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the national governing body of the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)



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MTCC Newsletter Revitalised!

We are excited to introduce the rebranding of our MTCC newsletter from Seedlinks to MTCS News. This change reflects our commitment to transparent communication and a stronger alignment with MTCC's strategy, vision and mission.

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Statistics (as of June 2024)



Certified Forest

- Total for MTCS Certified Forest 6,739,844.51 ha (37.33% of Total National Forest Cover - TNFC)

37 Forest Management Units:
6,587,547.67 ha (36.51% from TNFC)

9 Forest Plantation Management Units:
148,337.06 ha (0.82% from TNFC)



Certified Companies

- 362 MTCS-PEFC Certified Chain of Custody companies



Export Volume of Certified Products

- January 2024 - May 2024: 600,909.77 m3
- Cumulative July 2002 - May 2024: 3.84 mil m3

MTCC 25th Annual General Meeting



The 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) was held on 25 June in Kuala Lumpur, chaired by YB Datuk Wetrom Bahanda, Chairman of MTCC. During the meeting, the audited account of MTCC for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 together with report of the trustees and auditors were tabled and adopted. Additionally, the annual report for the year 2023 was presented and endorsed by the members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Revised **MTCS ST 3002:2024** is here!

We are pleased to announce that the MTCC Board of Trustees has approved the revision to the current MTCS Technical Document MTCS ST 3002:2021 - Procedure for PEFC Notification of Certification Bodies Operating Forest Management System or Chain Of Custody Certification.

Key change:

Inclusion of the MTCC logo on certificates. All CBs are required to revise their certificate designs to comply with these new requirements.

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Revised MTCS Technical Document MTCS ST 3002:2024

We are pleased to announce that the MTCC Board of Trustees has approved the revision to the current MTCS Technical Document **MTCS ST 3002:2021 – Procedure for PEFC Notification of Certification Bodies Operating Forest Management System or Chain of Custody Certification**. This document outlines the procedure for PEFC notification of Certification Bodies (CBs) operating Forest Management Systems or Chain of Custody certification under the MTCS in Malaysia.

The revised document MTCS ST 3002:2024 stipulated the inclusion of the MTCC logo and other related information on the certificates issued by PEFC-notified CBs under the MTCS. The CBs will be granted a six-month transition date, with effect from 25 June 2024, to allow for a smooth transition and are expected to be in full compliance by 25 December 2024.

The main changes are as follows:

MTCS ST 3002:2024	MTCS ST 3002:2021
<p>5.3 The certificate shall include at least the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The certification scheme which the certificate is issued, i.e. the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS); b) identification of the certification body; c) name of the certificate (i.e. Certificate for Forest Management or Certificate for Chain of Custody); d) information of client organisation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – for forest management certificate: name of certificate holder, name and area (in hectares) of Forest Management Unit/ Forest Management Plantation Unit. – for Chain of Custody certificate: name of certificate holder, location of certified site and scope of certification, CoC method. e) type of certificate (individual, multi-site or producer group); f) reference to the standard used (i.e. MC&I SFM or PEFC ST 2002 Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements); g) the date of granting, extending or renewing certification and the expiry date or recertification due. The certification shall be granted for a maximum of five years; h) MTCC logo with certification body’s MTCC licence number; i) PEFC logo with the certification body’s PEFC licence number; j) accreditation mark of the accreditation body (including accreditation number where applicable); and k) The number of the certificate 	<p>Not Available</p>

EUDR-PEFC Sustainable Forest Management ST1003 Stakeholder Consultation



MTCC hosted a stakeholder consultation session on 2 July 2024, focusing on aligning the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) with the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Standard ST 1003. The event featured opening remarks by MTCC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr. Farrah Shameen Mohamad Ashray, setting the stage for a comprehensive briefing by Director (Forest Management) Dr Agkillah Maniam, who detailed the proposed modifications and their implications for the Malaysian context. This session was attended by representatives from ministries, government agencies, state forestry departments and industry players.



