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STA Council Meeting No. 3/2024

The STA Council for the term 2024 and 2025 convened for its inaugural meeting on 6 September 2024 at Wisma STA Kuching. The session, presided over by Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong, Chairman, was attended by Honorary Secretary Mr Wong Ting Chung, Honorary Treasurer Mr Philip Choo, and seventeen other Council members.

The Council received comprehensive updates from various Category and Working Committees, along with reports on the progress of industrial tree plantation research projects funded by STA. One of the key highlights is the proposed an outreach programme in Sibul and Bintulu, to be conducted with Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation. This initiative aims to engage plywood manufacturers, provide update on the latest government regulations and market requirements, and gather valuable feedback for future improvements.

Looking ahead, the Council discussed two important capacity-building initiatives in collaboration with the Forest Department Sarawak. The first, a Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) and Forest Management Plan (FMP) Training, is scheduled in October 2024 in Miri and Kuching. This training will focus on preparing comprehensive FMPs for both natural and industrial forest plantations and will address RIL practices according to the RIL Guidelines for Ground-based Timber Harvesting in Sarawak.

The second initiative, the Biodiversity Observation for Land and Ecosystem Health (BOLEH) Workshop and Technical Training, will take place



Mr David Tiong, Dato Henry Lau and Mr Wong Ting Chung (from left to right) at the meeting

from in November 2024. This workshop aims to provide in-depth training on the BOLEH method, a cost-effective tool for monitoring carbon and biodiversity within forest management units. The BOLEH method, successfully implemented in other regions, offers a quantitative assessment of ecosystem health and biodiversity at the landscape level.

Mesuarat Majlis STA Bil. 3/2024, yang dipengerusikan oleh Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong pada 6 September 2024 meliputi kemas kini daripada jawatankuasa dan projek penyelidikan. Antara agenda utama yang dibincangkan adalah program jangkauan untuk kilang papan lapis, latihan Pelan Pengurusan Hutan dan Pembalakan Berimpak Rendah yang akan datang, bengkel dan latihan teknikal Pemerhatian Biodiversiti untuk Tanah dan Kesihatan Ekosistem.

本会理事会于2024年9月6日在拿督劉利康的主持下召开第三次会议，接纳各委员会和研究项目的进展报告。主要议程包括胶合板厂外展计划、即将举行的低影响采伐和森林管理计划培训，以及土地与生态系统健康的生物多样性观察工作坊和技术培训。



Council meeting in session

Meetings of STA Subsidiary Companies

The Boards of Directors of STA subsidiary companies, namely STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) and STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd (STAE) held their respective meetings on 2 September 2024. These meetings presided over by Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong, Chairman and conducted via video conferencing are summarised as follows:

STAT

The STAT Board of Directors had convened its 2nd Meeting virtually this year on 2 September 2024. The Directors deliberated and approved various items pertaining to the training courses and administrative matters. From 1 March 2024 and 31 August 2024, a total of 30 workmen in 5 prescribed forestry activities (PFA) and 75 in non-PFA were trained and found competent.

The Board was also informed on the appointment of STAT as training provider by the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) to conduct Environmental Compliance Audit Training and Environmental Quality Monitoring (EQM) Training. Since then, STAT had conducted two (2) ECA Trainings and two (2) EQM



STA Training Sdn Bhd's Board of Director
Meeting No. 2/2024

trainings with total of 111 participants. The Boards also noted that in order to enable reappointment of Honorary Wild Life Ranger within STA members companies, STAT is partnering with the Sarawak Forestry Corporation and Forest Department Sarawak to conduct Honorary Wild Life Ranger (Reappointment) Training in near future.

Besides that, the Board had also revised the course fees for members from RM750.00 to RM1,200.00 per day per skills set starting 1 January 2025. However, the course fees for non-member which include contractors

and sub-contractors of members will remain at RM1,500.00 per day per skills set. Both course fees and travel expenses are claimable under the HRD Corp Claimable Course Scheme for registered employers who contributed to the fund. Additionally, the meeting was also informed that the integration of FDS Systems (REVLOG and Licensee Portal) with STAT Database is currently in the final stages and is expected to be operational by the end of 2024. All future training nominations will be processed via the portal.

STAE

The STAE BOD Meeting No. 2/2024 endorsed and deliberated various financial and administrative matters which related to building operation and maintenance as well as the tenancy of Wisma STA.

Lembaga Pengarah syarikat subsidiari STA, iaitu STA Training Sdn Bhd dan STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd telah mengadakan mesyuarat masing-masing pada 2 September 2024 untuk menerima maklumat terkini dan meluluskan pelbagai perkara berkaitan hal kewangan dan pentadbiran.

本会子公司、STA Training有限公司和STA Enterprises有限公司的董事会于2024年9月2日分别召开各公司会议，以接纳报告和批准多项有关财务和行政事务的议项。

Engagement Session with Asia Pacific Resources International Limited (APRIL) Group

STA organised an Engagement Session with Asia Pacific Resources International Limited (APRIL) Group for its forest plantation members on 27 September 2024 in Wisma STA, Kuching. The session served as a platform for exploring the collaboration opportunities between APRIL Group and holders of License for Planted Forests in Sarawak.

Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA welcomed the APRIL Group, led by Mr Sihol Parulian Aritonang, President Director of PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper. In her welcoming remarks, Ms Ting briefly introduced the functions and roles of STA, expressing her hope that the session would be productive. She emphasised that this initiative has the potential to enhance the

sustainable development of the industrial forest plantations in member companies.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sihol provided an overview of the company's background and its commitment to creating a positive impact on the climate, nature and communities while pursuing sustainable business growth. Key highlights included their collaborative natural climate solution project, the Sustainable Forest Management Policy 2.0, operational system, productivity enhancement, and research and development in industrial forest plantations.

During the session, both parties exchanged insights and engaged in discussions about the collaborative proposal.

Pada 27 September 2024, STA menganjurkan Sesi Penglibatan dengan Kumpulan Asia Pacific Resources International Limited (APRIL) di Wisma STA di Kuching, bertujuan untuk meneroka peluang kerjasama di antara Kumpulan APRIL dan pemegang Lesen Ladang Hutan di Sarawak. Berkongsi komitmen terhadap pembangunan mampan dalam industri ladang hutan dan pertumbuhan perniagaan, kedua-dua pihak bertukar pandangan dan membincangkan cadangan kerjasama yang berpotensi.

本会于2024年9月27日假古晋STA大厦与亚太资源集团(APRIL)进行交流会议，旨在探索APRIL与砂拉越人工林许可证持有者的合作机会。双方共同致力于人工林种植业的可持续发展 and 业务增长，交换见解并讨论潜在的合作建议。



Group photo with Mr Sihol (5th from left) and Ms Ting (5th from right)

Webinar on e-Invoicing

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Malaysia organised a complimentary e-Invoicing webinar on 26 September 2024. The webinar was conducted by two (2) speakers, Mr Lavindran Sandragasu, Tax Partner and Mr Mohd Haizam Abdul Aziz, Tax Director.

The speakers discussed the benefits and challenges faced by the companies under Phase 1 of e-Invoicing, which began on 1 August 2024. They highlighted that the government has granted a six-month grace period for taxpayers following the mandatory implementation date, allowing them to issue consolidated e-Invoices.

PwC's team of experienced consultants is available to assist with e-Invoicing implementation, helping businesses navigate the transition smoothly. They can provide insights into e-Invoicing operations, processes, and system capabilities.

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Malaysia menganjurkan webinar e-invois percuma pada 26 September 2024. Webinar tersebut membincangkan faedah dan cabaran Fasa 1 e-invois, yang bermula pada 1 Ogos 2024. Mereka menonjolkan tempoh tangguh kerajaan selama 6 bulan untuk pembayar cukai, membolehkan mereka mengeluarkan e-invois yang disatukan.

马来西亚PwC于2024年9月26日主持免费电子发票线上研讨会。该会讨论于2024年8月1日开始实施的第一阶段电子发票的优点及其挑战。他们强调政府给纳税人6个月的宽限期，允许他们开合并电子发票。

Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2024

The Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum (GLSTF) 2024, co-hosted by the International Tropical Timber Organization and the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute of the Macao SAR, and organised by the Secretariat of the Global Green Supply Chains Initiative, was held from 11 to 12 September 2024 at the MGM COTAI, Macao SAR, China.

The GLSTF 2024 aimed to enhance networking, collaboration and business exchange among timber industry stakeholders, namely producers, buyers, processors and market players. The goal was to strengthen support for sustainable forest management, and the uptake of legal and sustainable wood product supply chains. This, in turn, would facilitate the legal and sustainable use and trade of wood products while contributing to sustainable development and climate-change mitigation.

With the theme “*Together towards reliable and effective global timber supply chains*”, GLSTF 2024 attracted approximately 700 guests from over 40 countries and regions, including representatives from international organisations, national governments and timber industry associations and enterprises.

The Malaysian delegation, led by Mr Mazlan Othman, Senior Undersecretary of the Timber, Tobacco and Kenaf Industries Development Division, Ministry of Plantation and Commodities, consists of 13 members which included representatives from the Malaysian Timber Council, Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah Forestry Department, Sabah Timber Industries Association and Sarawak Timber Association.

The two-day event included a high-level segment discussion, a main forum, four specialised sub-forums and several side events, as well as a business matching session. A diverse array of significant topics were covered, including new timber trade requirements and regulations, precise supply and demand alignment, market-facilitating measures, trans-boundary collaboration, advanced technologies and equipment as well as green finance. Additionally, Malaysia participated in the forum exhibition, showcasing its forest monitoring and management digitalisation systems alongside a selection of Malaysian timber products.

