

Plantations

Section A : Legal position

Establishment of oil palm plantation is subjected to Environmental Quality (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order 2015¹ EIA was enforced in April 1988. Approval of the EIA is required prior to the commencement of land opening or clearing and the EIA approval will normally come with a set of Conditions of Approval (*Jadual Pematuhan*) by Dept. of Environment. For more information on the procedure of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), please refer to Section C

Section B : Environmental Impact Assessment

A study to identify, predict, evaluate and communicate environmental impacts of a proposed project or new developments

Peninsular Malaysia (Department of Environment)

1. List of prescribed activities requiring EIA
<https://www.doe.gov.my/portalv1/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Perintah-Kualiti-Alam-Sekeliling-Aktiviti-Yang-Ditetapkan-Eia-2015.pdf>
Eg.: New oil palm plantations which involve conversion of forest comes under First Schedule 1(a) – page 18 or Second Schedule 1(a) – page 24 depending on the project size.
2. List of registered EIA consultants
<https://www.doe.gov.my/portalv1/en/info-perunding/list-of-registered-eia-consultants/311781>
3. EIA: The procedure and requirements in Malaysia
http://ensearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Paper-2_Guidelines-for-EIA-Order-2015.pdf

Sabah (Environment Protection Department)

1. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidelines for Oil Palm Plantation Development
<http://ww2.sabah.gov.my/jpas/Assessment/>
2. List of prescribed activities requiring proposal for mitigation measures report, pg. 30.
http://www.sabah.gov.my/jpas/assessment/eia/handbook/hbook_eia02.pdf
3. List of registered EIA consultants with Environment Protection Department (EPD)
<http://ww2.sabah.gov.my/jpas/Assessment/default.htm>

Sarawak (Natural Resources and Environment Board)

1. List of prescribed activities requiring EIA
https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_TK_IQUxKTgbnZUS3BMQnhDckU
2. List of registered EIA consultants with Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB)
<http://www.nreb.gov.my/modules/web/pages.php?mod=webpage&sub=page&id=328>

¹ <http://www.doe.gov.my/portalv1/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Perintah-Kualiti-Alam-Sekeliling-Aktiviti-Yang-Ditetapkan-Eia-2015.pdf>

Section C : Other Good Reference Materials

1. Environmental Requirement: A Guide for Investor

<http://www.doe.gov.my/eia/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/A-Guide-For-Investors1.pdf>

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