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STATISTICS (as of March 2025)



Certified Forest

- Total for MTCS Certified Forest 6,021,306.83 ha (33.37% of Total National Forest Cover - TNFC)

27 Forest Management Units:
5,870,184.73 ha (32.53% from TNFC)

11 Forest Plantation Management Units:
151,122.10 ha (0.84% from TNFC)



Certified Companies

- 372 MTCS-PEFC Certified Chain of Custody companies



Export Volume of Certified Products

- Cumulative July 2002 to 15 March 2025:
3.509 mil m³

MTCC Promotes Sustainable Timber Certification at EFE 2025



The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) participated in the 18th Export Furniture Exhibition (EFE) 2025, held from 2–5 March 2025 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

The event brought together over 260 exhibitors and industry players from across 140 countries, offering a platform to highlight innovations in design, materials, and sustainable wood products.



Throughout the exhibition, MTCC engaged with manufacturers, traders, and other stakeholders in the timber and furniture sectors to share insights on certification, market access, and meeting sustainability goals.

Visitors also received step-by-step guidance on the certification process and how MTCS can support responsible sourcing practices and business competitiveness.

MTCC's presence at EFE 2025 reflects its continued efforts to promote sustainable forest management and drive demand for certified timber products in both local and global markets.

MTCC Hosts Stakeholder Consultation for Promoting Sustainable Wood Use Project

On 14 March 2025, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) hosted a stakeholder consultation to gather input for the “Promoting Sustainable Wood Use for Domestic Market in Malaysia (SWU)” project.

The session provided a platform for timber industry stakeholders to share their insights on the challenges and opportunities in promoting sustainable wood products within the local market.

Representatives from the Malaysian Timber Industry Board, Sarawak Timber Association, Sabah Timber Industry Association, Timber Exporters' Association of Malaysia, and Malaysian Wood Industries Association participated, offering valuable perspectives to help refine strategies for strengthening sustainable wood consumption in Malaysia.



MTCC, in collaboration with UPM Consultancy & Services (UPMCS) as the implementing agency, remains committed to working closely with industry stakeholders to ensure the successful execution of the SWU project and the advancement of sustainable timber practices in Malaysia. **PAGE 02**

Sustainability in Every Detail: MTCC Office Features MTCS/PEFC-Certified Décor by The Green Factory



A feature wall, composed of assorted MTCS/PEFC-certified wood, highlighting Malaysia's rich wood heritage while reinforcing our belief in certified sourcing.

As the national governing body for the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme, MTCC leads by example in promoting sustainable timber use, including within our own workspace. Our office is proudly furnished with custom décor crafted by The Green Factory (TGF), a PEFC-certified company that champions responsible production and sustainable sourcing.

Crafted with Purpose

Each item from TGF reflects a deep commitment to sustainability and craftsmanship:

A **Merbau wood boardroom table**, sourced from sustainably managed forests, serves as the centrepiece of our meeting space.





Wall décor made from Acacia, Mersawa, Meranti, Balau, Nyatoh, and Kembang Semangkuk (KSK) adds warmth and texture to the office.

By integrating MTCS/PEFC-certified wood into our office space, we hope to not only support our local certified supply chain, but also inspire more organizations to adopt sustainable design choices in their day-to-day environments.

About The Green Factory

Founded in 2012 by second-generation woodworker Harith Ridzuan, The Green Factory is Malaysia's pioneer in sustainable wood manufacturing. Located in Ampang, Selangor, the company operates under a Proactive Green System (PGS), a circular model that emphasizes green design, ethical sourcing, non-toxic finishes, waste reduction, and outreach.

TGF sources wood through three main channels:

1. Certified wood from sustainably managed forests (including MTCS/PEFC-certified sources)
2. Upcycled timber from construction and post-consumer waste

3. Plantation wood, such as rubberwood and Sarawak-sourced Acacia

Beyond manufacturing, TGF champions sustainability through education and public engagement, helping Malaysians rethink how products are made and consumed.

To learn more about The Green Factory, visit <https://greenfactory.shop>

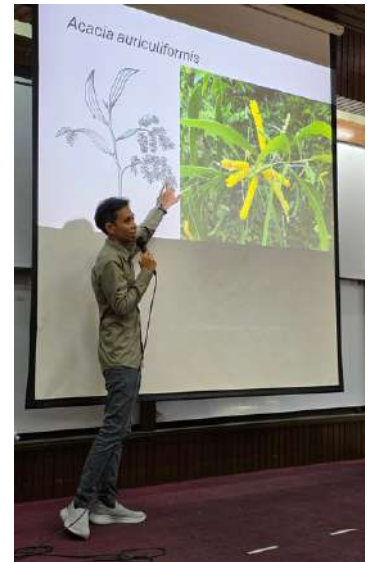
MTCC Strengthens Expertise in Sustainable Forestry at Tree Identification Workshop



On 21 March 2025, MTCC participated in the Tree Identification Workshop Series 1, organized by the Malaysian Society of Arborists (PArM) at the Faculty of Forestry and Environment, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), on 21 March 2025.

