

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

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Result of Surveillance Visit

The scope of the surveillance visit focused mainly on the verification of the corrective actions taken by the Negeri Sembilan State Forestry Department in addressing the outstanding Minor Corrective Action Requests (CARs). 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 two remaining outstanding Minor CARs i.e. NS-012 relating to the selection of mother trees and NS-013 relating to the construction of water bar to mitigate soil erosion, were closed-out. However, one new Minor CAR i.e. NS-014 relating to the construction of feeder road was raised.

As no Major CAR was raised during the surveillance visit, GT has recommended that the *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to the Negeri Sembilan FMU be maintained. However, the Negeri Sembilan FMU is required to take necessary follow-up actions to address the new Minor CAR raised before the next surveillance visit.

A summary of the CARs 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 Negeri Sembilan 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
NS-012	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.6: Availability and implementation of management guidelines for each of the main wood and non-wood forest products to be harvested, to cover the assessment of natural regeneration, measures to supplement natural regeneration where necessary.	Minor	Selection of seed trees (mother trees) not satisfactorily done. Some mother trees were not of good phenotypic traits and had their main root system damaged and critically exposed after harvesting as observed in Compartment 3, Angsi F.R. and Compartment 19, Berembun F.R.	Action has been taken to select mother trees of better qualities in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. The auditors visited two areas, namely Compartment 6, Senaling Inas Forest Reserve, in the East Forest District, and Compartment 5A, Angsi F.R. in the West Forest District, Negeri Sembilan. It was evidenced that effort has been taken to carefully select trees of satisfactory phenotypes. Minor CAR NS-012 was closed-out on 22 December 2006.
NS-013	5: Soil and Water	5.6: Availability and implementation of harvesting procedures to protect the soil from compaction by harvesting machinery, and to protect the soil from erosion during harvesting operations.	Minor	The construction of water bars (bunds) to mitigate soil erosion after harvest was not evident as observed in Compartment 19, Berembun F.R.	The auditors visited Licence area NT/01/20/2006, Compartment 6, Senaling Inas F.R., East Forest District, Negeri Sembilan, where logging has been carried out, and it was observed that water bars (bunds) have been constructed at appropriate locations along the skid trails. Minor CAR NS-013 was closed-out on 22 December 2006.
NS-014	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.3: Existence and implementation of: (a) forest management plans, and (b) forest harvesting (operational) plans.	Minor (New)	Visit made to Compartment 6, Senaling Inas F.R. showed that the construction of side drains along the feeder road was inadequate. As such water tended to find its own courses and had caused some erosion along the feeder roads.	New Minor CAR raised during the Third Surveillance Visit.