During the forum, two research collaboration outcomes and three action plans for multinational cooperation were announced, all aimed at enhancing international collaboration in legal and sustainable timber supply chains. Notably, the full operation of the Global Timber Index (GTI) Platform was revealed, with Malaysia participating as one of the pilot countries. The GTI Platform is designed to facilitate the exchange of information and data related to the timber trade, fostering collaboration among stakeholders in a stable, transparent and predictable business environment. This initiative is a crucial step toward building legal and sustainable forest product supply chains.

Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA was also invited as one of the speakers in the panel discussion at Specialised Sub-Forum 4: *Green Finance and Innovative Facilitating Measures for Green Supply Chains – New Financial Opportunities in Forest Sustainability*. The session delved into the current landscape of global forestry investment, emphasising the importance of green finance as a pivotal tool for optimising resource allocation. It highlighted various international models and experiences in green forestry finance, underscoring common challenges in market financing, such as limited access to capital and environmental regulations challenges. Ms Ting emphasised that effective green finance can significantly promote forest conservation and sustainable management practices by incentivising investments in eco-friendly initiatives and fostering collaboration between stakeholders.

Malaysian delegation at the GLSTF 2024

Her insights offered a forward-looking perspective on how integrating financial strategies with environmental goals can lead to healthier forests and communities.

In addition, Ms Ting also shared her insights during a side event titled “*She*” Power: *The Roundtable Dialogue on Forests for Sustainable Development*. The dialogue provided a platform for sharing the achievements and experiences of women within and beyond industries in the process of realising the Sustainable Development Goals. The conversation underscored the essential connection between love - whether for family, career or the environment - and sustainability. Ms Ting emphasised that love is a powerful motivating force for environmental protection and community engagement. She also addressed the significant challenges women face in their pursuit of gender equality, while recognising the strengths they bring to the table.

Forum Kayu Sah dan Lestari Global (GLSTF) 2024 di Macao menumpukan kepada meningkatkan kerjasama dalam pengurusan hutan lestari dan perdagangan kayu. Delegasi Malaysia yang diketuai oleh Encik Mazlan Othman, Timbalan Setiausaha Kanan Bahagian Kemajuan Industri Kayu-Kayan, Tembakau & Kenaf, Kementerian Perlindungan dan Komoditi, mempamerkan sistem pengurusan hutan dan produk kayu di pameran forum itu. Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA, turut mengambil bahagian dalam perbincangan mengenai kewangan hijau dan peranan wanita dalam kemampanan, serta menonjolkan pelaburan perhutanan dan keseksamaan jantina.

2024年全球合法与可持续木业高峰论坛(GLSTF)在澳门举行, 聚焦于加强持续性森林管理和木材贸易的合作。马来西亚代表团由马来西亚种植及原产业部木材、烟草和洋麻工业发展处高级秘书马兹兰奥斯曼先生率领, 在论坛的可持续木业展上展示森林管理系统和木材产品。在论坛期间, 本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐参与有关绿色金融及女性在可持续发展中扮演的角色的研讨会, 强调了林业投资和性别平等。

Ms Ting shared her insights during the “She” Power side event

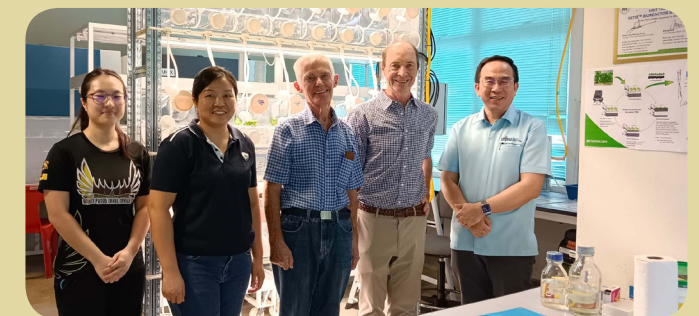


Technical Training under STA-Funded Scale-Up Production of Kelampayan Research Project

In 2021, STA funded the Scale-Up Production of the Kelampayan Research Project conducted by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS). The project aimed to establish an optimal protocol for mass-producing Kelampayan planting materials using the innovative temporary immersion bioreactor (TIB) technology.

Upon completion of the project, a technical training session was held on 26 September 2024 at the Forest Genomics and Informatics Laboratory, Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, UNIMAS. This session presented the protocol for effectively using the TIB to propagate Kelampayan planting materials.

Attendees included Dr. Roger James Arnold, Manager (Research) at Samling Reforestation (Bintulu) Sdn Bhd, Dr. Arno Brune, Senior Forest Geneticist at GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd, and staff from the STA Secretariat. The training was led by the project's Principal Investigator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ho Wei Seng, alongside his research team.



The group posing in front of the temporary immersion bioreactor

Pada tahun 2021, STA membiayai Projek Penyelidikan Kelampayan di Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) untuk membangunkan protokol pengeluaran besar-besaran bahan tanaman Kelampayan menggunakan teknologi bioreaktor rendaman sementara (TIB). Selepas projek siap, satu sesi latihan teknikal telah diadakan pada 26 September 2024, di UNIMAS untuk membentangkan protokol TIB.

本会自2021年起资助马来西亚砂拉越大学(UNIMAS)的黄梁木研究项目, 以研发使用临时浸没式生物反应器 (TIB) 技术批量生产黄梁木种植树苗的程序。所研发的程序在项目完成后, 于2024年9月26日在UNIMAS举办的技术培训课程中进行了介绍。

24th Tri-Nation Joint Meeting of JLIA, JPMA, APKINDO, MPMA, STIA & STA



Participants from JLIA, JPMA, APKINDO, MPMA, STIA & STA gathered for a group photo

The 24th Tri-Nation Joint Meeting of Japan Lumber Importers' Association (JLIA), Japan Plywood Manufacturers' Association (JPMA), Asosiasi Panel Kayu Indonesia (APKINDO), The Malaysian Panel-Products Manufacturers' Association (MPMA), Sabah Timber Industries Association (STIA) and Sarawak Timber Association (STA) was held on 17 September 2024 at Park Royal Hotel, Tokyo, Japan.

A total of fifty-four (54) participants, led by their respective heads of delegation comprising Mr Hiroshi Sekino, Chairman of JLIA; Mr Atsuhiko Inoue, Chairman of JPMA; Mr Gunawan Salim, Board Member of APKINDO; and Mr Vincent Chieng, Honorary Secretary of STA's Panel Products Committee, gathered to deliberate on the supply and current market situation of plywood in Japan, Indonesia and Malaysia.

In their opening remarks, all heads of delegation emphasised the mounting challenges posed by geopolitical risks, economic uncertainty, high inflation, logistical issues, and the rapid depreciation of currencies. These factors have had profound effects on financial stability and introduced significant insecurity into economic activities across the region. During the Joint Meeting, country-specific market reports were presented by STA, APKINDO and JLIA which included an analysis of several plywood products in Japan.

Key issues discussed during the meeting included global environmental agenda such as sustainability, timber legality and traceability, the shift from hardwood to softwood and plantation species, and increasing competition for logs used in the production of other products such as MDF and chipboard. Trends in plywood supply and usage in Japan were also reviewed. Additionally, JLIA highlighted Japan's close monitoring of the upcoming European Union Deforestation-

free Regulation and how Malaysia and Indonesia plan to respond when the regulation takes effect on 1 January 2025. JLIA also acknowledged the importance of industry cooperation during the review process of Japan's Clean Wood Act, which occurs every three (3) years.

Mr Sekino concluded that the meeting by noting the challenges currently facing Japan's housing market. He commended Malaysia and Indonesia for their firm stance on the importance of using timber and expressed gratitude for the high regard both countries place on tropical timber. He called for continued collaboration to promote the sustainable use of tropical timber across the region. It was also decided that STA will host next year's meeting in Malaysia.

Mesyuarat Bersama Tiga Negara Ke-24 Persatuan Pengimport Kayu Jepun, Persatuan Pengilang Papan Lapis Jepun, Persatuan Panel Kayu Indonesia, Persatuan Pengilang Panel-Produk Malaysia, Persatuan Industri Kayu-Kayan Sabah dan Persatuan Kayu-Kayan Sarawak membincangkan keadaan pasaran papan lapis di Jepun, Indonesia, dan Malaysia, mengetengahkan cabaran seperti risiko geopolitik, inflasi dan susut nilai mata wang. Topik utama termasuk kelestarian, kesahihan kayu dan Peraturan Penyahutanan EU. Mesyuarat turut memutuskan bahawa STA menjadi tuan rumah mesyuarat pada tahun depan di Malaysia.

由日本木材进口商协会、日本胶合板制造商协会、印尼板材公会、马来西亚合板制造商公会、沙巴木材工业公会和本会参与的第24届三国联席会议讨论了日本、印尼和马来西亚的胶合板市场状况，强调地缘政治风险、通货膨胀和货币贬值等挑战。关键议题包括可持续性、木材合法性和欧盟无毁林法规。会议也决定由本会主办明年在马来西亚的三国联席会议。

Presentation of Interim II Report for the Study on Integrated River Basin Management Plan for Batang Saribas Basin

The Department of Irrigation and Drainage, Malaysia (DID Malaysia) commissioned consultant, O.B.E Consulting Sdn Bhd to undertake a study on the Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) plan for Batang Saribas Basin. The goal of this initiative is to develop an IRBM plan that ensures sufficient and clean water, reduces flood risk and promotes environmental conservation.

On 10 September 2024, stakeholders gathered at the DID Sarawak office to receive updates on the study's progress. The consultant team provided a detailed analysis of the data collected, addressing key issues related to land use, socio-economic factors, engineering challenges as well as environmental aspects.

