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



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## Statistics (as of July 2024)



### Certified Forest

- Total for MTCS Certified Forest 6,690,377.73 ha (37.07% of Total National Forest Cover - TNFC)



37 Forest Management Units:  
6,542,040.67 ha (36.25% from TNFC)



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



### Certified Companies

- 367 MTCS-PEFC Certified Chain of Custody companies



### Export Volume of Certified Products

- January 2024 - July 2024: 618,632.62 m3
- Cumulative July 2002 - July 2024: 3.86 mil m3

## PT Mutuagung Lestari Tbk Now Recognised as a PEFC Notified Chain of Custody Certification Body Under the MTCS

MTCC is pleased to announce that PT Mutuagung Lestari Tbk (MUTU) is now a PEFC-notified Certification Body (CB), authorised to conduct independent third-party certification of the Chain of Custody under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS). MUTU has received accreditation from the Komite Akreditasi Nasional (KAN) under the PEFC/IFCC ST 2002:2020 Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products - Requirement. This accreditation is valid from 7 September 2022 to 7 September 2027.

As a PEFC-notified CB, MUTU is authorised to issue PEFC-recognised CoC certificates to companies located in Malaysia. With MUTU's addition, the total number of PEFC-notified CBs offering CoC certification has increased to 19, encompassing local and international entities. MTCC congratulates MUTU on this significant achievement and looks forward to more companies in Malaysia obtaining certification under the MTCS.

For companies interested in pursuing CoC certification for their products with this certification body, please contact:

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## MTCC's Participation in the 27th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting And 27th ASEAN Working Group on Forest Product Development (AWG-FPD) Meeting



The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) was part of the Malaysian delegation at the 27th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Forestry (ASOF 27) and related meetings held in Bogor, Indonesia, from 15 – 20 July 2024.

The ASOF 27, chaired by Indonesia and co-chaired by Lao PDR, saw ASEAN countries present their progress in Sustainable Forest Management. MTCC's Director of Forest Management, Dr. Agkillah Maniam, represented the Council at the event alongside representatives from various Malaysian ministries and agencies.

Prior to ASOF 27, Dr Agkillah also participated in the 27th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Forest Products Development (AWG-FPD), where a presentation on forest certification in Malaysia and its benchmarking against the ASEAN Guideline on Phased Approach to Forest Certification (PACt) was delivered. She also contributed to discussions on market access, forest legality, and forest products.

In both meetings, MTCC emphasized on the need for a concerted response towards the upcoming implementation of the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) via an ASEAN Common Statement. This was received well and the draft Common Statement has now been circulated to all ASEAN Member States (AMS).

The next ASOF meeting is scheduled for 2025 in Lao PDR.

# PEFC EUDR DDS Module Standard Eases EUDR Compliance for Malaysian Timber

The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) welcomes the recent publication of the PEFC EUDR Due Diligence System (DDS) module standard (PEFC ST 2002-1:2024). Following the approval by the PEFC General Assembly, PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 was published on 20 July 2024.

This new standard is a significant development for Malaysian timber companies seeking to demonstrate compliance with the European Union's (EU) Regulation on Deforestation-Free Products (EUDR).

The EUDR, which comes into effect at the end of 2024, will require companies placing forest-risk commodities on the EU market to conduct due diligence to ensure they are not linked to deforestation or forest degradation. The PEFC EUDR DDS module standard provides a clear framework for companies to meet these requirements.

## Key benefits for Malaysian timber companies:

- **Streamlined compliance:** The standard offers step-by-step guidance on implementing a due diligence system that aligns with the EUDR. This will help Malaysian companies navigate the complex regulatory landscape and avoid disruptions to their EU exports.
- **Enhanced market access:** Demonstrating compliance with the EUDR through the PEFC scheme can strengthen the reputation of Malaysian timber products in the EU market, potentially opening new business opportunities.

## Next Steps:

MTCC encourages all PEFC-certified companies in Malaysia to familiarize themselves with the new standard and consider its implementation. To provide further guidance and support, MTCC will organize workshops and webinars as follows:

## Navigating Compliance: Implementing PEFC & EUDR Due Diligence Systems for Chain of Custody Certificate Holders

### Overview

This seminar focuses on the compliance aspects of PEFC and EUDR Due Diligence Systems. It aims to guide participants through the implementation process, ensuring they meet the necessary legal and regulatory requirements. The seminar will cover practices, risk management, and the benefits of maintaining robust due diligence systems.

### Who should attend?

- Existing PEFC certificate holders implementing the Due Diligence System exporting to EU, or EU as part of their supply chain destination.
- Companies aiming to expand beyond its existing markets.
- State Forestry Departments
- Government bodies and agencies
- Associations related to forest-based products

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### In person session

- [Selangor 9/10/2024](#)
- [Johor 23/10/2024](#)
- [Sabah 13/11/2024](#)
- [Sarawak 27/11/2024](#)



### Online session

- [5/12/2024](#)

In addition to the DDS module, PEFC is also working on amendments to its Sustainable Forest Management standard to further ensure alignment with the EUDR. These efforts reflect PEFC's commitment to promoting sustainable forest management and responsible trade practices.

## For more information:

- Visit the PEFC EUDR website: <https://pefc.org/eudr>
- Contact MTCC: [coc@mtcc.com.my](mailto:coc@mtcc.com.my)

# Shutterbugs Unite! Celebrate 25 years of MTCC with 2024 Photography Contest

## CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS

# MTCC 2024 PHOTO CONTEST

“EXPERIENCE FOREST  
EXPERIENCE MTCS-PEFC”

**SUBMIT NOW**

**DEADLINE 30 SEP 2024**

### SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY



Scan QR code or click link below to access link and submit your entry:

<https://tinyurl.com/mtccphoto2024>

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

#### Photo Categories

**Category A:** Forest Landscape and Ecosystem  
**Category B:** People in Sustainable Forestry

#### Social Media Categories

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**Category C:** (Facebook & Instagram Reels)  
**Category D:** (TikTok Video)

### PRIZES

**Grand Prize:** RM2,000 Cash & E-certificate

#### Photo Categories (A & B)

**1 x Best Photo:** RM1,200 Cash & E-certificate  
**2 x Merit Photo:** RM600 Cash & E-certificate  
**10x Promising Photo:** RM200 Cash & E-certificate  
**5 x Student Motivation Prize:** RM200 Cash & E-certificate

#### Social Media Categories (C & D)

**3 x Best Reels:** RM100 Cash & E-certificate  
**5 x Encouraging Reels:** RM50 Cash & E-certificate  
**3 x Best TikTok Video:** RM100 Cash & E-certificate  
**5 x Encouraging TikTok Video:** RM50 Cash & E-certificate

### SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO



<https://bit.ly/MTCC2024>

Access to google drive contain the following:

- Contest Rules and Regulations
- Contest Poster



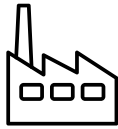


## Certificate Holders in July 2024



### MTCS Certified Forest

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



### MTCS Certified Chain of Custody

- There is no Chain of Custody certified under the MTCS in July 2024



#### October 2024

**Chain of Custody In-person briefing:**  
**Navigating Compliance:  
 Implementing PEFC & EUDR Due  
 Diligence Systems for Chain of  
 Custody Certificate Holders**

- Selangor 9 Oct
- Johor 23 Oct

#### November 2024

**Chain of Custody In-person briefing:**  
**Navigating Compliance:  
 Implementing PEFC & EUDR Due  
 Diligence Systems for Chain of  
 Custody Certificate Holders**

- Sabah 13 Nov
- Sarawak 27 Nov



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