

**REPORT OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE WORK OF THE TRI-
NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON TRADE IN RAMIN,
JAKARTA- INDONESIA
11 JANUARY 2011**

Introduction

1. Regional Workshop on the Work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin was held on 11 January 2011 in Jakarta – Indonesia.
2. The workshop was chaired by Mr. Adi Susmianto, Head of Research Center of Nature Conservation and Rehabilitation – Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia. The list of participants from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore appears as **Annex 1**.

Agenda Item 1:

Project brief reported by the Project Leader of the activity under ITTO biennial work program element: Review on Ramin Harvest and Trade: CITES Compliance, Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin, Trade Control and Monitoring

Mr. Agus Sriyadi Budi Sutito , the Project Leader of the activity under ITTO biennial work program element: Review on Ramin Harvest and Trade : CITES Compliance, Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin, Trade Control and Monitoring welcome all participants on the workshop.

He highlighted financial assistance from ITTO-CITES project with in-kind contribution from Ministry of Forestry to execute one main Activity entitled Review on Ramin Harvest and Trade: CITES Compliance, Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin, Trade Control and Monitoring. He portrayed the aim of the project and the expected output which was a review on the effectiveness of regional forum to combat illegal trade, including Ramin which consists two main activities, firstly to take a closer look at the Terms of Reference (ToR) of regional forum (Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin) by Indonesia.

He informed work of the team to analyze the ToR of the Tri-national Task Force and its various components and the implementations.

He hoped the workshop would explore further improvement and possibly harmonize the existing coordination and collaborations as well as undermining upcoming progress in the implementation of the Tri-national Task Force. The full text of his remarks appears as **Annex 2.**

Agenda item 2 :

Message from Regional Project Coordinator (Asia) for the ITTO-CITES Project in “Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber Species is Consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation”

Mr. Thang Hooi Chiew Regional Project Coordinator (Asia) for the ITTO-CITES Project in “Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber Species is Consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation welcomed all participants of the Regional Workshop on the Work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin and thanked Indonesia for hosting the Workshop.

In his remarks, Mr. Thang Hooi Chiew emphasized total of 14 Activities have been implemented since 2008 in Indonesia and Malaysia under the ITTO-CITES project on “Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber Species is Consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation” with a total budget allocation from ITTO amounting to US\$ 958,398.00. The overall objective of the Activities was to ensure that continuing international trade in CITES-listed *Gonystylus* species was consistent with their sustainable management and conservation. He also portrayed the direct beneficiaries of these Activities in the main range states of Indonesia and Malaysia.

He hoped that the deliberation of this Regional Workshop on the work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin would further enhance the conservation

and compliance with the regulatory provisions of CITES in the trade of Ramin products in the global market place, as well as strengthen regional cooperation and coordination among institutions in the region, especially in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, involved in ensuring that the trade of Ramin products is consistent with their sustainable management and conservation.

He concluded his remarks by thanking to the Government of Indonesia and to the Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation in particular, as well as the organizers for the excellent arrangements for holding the Regional Workshop. The full text of his remarks appears as **Annex 3**.

Agenda Item 3:

Opening of the Meeting

Opening remarks by the Director of Biodiversity Conservation - Ministry of Forestry, Republic of Indonesia as a host country.

Mr. Novianto Bambang, Director of Biodiversity Conservation, Ministry of Forestry, Republic of Indonesia extended a warm welcome to the delegates to the Regional Workshop on the Work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin. In his opening remarks, Mr. Novianto Bambang emphasized the importance of the meeting and expresses his gratitude to ITTO for the support ITTO-CITES Project and enables this important channel of communications on tri-national Task Force to happen.

Mr. Novianto Bambang highlighted number of policy studies and capacity building and training activities in support of trade in endangered species including Ramin.

He hoped the workshop could deliberate some constructive critics, inputs, and suggestions on how the tri-national task force could work together towards a simpler and better harmonized mechanism. He concluded his remarks by wishing the workshop a success. The full text of his opening remarks appears as **Annex**

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Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the Agenda

The adopted Agenda of the Regional Workshop on the Work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin appears as **Annex 5**.

Agenda Item 5: Presentation

The workshop took note The Closer Look of ToR concerning Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin (Point of view of Indonesia) presented by Mr. Nunu Anugrah which appear in the **Annex 6** The presentation highlighted the objectives of the project, logical framework of the Ramin conservation and its problem, conservation approach, chronologist listed of Ramin into Appendix III and then Appendix II as well as established of Task Force and Trade Ramin.

