Asian Workshop of the ITTO-CITES Project on Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber Species is Consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation: **Gonystylus** spp. (Ramin)**

Bogor, Indonesia

1-2 July 2009

The Forestry Research and Development Agency (FORDA), Ministry of Forestry Indonesia, with the full support from the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and in cooperation with the CITES Secretariat, will be organizing a "Asian Workshop of the ITTO-CITES Project on Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber Species is Consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation: Gonystylus spp. (Ramin)" at the IPB International Convention Centre in Bogor, Indonesia on 1^{st.} and 2^{nd.} July 2009.

The Workshop, among others, is a follow-up to the "ITTO Expert Meeting on the Effective Implementation of the Inclusion of Ramin (*Gonystylus* spp.) in Appendix II of CITES" that was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 16-19 May 2006. The objectives of the Workshop would include:

- (i) an introduction to the ITTO-CITES Program for Implementing CITES Listings of Tropical Timber Species;
- (ii) an assessment and evaluation of progress achieved by the Activities that are currently being implemented in Indonesia and Malaysia under the ITTO-CITES Project;
- (iii) a review of the progress and actions taken to implement the recommendations of the "ITTO Expert Meeting on the Effective Implementation of the Inclusion of Ramin (*Gonystylus* spp.) in Appendix II of CITES", held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 16-19 May 2006; and
- (iv) development of priorities and a regional strategic approach for improving the implementation of the CITES-listed *Gonystylus* species (Ramin).

A total of about 30 participants, by invitation, representing government officials involved in the management, conservation and trade in the CITES-listed *Gonystylus* species (Ramin), especially the CITES Management Authorities and the Scientific Authorities of Indonesia, China, Malaysia, and Singapore, as well as representatives from ITTO, the CITES Secretariat, trade community and non-governmental organizations are expected to attend the Workshop. The Provisional Program of the Workshop is as in **Annex 1** attached.

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Provisional Program

30 June 2009 (Tuesday

Arrival of participants

1 July 2009 (Wednesday)

8:00 – 9:00 Registration of Participants

9:00 – 10:00 **Opening session**

- Brief Introduction by Master of Ceremonies
- Welcome Remarks by the ITTO Secretariat
- Opening Address by the Director General of the Forestry Research and Development Agency, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 10:45 Organization and logistics

- Background, Objectives and Expected Outputs of the Workshop
- Workshop agenda and process
- Logistical matters

10:45 – 12:30 SESSION I. ITTO-CITES PROGRAM AND REVIEW OF ITS PROGRESS

10:45 - 11:05

Introduction to the ITTO-CITES Program by the representative from ITTO

11:05 - 11:25

Implementation of CITES for timber species by the representative from the CITES Secretariat

11:25 - 11:45

Progress of the Activities Implemented in Indonesia under the ITTO – CITES Project by the representative from Indonesia

11:45 - 12:05

Progress of the Activities Implemented in Malaysia under the ITTO – CITES Project by the representative from Malaysia

12:05 - 12:30

Open Forum for Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 17:00 SESSION II. A REGIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLANNING APPROACH FOR RAMIN

14:00 - 14:30

Ecological and Management Status of Ramin (Gonystylus spp.) by the representative from the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)

14:30 - 15:00

Review of Market and International Trade in Ramin by the representative from TRAFFIC International

15:00 - 15:30

Capacity Building for Meeting the Requirements of the Inclusion of Ramin in Appendix II of CITES by the representative from Singapore CITES-Management Authority (MA)

15:30 - 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 - 16:15

Coordination and Cooperation for the Effective Implementation of the Inclusion of Ramin in Appendix II of CITES by the representative from CITES MA-Indonesia

16:15 - 17:00

Open Forum for Discussion

18:30 Welcome Reception (Hosted by ITTO)

2 July 2009 (Thursday)

09:00 – 12:30 SESSION III. WORKING GROUPS (Break-out Sessions)

09:00 - 10:00

Working Group 1: Ecological and Management Status of Ramin (Gonystylus spp.)

Working Group 2: Review of Market and International Trade in Ramin

Working Group 3: Capacity Building for Meeting the Requirements of the Inclusion of Ramin in Appendix II of CITES and the Coordination and Cooperation for its Effective Implementation

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 12:30 Working Groups (Break-out Sessions continue)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 SESSION IV. REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS

13:30 - 14:00

Report presentation by Working Group 1

14:00 - 14:30

Report presentation by Working Group 2

14:30 - 15:00

Report presentation by Working Group 3

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:15 Panel Discussion on Setting Priorities and Action Plan by the Regional Coordinator for the ITTO-CITES Program, Asia; representatives from the ITTO and CITES Secretariats; and Indonesia and Malaysia

16:15 – 17:30 Meeting conclusions and recommendations

17:30 Closing Remarks

3 July 2009 (Friday)

Departure of participants