Impeded development of Malaysian Forest Plantations

**Consequence**

Lack of understanding on essential timber properties

**Key problems**

Unfavourable economic return from plantation grown resources

Weak coordination in R&D planning between industries and institutions

Economic efficiency of processing techniques inadequately assessed

Inadequate technical information on properties of planted timber species

**Main causes**

Weak communication program

**Sub-causes**

Lack of harmonized testing procedures

Limited dissemination of publications

Lack of scientific data on essential properties

Lack of communication fora

Etc.

Lack of technical data on appropriate processing technologies

Lack of trained counterparts to conduct testing on appropriate technologies

Etc.