\*ACMG - Acacia mangium ALBZ - Albizia EUCA - Eucalyptus GMELINA - Gmelina arborea KLPN - Kelampayan MHGN - Mahogany

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

Species	Feb '25		Mar '25		Apr '25		Jan - Apr '25		Jan - Apr '24	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Arau	52	52,558	112	142,444	99	116,695	521	633,100	1,006	1,169,804
Bindang/Damar Minyak/Agathis	---	---	1,073	995,476	1,599	1,507,862	2,672	2,503,338	---	---
Kapur	2,156	2,319,110	2,799	3,130,974	2,917	3,302,500	13,500	15,008,720	18,312	20,462,235
Keruing	976	769,349	1,454	1,177,251	2,034	1,605,050	7,002	5,584,825	25,387	19,786,165
Meranti	13,090	9,260,401	21,024	15,561,608	26,788	20,724,690	97,662	72,165,316	108,034	79,225,809
Mersawa	161	143,236	101	90,620	279	240,694	749	654,942	3,110	2,201,707
Mixed Light Hardwoods (M.L.H)	4,504	2,514,473	2,245	1,485,552	3,058	1,974,417	15,453	9,177,824	15,701	9,727,290
Nyatoh	77	46,494	90	54,789	82	48,945	348	204,893	110	72,649
Resak	238	199,654	101	88,350	409	330,480	1,022	847,673	1,231	1,072,756
Selangau Batu/Balau	1,696	2,701,024	1,170	1,973,787	1,748	2,962,533	6,900	11,295,856	9,083	14,179,443
Other Species	193	120,430	25	22,132	10	5,317	425	273,212	113	68,835
TOTAL:	23,143	18,126,729	30,194	24,722,983	39,023	32,819,183	146,254	118,349,699	182,087	147,966,693

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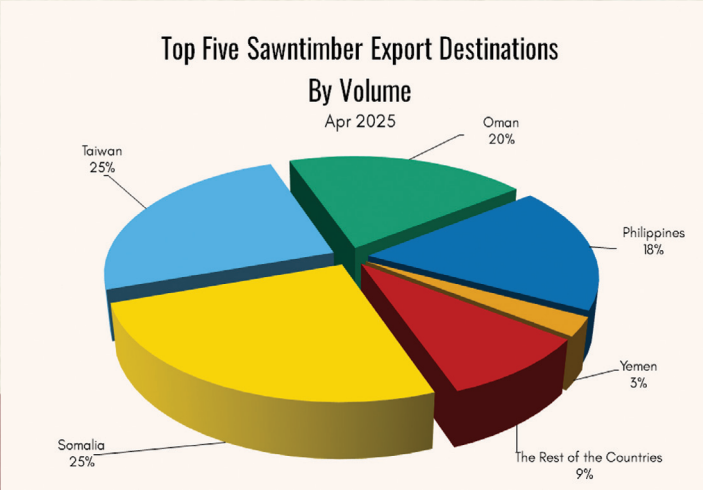
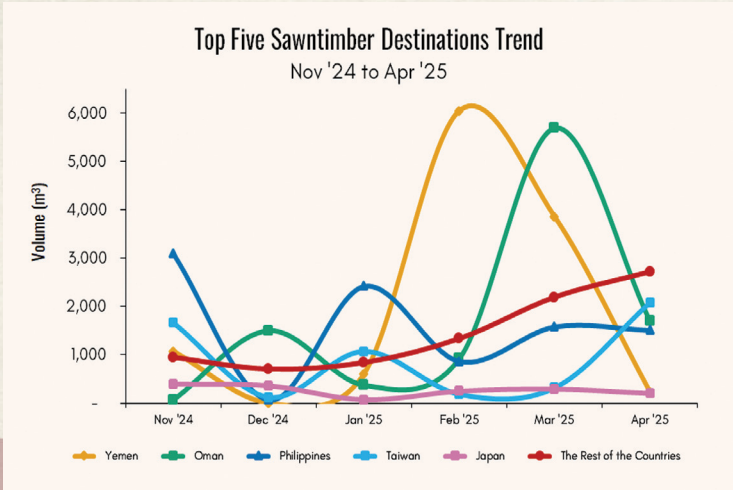


