# FACTORS INFLUENCING MALAYSIAN CONSUMERS' INTENTION TO PURCHASE GREEN PRODUCTS: A MODERATING ROLE OF PERCEIVED PRICE SENSITIVITY

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### ABSTRACT

The Malaysian government has several green initiatives in an effort to sustain its environment by producing and consuming green products. Consumers are also making an effort to purchase more green products and reduce their own carbon footprint. However, it is still a fact that green products are being purchased at a relatively low level in Malaysia. Considering the green purchase intention in Malaysia, this study specifically focuses on investigating the influence of attitude, subjective norms, perceived environmental concern, perceived environmental knowledge, perceived consumer effectiveness and government green initiatives on consumers' intentions to purchase green products and the moderating effect of price sensitivity. Methodologically, the study is deductive, and a quantitative research approach was used. The data was collected via a questionnaire based on a cross-sectional design. The population and sample of the study were millennial consumers from the three states of Malaysia: Johor, Selangor, and Perak. A non-probability and convenience sampling technique was used in this study, and a total of 413 responses were received from the respondents. For data analysis, the structural equation modelling (SEM) technique was used with the help of Smart-PLS to test the proposed hypotheses. The results revealed that factors (apart from subjective norms) significantly influence Malaysian consumers' intention to purchase green products. In addition, price was found to have significant moderating effect on the relationship between attitude, perceived consumer effectiveness, government green initiatives, and intention to purchase green products. To assure effectiveness of the study findings, marketers, manufacturers, and policymakers can act in the right way to increase consumers' intentions toward purchasing green products in Malaysia. This study can also benefit consumers directly by demonstrating that their efforts can be a significant contributor to Malaysia's sustainability. Finally, the study's originality contributes to the Theory of Reasoned Action by adding these factors in the context of green products, particularly in Malaysia.



#### ABSTRAK

Kerajaan Malaysia mempunyai beberapa inisiatif hijau dalam usaha untuk mengekalkan persekitarannya dengan mengeluarkan dan menggunakan produk hijau. Pengguna juga berusaha untuk membeli lebih banyak produk hijau dan mengurangkan pelepasan karbon yang dihasilkan oleh mereka sendiri. Walau bagaimanapun, masih menjadi fakta bahawa tahap pembelian produk hijau agak rendah di Malaysia. Dengan mempertimbangkan niat pembelian hijau di Malaysia, kajian ini secara khususnya memberi tumpuan kepada mengkaji pengaruh sikap, norma subjektif, kebimbangan alam sekitar yang dirasakan, pengetahuan alam sekitar yang dirasakan, keberkesanan pengguna yang dirasakan dan inisiatif hijau kerajaan terhadap niat pengguna untuk membeli produk hijau dan kesan moderator sensitiviti harga. Secara metodologi, kajian adalah deduktif, dan pendekatan kajian kuantitatif digunakan. Data dikumpul melalui soal selidik berdasarkan reka bentuk keratan rentas. Populasi dan sampel kajian adalah pengguna milenium dari tiga negeri di Malaysia: Johor, Selangor, dan Perak. Teknik persampelan bukan kebarangkalian dan kemudahan telah digunakan dalam kajian ini, dan sebanyak 413 respons telah diterima daripada responden. Untuk analisis data, teknik pemodelan persamaan struktur (SEM) digunakan dengan bantuan Smart-PLS untuk menguji hipotesis yang dicadangkan. Hasil kajian menunjukkan bahawa semua faktor (selain daripada norma subjektif) secara signifikan mempengaruhi niat pengguna Malaysia untuk membeli produk hijau. Di samping itu, harga didapati mempunyai kesan moderator yang ketara terhadap hubungan antara sikap, persepsi keberkesanan pengguna, inisiatif hijau kerajaan, dan niat untuk membeli produk hijau. Untuk memastikan keberkesanan penemuan kajian, pemasar, pengilang dan penggubal dasar boleh bertindak dengan cara yang betul untuk meningkatkan niat pengguna ke arah membeli produk hijau di Malaysia. Akhir sekali, keaslian kajian menyumbang kepada Teori Tindakan Beralasan dengan menambahkan faktor-faktor ini dalam konteks produk hijau, khususnya di Malaysia.



