

Title	Towards Sustainability of Timber Production in Malaysia Borneo	
Organizer	Forest Department of Sarawak, Malaysia	
Type of event	Discussion forum	
Venue	Room 305	
Date/Time	Wednesday, June 19; 15:30-17:00	
Event description		
<p>Forestry has been a major economic activity in Borneo. The Malaysian regions of Sabah and Sarawak, and Kalimantan Indonesia harbor large tracts of forests within the Heart of Borneo (HoB). The producing countries within the HoB are committed to sustainability, with more areas being certified to meet the global demand for certified timber products. Sarawak will present its efforts on sustainable forest management and the progress of forest management certification. To date, 561,703 ha of natural forest have already been certified under the PEFC-endorsed Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS). All Forest Management Units (FMUs), totaling over 4.3 million ha or about 35% of the landmass, must be certified by 2022. Sabah has over 3.5 million ha of Permanent Reserved Forests, covering 48% of the landmass. About 628,463 ha of natural forests are FSC certified and 152,536 ha MTCS certified. Sabah has been implementing the Timber Legality Assurance System since 2009. The steps undertaken by Sabah and Sarawak augur well with the global aspirations that our forest resources are better and sustainably managed. The Forest Department of Sarawak will launch The Green Book, which is a compilation of manuals, procedures and guidelines for forest management certification for natural forests in Sarawak.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
15.30-15.35	Moderator - Dr. Jason Hon, WWF Malaysia	Welcome & Opening
15.35-16.00	Hamden Mohammad, Sarawak Director of Forests	A Century of Forestry in Sarawak
16.00-16.15	Haji Azahari Haji Omar, Assistant Director, Forest Department Sarawak	Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative
16.15-16.30	Madeline George Pau, Assistant Director, Forest Department Sarawak	Heart of Borneo Initiative in Sarawak
16.30-16.45	Dr. Jason Hon, Head of Conservation Sarawak (WWF - Malaysia)	WWF Conservation and SFM programmes in Sarawak
16.45-17.00	Facilitator from WWF-Malaysia (Sarawak)	Open discussion