

**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF THIRD SURVEILLANCE VISIT OF JOHOR 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 Johor 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 FMU to ensure that these practices are conducted in compliance with the requirements of the *MC&I(2001)*.

Based on the *Report of the Third Surveillance Visit of Johor FMU for Forest Management Certification* [Ref: FRIM/FC/JOH/S3/06], two outstanding Minor CARs (i.e. JOH-014 and JOH-015) were closed-out while one other Minor CAR i.e. JOH-016, relating to large gap opening and high logging damage as a result of logging, was maintained. In addition, two new Minor CARs, i.e. JOH-017 relating to the draft Forest Management Plan and JOH-018 relating to the inadequate maintenance of forest roads, were raised.

As no Major CAR was raised during the Third Surveillance Visit and the Minor CARs issued do not preclude certification, FRIM has recommended that the *Certification for Forest Management* issued

to the FMU be maintained. However, the Johor FMU is required to take the necessary action to address the Minor CAR before the next surveillance visit.

A summary of the CARs raised and their closed-out details is 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 Johor 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
JOH-014	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.4: Existence of long-term projections, strategies and plans for production, including the use of tree plantations	Minor	Local growth and yield information for long-term projection and plans for production was unavailable.	Report of analysis of growth and yield studies was made available to the auditors and will be incorporated into the new FMP. Minor CAR JOH-014 was closed-out on 16 November 2007.
JOH-015	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 when necessary	Minor	There were inconsistency in the accuracy and recording of post-felling inventory.	Quality of post felling inventory data improved and checks by auditors confirmed the accuracy of measurement of diameter and identification of species. Minor CAR JOH-015 was closed-out on 16 November 2007.
JOH-016	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.7: Availability and implementation of guidelines for reduced/low impact logging to minimise damage to residual stand	Minor	Apparent large gaps were created due to the extraction of high density of trees and the lack of proper implementation of directional felling.	The improvements made were not adequate to fully address the issue of large gap creation and the incidences of high logging damage, which was observed in Compartment 73A, Mersing Forest Reserve and Compartment 867, Labis Forest Reserve. The Minor CAR is therefore maintained to ensure full compliance by the next surveillance visit. Minor CAR JOH-016 remains outstanding.
JOH-017	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.3 Existence and implementation of forest management plans and forest harvesting	Minor	The Forest Management Plan (FMP) 2006-2015 is still in its draft form.	New Minor CAR raised during Third Surveillance Visit.

		(operational) plans			
JOH-018	5: Soil and Water	5.5 Availability and implementation of guidelines for forest road lay-out, including drainage requirements and conservation of buffer strips along streams and rivers	Minor	Appropriate maintenance activities on forest roads need to be carried out to sustain site stability in the active logging areas.	New Minor CAR raised during Third Surveillance Visit.