YOUR RIGHTS IN A MTCS-CERTIFIED FOREST

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If you are part of a **local community living in or adjacent to a forest certified under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)**, and are affected by forest management operations conducted within the forest management unit, you have recognised rights that guide how the forest is managed and used. Under MTCS, your community has the right to:



The forest manager must engage with your community through proper consultation and meetings. **You have the right to be informed, give feedback, and raise concerns** about forest plans that may affect you.



Your community can benefit from forest work through job opportunities, skill training, or continued access to forest resources such as rattan, fruits, herbs, and medicinal plants.



Your community can identify and mark areas that are important for your use or cultural values, such as sites for farming, collecting forest products, or areas of traditional, cultural and spiritual significance.



If forest work causes problems such as crop damage, loss of livelihood, or pollution of water sources, **your community can raise a complaint through the forest management unit's complaints and dispute resolution process**.

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