The study further emphasised the importance of ongoing collaboration between the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) and the STA in supporting the transition from conventional regulatory requirement towards self-regulated

compliance in the forestry sector. The joint ECA training sessions conducted by NREB and STA were also recognised as vital in supporting the effective implementation of the Natural Resources and Environment (Audit) Rules, 2008, marking a significant step toward improving regulatory compliance and environmental accountability in the forestry sector.

Laporan Interim II bagi kajian Pelan Pengurusan Lembangan Sungai Bersepadu Lembangan Batang Saribas telah dibentangkan oleh O.B.E Consulting Sdn Bhd semasa mesyuarat yang diadakan oleh Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) Malaysia pada 10 September 2024 di pejabat JPS Sarawak. Laporan menekankan kerjasama di antara Lembaga Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar dan STA mengenai Audit Pematuhan Alam Sekitar, disokong oleh latihan bersama untuk meningkatkan pematuhan kawal selia dan akauntabiliti alam sekitar dalam sektor perhutanan.

O.B.E顾问有限公司于2024年9月10日在马来西亚灌溉和排水局(DID)于砂拉越DID办公处召开的会议上提交了峇丹沙里巴斯盆地综合河流域管理计划研究的第二中期报告。该报告也强调砂天然资源与环境局和本会在环境合规审计方面的合作，并通过联合培训来提高林业的监管合规性和环境问责制。

Discussion Session on the Operations of the 2024 Agricultural Census: Forestry and Logging Cluster

The Department of Statistics Malaysia is currently conducting the 2024 Agricultural Census, which encompasses all agricultural activities, including forestry and logging. A Discussion Session on the Operations of the 2024 Agricultural Census: Forestry and Logging Cluster was held online on 6 September 2024. The session was led by Mr Syed Ibrahim Mohd Jamaluddin, Head Assistant Director of the Agricultural and Environmental Statistics Division (BPPAS), and attended by officers from the Forest Department Sarawak and STA.

Mr Syed Ibrahim provided an overview of the 2024 Agricultural Census, explaining its purpose in obtaining a comprehensive structure and characteristics of the agricultural sector. This information will serve as a key input for formulating agricultural policies by various stakeholders. He also outlined the key

information included in the 2024 Agricultural Census Survey and informed participants that the census will take place from 7 July to 10 October 2024. He urged all timber industry players to complete the census form.

Sesi perbincangan dalam talian mengenai Bancian Pertanian 2024: Kluster Perhutanan dan Pembalakan yang diadakan pada 6 September 2024, telah dipengerusikan oleh Encik Syed Ibrahim Mohd Jamaluddin, Penolong Pengarah Kanan Bahagian Perangkaan Pertanian dan Alam Sekitar (BPPAS). Beliau menerangkan tujuan bancian dalam mengumpul data komprehensif untuk penggubalan dasar dan menggesa para pemain industri perkayuan untuk melengkapkan borang bancian sebelum 10 Oktober 2024.

农业和环境统计部(BPPAS)首席助理主任赛义德易卜拉欣先生于2024年9月6日主持相关2024年农业普查：林业和伐木组线上讨论会议。他解释该普查的目的，即收集全面数据以便制定相关政策，并呼吁木材工业参与者务必在2024年10月10日之前完成填写普查表。

Focus Group Discussion Workshop on European Union Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) in Rubber and Timber for Sabah and Sarawak

The European Union (EU) Delegation in Malaysia and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) organised a Focus Group Discussion Workshop on EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) in Rubber and Timber for Sabah and Sarawak on 19 September 2024 at Hilton Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Ms Nadirah Abdul Manaf from GIZ discussed the EUDR, which aims to minimise the EU's role in global deforestation and forest degradation, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting biodiversity. The specific goals include lowering the risk of products linked to deforestation from entering the EU market and promoting the trade of legal and "deforestation-free" commodities.

She highlighted that the regulation focuses on commodities selected as of 31 December 2020, and outlined key elements related to deforestation-free requirements. She also mentioned that a Frequently Asked Questions document will be released in the coming weeks. The EU is currently developing Guidance Documents on technical legal matters and establishing an information technology system for risk benchmarking. Additionally, she pointed out that the EU Observatory on Deforestation is non-mandatory and non-exclusive. It is provided free of charge by the Commission as a useful but non-legally binding tool.

The participants received updates from representatives of the Malaysian Rubber Processors Association (MRPA) and the Sabah and Sarawak Forest Departments. Mr Semilan Ripot, Deputy Director of Forests, Sarawak discussed Sarawak's readiness for the traceability and geolocation requirements of the EUDR through the Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System (STLVS). He introduced STLVS and the Sarawak Logs Tracking and Forest Revenue System (REVLOG), sharing that data from REVLOG is directly integrated into the Enterprise Forest Information Management System, which is used for geo-visualisation of photos, remote sensing imagery, and GIS layers to enhance the detection of illegal logging and land-use changes. He mentioned that their system is undergoing upgrades, including indexing timber names to a four-letter code, creating a geolocation map, and implementing a digital ePass.

Mr Indra Purwandita, Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests, Sabah, shared information on Sabah's forest resources and the sustainable forest management policy adopted in 1997, which transformed the forest management landscape in Sabah from a focus on timber to multiple-use forest management. He discussed the Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System, which has been mandatory since 2009, and Sabah's commitment to the EUDR. The Sabah TLAS

aligns with the EUDR by incorporating additional key certification elements such as sustainability, environmental protection, and social benefits for workers and local communities.

The session ended with a Question and Answer session for the participants.

Delegasi Kesatuan Eropah (EU) di Malaysia dan Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) telah mengadakan Bengkel Perbincangan Kumpulan Fokus mengenai Peraturan EU tentang Produk Bebas Penyahutan (EUDR) untuk Getah dan Kayu di Sabah dan Sarawak pada 19 September 2024. Cik Nadirah Abdul Manaf daripada GIZ menggariskan matlamat peraturan itu, termasuk mengurangkan peranan EU dalam penyahutan global dan mempromosi komoditi "bebas penyahutan", manakala wakil daripada Persatuan Pemprosesan Getah Malaysia serta Jabatan Hutan Sabah dan Sarawak berkongsi perkembangan mengenai sistem kebolehesanan dan dasar pengurusan hutan lestari yang selaras dengan EUDR.

2024年9月19日，欧盟驻马来西亚代表团和德国国际合作协会(GIZ)举办焦点小组讨论会，针对沙巴和砂拉越橡胶和木材的欧盟无毁林产品法规(EUDR)。GIZ的娜蒂冉女士概述该法规的目标，包括欧盟其作用于减少全球森林砍伐并推广“无毁林”商品，而马来西亚橡胶加工商协会以及沙砂各州森林局的代表则分享可追溯系统以及与EUDR相一致的可持续森林管理政策的最新进展。

HCV Programme Update by WWF-Malaysia to FDS and STA

WWF-Malaysia Sarawak organised a meeting on 24 September 2024 at Bangunan Baitulmakmur, Kuching to update stakeholders on the High Conservation Value (HCV) programme. The meeting was chaired by Mr Ricky Jonathan, Assistant Director of Forests and attended by representatives from WWF-Malaysia, Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and STA.

Ms Esther Mawan, HCV Programme Manager for WWF-Malaysia Sarawak, presented an overview of the programme's activities over the past five years. Key initiatives included conducting HCV screenings for Permanent Forest Estates (PFEs) in Sarawak, providing training for High Conservation Value - High Carbon Stock Approach (HCV-HCSA) Assessors, and developing resources such as the HCV Training Module book. Additionally, a Technical Guide for Monitoring Wildlife Populations was developed in collaboration with the Wildlife Conservation team.

stakeholders, including STA, by the HCV Resource Network. Discussions focused on improving access to this crucial database to facilitate effective HCV management and monitoring.

Participants also explored potential enhancements to database accessibility and other aspects of the HCV programme in collaboration with the FDS. Furthermore, the possibility of conducting a second cohort of HCV-HCSA Assessor Training to bolster capacity building as well as facilitate collaboration on carbon-related activities was also discussed.

WWF-Malaysia Sarawak telah mengadakan mesyuarat pada 24 September 2024 di Bangunan Baitulmakmur, Kuching untuk mengemas kini pemegang taruh mengenai program Nilai Pemuliharaan Tinggi (HCV). Para peserta menyemak aktiviti program sepanjang 5 tahun yang lalu, membincangkan penambahbaikan akses kepada pangkalan data HCV untuk pengurusan dan pemantauan yang berkesan, dan meneroka penambahbaikan kepada program, termasuk kohort kedua Latihan Penilai Nilai Pemuliharaan Tinggi - Pendekatan Stok Karbon Tinggi, dan kerjasama mengenai aktiviti karbon yang berkaitan.

Recent workshops on HCV screening for PFEs produced valuable results shared with all

马来西亚砂拉越世界自然基金会于2024年9月24日假古晋Baitulmakmur大楼召开会议，向利益相关者更新高保护价值(HCV)计划的进展。与会者审查该计划过去五年的活动，讨论如何改善HCV数据库的访问以实现有效的管理和监控，并探讨该计划的改进措施，包括第二批高保护价值 - 高碳储量方法评估员培训和碳相关活动的合作。



Participants of the Focus Group Discussion



Participants of the meeting

Briefing on Documentation Development Incentive Programme under MTIB CB Certification Scheme

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) Certification Body (CB) organised a hybrid briefing with the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and STA at Wisma STA, Kuching on 10 September 2024. The briefing aimed to explain MTIB CB's role and the incentives available to manufacturers for developing documentation based on MTIB CB Standard Product requirements.