SARAWAK timber trade statistics

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

Country of Destination	Feb '25		Mar '25		Apr '25		Jan - Apr '25		Jan - Apr '24	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
China 中国	217	725,816	527	1,540,059	148	506,314	1,084	3,417,213	624	753,037
Japan 日本	251	651,896	297	801,020	203	514,944	822	2,167,835	1,175	3,508,105
Korea 韩国	90	116,922	181	239,292	137	221,910	735	1,089,663	276	556,644
Oman 阿曼	923	1,028,081	5,693	5,587,762	1,703	1,891,670	8,694	8,925,557	8,716	11,280,869
Philippines 菲律宾	868	280,156	1,583	1,953,716	1,510	1,121,869	6,383	5,305,729	7,633	6,597,833
Somalia 索马里	---	---	---	---	2,142	2,676,911	2,142	2,676,911	---	---
Taiwan 台湾	190	192,100	325	313,575	2,088	3,094,584	3,680	5,323,633	5,317	10,268,160
Thailand 泰国	660	569,053	329	295,297	69	52,138	1,276	1,194,760	1,537	1,484,027
United Arab Emirates 阿联酋	---	---	929	1,201,700	180	240,675	1,109	1,442,375	2,664	5,316,481
Yemen 也门	6,051	10,987,859	3,857	9,083,165	227	665,005	10,737	22,277,289	3,274	6,693,340
Other Countries 其他国家	372	559,887	227	534,659	37	48,673	743	1,322,217	943	2,330,218
TOTAL:	9,622	15,111,770	13,948	21,550,245	8,444	11,034,693	37,405	55,143,182	32,159	48,788,714

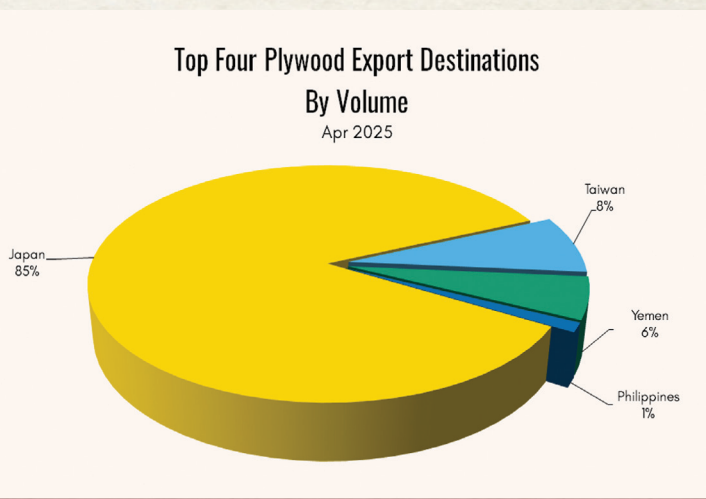
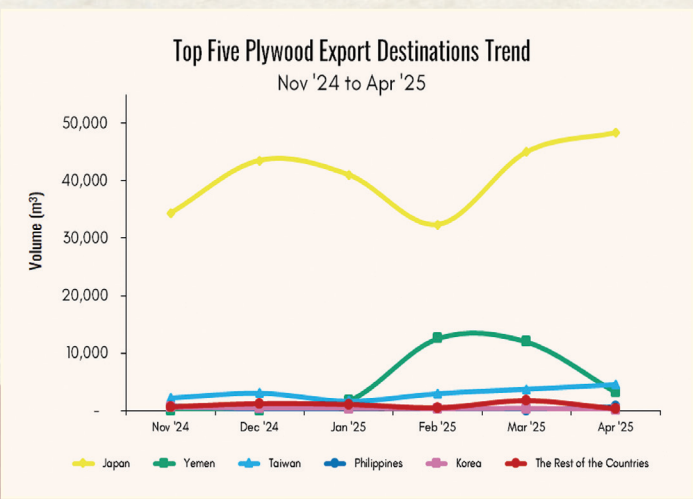
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EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口量

