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Three More FMUs Certified Against MC&I(2002)

The Kelantan and Perak Forest Management Units (FMUs) became the third and fourth FMUs in Peninsular Malaysia, while the Anap-Muput FMU became the first FMU in Sarawak, to be certified against the requirements of the *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification [MC&I(2002)]*.

The decision to award the *Certificate for Forest Management* to the above three FMUs were in line with the recommendations of the independent assessors (accredited to the Department of Standards Malaysia) based on the outcomes of verification visits conducted to assess the corrective actions taken by the said FMUs to address the Major and Minor Corrective Action Requests (CARs) raised during the assessment.

The *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to the Kelantan FMU dated 18 January 2008 and Perak FMU dated 19 February 2008 will supersede the existing *Certificate* issued against the requirements of the *MC&I(2001)*. The Anap-Muput FMU has been issued a *Certificate* dated 19 February 2008. The *Certificate for Forest Management* will be valid for five years with surveillance visits carried out every twelve months to ensure continued compliance to the requirements of the *MC&I(2002)*.

Further information and the Public Summary for the assessments of the above three FMUs can be obtained from the MTCC website.

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Auditor conducting consultation with Iban Community during assessment of Anap Muput FMU



Auditor checking on details of Removal Pass with Tree Tagging record during assessment of Kelantan FMU



Auditor being briefed on alignment of skid trail during assessment of Anap Muput FMU



Well constructed forest road in Perak FMU

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MTCC-Hamburg Joint Project Regional Workshops in Sarawak (top), Sabah (middle) and Peninsular Malaysia (bottom)

Regional Workshops: MTCC-Hamburg Joint Project

The MTCC-Hamburg Joint Project reached an important milestone in its project implementation with the conduct of three regional workshops on 25, 26 February and 3 March 2008 in Sarawak, Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia respectively. The Workshops were attended by 26 participants in Sarawak, 22 participants in Sabah and 41 participants in Peninsular Malaysia.

The main objective of the regional workshop was to inform and disseminate the outcomes and findings of the joint project to all relevant Malaysian stakeholders at the regional level.

A total of four papers; namely i) *Overview of Project Implementation*, ii) *Result of Gap Analysis* iii) *Outcome of Verifier Check and Proposed Refinements for MC&I(2002)* and iv) *Recommendations for Development/Refinement of Guidelines/Procedures and Identification of Future Research Activities* were presented at each of the workshops.

A Final Workshop has been scheduled to be held in Hamburg, Germany on 16-17 April 2008.

Draft MC&I(Forest Plantations)

The outcome of the Public Consultation on the Draft *MC&I(Forest Plantations)*, conducted over the period from 30 April – 30 June 2007 has been placed on MTCC website.

In line with the decision of the meeting of the Fourth Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Development of *MC&I(Forest Plantations)*, MTCC as the Secretariat of the National Steering Committee (NSC) wishes to inform that preparations are currently being taken to engage independent assessors to conduct the field tests of the draft standard in the three regions of Malaysia scheduled in April – June 2008.

The field test would involve a thorough evaluation of all Indicators and Verifiers contained in the draft standard, including their practicality and auditability, based on documentation review and site visits.

PEFC Latest News

The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Scheme (PEFC) is a global umbrella organisation for the assessment and mutual recognition of national forest certification schemes. Out of a total membership of 35, PEFC Council has endorsed 25 national forest certification schemes with the latest endorsement being the Polish and Estonian forest certification schemes.



In addition, four endorsed schemes i.e. the Belgian, Danish, UK and Swiss schemes have completed their five yearly revisions and have successfully gone through their re-endorsement process.

The 25 endorsed national schemes account for more than 200 million hectares of certified forests which is nearly two-third of all certified forests globally, making it the world's largest resource of certified wood. A total of 3,733 timber companies as well as paper and pulp enterprises of more than 30 countries have been awarded the PEFC

certificates for chain-of-custody (CoC). It is interesting to note that among these companies that chose PEFC CoC certification, more and more of the companies are coming from Asia and Africa.

In line with the adoption of PEFC's Strategic Plan during the 11th PEFC General Assembly in October 2007, in which PEFC will be focusing on the following three strategies i.e. i) growth, ii) market access and communications, and iii) governance and operations, an on-line Governance Review survey has been recently launched.