The presenter also highlighted the mandatory of the ToR and 6 objectives of Task Force. The implementation of the Objectives of the Task Force in Indonesia also informed by the presenter such as capacity building, developing standard reporting format, collate addresses and contact law; review and harmonization of customs codes for Ramin products, discussion on the disposal of confiscated specimens.

The presenter also highlighted the evaluation of the achievement of Task Force Mandatory, the objectives that have not been achieved such as developing standard reporting format; identifying the potential use of ASEAN single portal, improvement of statistical data to reduce data discrepancy at international level data.

The presenter also highlighted the conclusion based on the team analyses as follows : the formation of Task Force of Ramin trades was effective enough to decrease the illegal Ramin trades in the international level and it became the supporting in strengthening the CITES implementations; There were some action plans which haven't been achieved; Tri-National Task Force as a function of a

medium in increasing international; the communication had not been effectively established as well as the absence of Tri-National Task Force agencies especially the Task Force secretariat become the reasons that expected plans and output targets could not be achieved.

Recommendation also described by the presenter including more focused coordination in data and information exchanges, and in the law enforcement cooperation; Developing the standard reporting format; arrangements of more focused frameworks and more effective communicating mechanism; the stabilization of bilateral cooperation in economy and trades including the follow up accuracy of barter trade regulations and the implementation plans between Indonesia and Malaysia; the stabilization of Task Force institutional through the formation of the organization secretariat, the strengthening coordination with ASEAN-WEN; improvement of crime preventions along the cross-border countries through bilateral, regional, and multilateral; improving capacity of the officials (CITES MA, Customs and Law officers) especially in identifying Ramin products.

Agenda Item 6:

Discussion

Upon chairman invitation Malaysia (Ms. Kartini) drew attention revive the Tri national Task Force or closed up the program, and congratulate of the good job of the team , and took note from the team that the Task Force should be continued, what are the recommendation further whether or not the fourth meeting will be carried out. All the result of the meeting will be inform to each government and to find whether the Task Force will be continued or not.

Singapore thanked Indonesia and congratulated the team for their good job. Singapore also commented that it would consider the continuation of the Task Force and would keep Malaysia and Indonesia informed of its decision.

Mr. Thang Hooi Chiew Regional Project Coordinator (Asia) for the ITTO-CITES Project informed that ITTO fully support on this project and the continuing of the Task Force, ITTO also fully support for two task force in South America and Africa. He informed that the Tri National Task Force was a model for the other two mentioned task force.

Dr. Samedi (Indonesia) drew the attention that since the development of the Task Force, and since the Ramin included in App II, the situation of trade on Ramin was change considerably in compare with the situation when Ramin included in App III. As many CITES regulation should be t apply in regard on Ramin such as requirement of NDF and several things could be done under CITES regulation. He raised the question whether the Task Force could be narrowed down as many things had been embedded by CITES. And what was the current situation on Ramin trade; in his opinion if the problem was reduce so the Task Force could be narrowed.

Ms. Kartini (Malaysia) informed that NDF has been done in Malaysia, lately with the support by ITTO. As her personal view Ms. Kartini highlighted that although the trade banning by European Union was already lifted, Malaysia's trade in Ramin has been severely affected. Malaysia has reviewed its export quota for Ramin to 10,000 m³ for 2011. She proposed that the listing of Ramin be reviewed either to list only at species level specific since the demand for *Gonystylus spp.* has dropped tremendously.

Tadjudin (FORDA- Indonesia) informed that in 2005-2006 the potential of Ramin in Sumatera and Kalimantan had been assessed, he also described that because only one company could harvest Ramin, therefore the quota from Indonesia only 8000 m³. He also mentioned that in regard review of ToR of Task Force, the reason of the temporary break off of the Task Force meeting, Indonesia would make internal evaluation whether it would be continuing or not. Some reason of the break off that the international illegal trade is decreasing. On the other hand

he also informed that illegal trade domestically was still on going. By the existence of ASEAN WEN, he suggested the team to analyze the whether the Task Force had been accommodated in ASEAN WEN. On his opinion, the Task Force was still needed with some recommendation on the development of ToR.

Ms. Kartini (Malaysia) informed that ASEAN WEN has yet to put emphasis CITES timber species and has been focusing more on CITES fauna illegal trade.

The Chairman also highlighted that ToR needed to be revised by attention on the relevant current issue such as research and scientific.

