

MTIB discovers ramin among sawn timber

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THE Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) said ramin comprised 1,636.88 tonnes or 40 per cent of the 3,879.38 tonnes of sawn timber it found in an inspection at the Free Trade Zone (FTZ) at the Pasir Gudang Port, Johor, on February 20.

The ramin is believed to be of Indonesian origin, the Malaysian Timber Council said in a statement in Kuala Lumpur yesterday issued on behalf of the MTIB.

Ramin has since August 2001 been listed, on a request by Indonesia, under Appendix III of CITES (the

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species), making it a legal requirement for Indonesian ramin to be imported only with an Indonesian CITES Permit.

Other sawn timber found during the inspection were Kempas, Jelutong, Balau, Nyatoh and other red-coloured wood species, MTIB said.

The inspection at the FTZ was carried out by MTIB as the authorised Malaysian Management Authority for timber species listed under CITES of wild fauna and flora. — Bernama