

## MALAYSIA

<b>Assignment Name:</b> Forest Sector Monitoring - Timber Tracking Programme Hallmark Programme		<b>Country:</b> Malaysia
<b>Location within Country:</b> Peninsular Malaysia: Terengganu, Pahang and Selangor		<b>Professional Staff Provided by SGS:</b> SGS Malaysia Staff
<b>Name of Client:</b> Malaysian Timber Certification Council		<b>Nº of Staff:</b> 4 full time staff
<b>Address:</b> Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia		<b>Number of Staff x months; Duration of Assignment:</b> 4 full-time staff for 4 years
<b>Start Date (Month/Year):</b> Sept 1996	<b>Completion Date (Month/Year):</b> February 2001	<b>Approx. Value of Services (in Current US\$):</b> USD 150,000 per year
<b>Names of Associated Consultants:</b> N/A		<b>Nº of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants:</b> N/A
<b>Names of Senior Staff (Project Director/Co-ordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed:</b> Kevin Grace		
<b>Narrative Description of Project:</b> The project was established in 1996 under a Joint Working Group between Malaysia and the Netherlands to promote a phased approach towards forest certification by the year 2000. SGS was appointed as the auditing body to verify continual improvement of three state forestry departments (Pahang, Selangor and Terengganu) to the Malaysian forest certification standard (MC&I). The programme enabled material from those forest areas to be processed and traded by participating factories under a SGS chain of custody certificate, ultimately to obtain a Hallmark Declaration in the Netherlands. The project was halted in February 2001 due to inconsistencies between the standards used and those of the Hallmark and Keurhout programmes. <b>Timber Tracking Programme :</b> The project used newly-developed criteria to evaluate whether timber was extracted according to legal requirements in participating forest areas, and then to audit the system of tracing material through processing for shipment to retailers. The programme was formalised with requirements drawn up for both forest managers and manufacturing companies. Timber tracking certificates were issued to manufacturers and forest areas that demonstrated compliance with the requirements.		
<b>Description of Services Provided by SGS Staff:</b> Auditing of forest management procedures and chain of custody system for tracking material through production and manufacturing to final sale.		