

**Day 3 (10 December 2010, Friday)**

- 0830 – 1045 - Group present findings from the Breakout Sessions – Recommendations and way forward
- 1045 – 1100** - **Tea Break**
- 1100 -1215 - Establishment of Focal Point for Communication channels and networking. Discuss format references, responsibilities and planning of related activities.
- 1215 -1430** - **Lunch Break (Friday Prayer)**
- 1430 -1530 - Continuation
- 1530 – 1600 - Conclusion of the Workshop
- 1600 – 1630 - Closing ceremony. Workshop ends.

\* The whole Workshop programme will be conducted in the English Language.

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**PARTICIPANTS**

By invitation from MTIB/MPIC

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD**

Accommodation and food will be provided by the organiser throughout the Workshop

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# NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ENFORCEMENT COMPLIANCE FOR TRADE IN RAMIN (GONYSTYLUS SPP.)

**8,9 & 10 DECEMBER 2010**

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Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB)  
**(Ministry of Plantation Industry & Commodities, Malaysia)**



## BACKGROUND

CITES Management Authorities personnel from MTIB, Sarawak FD, The Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia (FDPM), Sabah FD, Sabah Wildlife Department and the Malaysian Quarantine Inspection Services (MAQIS) are having difficulties in understanding CITES rules and regulation, especially in implementing control of CITES export, import, and re-export. The other non-Management Authorities for CITES, such as the Royal Malaysian Custom (JKDM), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), Marine Operation Force (PGM) and General Operation Force (PGA) are also having difficulties in understanding the proper mechanism in countering the illegal shipment of Ramin and related timber species listed under CITES Appendices. At present there is non existence of a special vehicle or task force to coordinate the understanding and proper implementation of CITES regulations. Personnel from these various agencies are not equipped with the knowledge in managing CITES requirements.

Enforcement personnel from the various government agencies and bodies have not addressed adequately CITES trade and enforcement requirements. They have less understanding in managing international trade movement of endangered timber species listed under the CITES Appendices. Many thought that the action only involve the issuance of CITES export permit and CITES re-export certificate for timber and timber products originated from Malaysia namely Ramin, Gaharu/Agarwood and Damar Minyak (*Podocarpus*). They have less knowledge that endangered timber species listed under the Appendices of CITES originated and sourced from other countries entering Malaysia must be inspected and it involves the issuance of valid CITES documents (export and import permits, re-export certificates). It is much anticipated that this Workshop will impart precious knowledge on the issue and will generate understanding on CITES implementation in Malaysia.

## OBJECTIVES

- 1.To understand the CITES Convention and its trade enforcement mechanism and implementation related to Ramin.
- 2.To establish common understanding and practices related to trade control for Ramin and related timber/plant species listed under CITES.
- 3.To establish a Task Force to coordinate effective implementation of CITES regulation.
- 4.To establish effective communication channel and networking within the agencies in Malaysia directly involved in Ramin trade.

## EXPECTED OUTPUT

The successful implementation of this Workshop will strengthen CITES enforcement compliance systems for relevant enforcement authorities in Malaysia in addressing listed endangered timber/plant species. The difficulties in managing compliance systems was due to lack of knowledge and skills among the personnel of the implementation agencies. The Workshop will provide better understanding to the various enforcement agencies on proper trade control for Ramin and other timber/plant species listed under CITES. The enforcement agencies will impart knowledge and skills on CITES enforcement implementation to their own personnel through further in-house training.

## TARGET BENEFICIARIES

The target beneficiaries of the Workshop will be the CITES Management Authorities enforcement personnel of MTIB, Sarawak FD, FDPM, Sabah FD Department and MAQIS. The other likely important beneficiaries are the non-Management Authorities personnel, such as the Sabah Wildlife Department, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, JKDM, MMEA, PGM and PGA. The various Malaysian Port Authorities will also gain benefits from the Workshop.

## Day 1 (8 December 2010, Wednesday)

- 0830 – 0900 - Registration  
0900 – 0930 - Opening Session  
➢ Welcome Remarks by Director General MTIB  
➢ Speech by ITTO Representative – Ms. Tong Pei Sin  
➢ Speech by CITES Representative – Ms. Milena Sosa Schmidt  
➢ Opening Address by Deputy Secretary General1 MPIC  
– Y. Bhg. Datin Paduka Nurmala Abdul Rahim
- Tea Break**
- 0930 – 0945 - Understanding CITES Objective, Policy, Mechanisms  
0945 – 1045 Implementation and Progress (CITES Secretariat)  
1045 – 1115 - Ramin Ecology, Harvest and Trade is it Sustainable?  
(TRAFFIC Southeast Asia)  
1115 – 1200 - Trees and Plants listed in CITES Appendices : Understanding  
Implementation of CITES Permit, Certificate and Annotations  
for International Trade (CITES Secretariat)  
1200 – 1230 - Ramin Distribution, Population, Trade, Permits and Imported Species  
(MTIB)  
1230 – 1300 - Ramin Distribution, Population, Trade and Permits  
(Sarawak Forestry Department)
- Lunch Break**
- 1300 – 1400 - Ramin Identification and Look – a – Like Species (FRIM)  
1400 – 1430 - Information from:  
1430 – 1500 ❖ Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin  
❖ ASEAN Expert Group Meeting in CITES  
❖ CITES Plant Committee Meeting, Standing Committee Meeting and  
Resolution from Conference of the Party (MPIC & NRE)
- 1500 -1545 - Implementation of the Malaysian International Trade in Endangered  
Species ACT 686 (NRE)
- Tea Break**
- 1545 – 1600**  
Experiences in Handling CITES cases (log, Sawntimber, Large scantling  
and squares LSS) by :  
a) Malaysian Royal Custom Department  
b) Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency  
- c) Marine Operation Force ( PGM–PDRM)  
- d) General Operation Force (PGA –PDRM)  
- e) Klang Port Authority , Johor Port Authority & Penang Port Authority  
- f) Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB)  
**- Dinner**

## Day 2 (9 December 2010, Thursday)

- 0900 – 1000 - Visit Finese (M) Sdn. Bhd. in Rawang, Selangor  
1130 -1215 - Travel to Port Klang
- Lunch Break**
- 1215 -1330 - Visit Custom Inspection on Ramin Consignment at West Port  
1400 -1500 - Travel back to Hotel  
1500 – 1600  
**- Dinner**  
2030 – 2230 - Breakout Session – 4 groups on:  
a) Understanding CITES requirements and the Malaysian Act 686  
- recommendations  
b) Problems on CITES Implementation by the various  
enforcement agencies in Malaysia, establishment of local  
implementing body and proper mechanisms and procedures – recommendations  
c) Discuss communication problems and establish mechanism to  
communicate effectively – recommendations  
d) Discuss establishment of tailored capacity building by each agency in  
understanding and implementation of CITES and Act 686 with  
specific timer –frame - recommendations
- 2230 – 2245 - **Supper**