

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

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**Date of Surveillance Visit**

13-16 November 2006

**Result of Surveillance Visit**

The scope of the surveillance visit focused mainly on the verification of the corrective actions taken by the Kedah State Forestry Department in addressing the outstanding Minor Corrective Action Request (CAR). In addition, the surveillance visit also assessed the overall forest management practices within the Permanent Forest Estate (PFE), including conducting random visits to Forest Checking Station(s) to ensure that these practices are conducted in compliance with the requirements of the *MC&I(2001)*.

As a result of the Third Surveillance Visit, the one remaining outstanding 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 closed-out.

As no new CAR was raised during the surveillance visit, TropBio has recommended the *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to Kedah FMU be maintained.

A summary of the Minor CAR and its close-out details are 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**

<b>CAR No.</b>	<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Status of CAR</b>	<b>Nature of CAR</b>	<b>Close-Out Details</b>
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 would improve the accuracy of biodiversity change assessment for the production forests.	It was observed that fourteen 1-ha control plots in VJR throughout the FMU has been established as a control for comparison with similar plots established in logged-over forests.  <b>Minor CAR KED-012 was closed-out on 16 November 2006.</b>