Mr. Thang Hooi Chiew, highlighted that we should look at the other forum need to be dealing with such as ASEAN WEN, FLEGT, ASEAN 10 etc on issue of illegal logging. In regard of the issue of delisting, ASEAN Expert Group on CITES also should be looked at. Mr. Thang also recommends that work of Task Force not only for Ramin but also others timber.

Mr. Herman (Indonesia) shared information on the practice of Ramin harvest and trade including establish of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) certificate. He also mentioned only one company namely PT. Diamond Raya Timber allowed to harvest Ramin. Newest regulation as a tool to control trade in Ramin by online system also informed. He also suggested the need to conserve Ramin and raised the question who will conduct to conserve of Ramin.

Dr. Samedi (Indonesia) commented on the delisting, in his opinion delisting was not only based on difficulties of the implementation on CITES requirements but also to ensure that the trade was sustainable. He also informed that the mandate of the ASEAN WEN included all the CITES species, including timber and plants species.

The chair recommend the discuss differentiate activities between Task Force and ASEAN WEN

Prof. Suryo (Indonesia) informed that until now, harvest on Ramin depended on natural forest, in regard silviculture, since some research have been done, it was time to start silviculture on Ramin.

Mr. Herman (Indonesia) commented that CITES permit and SFM certificate were very important. The question was how to make one condition between CITES and SFM Certificate and made a tool to support that each requirement.

Mr. Thang Hooi Chiew suggested to look at how the SFM certificate work in the context and make a link with other certificate (CITES).

The Workshop continued to discuss the Key Question – Recommendation as appear in **Annex 7**.

Ms. Kartini (Malaysia) in regard of the point 4 of the recommendation (to identify inclusion of other timber species such as Merbau (*Intia bijuga*) on the scope of the work of the Task Force), she commented that if Merbau included in the scope of Task Force , so the Papua New Guinea as the range state should be included . Therefore, work of Task Force was not relevant anymore since it would be enlarging the scope and then not focused. Therefore she suggested dropping recommendation point 4.

Ms. Lye Fong Keng (Singapore) agreed with Ms. Kartini's suggestion to delete recommendation point 4 with respect to Merbau as non-CITES species are not within the mandate of the Task Force.

Mr. Thang Hooi Chiew informed that the new funding from EU opening up for other threatened species such as Merbau, *Aquilaria spp.*

Mr. Trio Santoso (Indonesia) agreed with Ms. Kartini's opinion to drop recommendation no. 4, and in regard to the Recommendation no. 2 (To identify

outstanding issue and the need of revitalization on Tri-National task force on trade in Ramin, including but not limited to listing, data & information, institutional arrangement, scope and law enforcement) he suggested to mention the issue of the sustainability of Ramin. He also highlighted that consultation with the ASEAN Secretariat was not necessary because it was agreed that Tri National Task Force would be revitalized.

Mr. Thang Hooi Chiew suggested to linkage of trade and sustainability of Ramin. Upon question Mr. Trio regarding funding provided by ITTO-CITES project, Mr. Thang informed that ITTO-CITES would fund the work program, but not the national meeting.

The chair highlight that the recommendation actually reinforce the recommendation of the workshop.

Agenda Item 7.

Adopted Recommendation

After considerable discussion, the workshop agree to adopted the recommendation as appear in **Annex 8.**

Agenda Item 8.

Closing remarks

The Chair invites the Director of Biodiversity Conservation to deliver closing remarks.

Closing remarks by the Director of Biodiversity Conservation- Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation – Ministry of Forestry, Republic of Indonesia as a host country.

Mr. Novianto Bambang, Director of Biodiversity Conservation- Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation, Ministry of Forestry, Republic of Indonesia felt pleased that the Meeting had come to its end with a positive

participation. He thanked the chairman, Mr. Adi Susmianto for his excellence organizing and providing these magnificent results.

He emphasized that the workshop very important to implement the work of the Tri-national task force.

He concluded that many of constructive and creative inputs would strengthen the effectiveness of the implementation of the Tri-national Task Force. The full text of his closing remarks appears as **Annex 9**.

Agenda Item 9: Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman thanked all the delegates for their active participation in the meeting. He felt pleased that the Meeting. He wished the visiting delegates a safe and pleasant trip home.

The Meeting was closed on Tuesday, 11 January 2011 at 14.30 pm.