Country of Destination	Feb '25		Mar '25		Apr '25		Jan - Apr '25		Jan - Apr '24	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Brunei 汶莱	200	299,090	174	237,920	239	321,647	804	1,123,410	937	1,214,667
Japan 日本	32,329	66,662,136	44,979	94,336,271	48,305	102,183,489	166,584	349,482,427	144,579	347,930,644
Korea 韩国	287	466,784	347	597,655	122	250,274	1,127	1,973,770	5,684	10,369,034
Philippines 菲律宾	398	1,195,631	82	264,660	711	2,212,004	1,585	4,872,038	1,868	6,495,374
Taiwan 台湾	2,976	4,929,228	3,727	5,972,796	4,477	7,156,838	12,884	20,710,995	10,736	19,699,529
Thailand 泰国	---	---	---	---	42	153,403	217	539,383	88	232,945
Vietnam 越南	---	---	---	---	35	133,529	70	267,371	243	973,302
Yemen 也门	12,576	20,816,301	11,983	21,372,626	3,241	5,996,612	29,571	51,175,458	8,775	16,773,579
Other Countries 其他国家	310	595,163	1,630	2,858,770	---	---	2,661	5,134,814	3,461	8,535,561
TOTAL:	49,076	94,964,333	62,922	125,640,698	57,172	118,407,796	215,503	435,279,666	176,371	412,224,635

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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值

Top Two Veneer Export Destinations  
By Value  
Apr 2025

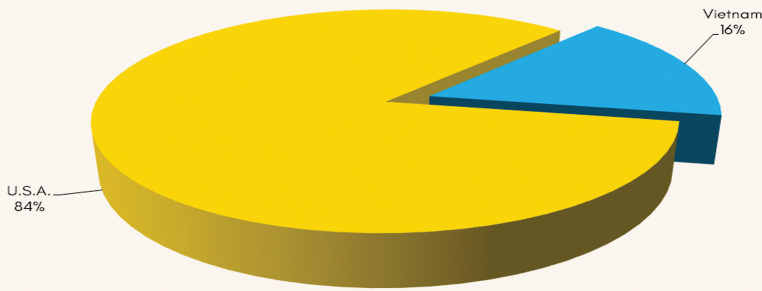


Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
1,268,712	240,829	1,130,497	745,204	312,283	2,428,813



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

Top Two Laminated Board / Flooring Export Destinations  
By Value  
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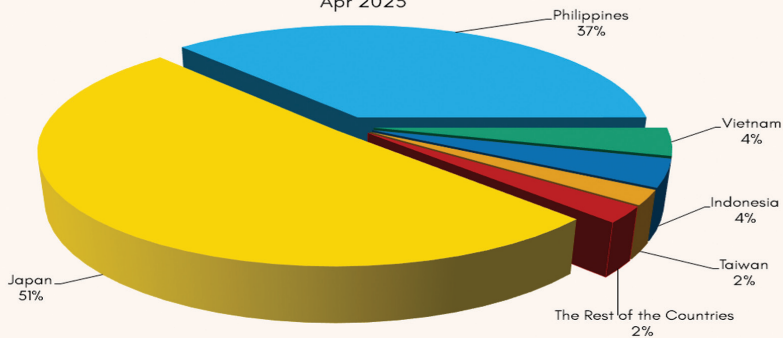


Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
3,973,454	4,988,748	1,315,861	4,449,345	2,682,087	13,436,041



