

## THE KEY ELEMENTS in the certification standards include:

Compliance with national laws and in line with international treaties and agreements

Long-term tenure and use rights to the land and forest resources clearly defined, documented and legally established

Legal and customary rights of indigenous peoples to own, use and manage their lands, territories and resources be recognised and respected

Maintenance or enhancement of long-term social and economic well-being of local communities and forest workers

Ensuring economic viability and a wide range of environmental and social benefits through efficient use of forest's multiple products and services

Conservation and maintenance of biological diversity and its associated values, water resources, soils and unique and fragile ecosystems and landscapes

Preparation and implementation of a forest management plan

Monitoring and assessment to assess the conditions of the forest, and their social and environmental impacts

Identification and maintenance of high conservation value forests / areas

## HOW TO APPLY

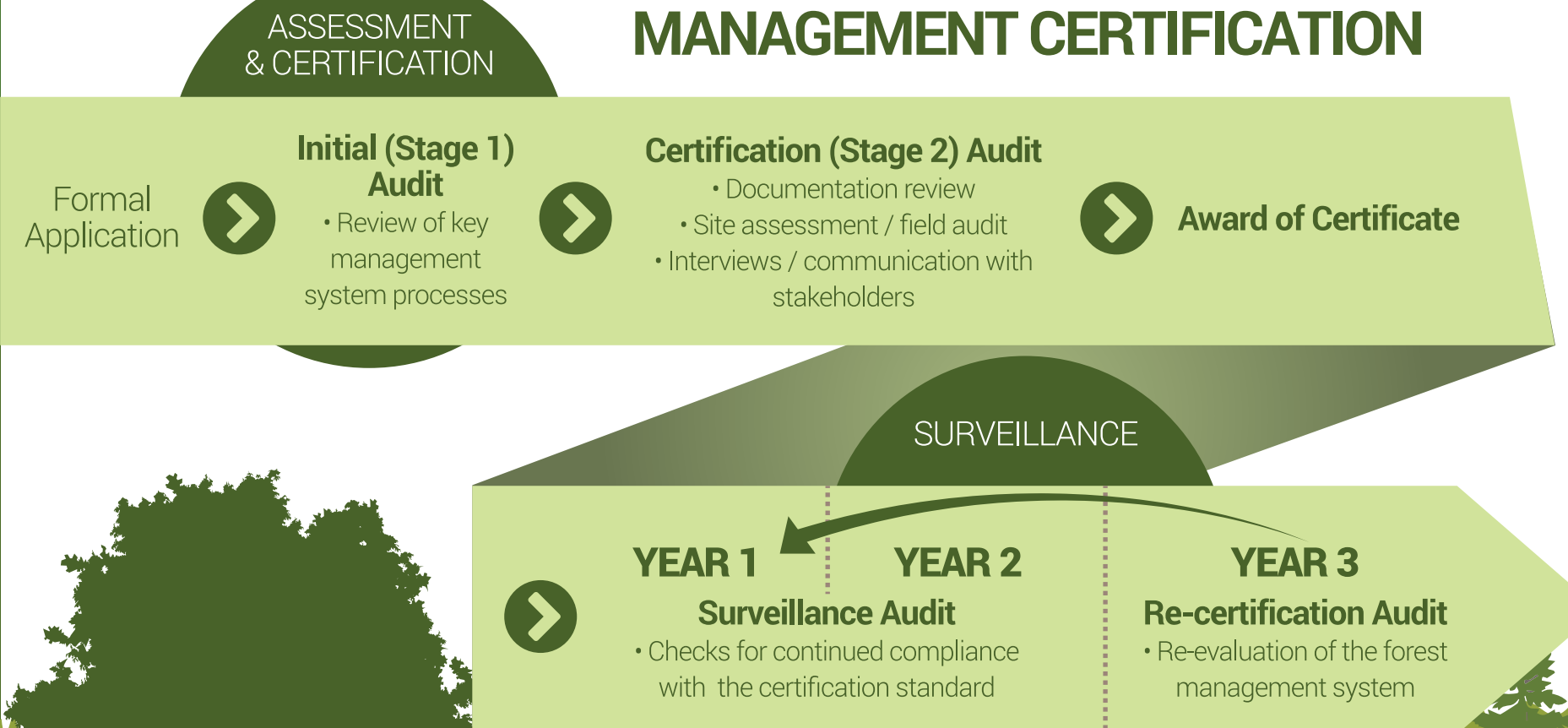
All applications for certification shall be submitted to the certification bodies (CBs). You may contact the following accredited CBs for forest management certification:

- **SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.**  
[www.sirim-qas.com.my](http://www.sirim-qas.com.my)
- **SGS (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.**  
[www.sgs.com](http://www.sgs.com)

## WHO SHOULD GET CERTIFIED

- Forest owners / Forest concession holders
- Forest plantation owners
- Owners of community forests

## STEPS TO OBTAIN FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION



## PEFC SUSTAINABILITY BENCHMARKS ON FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

The emphasis of a “bottom-up” approach by the PEFC requires the forest management certification standards under a national certification system, such as the MTCS, to be developed independently. To do so, the standards developed need to prove compliance with the PEFC Sustainability Benchmarks, globally recognized principles, guidelines and criteria developed by international and intergovernmental bodies with broad consensus from interested stakeholders.

Under the standard development process, it is a requirement of the PEFC Sustainability Benchmarks that local stakeholders are involved in both standard-setting and decision-making on the standard development process before a system can be endorsed. This is to ensure that forest management certification standards are adapted to meet local cultural, socio-economic, physical, biological, climatic, and geopolitical conditions, while at the same time meeting internationally-recognised benchmarks for sustainable forest management.





# FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

Under the MTCS, forest management certification provides forest owners and managers with independent recognition, which demonstrates that the forest management practices in a forest management unit or plantation unit meet the requirements for best practice in sustainable forest management.

Forest management certification is a process of third party audit of the forest management practices of a natural forest or forest plantation management unit to assess compliance with the requirements of a prescribed standard, leading to an award of a Certificate for Forest Management or Certificate for Forest Plantation Management under the MTCS.

The standard used for certification of natural forest is the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management



Certification (Natural Forest) [MC&I(Natural Forest)], while for forest plantations is the MC&I Forest Plantation.v2.



The development of the certification standards under the MTCS involved broad-based consultations amongst social, environmental and economic stakeholder groups and the relevant government agencies, through meetings of a multi-stakeholder committee, as well as regional and national-level consultations.

Find out more at:

 **MTCC**  **MTCC\_My**

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## GET YOUR FOREST CERTIFIED

How to Obtain Forest Management Certification under the MTCS



## ABOUT MTCS

The Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) which started in 2001 is operated by the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC). As a voluntary national scheme, the MTCS provides for independent assessment of forest management practices to ensure the sustainable management of Malaysia's natural forest, forest plantations and community owned forests, as well as to meet the demand for certified timber products.

The MTCS is the first tropical timber certification scheme in the Asia Pacific region to be endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). The PEFC endorsement allows the mutual recognition of the MTCS with other PEFC endorsed schemes around the world.