Photo call after the meeting

Puan Syafinaz Abd Rashad, Deputy Director MTIB CB outlined the body's roles and functions as mandated under MTIB Act 105. Established in 2010, MTIB CB provides recognition for the Timber Product Quality Assurance Scheme. She explained that the body is responsible for developing and implementing a timber product certification scheme, evaluating and certifying companies that meet established standards and specifications. The primary objectives are to assist the local industry in fulfilling quality assurance requirements, ensuring consistent product quality and guaranteeing that the certification process adheres to the developed standards for consumer safety.

Currently, MTIB CB oversees two product standards: the Plywood Certification Standard (MTIB-CB-PS-01), which outlines requirements

for various plywood types, and the Formaldehyde Emission from Wood-Based Panel Standard (MTIB-CB-PS-02), specifying acceptable emission levels for wood-based products. Puan Syafinaz noted that the certification process spans two years and involves assessments, sampling, and audits, with fees ranging from RM10,000 to RM15,000 per standard.

Encik Abdul Razak Abu Bakar, Managing Director/Lead Consultant of QTC Management Consultant Sdn Bhd, explained the key requirements of both standards and how QTC supports manufacturers in meeting certification criteria. He encouraged manufacturers to apply for MTIB product certification, assuring that once applications are approved, associated fees for training and consulting provided by QTC would be fully funded by MTIB CB.

Members interested in participating in the MTIB Product Certification Incentive Programme can contact the STA Secretariat at 082-332222 for the application details and procedures.

Badan Persijilan (CB) Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia (MTIB) bersama dengan Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak dan STA telah mengadakan sesi taklimat secara hibrid pada 10 September 2024, untuk menerangkan peranannya serta insentif yang tersedia bagi pengilang yang membangunkan dokumentasi berdasarkan keperluan Standard Produk MTIB CB. MTIB CB mengawasi dua piawaian produk utama: Standard Persijilan Papan Lapis (MTIB-CB-PS-01), yang memperincikan keperluan untuk pelbagai jenis papan lapis, dan Standard Pelepasan Formaldehid dari Piawaian Panel Berasaskan Kayu (MTIB-CB-PS-02), yang menetapkan tahap pelepasan yang boleh diterima bagi produk berasaskan kayu.

Yuran untuk latihan dan perundingan ditanggung sepenuhnya oleh MTIB CB apabila permohonan untuk persijilan produk diluluskan. Ahli-ahli yang berminat dengan Program Insentif Persijilan Produk MTIB boleh menghubungi Sekretariat di 082-332222 untuk maklumat dan prosedur permohonan.

马来西亚木材工业局(MTIB)认证机构(CB)与砂拉越木材工业发展机构及本会于2024年9月10日联合举办一场混合模式的简报会,旨在解释认证机构的角色以及为制造商提供的激励措施,以支持他们开发符合MTIB CB标准产品要求的文件。MTIB CB监管两个主要产品标准,即不同类型胶合板要求的胶合板认证标准(MTIB-CB-PS-01),及木质产品可接受甲醛排放水平的木质板材甲醛排放标准(MTIB-CB-PS-02)。

一旦产品认证申请获得批准,相关的培训和咨询费用将由MTIB CB全额资助。对MTIB产品认证激励计划感兴趣的会员可以拨打082-332222联系秘书处以获取申请的详细资料和流程。

STIDC Industry Update

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) organised a series of industry update programme in Kuching, Miri, Bintulu and Sibu in September 2024 to inform the timber industry about its newly developed Sarawak Timber Regulatory & Compliance System (TRACE) and enhancements to the current ePermit system. The update session in Kuching took place on 11 September 2024 at STIDC headquarters Kuching saw an overwhelming turnout of 107 participants.

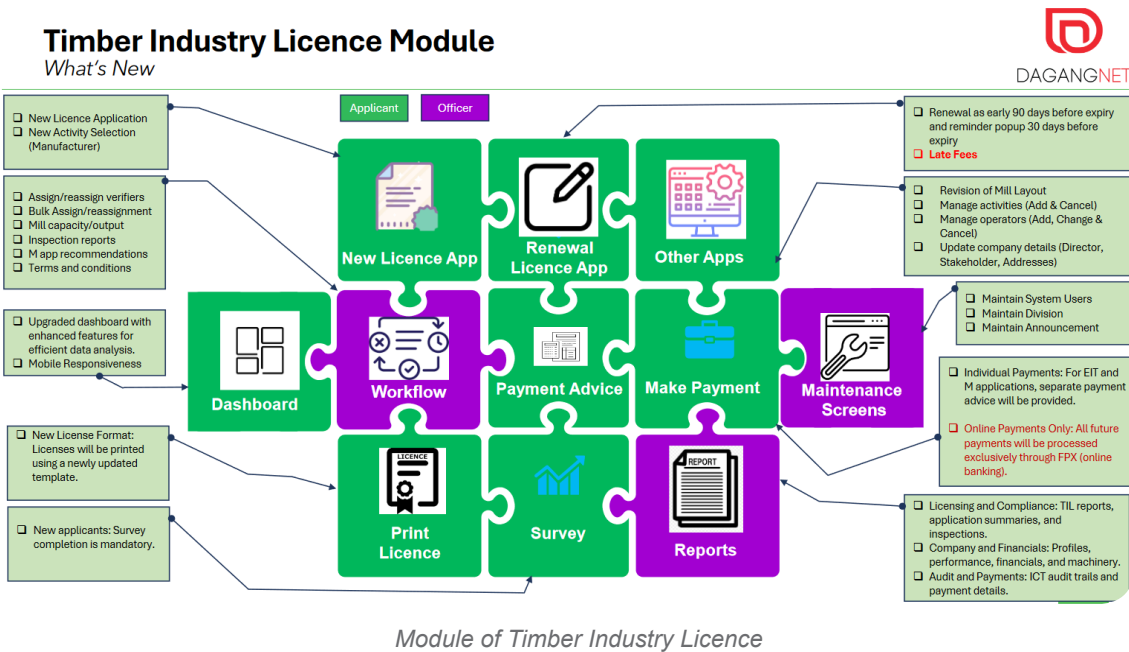
In his opening remarks, Tuan Haji Zainal Abidin Bin Haji Abdullah, General Manager of STIDC highlighted the importance of leveraging digital technology to drive continuous improvement in the timber industry, transitioning from manual processes to web-based system. He added that these updates and new systems aims to enhance efficiency and transparency in service delivery.

Mr Afizulmizam Bin Afandi, Manager – Licensing of STIDC provided an overview of the system's

evolution, from the certificate of registration issued in 1983 to the current TRACE, which facilitates the issuance of Timber Industry Licence (Importer, Exporter, Local Trader, Manufacturer) under Section 5A of the STIDC Ordinance 1973 (Amendment 2022). He introduced the new Timber Industry Licence format and its terms and conditions.

Mr Redzuan Bin Khamis of Dagang Net Technologies Sdn Bhd updated participants on the evolution of Timber Licence Application Systems; outlining enhancement to the new ePermit system and the physical inspection module, including process flows for import/export permit. His presentation featured a pictorial walkthrough of TRACE, the new ePermit System and the physical inspection module.

TRACE integrates the Export, Import, Local Trader and Manufacturer Licences, transitioning from semi-automated processes to fully digital environment. It offers a user-friendly interface that adjusts to various devices such as smartphones, tablets and desktops. TRACE is expected to go live in October 2024.



Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC) mengadakan program kemas kini industri pada 11 September 2024 di ibu pejabatnya di Kuching untuk memaklumkan kepada sektor perikanan tentang Sistem Kawal Selia & Pematuhan Kayu Sarawak (TRACE) yang baru dibangunkan dan penambahbaikan kepada sistem ePermit semasa. TRACE menyepadukan aplikasi untuk Lesen Eksport, Import, Pedagang Tempatan dan Pengeluar, beralih daripada proses separa automatik kepada persekitaran digital sepenuhnya dan dijadualkan untuk beroperasi pada Oktober 2024.

砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC)于2024年9月11日在其古晋总部举办工业最新进展讲座会,向木材工业介绍新开发的砂拉越木材监管与合规系统(TRACE)以及对当前电子许可证系统的增强。TRACE集成了出口、进口、本地贸易商和制造商许可证的应用程序,从半自动化流程过渡到全数字化环境,并将于2024年10月上线。

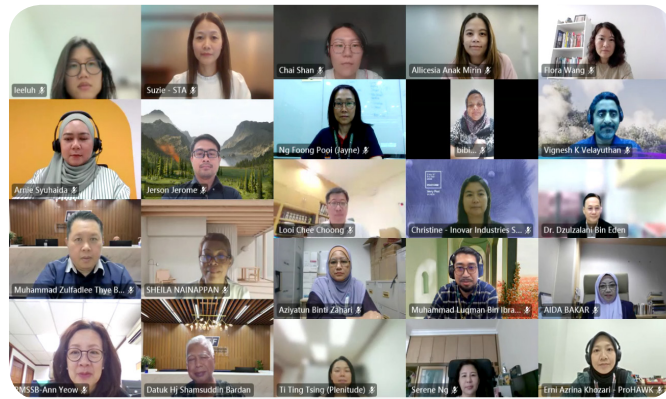
Key Changes to Malaysian Labour Laws 2024

The Malaysian Employers Federation Academy hosted a webinar on the Key Changes to Malaysian Labour Laws 2024 on 10 September 2024. The session provided an in-depth overview of substantial revisions affecting employer-employee relations, attended by 25 participants including human resources practitioners, industrial relations practitioners and department heads. The objectives were to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to implement these significant changes and to guide them in updating workplace policies in accordance with the new regulations.