Annex 1 PARTICIPANTS LIST
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Jakarta, 11 Januari 2011

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4	MD. Yusoff	Malaysian Timber Industry Board
5	Kartini Karim	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia
6	Harry Alexander	WCS-Indonesia
7	Dr. Samedi	Yayasan KEHATI
8	Kurnia Rauf	Head of Natural Resources Conservation Office of Riau
9	Puja Utama	Directorate of Biodiversity Conservation - Ministry of Forestry
10	Agus SB Sutito	Directorate of Biodiversity Conservation - Ministry of Forestry
11	Lim Chee Wee	Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore
12	Lye Fong Keng	Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore
13	Herman Prayudi	Indonesian Association of Forestry Companies
14	Dr. Adi Susmianto	Forest Research and Development Agency - Ministry of Forestry
15	Dr. Tajudin	Forest Research and Development Agency - Ministry of Forestry
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Annex 2
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Menara Peninsula Hotel, 11 January 2011

Project Brief

By

Agus SB Sutito

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Director of Biodiversity Conservation,
Distinguished participants, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning.

As the Project leader of the ITTO-CITES Indonesia Project in 2010, I have great pleasure to welcome honorable guests, distinguished participants to the regional workshop. We are very much honored by the participation from all of you, particularly the presence of the ITTO Regional Coordinator for Asia and representatives from the Cites Management Authority and the Cites Scientific Authority from Malaysia and Singapore. We hope you enjoy your stay in Jakarta. Indonesia has received financial assistance from ITTO-CITES project with in-kind contribution from Ministry of Forestry to execute one main Activity entitled **Review on Ramin Harvest and Trade: CITES Compliance, Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin, Trade Control and Monitoring**. This workshop is a crucial part of The Project.

The project is aimed to contribute to the SFM and conservation of Ramin through the improvement of CITES implementation, enhancing regional cooperation and improving trade data monitoring. One of the expected outputs is a review on the effectiveness of regional forum to combat illegal trade, including Ramin which consists two main activities, firstly to take a closer look at the Terms of Reference (ToR) of regional forum (Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin) by Indonesia, resulting the draft report in your hand right now and secondly, to facilitate active communication with Malaysia and Singapore on the possibility to resume the work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin with improved or revised ToR which resulting in having a Regional Workshop convened here today.

Our draft review has critically analyzed the ToRs of the Tri-national Task Force and its various components and the implementations so far. It has shown great potential to still be used as a beneficial management tool for gearing up Ramin trade for the three countries. Although hampered by some technical obstructions, our spirits in working together, our common political will and determinations are there to be enhanced and put in to actions.

By sharing country and regional experiences, the workshop aims to explore ways to further improvement and possibly harmonize the existing coordination and collaborations as well as undermining upcoming progress in the implementation of the Tri-national Task Force.

With all your support, we hope to gain common insights, inspirations and holistic perception as well as inputs for better implementations. Let us elaborate our challenging future together right here and right now.

Thank you.

Jakarta, 11 January 2011

Agus SB Sutito

Annex 3 Opening Remarks

“Regional Workshop on the Work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin”

Jakarta, Indonesia, 11 January 2011

by

Thang Hooi Chiew

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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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First and foremost, allow me to put on records that a total of 14 Activities have been implemented since 2008 in Indonesia and Malaysia under the ITTO-CITES project on “Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber Species is Consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation” with a total budget allocation from ITTO amounting to US\$ 958,398.00. The overall objective of the Activities is to ensure that continuing international trade in CITES-listed *Gonystylus* species is consistent with their sustainable management and conservation. Through these Activities, a total of 65 papers and reports have been or will be prepared and published.

It is envisaged that the direct beneficiaries of these Activities are the public authorities and private sector in the main range states of Indonesia and Malaysia where the CITES-listed *Gonystylus* species occur, as follows:

- (i) improved management and regulations of trade of *Gonystylus* species;
- (ii) improved management and conservation of *Gonystylus* species;

- (iii) increased regional cooperation in research, silviculture and compliance; and
- (iv) enhanced coherent policy framework through integration of knowledge on sustainable management and species conservation.

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The Activities implemented in Indonesia and Malaysia range from improving inventory design to estimating the growing stock of ramin, assessing appropriate silvicultural system for managing ramin, controlling and monitoring ramin trade, and the potential use of non-*Gonystylus bancanus* species in Indonesia to the development of a DNA database and the further elaboration of the status and stocking of *G. bancanus* in Sarawak, Malaysia, as well as the further quantification of *Gonystylus*, *Aquilaria* (agarwood) and *Intsia* species (merbau), the use of hyperspectral technology to generate spatial distribution maps of *G. bancanus*, including radio frequency identification (RFID) to trace the movement of ramin, and a study on the recovery rate of ramin logs in the production of sawn timber and plywood in Peninsular Malaysia. Other activities have included the establishment of permanent sample plots to enable both Indonesia and Malaysia to continuously monitor the growth and yield of ramin forests, and the holding of workshops to elaborate, among others, the work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin, and on the compliance to CITES rules and regulation, especially in the trade of ramin which is listed in its Appendix II.