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A New Leadership of Forest Management Unit

The rebirth of the MTCC Forest Management Unit, represents a shift towards more holistic, inclusive, and forward-thinking forest management strategies, aiming to balance ecological, economic, and social goals. This new leadership, under the guidance of the CEO, aims to leverage more on innovative, inclusive, and sustainable solutions and practices. These aspects of new leadership aim to create a more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive approach of the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) for forest management, ensuring that forests continue to provide benefits for generations to come. The new unit is led by Dr. Agkillah Maniam along with Abdul Haiy bin Khairuddin and Mohd Nur Azad bin Rushdi - their profiles are listed below.



DR. AGKILLAH MANIAM
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Led by Dr. Agkillah, she brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Forest Management Unit, with a distinguished career in forestry, conservation, and sustainable resource management. Having completed a Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland (New Zealand), Dr. Agkillah also holds a Master's in Public Administration (University Malaya) and a Bachelor's in Forestry Science (University Putra Malaysia), and have worked on various social and environmental roles and projects across public, private, and not-for-profit organisations locally and overseas. A polymath, Dr Agkillah has been instrumental in numerous projects promoting responsible forestry practices in Malaysia and internationally. As Director of the Forest Management Unit, Dr Agkillah is leading MTCC's efforts to ensure the continued integrity and effectiveness of the MTCS. Together with the management team, she also aspires to explore new instruments. Her leadership will be crucial in maintaining the highest standards for sustainable forest management and meeting the growing demand for certified timber products.



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Having graduated with a Bachelor of Science Forestry (University Malaysia Sabah) with a minor in agroforestry and tropical biology, Haiy has an extensive career in agriculture and plantation management. Haiy brings more than 7 years of experience in project management and agricultural operations and have honed his skills in navigating issues such as social impact assessments (SIA) in collaboration with indigenous communities in Bera. His experience and commitment to understanding and mitigating issues relating to local communities. Haiy also played a pivotal role in the certification processes for oil palm, affirming his dedication to sustainable practices and industry standards. Haiy's expertise make him a valuable asset, poised to make significant contributions to the mission and goals of both the MTCS and MTCC.



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With a degree and master's in Biology from the National University of Malaysia (UKM), Azad has an extensive experience in conservation management under the National Conservation Trust Fund, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources. His skill set includes content creation and communication, enabling him to effectively translate scientific information into accessible language for broader audiences. His goal is to bridge the gap between scientific research and public understanding, promoting informed decision-making and fostering a culture of sustainable practices in Malaysia's conservation efforts. Azad seeks to leverage his background and experiences to contribute in the success of MTCS under the governance of MTCC.

Unlocking Growth in the EU Market: MTCC Met EUROCHAM Malaysia



MTCC had a productive meeting with EUROCHAM Malaysia on 3 July 2024. The MTCC delegation, led by Chief Executive Officer Dr. Farrah Shameen Mohamad Ashray, met with EUROCHAM Malaysia Chief Executive Officer Mr. Steven Rouche, Membership and Events Manager Ms. Syafiqah Sidik Khan and Government Relations Executive Ms. Najla Bustaman.

The meeting focused on potential collaboration opportunities between MTCC and EUROCHAM Malaysia, as both organizations share the same vision on sustainability. EUROCHAM Malaysia's support in promoting a sustainable supply chain to the EU business community which will help its members to meet the growing demand for environmentally friendly products. This potential collaboration will bolster EUROCHAM Malaysia's and its members' reputation and ensure compliance with environmental and social regulations related to timber sourcing and sustainability reporting.

Strengthening Forestry Ties: Myanmar Forest Certification Committee (MFCC) Visits MTCC for Timber Certification Insights

MTCC received a courtesy visit from the Myanmar Forest Certification Committee (MFCC) delegation, led by MFCC National Secretary, Mr Barber Cho and Technical Officer (System Documents), Ms Moh Moh Maung Zin on 14 June 2024. The delegation was welcomed by MTCC Chief Executive Officer, Dr Farrah Shameen Mohamad Ashray, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Mawasi, Director of Forest Management Dr Agkillah Maniam, and Acting Director of Communication and Marketing Muhammad Hasif Azizan.