Datuk Hj Shamsuddin Bardan, Executive Director of MEF kicked off the webinar with a presentation on “*Modernisation of Labour Laws in Malaysia*”. He highlighted Malaysia's ambition to become the 30th largest economy by 2030, discussing strategies to attract high-value investors and improve workforce participation, particularly among women. He also touched on the challenges of reducing reliance on migrant workers by encouraging local employment and integrating senior citizens into the workforce. The upcoming October 2024 budget is expected to further address these employment issues.

This 1-day event delved into modernising Malaysia's labour laws to align with the international standards set by the International Labour Organization as well as enhancing compliance for labour efficiency and productivity. These revisions build on the initiatives from the 11th Malaysia Plan and continue into the 12th Malaysia Plan.

Five speakers dived deep into recent amendments to key legislations such as Employment Act 1955, Trade Union Act 1959, Industrial Relations Act 1967, and Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994. Notable changes to the Employment Act 1955 include new provisions for flexible working arrangements and enhanced measures to combat workplace harassment. Key amendments to the Industrial Relations Act 1967 simplify trade union recognition and collective bargaining



Webinar in progress

processes, introducing secret ballots for union recognition and allowing multiple trade unions within a single company. Changes to the Trade Union Act 1959 aim to strengthen workers' rights and improve transparency in union operations, with expanded oversight powers granted to the Director-General of Trade Unions.

These amendments aim not only to comply with international trade agreements, such as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, but also to foster a more equitable and safe working environment for all employees.

Pada 10 September 2024, Akademi Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia menganjurkan webinar mengenai Perubahan Utama kepada Undang-undang Buruh Malaysia 2024 untuk melengkapkan peserta dengan pengetahuan tentang semakan perundangan yang penting, termasuk kemas kini kepada Akta Pekerjaan 1955, Akta Kesatuan Sekerja 1959, Akta Perhubungan Perusahaan 1967, dan Akta Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan 1994. Perubahan itu menyelaraskan undang-undang Malaysia dengan piawaian antarabangsa yang ditetapkan oleh Pertubuhan Buruh Antarabangsa dan bertujuan untuk meningkatkan kecekapan buruh, memupuk persekitaran kerja yang lebih selamat, dan menyokong cita-cita negara untuk menjadi ekonomi ke-30 terbesar menjelang tahun 2030.

2024年9月10日，马来西亚雇主联合会学院举办2024年马来西亚劳动法主要修改的线上研讨会，让参与者了解重大立法修正，包括对1955年雇佣法、1959年工会法、1967年工业关系法和1994年职业安全与卫生法的修正。这些修正使马来西亚的法律与国际劳工组织制定的国际标准保持一致，其目的在于提高劳动效率，营造更安全的工作环境，并支持国家于2030年成为第30大经济体的雄心。

Meeting of MEF East Malaysia Region Members No. 9/2024

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region convened its 9th meeting of the year on 30 September 2024, presided over by Ms Dayang Jamillah Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin, Consultant-Industrial Relations of MEF Sarawak. The online session focused on “*Punitive Damages*”, presented by Dato’ Jalaldin Hussain, MEF Senior Principal Consultant.

Dato’ Jalaldin emphasised the necessity for punitive measures in employment matters, particularly in the context of retrenchment. Any decision to retrench must be substantiated by clear evidence of redundancy and a shift towards privatisation. This emphasis on justification is crucial, as punitive damages can amount to two months' pay for each year of service. As such, employers must proceed with caution to mitigate potential financial liabilities. He also discussed the challenges posed by multiple trade unions within a single company. While these unions can enhance worker representation, they can also complicate collective issues, including wrongful dismissals.

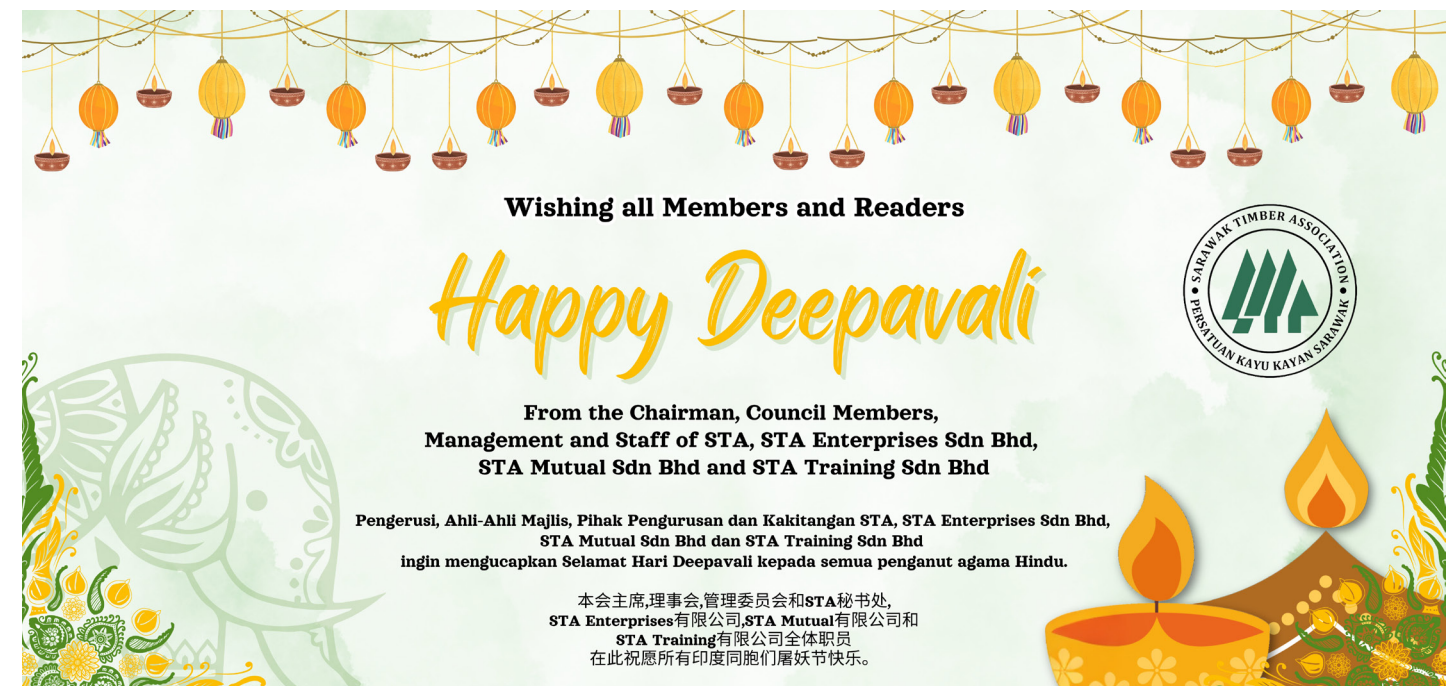
Additionally, Dato’ Jalaldin highlighted the significance of fixed-term contracts. These contracts should clearly outline their non-

terminable nature, distinguishing them from permanent contracts. This is vital for both employers and employees to understand their rights and obligations.

He concluded by urging MEF members to seek guidance from MEF before proceeding with retrenchments and engaging in matters that may come before the industrial court. He also encouraged adoption of industrial harmony laws to create a cohesive workplace.

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) Wilayah Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) telah mengadakan mesyuarat ke-9 pada 30 September 2024. Dato' Jalaldin Hussain, Perunding Utama Kanan MEF membentangkan "Punitive Damages" menekankan bahawa keputusan pemberhentian kerja mesti berasas dengan bukti pemberhentian kerja dan peralihan ke arah penswastaaan, kerana ganti rugi punitif boleh menjadi ketara. Beliau juga membincangkan cabaran pelbagai kesatuan sekerja dalam syarikat dan kepentingan mentakrifkan kontrak jangka tetap dengan jelas.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)东马(砂拉越)区域于2024年9月30日召开第九次会议。拿督加拉丁，MEF高级首席顾问呈现《惩罚性损害赔偿》，强调裁员决定必须有冗余的证据及应通过转向私有化来加以证明，因为惩罚性损害赔偿可能很高。他也讨论公司内部多个工会面临的挑战以及明确定义固定期限劳工合同的重要性。



Media Statement

E-Invoicing: A Heavy Burden for Malaysian SMEs

The government's decision to mandate e-invoicing for all businesses in Malaysia is an inconsiderate policy that will disproportionately impact small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which form the backbone of the Malaysian economy. While the intention to modernise the tax system is understandable, this compulsory approach ignores the unique challenges faced by SMEs, which often lack the resources and expertise to implement complex technological solutions.

The low threshold for e-invoicing registration, set at revenue above RM150,000, further entraps SMEs in a compliance dilemma. Implementing e-invoicing requires significant investments in new hardware, software, and training. For many SMEs, these expenses are simply out of reach, forcing them to either divert resources from core business activities or face the risk of non-compliance. Moreover, the transition to e-invoicing can be complex and time-consuming, disrupting operations and potentially leading to errors or delays.

Instead of imposing a mandatory requirement, the government should focus on providing incentives to encourage voluntary adoption of e-invoicing. This approach could include:

- Tax rebates or credits for SMEs that implement e-invoicing
- Financial assistance to help offset the costs of hardware, software, and training
- Simplified compliance procedures for e-invoicing adopters

By offering these incentives, the government can create a more favourable environment for SMEs to embrace e-invoicing while minimising the financial burden on businesses.