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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ATT	-	Attitude
AVE	-	Average variance extracted
BI	-	Behavioral Intention
CFI	-	Corporate Finance Institute
CR	-	Composite reliability
DOSM	-	Department of statistics Malaysia
EPU	-	Economic Planning Unit
<i>f</i> 2	-	Effect Size
IGEM	-	International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition
		and Conference Malaysia
IPGP	-	Intention to purchase green product
KeTSA	-	Kementerian Tenaga dan Sumber Asli (Ministry of
		Energy and Natural Resources)
KASA	A P	Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air
PEK	-	Perceived environmental knowledge
PEC	-	Perceived environmental concern
<i>R2</i>	-	Coefficient of determination
SI	-	Subjective norms
GGI	-	Government green initiative
SDGs	-	Sustainable development goals
UN	-	United Nation
PPS	-	Perceived price sensitivity
PLS	-	Partial least square
PCE	-	Perceived consumer effectiveness
$Q^2$	-	Predictive relevance
SEM	-	Structural Equation Modeling

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## **CHAPTER 1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 Introduction

This chapter sets the stage for the research by stating the background, and problems that the study aimed to address. The chapter further identified the research gaps, questions, objectives, significance, and scope of the study. Furthermore, the chapter provides operational definitions of key terms used in the research to ensure that there is a clear understanding of what the study is investigating. This can help to ensure that the research is conducted in a consistent and systematic manner, enabling meaningful conclusions to be drawn from the study's findings.



## **1.2 Background of the study**

One of the world's leading issues nowadays is the environmental degradation caused by industries; thus, consumers have started shifting from conventional products to green products (Chen & Chai, 2010). Panjaitan and Sutapa (2010) defined green products as "products that in their planning and process with the techniques have less impact on the environment, even in the production process, distribution, and consumption." Overall, green products do not contain harmful elements; hence they are friendlier to the environment (Ogiemwonyi & Harun, 2021).

Developed and developing countries are struggling to implement and increase green consumerism among their nationals. The same is the case in Malaysia; the government, manufacturers and marketers are struggling to increase green consumption among consumers. Although green products are available in Malaysia, consumers' behavior and their intention toward purchasing such products are low. Therefore, the researcher in this study aimed to investigate the factors influencing consumers' intention to purchase green products in Malaysia. The environment is becoming increasingly important to consumers as they realize that unsustainable consumption patterns contribute to serious environmental issues such as climate change, global warming, and harmful pollution. Thus, their intentions are changing rapidly, so companies must change how they interact with and serve them (Lai & Cheng, 2016). To forecast future sales and determine whether their actions will influence consumers' purchasing behaviors, marketers use consumer purchase intentions as one of their primary inputs. Therefore, additional research on green consumers, particularly on their intentions toward green products, is necessary when a relatively small portion of consumers actually purchase green products despite reporting that they consider themselves green (Ferraz *et al.*, 2017).

In developed countries, the awareness of the importance of the environment and the impacts of production and consumption on depleting natural resources is now a cultural constant. Thus consumers have greater intentions to purchase green products (Ferraz *et al.*, 2017). However, in many developing countries, the movement towards the consumption of green products is in its early stages (Ferraz *et al.*, 2017). The same is the case with Malaysian consumers, as Yii *et al.* (2020) mentioned that green consumerism in Malaysia is unsuccessful because of the absence of information on consumers' intentions to purchase green products. In addition, Suki (2016) and Yadav and Pathak (2016) claimed that not many related or updated consumer intention studies had been done in the Malaysian context. Considering this, the researcher aimed to identify Malaysian consumers' intentions to purchase green products.

