



# GFTN-MALAYSIA FACT SHEET

## BACKGROUND

Malaysia is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots and is recognized as one of WWF's 200 priority eco-regions. Between 1985 and 2010, the total forest areas in Malaysia declined from 20.42 million hectares in 1985 to 18.6 million hectares in 2010, a decrease of an estimated 1.82 million hectares, or an average annual rate of slightly more than 100,000 hectares a year (FAO 2010). Logs are the fourth largest exported item that contributed 10.4% of Malaysia's total timber exports in 2010. The total amount of logs exported increased by 6% in value to MYR2.1 billion and 4.1% volume to 4,335,454 m<sup>3</sup> over the previous year. The Malaysian timber industry remains a major income generator for the country. Both timber and timber products export value in 2010 and 2011 was worth MYR20.52 billion and MYR20.06 respectively.

## WHAT: GLOBAL FOREST & TRADE NETWORK – MALAYSIA (GFTN-MALAYSIA)

In 2003, Global Forest & Trade Network-Malaysia (GFTN-Malaysia) was established as part of the GFTN and it aims to promote responsible forestry and responsible procurement of timber products and by doing so, facilitate market links between responsible buyers and producers .

## WHO: COMPANIES GFTN-MALAYSIA WORKS WITH

GFTN-Malaysia has prioritized four major segments of the forest products companies that produce sawn timber, mouldings, non-rubber wood furniture and boards (plywood, veneer, and fiberboard). GFTN-Malaysia promotes and creates links through business to business partnerships as well as between companies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). By raising consumer and corporate awareness about more responsible practices, GFTN-Malaysia influences wood and paper procurement policies for the public and private sectors.

## QUICK STATS: GFTN-MALAYSIA

GFTN-Malaysia is in the process of recruiting 3 companies who are in the due-diligence process of becoming GFTN participants.

GFTN-Malaysia participants manage 400,068 hectares of credibly certified forests

GFTN-Malaysia participants trade 144,000 m<sup>3</sup> of forest products

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