Unlike other countries, such as Singapore, Australia, and the United Kingdom, Malaysia's approach is overly hasty, lacking consultations with businesses in Sarawak especially the SMEs. These nations have successfully promoted e-invoicing adoption through voluntary frameworks, providing businesses with the flexibility to choose the best solution for their needs. By following the lead of these countries, Malaysia can create a more supportive and sustainable business environment.

We urge the government to reconsider this policy and make e-invoicing a voluntary choice for businesses with effective incentives and support. This approach would alleviate the financial burden on SMEs, promote innovation, and ultimately contribute to a more vibrant Malaysian economy.

Sarawak Timber Association
30 September 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT TRAINING

Date : 3-5 September 2024 (Part 2)

Venue : Wisma STA, Kuching

Trainer : Mr Justine Jok Jau Emang



Part 2 of Environmental Compliance Audit Training conducted by Trainer, Mr Justine Jok Jau Emang

The STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), training arm of STA had collaborated with the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) to organise the Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) training course with objectives to provide a thorough understanding and practical application of the ECA process to meet the requirements 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 audit, migrating from the existing Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMR) submission.



Examination in progress



Presentation of Certificate of Attendance by Ms Annie Ting (2nd left) to one of the participants, witnessed by trainers Mr Justine Jok (left) and Peter Sawal (right)



For more information on the above training, kindly contact STAT at 082- 332222 or email to howchu@sta.org.my

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	Jun '24	Jun '23	Jul '24	Jul '23	Aug '24	Aug '23	Jan - Aug '24	Jan - Aug '23
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	647	230	1,478	---	562	755	4,014	2,333
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sibu (Hill)	17,936	35,450	25,528	27,468	24,894	35,082	172,928	286,029
(Swamp)	---	4,470	3,082	4,470	2,019	5,684	13,143	37,780
Bintulu (Hill)	55,320	81,906	61,494	68,793	54,784	86,086	454,323	597,004
(Swamp)	1,016	1,902	888	1,536	---	367	9,021	12,741
Miri (Hill)	9,691	14,588	5,812	15,148	7,429	17,838	59,572	160,007
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	54,097	62,674	52,073	53,676	46,345	48,393	383,964	430,488
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	4,035	9,063	6,724	6,150	8,497	10,230	59,247	64,043
(Swamp)	---	---	---	1,286	---	130	---	2,474
Sarikei (Hill)	---	4,265	715	1,518	2,095	4,343	20,628	34,740
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	---	2,200	---	799	---	2,287	432	13,450
(Swamp)	---	---	---	52	---	---	---	52
Subtotal (Hill)	141,726	210,376	153,824	173,552	144,606	205,014	1,155,108	1,588,094
(Swamp)	1,016	6,372	3,970	7,344	2,019	6,181	22,164	53,047
TOTAL	142,742	216,748	157,794	180,896	146,625	211,195	1,177,272	1,641,141

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak
(Please note that the figures for September 2024 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	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Bindang	154	150	438	264	142	1,518
Meranti	62,326	54,398	59,528	61,842	60,579	486,202
Kapur	5,418	4,982	5,114	5,076	4,990	42,686
Keruing	2,970	2,523	3,151	3,396	3,103	23,763
Sepetir	273	211	271	335	222	2,059
Selangan Batu	1,671	2,221	1,751	1,940	1,782	16,068
Nyatoh	1,199	1,300	1,287	1,475	1,369	10,585
Other species	72,877	66,675	70,186	79,496	72,419	572,227
TOTAL:	146,888	132,460	141,726	153,824	144,606	1,155,108

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	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sepetir	11	---	---	---	---	34
Kapur	43	40	99	22	27	504
Keruing	5	47	30	14	19	167
Meranti	198	58	507	882	50	3,122
Other species	2,053	635	380	3,052	1,923	18,337
TOTAL:	2,310	780	1,016	3,970	2,019	22,164

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak
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PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM INDUSTRIAL FOREST PLANTATION BY REGION FROM SARAWAK

PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI PERLADANGAN HUTAN INDUSTRI MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越各区域工业人工林原木种类生产量

Region		Jun '24	Jun '23	Jul '24	Jul '23	Aug '24	Aug '23	Jan - Aug '24	Jan - Aug '23
		Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sibu	(ACMG)	5,679	347	7,068	704	4,398	870	48,012	3,018
	(ALBZ)	1,342	---	1,735	---	756	2,441	7,588	2,441
	(KLPN)	989	---	84	---	249	777	5,345	777
Bintulu	(ACMG)	42,119	60,459	59,724	38,666	36,469	77,189	389,525	579,077
	(ALBZ)	12,873	2,204	7,598	2,910	4,082	3,704	49,826	21,355
	(EUCA)	2,535	4,312	1,476	1,890	3,846	879	16,898	12,034
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	1,316	---	1,608	---
	(KLPN)	42	36	66	---	---	45	343	199
Miri	(ACMG)	11,266	14,117	9,445	11,092	5,853	14,069	92,305	83,405
	(ALBZ)	1,632	518	2,200	480	1,132	406	13,121	2,358
	(EUCA)	11,839	2,684	10,232	758	13,597	4,119	71,030	21,401
Limbang	(ACMG)	690	---	1,056	---	1,408	---	11,436	6,486
Subtotal	(ACMG)	59,754	74,923	77,292	50,462	48,128	92,128	541,278	671,986
	(ALBZ)	15,847	2,722	11,533	3,390	5,970	6,551	70,535	26,154
	(EUCA)	14,374	6,996	11,708	2,648	17,443	4,998	87,928	33,435
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	1,316	---	1,608	---
	(KLPN)	1,031	36	150	---	249	822	5,688	976
TOTAL:		91,006	84,677	100,683	56,500	73,106	104,499	707,037	732,551

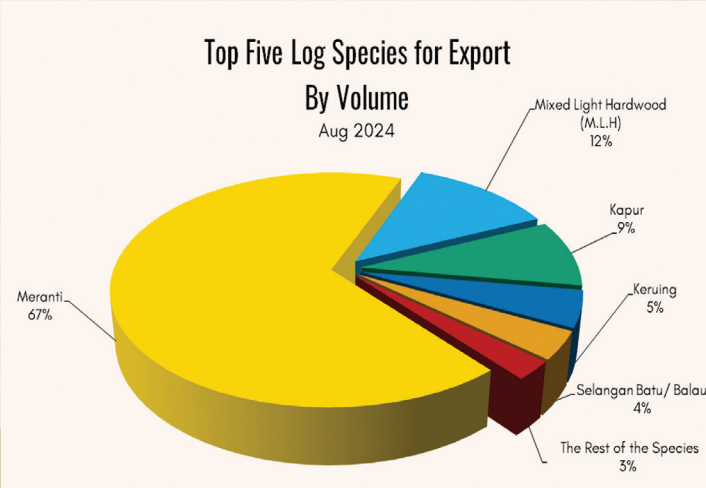
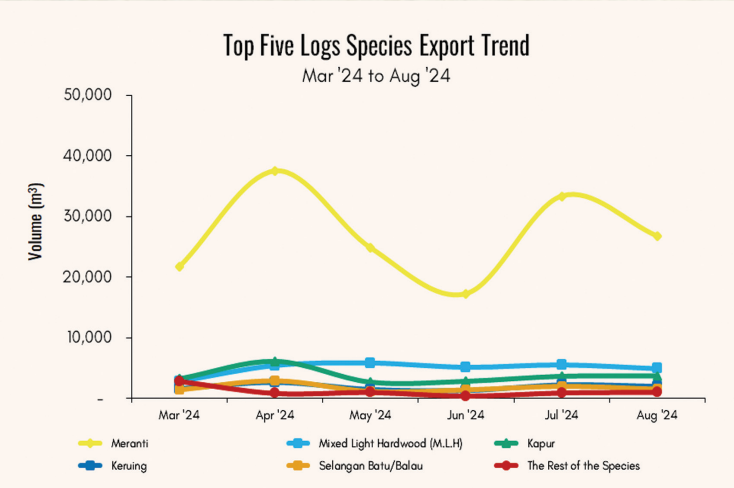
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*ACMG - Acacia mangium ALBZ - Albizia EUCA - Eucalyptus GMELINA - Gmelina arborea KLPN - Kelampayan

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

Species	Jun '24		Jul '24		Aug '24		Jan - Aug '24		Jan - Aug '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Arau	138	172,543	297	376,958	292	351,916	1,954	2,323,383	837	931,535
Kapur	2,786	3,049,259	3,610	4,291,346	3,665	4,360,031	31,003	35,346,744	42,596	52,006,922
Keruing	1,290	1,020,237	2,257	1,998,922	1,992	1,646,240	32,395	25,664,775	26,879	23,802,661
Meranti	17,254	12,996,333	33,341	26,346,495	26,718	20,003,205	210,128	157,217,149	252,817	212,680,035
Mersawa	48	41,787	189	179,548	170	139,178	3,688	2,716,590	2,530	2,536,662
Mixed Light Hardwood (M.L.H)	5,133	3,523,389	5,534	3,679,170	4,904	3,146,644	37,121	24,081,184	38,934	24,785,267
Nyatoh	38	27,302	90	68,526	100	73,168	375	266,436	78	56,611
Resak	177	154,338	321	291,306	376	315,496	2,635	2,300,465	2,713	2,575,241
Selangan Batu/Balau	1,416	1,883,089	2,009	3,099,439	1,539	2,462,731	15,210	23,500,268	28,527	47,493,844
Selunsur	---	---	17	9,530	47	26,167	135	76,813	174	114,366
Others species	---	---	9	8,637	39	21,814	127	80,006	1,272	1,244,988
TOTAL:	28,280	22,868,277	47,674	40,349,877	39,842	32,546,590	334,771	273,573,813	397,357	368,228,132