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

Top Five Medium Density Fibreboard Export Destinations  
By Value  
Apr 2025

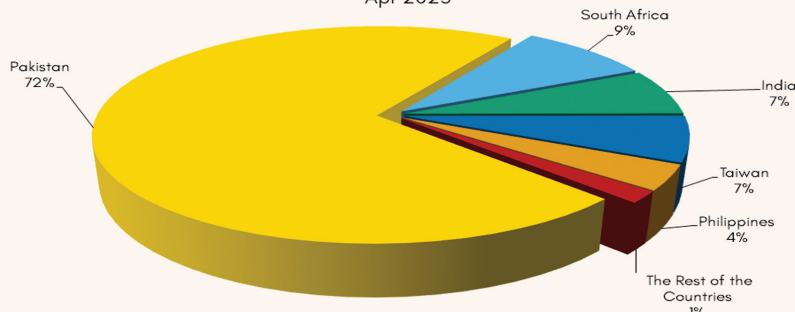


Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
28,011,619	28,997,251	31,259,212	31,673,313	25,627,367	117,557,143



EXPORT VALUE OF DOORSKIN BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK  
NILAI EKSPORT DAUN PINTU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK  
砂拉越至各目的地之门皮出口值

Top Five Doorskin Export Destinations  
By Value  
Apr 2025



Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
2,667,488	2,767,499	3,516,281	2,275,612	3,935,559	12,494,951



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

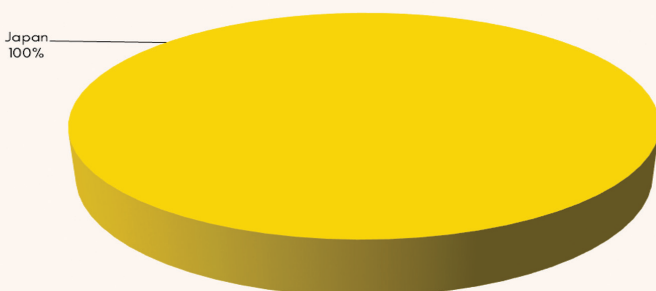
*Remark:*  
No export of particleboard was recorded in Apr 2025

Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
1,166,947	113,694	---	---	---	113,694



EXPORT VALUE OF DOOR PANELS & FRAME BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK  
NILAI EKSPORT PANEL & BINGKAI PINTU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK  
砂拉越至各目的地之门框出口值

Top Door Panels & Frame Export Destination  
By Value  
Apr 2025



Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	Jan - Apr '25
2,874,268	922,793	1,901,049	2,403,210	2,886,044	8,113,096

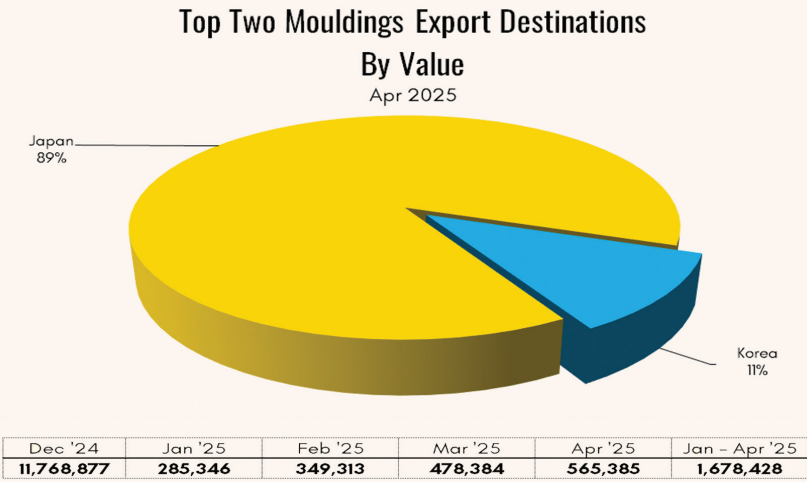
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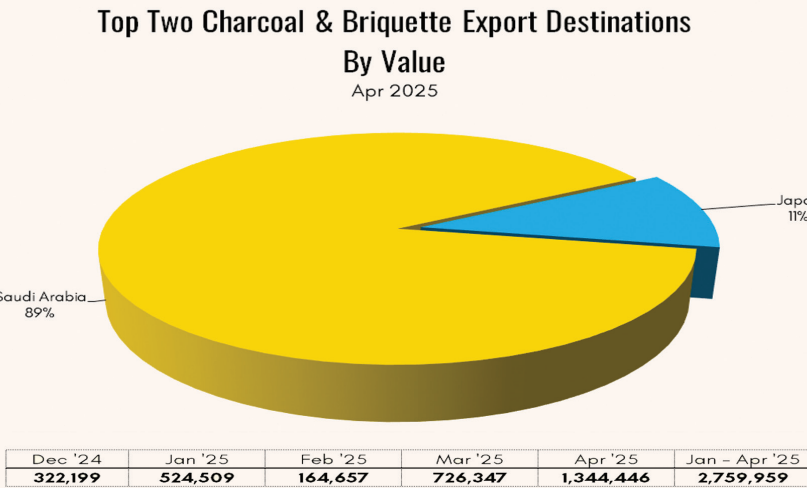




