

**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF THIRD SURVEILLANCE VISIT OF SELA'AN-LINAU 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 Sela'an-Linau FMU 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 on Third Surveillance Visit of Sela'an-Linau Forest Management Unit for Forest Management Certification*, the single remaining Minor CAR i.e. CAR SEL-08 related to the need for construction of silt traps in erosion prone areas along feeder road was closed. In addition, the surveillance also resulted in the following findings:

- (i) on the ground, there has been little change since the verification at the end of November 2007. There has been no further work on the road extension. There has been no logging activity in the FMU since August 2006.
- (ii) The community in Long Benalih appreciates the certification process and likes what they understand of SFM and the consultative procedures it brings. However, they remain deeply sceptical that logging will not have a major negative impact on their way of life and their livelihoods. They are also sceptical about the commitment not to log the Benalih watershed, without their consent, suspecting it to be a ruse to get them to relent on the road extension. They stated that they did not oppose certification or the licence issued, but they insisted that the road must be re-aligned.

- (iii) The Penan community in Data Bila would like the road to proceed, but on a consensual basis. The same is true of the Penan community at Long Main and the Kelabit community at Long Lellang.

As no CAR was raised during the surveillance visit, SIRIM has recommended the *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to the Sela'an-Linau FMU against the requirements of *MC&I(2001)* be maintained. It is to be noted that no further surveillance visit against the requirements of *MC&I(2001)* will be conducted for this FMU whose *Certificate* expires on 17 October 2009. In this connection, the Sela'an-Linau FMU has been encouraged to go for assessment against the requirements of *MC&I(2002)*.

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 Sela'an-Linau FMU for Forest Management Certification".

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

No.	Criterion	Indicator	Status of CAR	Nature of CAR	Status/Close-Out Details
SEL-08	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	There is a need to implement drainage requirement that includes silt traps in erosion prone areas along feeder roads. There is inadequate provision of these facilities along the feeder road in Block 16 following the completion of harvesting in May 2006.	<p>Inspection conducted during the surveillance in Block 16 found that cross drains were constructed along the steeper stretches of the feeder road F-5-0-10. This corrective action had reduced surface erosion with few gullies observed along the road. In the more gentle sites natural vegetation had begun to establish covering the road surface.</p> <p>The major land slip recorded during the 2007 surveillance had been overgrown with natural vegetation and planted with saplings of Dipterocarpaceae to enhance rehabilitation of the area.</p> <p>Minor CAR SEL-08 was closed-out on 21 June 2008</p>