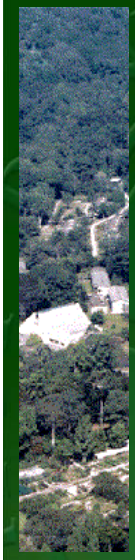

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation through Sustainable Forest Management in parallel with a larger Sustainable Development Strategy; the Malaysian experience

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National circumstances

- National Statistics
  - Population – 26 million and growing
  - Forested land area – approaching 60% of total country area
- MEA involvement
  - UNFCCC
  - Kyoto Protocol
  - National Communications/CDM
  - UNCBD
  - CITES
  - RAMSAR
- Forest distribution
  - Peninsular Malaysia, Sarawak, Sabah
- Institutional arrangement
  - Stewardship
  - Policies
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Deforestation/Forest degradation

- Deforestation – transition from any forest type to any non-forest type (involves a land use change)
- Forest Degradation – transition from any closed forest type to any open or fragmented forest type (no land use change)
- Reducing emissions from tropical deforestation could include:
  1. Totally setting aside land with any degree of forest cover
  2. Minimizing forest degradation in permanent production forests through SFM (including RIL)
  3. Conducting deforestation activities in a manner that reduces or minimizes emissions of GHGs

Sustainable development strategy

- Sustainable Forest Management Strategy
  1. Totally Protected Areas
  2. Permanent Reserved Forests
     - MUS (55-year cutting cycle)
     - SMS (30-year cutting cycle)
     - MC&I (1994 - ITTO Guidelines/2002 - FSC Template)
       - » Production costs up 62%
       - » Long-term yield improvement – 10%
  3. Stateland (Conversion) forests
- Responsible Development
  - EIA required and EPA approval necessary
  - 25% mandatory green space set-asides

System evaluation

- Anticipated yields in successive harvests achieved?
  - Mixed results
  - Lower than anticipated basal area approaching successive harvests
  - Altered species composition
  - Solutions?
    - Harvest technique refinement
    - Revised minimum cutting diameters
    - Revised species allocation
- Enforcement success?
  - Over-harvesting
  - Log theft
  - Timber forensics
- Other gaps

Agricultural land use options

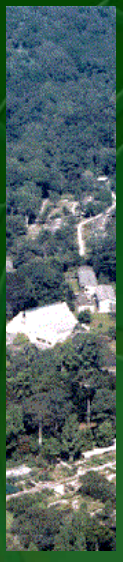
- Major agricultural plantation crops
  - Hevea rubber
  - Oil Palm
  - Other
- Current trends
  - Latex prices and Hevea wood demand
  - Oil palm opportunities
    - Biomass
    - Bio-diesel implications

Additional opportunities

- Afforestation/Reforestation
  - Tin-mined areas
    - 80,000 ha
  - Coastal dunes and spodosols
  - Ultra-mafic soils and Serpentine barrens

Challenges

- Developing holistic, comprehensive and logically sound carbon inventory methodologies (which would serve to guide, if not drive national accounting systems)
- Developing cross-sectoral incentive structures with sound logical foundations, that can be aligned with national and international policy objectives
- Developing creative and equitable crediting schemes to reward good forest carbon stewardship and responsible development



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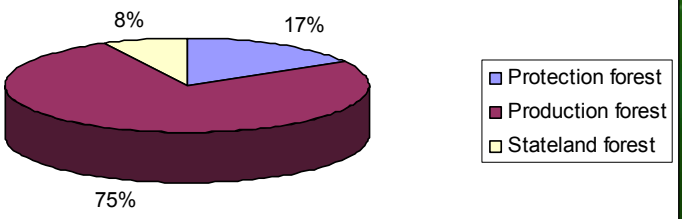

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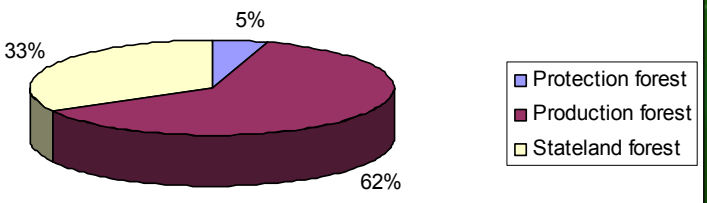

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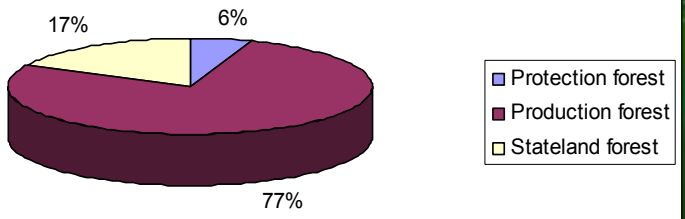
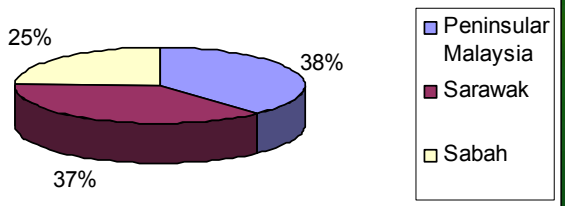


Proportion of forested land in Peninsular Malaysia, Sarawak and Sabah



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