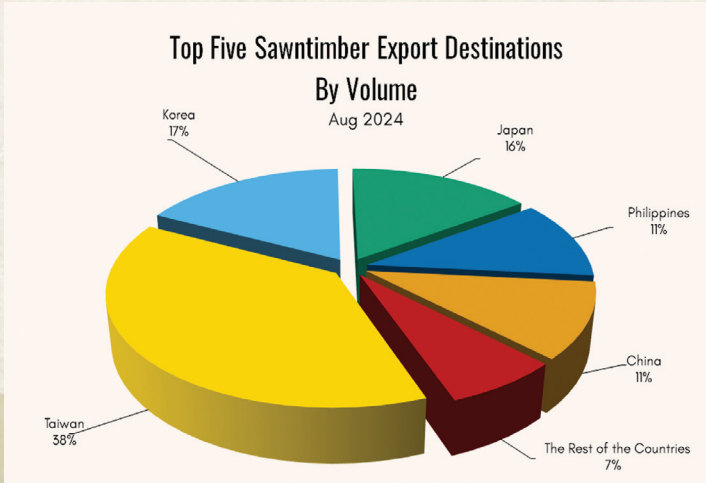
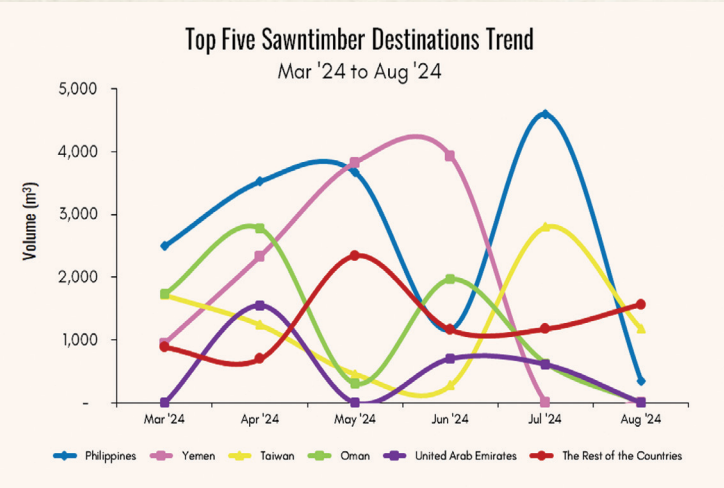
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EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之锯木出口量

Country of Destination	Jun '24		Jul '24		Aug '24		Jan - Aug '24		Jan - Aug '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	8	21,947	---	---	18	96,438	95	436,473	72	259,644
Brunei 汶莱	18	17,365	76	105,733	63	161,033	192	603,931	---	---
China 中国	202	274,675	300	384,021	336	438,107	1,793	2,413,571	2,531	3,770,784
Japan 日本	268	713,777	210	619,857	479	1,289,197	2,686	7,727,141	3,175	10,194,451
Korea 韩国	---	---	150	266,285	533	1,012,644	1,089	2,006,534	3,173	6,244,449
Philippines 菲律宾	1,172	571,729	4,601	4,521,514	352	185,206	17,431	16,765,847	27,550	42,090,832
South Africa 南非	23	64,112	---	---	37	37,107	244	304,048	202	422,160
Taiwan 台湾	275	400,607	2,804	4,583,986	1,176	1,583,640	10,027	17,683,450	11,512	26,069,629
Thailand 泰国	424	449,394	339	334,594	100	75,816	3,226	3,457,124	8,974	10,929,915
Other Countries 其他国家	6,818	11,431,592	1,340	2,810,415	---	---	28,093	50,000,362	38,066	87,511,836
TOTAL:	9,208	13,945,198	9,820	13,626,405	3,094	4,879,188	64,876	101,398,481	95,255	187,493,700

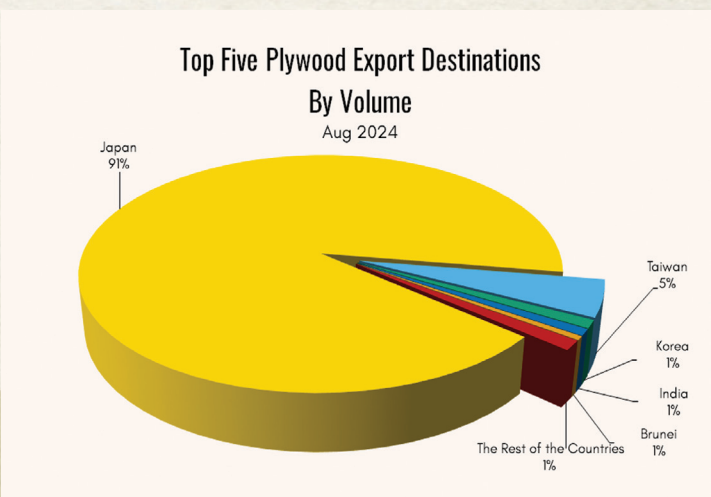
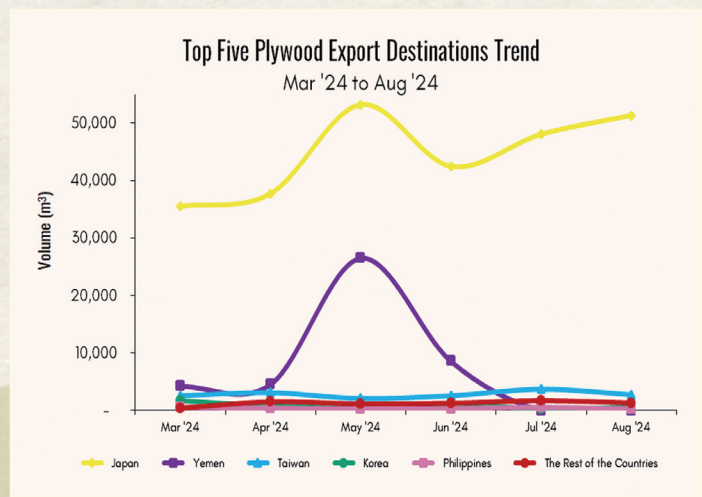
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EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口量

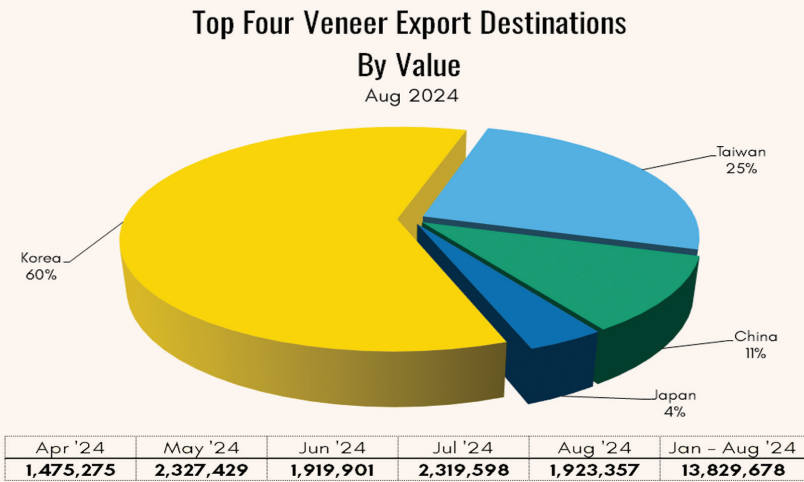
Country of Destination	Jun '24		Jul '24		Aug '24		Jan - Aug '24		Jan - Aug '23	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Australia 澳洲	226	499,662	179	474,815	83	200,552	803	2,198,977	976	3,211,652
Brunei 汶莱	297	408,862	551	713,489	288	368,180	2,373	3,091,451	1,632	2,133,159
China 中国	86	143,351	---	---	118	238,468	247	454,044	987	2,263,911
India 印度	118	206,660	215	600,823	488	1,392,298	3,197	8,644,203	2,496	8,162,027
Japan 日本	42,442	94,289,543	48,034	107,309,143	51,339	111,098,578	339,618	781,715,919	295,314	765,783,864
Jordan 约旦	---	---	---	---	102	160,347	102	160,347	---	---
Korea 韩国	1,190	2,313,618	222	544,325	607	991,498	8,249	15,291,504	15,420	30,972,954
Philippines 菲律宾	282	929,369	558	1,944,899	196	725,534	3,145	10,988,058	1,584	5,307,801
Taiwan 台湾	2,571	4,668,559	3,677	6,513,453	2,759	4,793,238	21,852	39,477,057	23,991	44,906,420
Vietnam 越南	70	278,807	---	---	106	429,482	489	1,963,891	282	1,308,900
Other Countries 其他国家	9,026	16,664,459	778	1,401,697	109	241,823	46,781	85,929,435	50,579	102,811,828
TOTAL:	56,308	120,402,890	54,214	119,502,644	56,195	120,639,998	426,856	949,914,886	393,261	966,862,516

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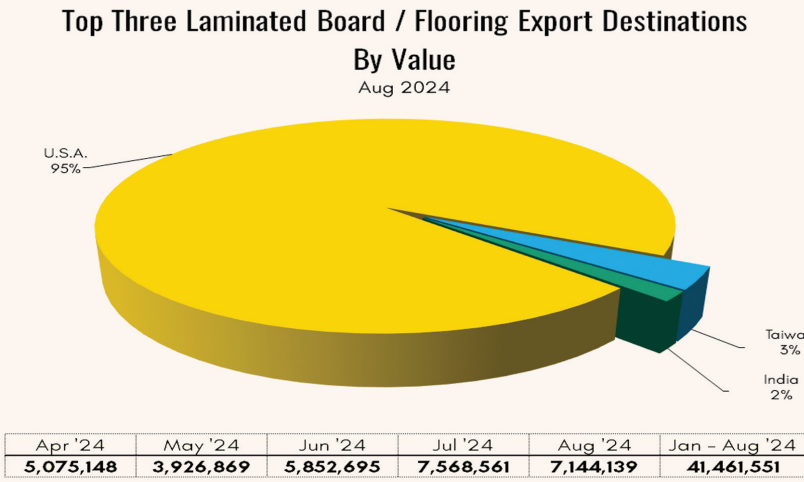