The workshop focused on equipping participants with essential skills in tree identification, classification, and understanding the ecological roles of local species.

Through hands-on training, attendees gained valuable insights into the key identification characteristics of various tree species, which are fundamental for sustainable forest management.



Representatives from MTCC's Forest Management Unit attended the workshop, furthering the Council's commitment to strengthening its expertise in sustainable forest management practices.

The session provided critical skills for overseeing forest certification processes, ensuring compliance with the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (MC&I SFM), and promoting biodiversity.

This workshop enhanced the skills of MTCC's Forest Management Unit staff, equipping them with essential tree identification knowledge to better support Forest Management Units in meeting industry standards and maintaining sustainable forest management practices.



MTCC Hosts Courtesy Visit by YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Commodities



MTCC was pleased to host YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Commodities, for a courtesy visit on 25 March 2025.

During this visit, MTCC's CEO, YBrs. Dr. Farrah Shameen Mohamad Ashray, shared an in-depth presentation on the organization's key initiatives, focusing on its continued efforts in sustainable forest management and timber certification.

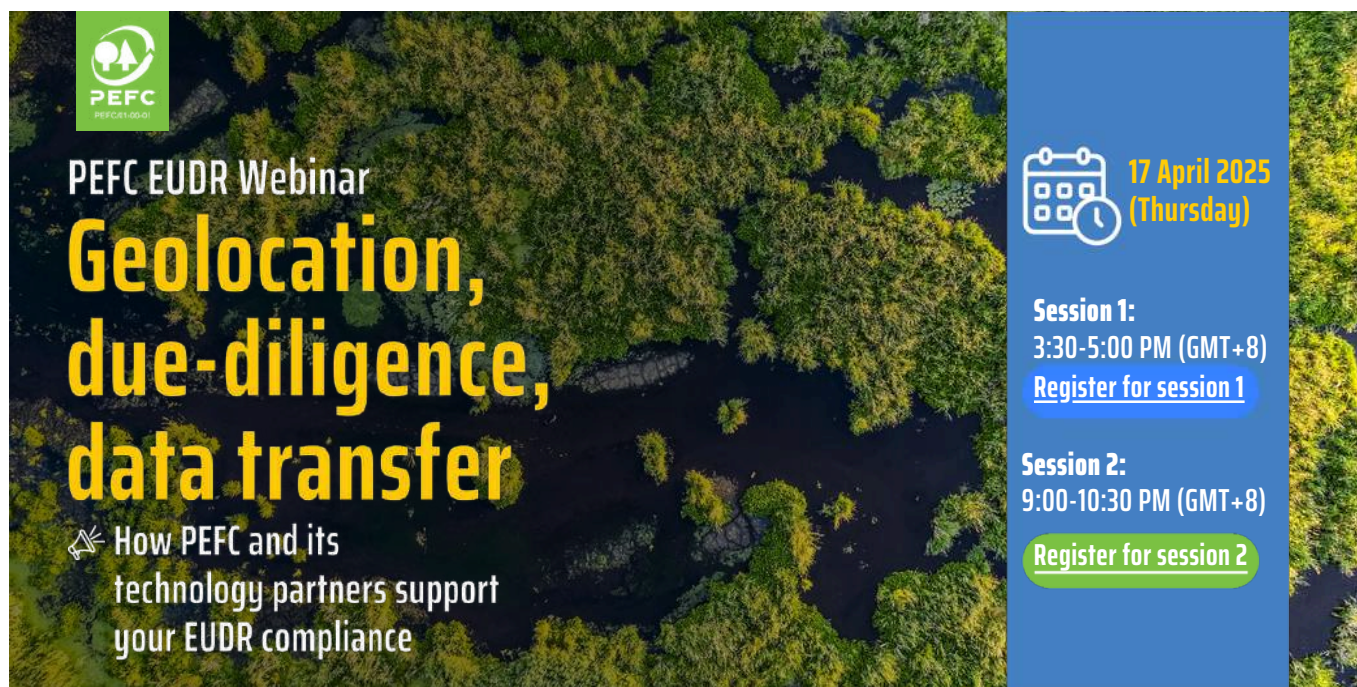
The discussion also covered recent developments in timber certification, emphasizing how MTCC's activities align with the Ministry's efforts to foster sustainability within Malaysia's timber industry. MTCC and the Ministry explored potential areas of collaboration, including enhancing industry transparency and reinforcing compliance with international standards.

MTCC values the constructive dialogue and looks forward to strengthening its partnership with the Ministry in driving the sustainability agenda forward in Malaysia's timber sector.



