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EC-delegation visits Sela'an Linau FMU

In conjunction with First Malaysia-European Commission (EC) Senior Officials Meeting on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade-Voluntary Partnership Agreement (FLEGT-VPA) in Miri, Sarawak, seven members of the EC delegation led by Soledad Blanco, Director of International Affairs of the EC Directorate-General for Environment, visited a certified FMU under the MTCC scheme, i.e. the Sela'an Linau FMU on 20 January 2007.

The delegation was briefed by Samling Plywood (Baramas) Sdn. Bhd. on the forest management activities in the FMU. The delegation also held discussion with representatives of the indigenous communities, as well as visited the community coffee planting project.



Briefing by Samling



Visit to closed skid trail



Meeting the indigenous communities



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Happy Chinese New Year
to all our Chinese friends

Inception Workshop on MTCC-Hamburg Joint Project



*MTCC-Hamburg Joint Project
Inception Workshop*



Second JPT Meeting

A total of 32 participants representing the various environmental, social and economic stakeholder groups, relevant government agencies, as well as Dr. Reinhold Glauner from the Federal Research Institute of Forest and Forest Products (BFH) and Dr. Michael Trockenbrodt from GTZ (Malaysian-German Forestry Education Project based in Sabah) and attended the Inception Workshop on MTCC-Hamburg Joint Project held on 9 January 2007 in Kuala Lumpur.

The half-day Workshop aimed to brief and inform all relevant Malaysian stakeholders regarding the background, objective, scope and the progress in the implementation of the MTCC-Hamburg Joint Project.

A total of four presentations were made. Besides providing the background leading to the conception of the joint project, participants were also made aware of the various parties involved, expected outcomes, cost implications, progress as well as timelines for implementation of future project activities. The role and contribution of the various stakeholder groups in the implementation of the project activities were highlighted. The Workshop concluded with a question and answer session where constructive inputs/feedback were received, as well as clarifications were made the queries raised by the participants.

Immediately after the Inception Workshop, the Second Meeting of the Joint Project Team (JPT) was held to review the project progress to-date, as well as to deliberate on the timelines for the implementation of future activities, in particular the gap analyses by the various consultants and the conduct of a mid-term Workshop scheduled in mid-2007.



Third Meeting of the TWG

Third Meeting of TWG on MC&I(Forest Plantations)

The Third Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on MC&I(Forest Plantations) held was on 6 February 2007 in Kuala Lumpur. At this meeting, MTCC as the Secretariat presented the outcomes and recommendations of the three regional consultations for the development of the MC&I(Forest Plantations) to the TWG

The TWG considered the various recommendations for amendments made by the three regional consultations, with a view to consolidating and streamlining the recommendations in finalising the draft MC&I(Forest Plantations) standard. The TWG streamlined the standard up to the Indicator level. However, as one of the regional consultations had recommended to delete three Criteria (i.e. 6.3, 6.10 and 10.9), the TWG agreed that this matter should be brought to the attention and consideration of the National Steering Committee.

MTCC at International Green Week Fair, Berlin



Top: Kurt Segner, Member of the German Parliament (right) visited the MTCC stand at the forestry and timber products hall during the International Green Week Fair held in Berlin from 19 to 29 January 2007. Mr. Florian Boenigk (left), from MTCC's public relations representative, Kaiser Communication Germany, was on hand to answer Mr. Segner's enquiries



Bottom: Florian promoting MTCC certified Malaysian timber products to visitors from Initiative Pro Timber Window, Germany during the fair

Number of COC Holders exceeds 100

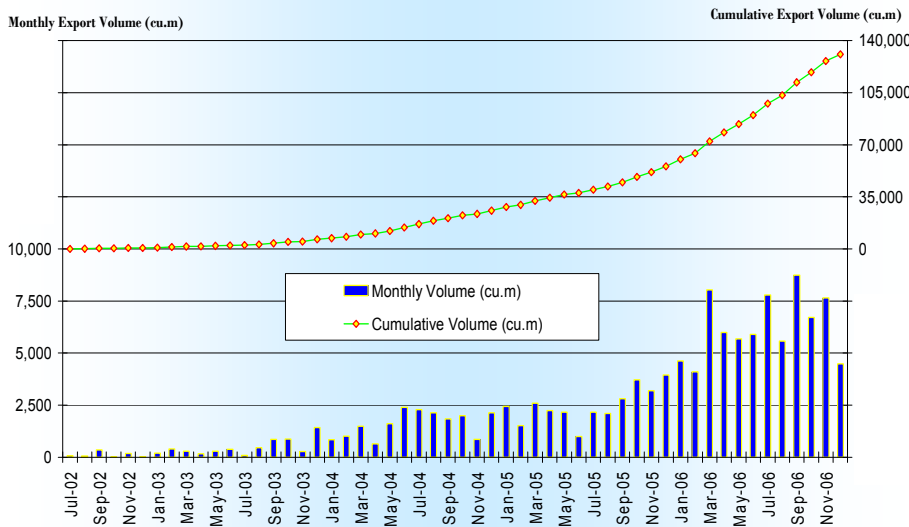
The total number of MTCC COC certificate holders exceeded the 100 mark in January 2007, with the awarding of the certificate to two new companies. YST & Sons Holdings Sdn. Bhd., which is based in Selangor and deals with solid doors and door frames, solid wood mouldings and builders' carpentry and joinery was awarded the certificate (COC 100) on 8 January, while Lee Wah Sawmill Sdn. Bhd., dealing with sawn timber and based in Negeri Sembilan, was certified (COC 101) on 26 January. This brings the total number of certified companies to 101 by the end of January 2007.

More information at www.mtcc.com.my

Export of MTCC-Certified Timber Products

Monthly & Cumulative Exports

Source : MTIB / MTCC



Volume exported in December 2006: 4,484.90 cu.m

Cumulative volume exported since July 2002: 130,881.47 cu.m

By Product (in December 2006)

Product	Volume (cu.m)
Sawn timber	2,169.81
Plywood	2,059.17
Solid wood moulding	233.05
Laminated timber	22.87
Total	4,484.90

By Destination (in December 2006)

Destination	Volume (cu.m)
The Netherlands	1,233.97
United Kingdom	2,128.55
Belgium	496.78
Germany	329.03
Australia	35.88
France	226.95
Italy	33.74
Total	4,484.90

Holders of Certificate for Forest Management: 9 Forest Management Units

Holders of Certificate for Chain-of-Custody: 101 Timber Companies

Details on the area and map of the FMUs and contact information on MTCC certificate holders can be obtained at: <http://www.mtcc.com.my>