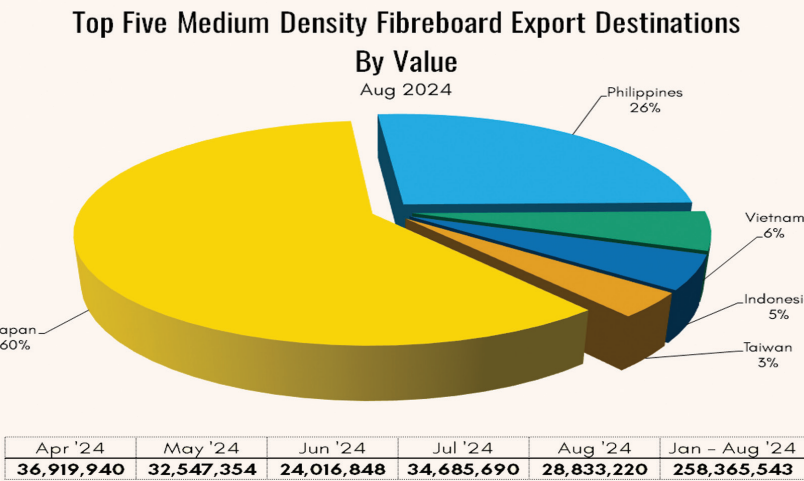
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砂拉越至各目的地之单板出口值



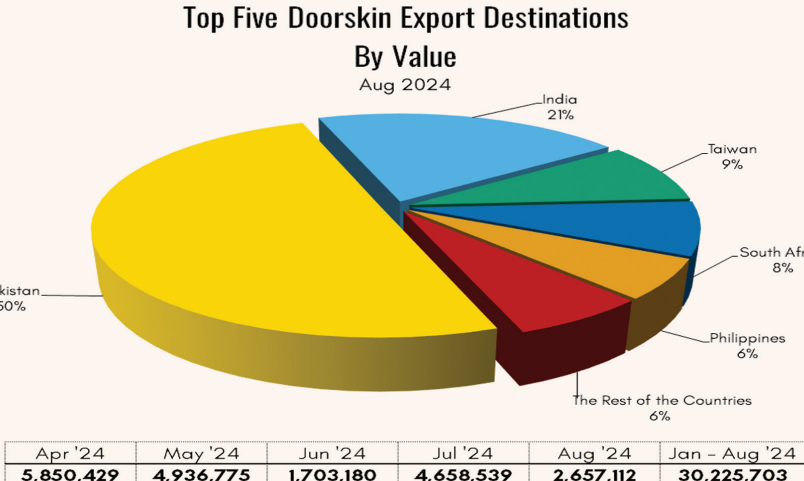
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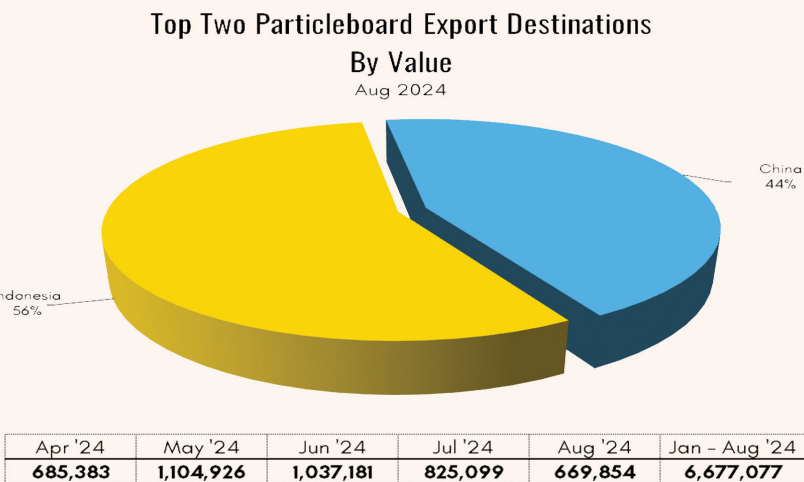
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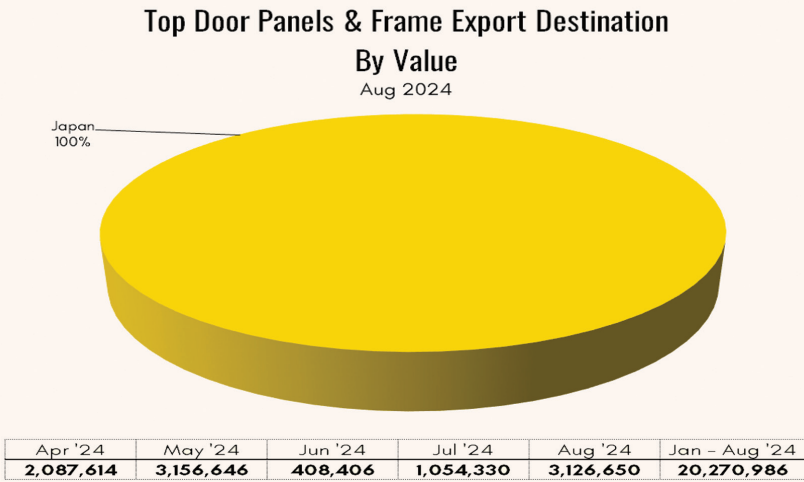
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EXPORT VALUE OF
PARTICLEBOARD BY
DESTINATION FROM
SARAWAK
NILAI EKSPORT PAPAN SERPAI
MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI
SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之塑合板
出口值



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



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EXPORT VALUE OF MOULDINGS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT KAYU KUMAI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之制模出口值

Top Two Mouldings Export Destination
By Value
Aug 2024



Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
376,639	756,495	112,325	490,239	497,924	3,880,853



EXPORT VALUE OF CHARCOAL & BRIQUETTE BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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

Top Three Charcoal & Briquette Export Destinations
By Value
Aug 2024



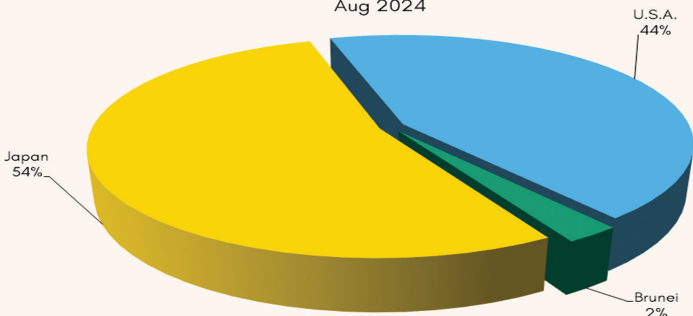
Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
652,271	992,023	562,174	783,818	806,574	6,017,463



EXPORT VALUE OF FURNITURE & FURNITURE PARTS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PERABOT & BAHAGIANNYA MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之家具及其零件出口值

Top Three Furniture & Furniture Part Export Destination
By Value
Aug 2024



Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
4,798,397	6,862,930	3,423,622	5,453,426	5,168,592	41,924,364



EXPORT VALUE OF WOODCHIPS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT CIP KAYU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之木屑出口值

Top Woodchips Export Destination By Value
Aug 2024

Remark:
No export of woodchips was recorded in Aug 2024

Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
---	18,204,995	14,066,329	23,517,020	---	109,910,516



EXPORT VALUE OF WOOD PELLETS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PELET KAYU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之木屑颗粒出口值

Top Wood Pellets Export Destination By Value
Aug 2024

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

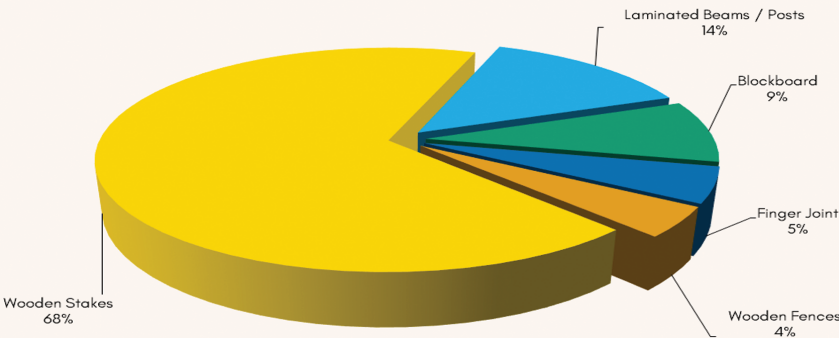
Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
---	20,483,496	---	18,093,106	---	60,468,752



EXPORT VALUE OF OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS FROM SARAWAK

NILAI EKSPORT PRODUK KAYU LAIN DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越其它木制品出口值

Other Timber Products Export By Value
Aug 2024



Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Jan - Aug '24
2,773,684	2,043,240	1,984,787	1,859,685	1,527,207	18,525,668

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STA TRAINING SDN BHD

OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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

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



Tree & Log Identification

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Sumbang Rani
Date : 4 - 13 September 2024
Location : LPF 23 Camp/Nursery Putai
Company : Mantan 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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