In particular, the 6 Activities that have been or are currently being implemented in Indonesia are:

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Tentative Agenda

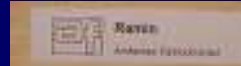
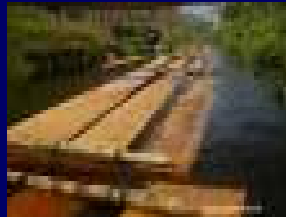
Tuesday, 11 th January 2011	
08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.45	Opening Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Project brief reported by the Project Leader2. Message from Coordinator Regional Asia for implementing ITTO-CITES project3. Opening address by the Director of Biodiversity Conservation4. Photo session
09.45-10.00	break
10.00-10.30	Presentation : Review on the effectiveness of regional forum to combat illegal trade, including the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin (Point of view of Indonesia)
10.30-10.45	Comments and inputs from Malaysia
10.45-11.00	Comments and inputs from Singapore
11.00-12.30	Discussion
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Discussion
15.00-15.30	Break
15.30-16.00	Conclusion and recommendations on the Review, especially the work of Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin
16.00-16.15	Closing remarks

Annex 6 Tri National Task Force presentation

CLOSER LOOK OF TOR CONCERNING TRI-NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON TRADE IN RAMIN



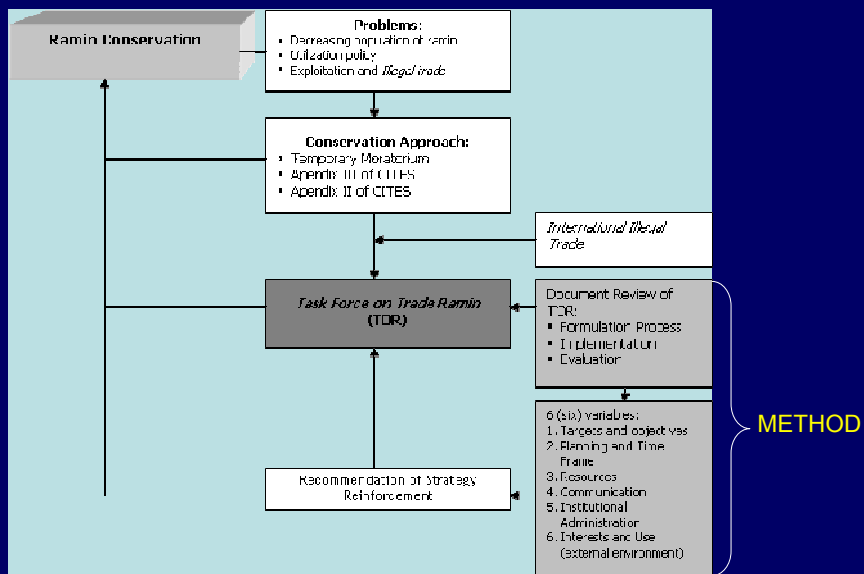
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B. Objectives

1. Compiling mediation process and formulation of TOR.
2. Analyzing the implementation of TOR, especially in Indonesia.
3. Evaluating TOR including the effectiveness of task force performance.

Logical Framework



TRI-NATIONAL TASK FORCE MEETING

1. THE FIRST MEETING, in MALAYSIA (7 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2004)

2. THE SECOND MEETING, INDONESIA (12-13 APRIL 2006)



3. THIRD MEETING, SINGAPORE (7-8 May 2007)

INITIATING FORMULATION OF ToR

Mandatory

1. Law enforcement;
2. intelligent data exchange and CITES implementation monitoring; and
3. coordination in the law enforcement of illegal trade of ramin

6 Objectives of Task Force

1. To enhance information and data sharing and monitoring of CITES implementation to help resolve illegal trade, and to frame long-term cooperative actions.
2. To improve existing mechanism for rapid exchange of information on interdiction of infractions (and to encourage law enforcement) regarding trade in Ramin.
3. To disseminate information on all national Ramin imports, exports and re-exports requirements (legislation and procedures) in order to ensure all relevant agencies are informed of existing regulations and the specific documents that are required to accompany each declared consignment/shipment, including barter trade.
4. to clarify statistical data discrepancies through consultations between CITES Mas and Customs departments and undertake remedial actions at the national and international levels.
5. To invite the participation of CITES Secretariat and relevant NGOs to the meetings of the Tri-National task force on Trade in ramin as and when necessary
6. To seek resolutions on any substantive issues on trade in ramin in a speedy and amicable manner.