Malaysia has become increasingly concerned with environmental conservation among countries that place a lot of emphasis on environmental protection (EPU, 2020). On September 25, 2015, the Malaysian government, alongside 192 other world leaders, formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) during the United Nations General Assembly in New York (EPU, 2020). The seventeen goals, Goal 12 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, aim to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns in countries. Furthermore, the Malaysian government has implemented various environmentally-friendly programmes, such as the establishment of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (Kementerian Tenaga dan Sumber Asli KeTSA), MyHIJAU, and the National eco-labelling scheme, to promote and encourage the public use of green technology and the consumption of green products (Myhijau, 2018). Furthermore, the Malaysian government has entered into an agreement with ISO 14001 to promote environmental sustainability within the country. The ISO 14001 standard is a globally recognized framework that centers on the implementation of environmental management systems within organizational settings (Shaharudin *et al.*, 2015).

Table 1.1: Number of green products and services registered with MyHIJAU (2021)

Number of	Year							
products/services	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Yearly target	150	250	800	1000	1250	1550	2000	3000
Yearly actual	181	215	934	1812	2041	2315	2149	966
Cumulative target	150	400	1200	2200	3450	5000	7000	10000
Cumulative actual	181	396	1330	3142	5183	7498	4647	10613

As per statistics from MyHIJAU (2021) in Table 1.1, the total number of registered green products and services has increased significantly. Government bodies such as the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (KeTSA), MyHIJAU, the National eco-labelling scheme, ISO 14001, and the Malaysian Green Technology Policy have taken various initiatives to sustain the environment and promote green consumption in Malaysia. Apart from that, some companies like DiGi, Sime Darby, Shell Malaysia, Panasonic Malaysia, Aeon Co (M) Bhd, Malaysia Airlines, and Canon Malaysia are not only concerned about making money but also about the future of Malaysia and are contributing to environmental sustainability (Rahman, 2018). It is worth mentioning that Malaysia is still struggling to implement and promote a sustainable lifestyle among its nationals. On the other hand, the Malaysian government has spent over RM100 million, approximately \$23.94 million, every year on lifestyle campaigns and medical essentials (Ogiemwonyi et al., 2019). However, despite the government's efforts to promote sustainability and green products, the consumption of green products is still scarce among consumers (Ghazali et al., 2017). However, green products are considered a new concept and not widely adopted in Malaysia.

It is commendable that this study aimed to examine the factors that influence Malaysian consumers' intention to purchase green products and their contribution to increasing consumers' intentions towards purchasing green products in Malaysia.



Understanding consumer intention and motivation towards green products can be helpful in developing effective marketing strategies and policies that encourage sustainable consumption patterns.

Some of the factors that might influence consumers' intentions to purchase green products include consumers' attitude toward green products, subjective norms, environmental concern, environmental knowledge, consumer effectiveness, government green initiatives and perceived price sensitivity. By examining these factors and their impact on consumer intention, this study provided insights into how to promote sustainable consumption patterns in Malaysia. Overall, this study could have significant implications for businesses and policymakers, as it could inform marketing strategies and policies that encourage sustainable consumption patterns in Malaysia.

The study focused on millennial (generation Y) consumers as study respondents. Millennials are believed to be consumer-oriented, have excessive purchasing habits, and are increasingly socially and environmentally conscious (López-Fernández, 2020). Research on this consumer group shows that being environmentally friendly is key to attracting their interest, and they seek brands they consider to be environmentally friendly (Naderi & Van Steenburg, 2018). Literature providing information on Malaysian millennials, particularly their intention to purchase green products, is still scarce in Malaysia. The study thus examined Malaysian millennial consumers' intention to purchase green products.



