

**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF SECOND SURVEILLANCE VISIT OF KELANTAN 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 Kelantan 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 Second Surveillance Visit, the remaining two outstanding Minor CARs i.e. KEL-013 (relating to inconsistency of understanding on the requirements of *MC&I*) and KEL-014 (relating to inconsistency of road maintenance activities), were closed-out. However, two new Minor CARs were raised i.e. KEL-015 (relating to RIL specifications on road construction and protection of residual trees not fully implemented) and KEL-016 (relating to the listing and maps depicting locations of important cultural and religious sites of the Orang Asli in the FMU).

As no major CAR was raised during the Surveillance Visit, SIRIM QAS has recommended that the *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to the Kelantan FMU be maintained. However, the Kelantan FMU was required to take necessary action to address the two new Minor CARs issued before the next surveillance visit.

A summary of the CARs and their closed-out details 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 Kelantan 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>
KEL-013	1: Enabling Conditions for Sustainable Forest Management	1.1 Existence of a framework of laws, policies and regulations	Minor	It was noted that the understanding of the requirements of <i>MC&amp;I</i> was not consistent in the concessionaire operating in the Balah FR. The forest management team that deals with logging activities was new and not clear with the Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) as specified in the standard. In house training on the requirements of <i>MC&amp;I</i> need to be established.	The management of the concession had organized in-house training sessions as well as sent its staff to attend workshops on <i>MC&amp;I</i> and RIL organized by the Forestry Department and the Non-Government Organisations (NGO).  <b>Minor CAR KEL-013 was closed-out on 28 November 2006.</b>
KEL-014	5: Soil and Water	5.6 Availability and implementation of harvesting procedures:  (a) to protect the soil from compaction by harvesting machinery, and  (b) to protect the soil from erosion during harvesting operations	Minor	Road maintenance activities undertaken in Balah FR were not consistently implemented to specifications. On the way to compartments 148 and 150 it was found in some spots where recent re-grading of roads had resulted in excessive earthworks and reduced proper drainage. Soil had been pushed to the side of bridges causing the retaining walls to collapse. The bridge across Sg. Puian was better but the retaining walls also needed to be re-enforced to prevent collapse.	The concessionaire involved in forest harvesting within Balah Forest Reserve had terraced the retaining walls for the bridges, and planted fast growing Angsana trees to stabilize the slopes. New side ditches and silt traps had been constructed and the old ones maintained.  <b>Minor CAR KEL-014 was closed-out on 28 November 2006.</b>
KEL-015	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.7 Availability and implementation of guidelines for reduced/low impact logging to minimise damage to residual stand.	Minor	Reduced Impact Logging specifications on road construction and protection of residual trees not fully implemented.	<b>New Minor CAR</b> raised during Second Surveillance Visit.
KEL-016	6: Economic, Social and Cultural Aspects	6.8 Extent to which forest planning and management practices and processes consider and recognize	Minor	There is no list and maps depicting locations of important cultural and religious sites of the Orang Asli in the FMU.	<b>New Minor CAR</b> raised during Second Surveillance Visit.

		legal or customary rights with respect to indigenous people and local communities, forest dwellers and other forest dependent communities.			
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