IMPLEMENTATION IN INDONESIA

Goals	Action Plan	Implementation
1	Training of law enforcement officers;→ monitoring/strengthen CITES implementation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Assistance of CITES for field officers, customs and police department each year. ▪Workshop and dissemination of permanent quotas each year. ▪Training to introduce the species on trade.
	Developing standard reporting format; (country report, confiscated specimen, standard information) → Networking Mechanism, exp. ASEAN WEN)	Setting the reporting standard for the realization of quotas, exports and confiscation of specimen.
	Develop permit confirmation system (after issuance of export permit/before shipment) → Strengthening CITES Implementation	Indonesia has performed and is performing this action bilaterally.

2	Collate addresses and contacts of law enforcement officials and agencies as one of rapid systems for intelligent information and alert exchange between law enforcement officers	CITES MA in Indonesia has appointed the Directorate for Investigation and Forest Protection (Ditjen PHKA) as the contact point for law enforcement under CITES convention
3	Collate current legislation and procedures of the three countries and distribute to the relevant agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Indonesia is preparing a regulation draft of barter trade ▪Publication of sawn timber export ban

4	<p>Convene consultation meetings among officials of custom departments and other relevant authorized agencies among the three countries to address issues on statistical and data discrepancies related to harmonizing the HS system.</p> <p>Assign one agency responsible to compare the CITES export and import statistic collected by MAs every year and consult each other to undertake remedial actions if discrepancy is found. (Malaysia still needs to consult federal Government)</p>	-
	Review and harmonization of customs codes for Ramin products	Harmonization of product code of ramin is in progress.
	<p>Make (identify the potential) use of ASEAN single portal (ASEAN Single Windows) for data and information sharing -> networking Each members consult ASEAN representative.</p> <p>Make (identify the potential) use of ASEAN single portal (ASEAN Single Windows) for data and information sharing -> networking Each members consult ASEAN representative.</p>	Indonesia has adopted Indonesian National Single Window (INSW).
	<p>To establish proper statistical data and to reduce data discrepancy which include special training program (including workshop) Improvement of statistical data to reduce data discrepancy -> international level data</p>	Is in progress nationally.

5	<p>Discussion on the possibilities of the participation of CITES Secretariat, importing countries and relevant NGOs at the third meeting of the task force (under consultation MY-SG-ID) → open and close session</p>	Indonesia has no objection to the participation of CITES secretariat and NGOs in the Task Force meeting.
6	<p>Discussion on the issues on the disposal of confiscated specimens → small group meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Indonesia has proposed Illegally traded on confiscated (Doc.27) at COP 14 CITES, in June 2007. ▪In the national level, Indonesia has established Ramin Working Group in 2001 consisting of experts on ramin from LIPI, IPB, Forest Research Center, Forest Education Center, Local NGOs, PT. Diamond Raya Timber ▪In the international level, it was conducted upon the submission of proposal from Indonesia during 14th CoP SITES.

EVALUATION

1. The Achievement of Task Force Mandatory

What does the Task Force has significantly pressed down the illegal trade of ramin?

No.	Date	Quantity (Pcs)	Volume (M3)
1.	20/10/03	160	-
2.	31/12/03	171	-
3.	13/02/04	661	139
4.	20/02/04	-	1.636,68 ton
5.	24/02/04	130	56,78
6.	09/05/04	121+65	95,5912
7.	13/05/04	123	32,7560
8.	30/07/04	120	63,68

Source: CITES MA Indonesia (Compilation from MTIB)

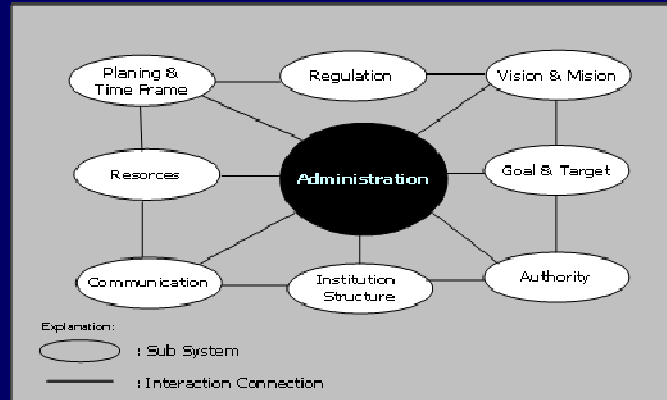
2. The Objectives Achievements and Output Target