## **1.3 Problem statement**

Regardless of government efforts toward green consumption discussed in the background of the study, consumer purchasing of green products remains low in Malaysia. According to the Nielsen Global Survey (2021), as depicted in Figure 1.1, developing countries such as China, India, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and Vietnam exhibit significant consumer proclivity towards green products. In view of Malaysia's status as a developing country, it is not included in the list which can be further substantiated by the fact that Malaysian consumers' intentions towards green products are still new and there is a lack of research about Malaysian consumers' intentions

toward purchasing green products (Yii *et al.*, 2020). On the other hand, Malaysia faces tremendous challenges in ensuring sustainable development and solid domestic waste is one of the major environmental problems. Solid waste relates to waste generated from products purchased by the consumers for household use, such as garbage, refuse, sludge and other discarded solid materials (Yahya, 2019). Furthermore, Ogiemwonyi and Harun (2021) stated that Malaysia is facing several challenges on environmental issues and has been rated among the countries for environmental pollution. Its citizens blame the government for the lack of policy implementation and supervision (Ogiemwonyi & Harun, 2021). Therefore, this study investigates consumers' intentions toward purchasing green products and government green initiatives towards environmental sustainability in Malaysia from the consumers' perspective. Whereas in Malaysia, several studies mentioned a low level of knowledge about green products (Azami *et al.*, 2018; Kasayanond, Umam & Jermsittiparsert, 2019; Rahman, 2018; Yaacob, Hameed & Ismail, 2003).

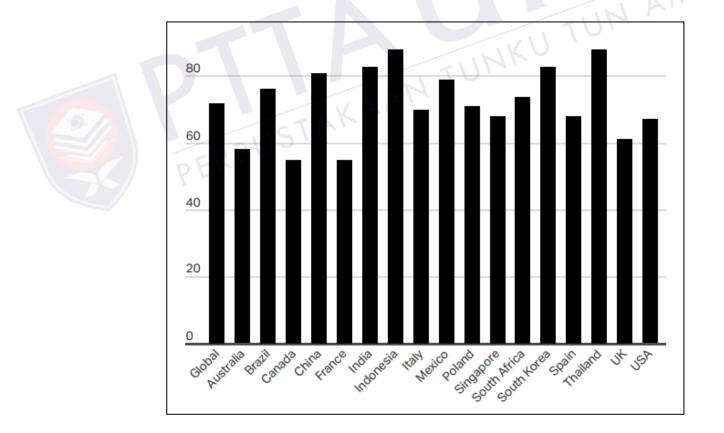


Figure 1.1: Countries where respondents are willing to pay more for green products (NielsenIQ, 2021)

Ogiemwonyi and Harun (2020) revealed that Malaysian citizens rarely participate in green consumerism, and consequently, their purchasing behaviors towards green products are still very low and below average. It is believed that people who are highly aware of the problems faced by the environment are more likely to change their normal purchasing pattern to green purchasing decisions, while people with a low level of environmental knowledge have lower levels of purchase behaviors (Mei *et al.*, 2016; Suki, 2017; Suki, 2016; Yii *et al.*, 2020). It is evident at this point that there is a need to investigate Malaysian consumers' environmental knowledge as it relates to their purchase of green products. This motivated the researcher to examine Malaysian consumers' environmental knowledge and its influence on their intention to purchase green products.

An early study by Mun (2014) revealed that despite expressing care for the environment, the vast majority of consumers did not make purchases of environmentally friendly goods or services. This is consistent with the recent studies' findings that in developing countries like Malaysia, many consumers do not purchase green products even though they understand the benefits of doing so (Jaini, Quoquab & Mohammad, 2019; Quoquab, Mohammad & Sukari, 2019). Additionally, findings from previous studies revealed that Malaysian consumers prefer to purchase products and services from reputable companies, and they have become more selective during purchase activities in terms of the types of green products they purchase and their prices (Chen & Chai, 2010; Hasan & Ali, 2015). For this reason, the researcher decided to investigate the Malaysian perceived environmental concern and perceived consumer effectiveness when it comes to green product purchase intention. Perceived consumer effectiveness deal with the consumers' belief that their purchases have a considerable effect on the environment.