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This survey will be covering aspects related to the organizational structure and management, role of stakeholder groups, robustness of standards and external perceptions of the PEFC. All relevant Malaysian stakeholder groups are encouraged to participate in this survey by accessing the following site:

www.pefc.org/internet/html/news/4_1154_64/5_1105_1778.htm

MTCC is a member of the PEFC Council since November 2002 and would be submitting its Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) for the endorsement of PEFC in April 2008 as a measure to further strengthen and enhance the acceptance of the MTCS. Once the MTCS is endorsed by PEFC, local timber companies which are certified under the MTCS can also use the PEFC logo in labeling their certified products if they comply with the PEFC CoC Standard.

Export of MTCC-Certified Timber products

By Destination (in December 2007)

Destination	Volume (cu.m)
The Netherlands	2974.83
United Kingdom	869.91
Belgium	771.88
Denmark	681.10
Poland	42.87
Germany	34.68
Australia	30.20
Japan	24.00
Total	5,429.47

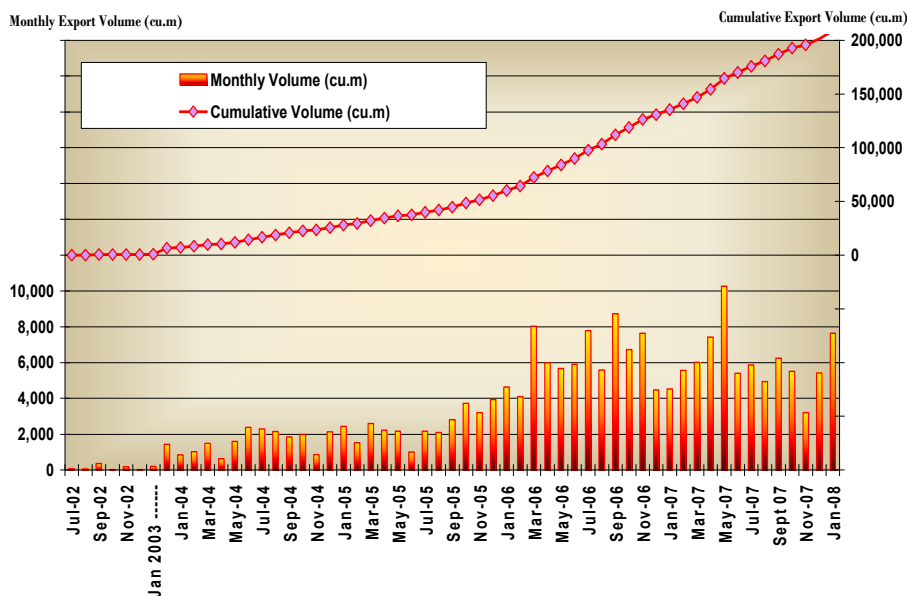
By Product (in December 2007)

Product	Volume (cu.m)
Plywood	2,863.24
Sawn Timber	1,940.30
Moulding	625.93
Total	5,429.47

Export of MTCC-Certified Timber Products

Monthly & Cumulative Exports

Source : MTIB / MTCC



Volume exported in December 2007: 5,429.47 cu.m

Volume exported in January 2008: 7,630.04 cu.m

Cumulative volume exported since July 2002: 208,896 cu.m

By Destination (in January 2008)

Destination	Volume (cu.m)
The Netherlands	4,407.82
United Kingdom	2,270.68
Denmark	431.61
Japan	187.00
Germany	119.50
Belgium	88.98
Singapore	68.67
Australia	55.78
Total	7,630.04

By Product (in January 2008)

Product	Volume (cu.m)
Sawn Timber	5,030.48
Plywood	2,377.759
Moulding	221.77
Total	7,630.04

Holders of Certificate for Forest Management [MC&I(2001)]: 5 Forest Management Units (3 Certificates valid)

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Holders of Certificate for Chain-of-Custody: 115 Timber Companies (105 Certificates valid)

Further details on the validity, size and location of the Forest Management Units and contact information on MTCC certificate holders can be obtained at: www.mtcc.com.my