2 Objectives have not been achieved (goal 1 & 4)

- Developing standard reporting format;
- Making (identifying the potential) use of ASEAN single portal (ASEAN Single Windows) for data and information sharing
- Improvement of statistical data to reduce data discrepancy at international level data

3. The Achievement of Communication Effectiveness

The communication of Tri-National Task Force has not effectively worked.



The System of Task Force Institutional

Analysis to the 6 paramaters

Objectives and Action Plan	2 objectives with each action plan have not been achieved
Planning and Time Frame	Need improve to be more sistematic
Resources	Need improve to be optimal
Comunication among the Parties	Need improve to be effective
Administration	Need to develop the secretariat of Tri-National Task Force
Interest and Benefit	Tri-National Task Force can function as a medium in increasing international cooperations aiming at optimally making use of positive potentials which emerge in some international cooperation forums especially through ASEAN cooperation.

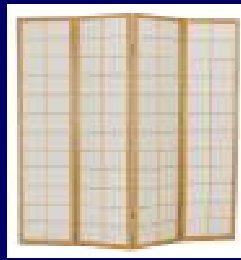
Conclusion

1. The formation of Task Force of Ramin trades is effective enough to decrease the illegal Ramin trades in the international level and it becomes the supporting in strengthening the CITES implementations.
2. There are some action plans which haven't been achieved, including: developing the standard reporting format (country report, confiscated specimens, data standard, and information) to minimize data discrepancy, the development of ASEAN single windows for data exchanging and information, the development of the exchanging mechanism of intelligence information either locally or internationally, and the accuracy of barter trade regulations, and the implementation plans between Indonesia and Malaysia.
3. Tri-National Task Force can function as a medium in increasing international cooperation aiming at optimally making use of some positive potentials which emerge in many international cooperation forums through ASEAN cooperation, and through other countries which have the same interests with Indonesia.
4. The communication which has not been effectively established and also the absence of Tri-National Task Force agencies especially the Task Force secretariat become the reasons that cause the inachievement of the expected plans and the expected output targets.

Recommendation

- Creating understanding and more focused coordination in data and information exchanges, and in the law enforcement cooperation;
- Developing the standard reporting format (country report, confiscated specimen, data standard and information) to minimize data discrepancy, and to do the data and intelligence exchanges;
- The arrangements of more focused frameworks and more effective communicating mechanism including the initiating follow up of developing ASEAN Single windows;
- The stabilization of bilateral cooperation in economy and trades including the follow up accuracy of barter trade regulations and the implementation plans between Indonesia and Malaysia.
- There should be the stabilization of Task Force institutional through the formation of the organization secretariat, the strengthening coordination with ASEAN-WEN, and the increase of the long term funding strategies for ramin conservation.
- The improvement of crime preventions along the cross-border countries through bilateral, regional, and multilateral cooperation which is conducted inclusively and democratically based on international law principles.
- Improving the capacity of the officials (CITES MA, Customs and Law officers) especially in identifying ramin products and the products made of ramin-like timber through some intensive and systematical trainings or workshops.

THANK YOU



Annex 7 Key questions

Regional Workshop on the Work of the Tri-National Task Force on Trade in Ramin

Discussion

Task Force Objective - TOR

1) *Information and data sharing*

2) *Improve existing mechanism for rapid exchange of information*

3) To disseminate information on legislation & procedures

4) Consultations CITES and Customs, & undertake remedial actions

5) The participation of CITES Sec & NGOs

6) To seek resolutions on any substantive issues on trade in ramin

Key Questions - Recommendation

1) Creating understanding and more focused coordination in data and information exchanges, and in the law enforcement cooperation;

2) Developing the standard reporting format (country report, confiscated specimen, data standard and information) to minimize data discrepancy, and to do the data and intelligence exchanges;

3) The arrangements of more focused frameworks and more effective communicating mechanism including the initiating follow up of developing ASEAN Single windows;

4) The stabilization of bilateral cooperation in economy and trades including the follow up accuracy of barter trade regulations and the implementation plans between Indonesia and Malaysia.