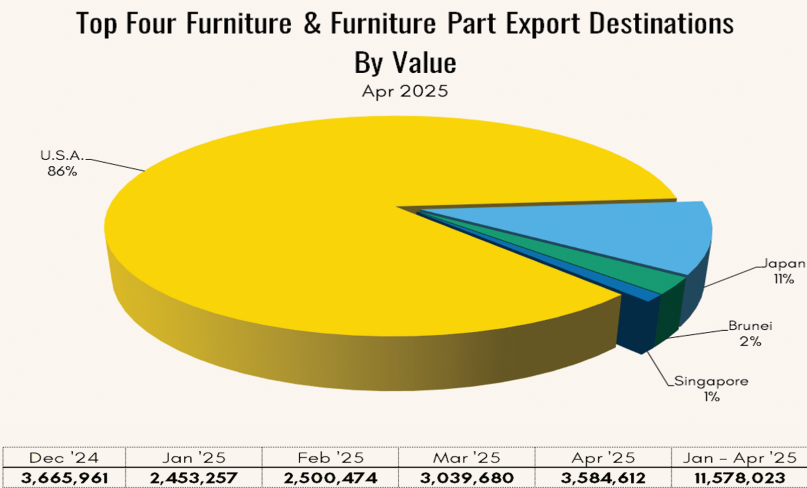
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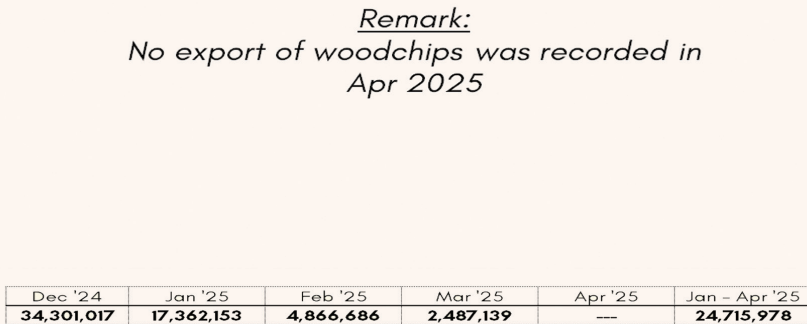
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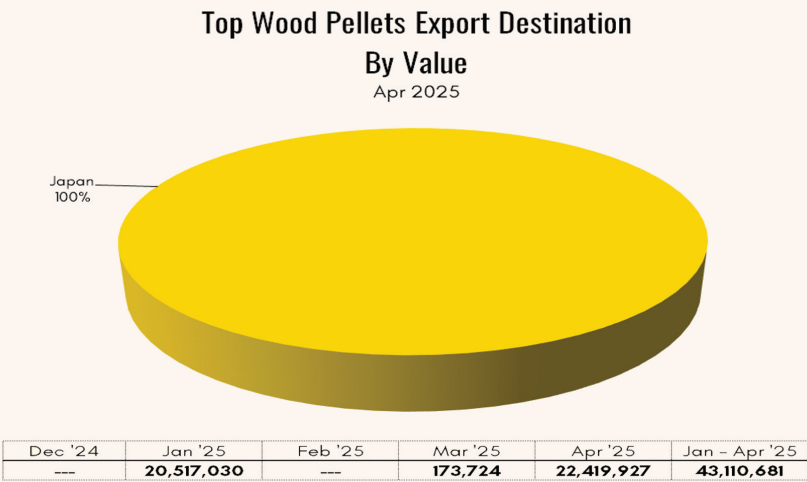
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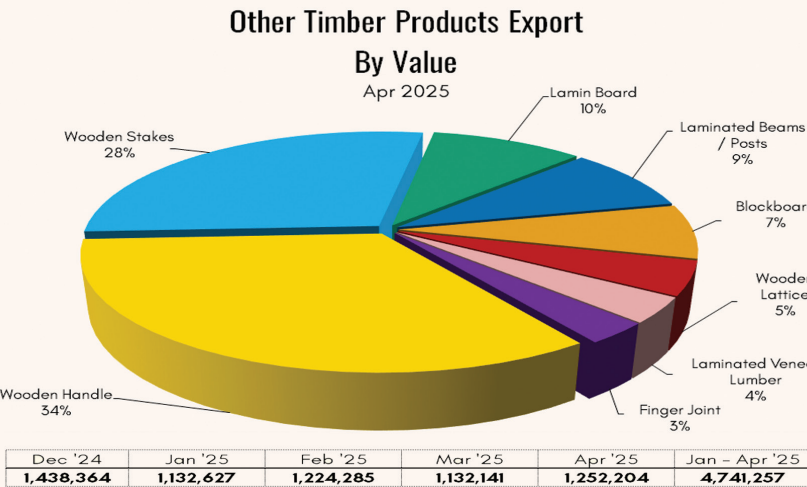
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# OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME MAY 2025