UPCOMING
EVENTS

Geolocation, Due-Diligence, and Data Transfer: How PEFC and Its Technology Partners Support Your EUDR Compliance



PEFC EUDR Webinar

Geolocation, due-diligence, data transfer

How PEFC and its
technology partners support
your EUDR compliance

**17 April 2025
(Thursday)**

Session 1:
3:30-5:00 PM (GMT+8)
[Register for session 1](#)

Session 2:
9:00-10:30 PM (GMT+8)
[Register for session 2](#)

MTCC, as the PEFC-endorsed national governing body for Malaysia, invites you to an important webinar on navigating the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). The session will provide valuable insights on how businesses can ensure compliance through geolocation, due diligence, and secure data transfer.

Date: 17 April 2025 (Thursday)

Time:

- Session 1: 3:30 to 5:00 PM (Malaysia time)
- Session 2: 9:00 to 10:30 PM (Malaysia time)

The webinar will feature experts from PEFC and leading technology providers, offering solutions to help you meet regulatory requirements and improve supply chain transparency.

Why You Should Attend:

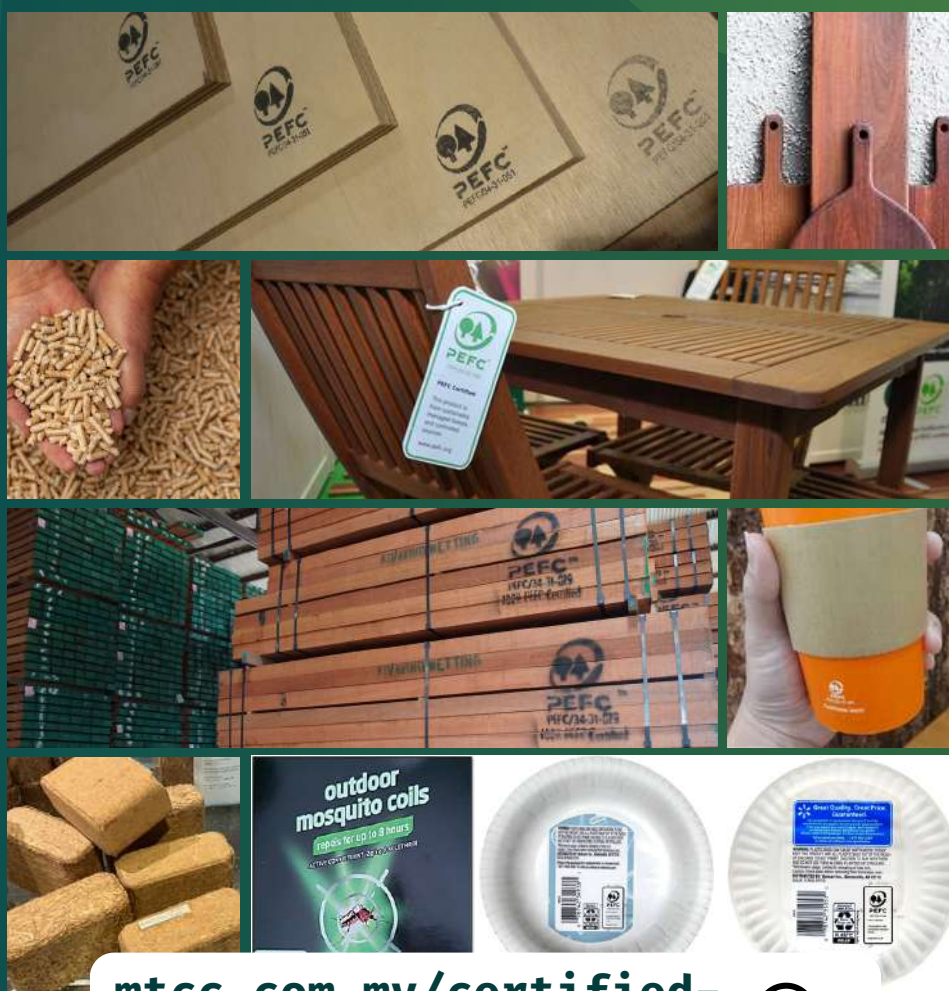
- Get the latest updates on EUDR compliance
- Learn how PEFC certification supports due diligence
- Explore technology solutions for regulatory compliance
- Participate in a panel discussion and live Q&A with experts

For more information and to register, please visit the webinar page. With regulatory deadlines approaching, this session is an essential opportunity to stay ahead of compliance challenges.

[Learn More](#)

List of MTCS/PEFC Chain of Custody CERTIFIED Companies now available on MTCC's website

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MTCC is pleased to announce the launch of the MTCS/PEFC Chain of Custody Certified Companies List, with the first edition released for February 2025.

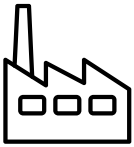
This new resource offers a comprehensive overview of manufacturers, suppliers, exporters, and traders certified under MTCS and PEFC, supporting buyers and businesses in sourcing responsibly produced timber products.

New Certificate Holders in March 2025



MTCS Certified Forest

- There is no new Forest Management Unit certified under MTCS in March 2025.



MTCS Certified Chain of Custody

- There are **no new companies certified** under MTCS in March 2025.