Key Questions - Recommendation

5) There should be the stabilization of Task Force institutional through the formation of the organization secretariat, the strengthening coordination with ASEAN-WEN, and the increase of the long term funding strategies for ramin conservation.

6) The improvement of crime preventions along the cross-border countries through bilateral, regional, and multilateral cooperation which is conducted inclusively and democratically based on international law principles.

7) Improving the capacity of the officials (CITES MA, Customs and Law officers) especially in identifying ramin products and the products made of ramin-like timber through some intensive and systematical trainings or workshops.

Key Questions - Recommendation

1) To revise and strengthen the Term of Reference of Tri-National Task Force and its mandate / objectives;

2) To identify outstanding issue and the need of revitalization on Tri-National task force on trade in Ramin, including but not limited to listing, data & information, institutional arrangement, scope and law enforcement;

3) To promote linkage and encourage collaboration between the work of Tri-National Task Force to program of work of ASEAN WEN, FLEGT and other ongoing work and program under international instruments and relevant international organization;

4) To identify inclusion of other timber species such as Merbau (*Intia bijuga*) on the scope of the work of the Task Force.

Key Questions - Recommendation

5) To consult with ASEAN Secretariat and its ASOM concerning institutional role of Tri National Task Force within institutional arrangement under exiting bodies and practices of ASEAN

6) XX.

7) XX.

Annex 8 Recommendations revised

Key Questions - Recommendation

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- 2) Developing the standard reporting format (country report, confiscated specimen, data standard and information) to minimize data discrepancy, and to do the data and intelligence exchanges;
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Key Questions - Recommendation

- 5) There should be the stabilization of Task Force institutional through the formation of the organization secretariat, the strengthening coordination with ASEAN-WEN, and the increase of the long term funding strategies for ramin conservation.
- 6) The improvement of crime preventions along the cross-border countries through bilateral, regional, and multilateral cooperation which is conducted inclusively and democratically based on international law principles.
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Recommendation

- 1) To revise and strengthen the Term of Reference of Tri-National Task Force and its mandate / objectives;
- 2) To identify outstanding issue and the need of revitalization on Tri-National task force on trade in Ramin, including but not limited to data & information, institutional arrangement, sustainability of ramin and its law enforcement, scientific research on Ramin;
- 3) To promote linkage and encourage collaboration between the work of Tri-National Task Force to program of work of ASEAN WEN, ASEAN workplan on FLEG, ASEAN expert group of CITES and other ongoing work and program under international instruments and relevant international organization;

Key Questions - Recommendation

- 4) To consult with ASEAN Secretariat concerning institutional role of Tri National Task Force within institutional arrangement under exiting bodies and practices of ASEAN
- 5) To invite donor and international organization to support, monetary and non monetary, the work arising from tri-national task force.

Annex 9
REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE WORK OF
THE TRI-NATIONAL TAS FORCE ON TRADE IN RAMIN
Menara Peninsula Hotel, 11 January 2011

Closing remark
By
Director of Biodiversity Conservation

Distinguished participants, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen,

We have come to the end of a very fruitful set of discussion workshop. We are indeed fortunate to have with us today active influential people, who have contributed much to our discussion.

We are grateful to our facilitator, Mr Adi Susmianto for his excellence organizing and providing these magnificent results. Our thanks also are to all the hard-working and dedicated committee and staff, for making this wonderful meeting possible.

The workshop today has underscored the importance of an ambitious implementation of the Tri-national task force structural reforms to ensure sustained multilateral spirit of cooperation. The most important outcome of this meeting is that we are all in one boat and must work together.

This regional workshop has marked our first welcome progress after 2007. Many of us have emphasized that risks remain. We are urged to provide better system for fair and balanced management mechanism which requires vigilance and determination on behalf of policy makers everywhere. We are particularly happy to hear so many of constructive and creative inputs to strengthen effective implementation which are essential to the resurrection of the Tri-national Task Force.

Many thanks indeed for all your support of our efforts to reinforce further tri-national communications to cushion possible temporary adverse effects from implementing their commitments. We all realize that more needs to be done to mobilize shareholders for actions that are needed, including better coordination, and we believe that these are important issues on which we can all do better. I hope that our recommendations from the Workshop be heard and reconsidered.

Finally, in the closing, allow me to emphasize that I take encouragement from this Workshop: there is a recognition that the related parties are pulling in the same direction and are cooperating closely. I am encouraged that we all agree and despite all the problems and the challenges we face, we are making progress.

Thank you.