Skills training in forestry activities have been designed to provide forest workmen with basic knowledge and practical skills required to work safely in the forests. It helps to create awareness on the environment, sustainable forest management as well as occupational safety and health.

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), a subsidiary company of STA, offers training to workmen in the forestry and timber industry. Presently, there are twelve (12) skills sets offered by STAT.

For this month, STAT conducted ground operator training programme as follows:

### > Tree Felling - Chainsaw (Forest Plantation)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Ginda Uli  
**Date** : 6 - 7 May 2025  
**Location** : Masama Camp, Tatau  
**Company** : Shin Yang Sdn Bhd

### > Tree Felling - Chainsaw (Natural Forest)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Kutok Bayang  
**Date** : 15 - 16 May 2025  
**Location** : Danum Camp, Belaga  
**Company** : Shin Yang Sdn Bhd

### > Tree and Log Identification

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Sumbang Rani  
**Date** : 6 - 9 May 2025  
**Location** : Sungai Pila Base Camp, Kapit  
**Company** : Raplex Sdn Bhd

### > Log Loading - Front End Loader (Natural Forest)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Sang Sanjan  
**Date** : 15 - 16 May 2025  
**Location** : Danum Camp, Belaga  
**Company** : Shin Yang Sdn Bhd

### > Log Extraction - Tractor (Natural Forest)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Ginda Uli  
**Date** : 15 - 16 May 2025  
**Location** : Danum Camp, Belaga  
**Company** : Shin Yang Sdn Bhd

### > Mechanical Site Preparation - Excavator (Forest Plantation)

**STAT Trainer / Assessor** : Mr Ngumbang Bayang  
**Date** : 15 - 16 May 2025  
**Location** : Danum Camp, Belaga  
**Company** : Shin Yang Sdn Bhd



Under Section 51 of the Forests Ordinance 2015, forest workmen are required to receive training from a training provider and demonstrate their competence through assessment. STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) is the appointed training provider by Forest Department Sarawak to provide skills training for the five (5) prescribed forestry activities (PFAs) as listed in Schedule 1 The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015.

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