The literature has been enriched by several studies conducted in Malaysia regarding the purchase behavior of green products (Azami, Bathmanathan & Rajadurai, 2018; Ghazali *et al.*, 2017; Nezakati & Hosseinpour, 2015; Ogiemwonyi *et al.*, 2020; Suki, 2016). Nevertheless, the aforementioned research endeavors have exclusively concentrated on the subset of consumers who have previously procured green products and/or are engaging in recurrent purchases of such items. In contrast, there has been a lack of focus on examining consumers' intention to purchase green



products. It is pertinent to note that the concept of "intention to purchase" pertains to a subjective evaluation of future conduct. It refers to the possibility for consumers to be "willing" to consider buying (Ali, 2017). Therefore, the present study aimed to address the existing research void by examining the purchasing intentions of Malaysian consumers towards green products.

The researcher for this study conducted a systematic literature review and found the most crucial factors influencing consumers' intention to purchase green products are attitude towards green products, perceived environmental concern, perceived environmental knowledge, perceived consumer effectiveness, and government green initiatives (Rehman *et al.*, 2022). In addition, some studies confirmed these factors as strong contributors to green product purchase decision-making (Emekci, 2019; Jaiswal & Kant, 2018; Kang *et al.*, 2013; Rausch & Kopplin, 2020; Yadav & Pathak, 2016). In the literature review, the researcher identified that although these factors are the strongest predictors of purchase intention, they had received relatively little attention in Malaysia (Rehman *et al.*, 2022). Therefore, it is safe to conclude that these factors could be the strongest contributors to purchase intention in the Malaysian context, which can further increase consumers' intention toward purchasing green products. Therefore, this study investigated these factors to fill the research gap and investigate the influence of these factors on intention to purchase green products.



This study endeavors to examine the impact of "perceived price sensitivity" as a moderating variable on consumers' intentions to purchase green products. Specifically, the study aims to investigate how this factor moderates the relationship between perceived factors and the intention to purchase green products. Several academic studies have indicated that the price of green products is a crucial determinant in the purchasing decision-making process. The majority of pricesensitive consumers in Malaysia tend to view green products as costly (Ahamat, Ahmad & Mohd, 2018; Sharaf & Perumal, 2018; Tan, Ojo & Thurasamy, 2019). The study highlights that the pricing factor holds significant influence over the inclination of Malaysian consumers towards purchasing green products (Sharaf & Perumal, 2018; Tan *et al.*, 2019). Few studies have examined the moderating effect of price on the relationship between attitudes and intentions to purchase green products (Erdil, 2018; Hsu, Chang & Yansritakul, 2017; Lee & Cho, 2015). Whereas in the Malaysian context, only Saleki *et al.* (2019) have examined the moderating effect of price on the relationship between purchase intention and behavior towards organic food. This study is thus going to fill the research gap by investigating the moderating effect of price sensitivity between the perceived factors and intention to purchase green products in Malaysia.

#### **1.4 Research questions**

- i) To what extent do Malaysian consumers intend to purchase green products?
- Does attitude toward green products, subjective norms, environmental concerns, environmental knowledge, consumer effectiveness, and government green initiatives, influence consumers' intention to purchase green products?
- iii) Does price sensitivity moderate the relationship between attitude toward green products, subjective norms, environmental concerns, environmental knowledge, consumer effectiveness, government green initiatives, and consumers' intention to purchase green products?

# 1.5 Research objectives

The objectives of the study are:

- To investigate the level of Malaysian consumers' intentions to purchase green products.
- ii) To investigate the relationship between attitude toward green products, subjective norms, environmental concerns, environmental knowledge, consumer effectiveness, government green initiatives, and consumers' intention to purchase green products.
- iii) To investigate the moderating effect of price sensitivity on the relationship between attitude toward green products, subjective norms, environmental concerns, environmental knowledge, consumer effectiveness, government green initiatives, and consumers' intention to purchase green products.

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