

Public Notification

To: Interested Parties
From: SCS Global Services
Date: 1/30/24
Re: Notification of Planned FSC Certification Evaluation of Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. (KPKKT)

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO SHARE THIS NOTIFICATION WITH ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED.

Summary: As part of an upcoming Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®) certification evaluation, SCS is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding the forest management program and practices of Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. (KPKKT). Please comment via email or contact our offices (contact information below).

In pursuit of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) endorsed forest management certification, Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. (KPKKT) will be undergoing an audit. The audit will be conducted by SCS Global Services, a FSC-accredited certification body. The Forest Stewardship Council is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

*Please note that the organization proposes to exclude some areas under their management from their certification, e.g. rights of way.

Scope and Certification Evaluation Process

SCS Global Services (SCS), a FSC-accredited certification body based in California, will conduct this FSC Main Evaluation.

Performance will be evaluated against the National Forest Stewardship Standard (NFSS) of Malaysia FSC-STD-MYS-01-2021. A copy of the standard is available from <http://www.scsglobalservices.com/certification-standards-and-program-documents> or SCS upon request.

The evaluation process includes the following components:

- Public notification: distribution of the standard and solicitation of comments on the certification applicant; Audit planning and document review;

- Field assessment: A representative sample of field sites and operations within the defined forest area are inspected by a team of auditors;
- Stakeholder consultation is carried out prior to and during the field assessment;
- Synthesis of findings: conformity to the standard is ascertained and the certification decision is formulated;
- Reporting: a draft report describing the evaluation process, findings, and certification decision is produced;
- Peer review: the draft evaluation report is peer reviewed by independent natural resource professionals;
- Finalization of the report and conveyance to the SCS Certification Committee for the final certification decision;
- Certification decision: the final report and certification decision is conveyed to the applicant; a public summary of the certification report is released if certification is awarded.

Call for Public Participation

SCS is seeking comments on the forest management of Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. (KPKKT) or other topics pertinent to their seeking FSC certification, such as whether Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. (KPKKT) complies with the legal, social, technical, and environmental requirements of the standard or identification of high conservation value forests¹ within the lands managed by Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. (KPKKT). Comments can be submitted via email to FSCConsultation@scsglobalservices.com, standard mail, or facsimile. ***All comments and sources will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter. Also, please feel welcome to forward this message on to other stakeholders that you think may have an interest in sharing their perspective on this assessment.***

Date of the Evaluation

When possible, SCS will make arrangements to meet with interested parties during the evaluation if appropriate, but it is preferred that comments are submitted before the field evaluation commences.

Dispute Resolution Procedure

As provided by the FSC Interim Dispute Resolution Protocol and the SCS Forest Conservation Program Quality Manual, dispute resolution procedures are in place and available to interested parties at <http://www.scsglobalservices.com/your-feedback>.

¹ Principle 9, in the FSC Principles and Criteria.

Additional Information

More information about FSC and SCS can be obtained from www.fsc.org and www.SCSglobalServices.com. Information about Kumpulan Pengurusan Kayu Kayan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. (KPKKT) can be found at <https://www.kpkkt.com.my/>.

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