

**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF SECOND SURVEILLANCE VISIT OF KEDAH FMU
FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION**

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Result of Surveillance Visit

Based on the *Report on Second Surveillance Visit of Kedah FMU for Forest Management Certification* dated 15 November 2005, one new minor CAR, i.e. **Minor CAR KED-012** relating to the need for establishment of Permanent Sample Plot in Virgin Jungle Reserve (VJR) to collect baseline data to serve as reference and comparison to biodiversity information in harvested forest was raised.

However, the new Minor CAR issued does not preclude certification. Hence, TropBio has recommended that the *Certification for Forest Management* issued be maintained. The Kedah FMU is however required to take necessary follow-up action to address the new minor CAR issued before the next surveillance visit.

A summary of the new Minor CAR raised is as shown in **Table 1**.

Note: For general information on the FMU and the assessment process under the MTCC scheme, please refer to the “Public Summary of Assessment of Kedah FMU for Forest Management Certification”.

Table 1: Summary of Corrective Action Requests (CARs) and Closed-out Details

CAR No.	Criterion	Indicator	Status of CAR	Nature of CAR	Close-Out Details
KED-012	4: Biological Diversity	4.3: Existence and implementation of procedures for assessing changes of biological diversity of the production forests, compared with areas in the same forest type kept free from human intervention	Minor	No PSPs were established in VJRs for collecting baseline data to serve as reference and comparison (control) to biodiversity information obtained from 1-ha plots set up specifically in harvested compartments. Establishment of the PSPs was recommended in the 2004 Surveillance Report. Baseline data so gathered should improve on the accuracy of biodiversity change assessed for the production forests.	New Minor CAR raised during Second Surveillance Visit.