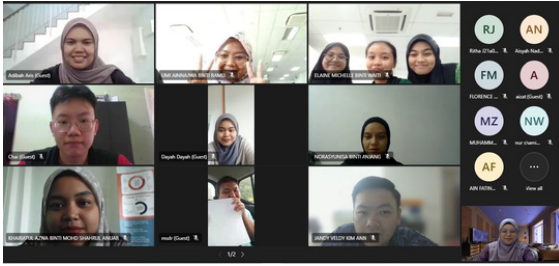


During the visit, Dr. Farrah provided a briefing on the establishment of MTCC and the operations of the MTCS. The briefing also covered the issues and challenges in operating the MTCS and the strategies to address them. MFCC shared their scope in implementing Myanmar Timber Legality Assurance System (MTLAS) and their certification as well as the various new forestry and logging policies of Myanmar.



Both agencies spoke about the challenges managing the certification issues of deforestation and way forward for strengthening the Asian voice in PEFC.





MTCC Shares Expertise on PEFC Chain of Custody Certification with Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) Undergraduates

MTCC delivered an educational talk organized by the Faculty of Bioengineering and Technology Programs at Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) on 24 June 2024. The virtual industry sharing session was attended by 51 undergraduate students taking EWE33003 – *Piawaian Produk Hutan & Pensijilan Industri* subject. The session was delivered by Ms. Adibah Mohamad Aris, MTCC Executive of Product. During the session, students learned about the MTCS and the PEFC Chain of Custody certification. The presentation also focused on the evolution of certification systems, the implementation of MTCS, and the benefit of certification.



July 2024

- **MTCC Photography Contest**
- **Briefing: Introduction to Chain of Custody Certification and Its Requirements**

September 2024

- **Briefing: Introduction to Chain of Custody Certification and Its Requirements**

October 2024

- **MTCC Youth Parliamentary Debathon**

November 2024

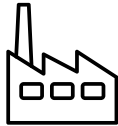
- **Briefing: Introduction to Chain of Custody Certification and Its Requirements**

New Certificate Holders in June 2024



MTCS Certified Forest

- There is no Forest Management Unit certified under the MTCS in June 2024



MTCS Certified Chain of Custody

Company	Product Scope	Contact Details
Piau Chez Sdn. Bhd. PSV-PEFC-COC-101121	Purchase of PEFC certified particle board, MDF, plywood, outsource lamination process, manufacturing and sales of PEFC Certified indoor furniture.	Ms. Sandy Koay +6069858118 sandy@piauchez.com
Deret Mewah Sdn. Bhd. CSIM-PEFC-COC-0014	Purchase of 100% PEFC certified logs, manufacturing, and sales of PEFC certified sawn timber .	Mr. Lim Keck Eng 018-5737168 deretmewahsb@gmail.com
Zahan Resources Sdn. Bhd. CSIM-PEFC-COC-0015	Purchase of sawn timber, finger jointed and moulded timber outsourcing of moulding and finger joint process and sales of finger jointed and moulded timber.	Mr. Solihan HJ Roshad 019-7138031 07-5981610 info_zahan@yahoo.com
Mypellet Biomass Sdn. Bhd. PSV-PEFC-COC-101122	Trading of PEFC certified sawn timber, purchase of PEFC certified and PEFC controlled sources sawmill waste (saw dust, off-cut, wood-chips, bulk, wood slab) and wood pellets, manufacture and sales of PEFC certified and PEFC controlled sources wood pellets.	Mr. CK Tee 017-3925556 chiong.kiat@gmail.com
Ecosense Environmental Technology Sdn. Bhd. SCS-PEFC-COC-100092	Production of paper dinnerware using the physical separation method.	Mr. Shicheng Deng +8618826368231 shicheng.deng@ecosrc.com



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