

**CONSIDERATION AND DECISION OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SRC ON  
THE COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS ON ENQUIRY DRAFT 2 – REVIEW OF MC&I(FOREST PLANTATIONS)**

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General	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	Review of the Standard formulation procedure and composition of Standard Review Committee.	Stakeholders should be given opportunity to comment on standard setting process and procedures, especially with regard to the representation of stakeholders in SRC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Meeting noted that one of the main concerns of the industry is relating to the representation of two social groups i.e. indigenous people and workers' union in the SRC, which is deemed as unequal representation of interests in the SRC.</li> <li>- The Meeting was of the view that the two social groups represent separate interests and pointed out the general spirit of the SRC is to practise compromise to obtain consensus in decision-making. It was also noted that voting had never been required in the past meetings of the SRC.</li> <li>- The Meeting recommended that the proposal to review the representation of stakeholders in the SRC be considered in the future review of the standard.</li> </ul>
General	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	Reorganisation of the Standard.	There are repetitions in the standard. The standard should be re-organised	The Meeting noted that the matter had been discussed and agreed upon during 1 <sup>st</sup> SRC Meeting to maintain the existing format.
General	PM	Peninsular Malaysia Stakeholders	Any inconsistencies in wording, spelling and phrases be looked into by the Secretariat and the SRC		Editorial checks conducted by Secretariat.
1.1.1 V	PM	CETDEM	Include "National Climate Change Policy"	To make the list more comprehensive.	The Meeting noted that forest plantation development is related to climate change issue and agreed to include the " <i>National Policy on Climate Change, 2009</i> " into the list of Verifiers for all regions.
1.1.1 V	PM	FDPM	Relevant sections of a law/regulation be listed in the Verifiers – standardising the level of details to be included in the laws/regulations	To facilitate the assessment process	The Meeting was not in favour of including the relevant sections of all the legislation listed in the Verifiers. The Meeting was of the view that the SRC is not competent enough to decide on the relevant sections for inclusion. Furthermore, the matter had already been discussed and the same decision had been made during the Second SRC Meeting.
1.1.1 V	PM	Pahang FD	Inclusion of Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act 2007 should be reviewed; it is not reflected in any other part of the standard.	The inclusion of the Act may raise concern on possible ambiguity in the interpretation of this requirement, especially in relation to the classification of workers in a forest plantation.	The Meeting considered the concern regarding the employment of trafficked persons in forest plantations against the practicality of including the " <i>Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, 2007</i> ". The Meeting agreed that any Forest Plantation Management Unit aiming to go for certification would not knowingly employ trafficked persons. The Meeting also agreed the " <i>Immigration Act, 1959/63</i> " would be sufficient to prohibit the employment of illegal migrants (trafficked or otherwise) and hence agreed for its inclusion instead to replace the " <i>Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, 2007</i> ".
1.1.1 V	SBH	Avantha Foundation Malaysia	'Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, 2007' to be replaced with	- Concerns on the practicality and enforceability of Anti-Trafficking in	<p>Additionally, the Meeting agreed to formulate Indicator 4.1.3 to further address this requirement as follows:</p> <p><b>Indicator 4.1.3:</b></p>

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			'Immigration Act, 1959/63'.	Persons Act. - The Immigration Act would be more appropriate to address the concern of employing illegal immigrants.	Forest plantation managers shall not employ or be involved in the employment of illegal immigrants. <b>Verifier:</b> • Immigration Act 1959/63 • Employment records
1.1.1 V	PM	Kelantan FD	Deletion of Workers Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act.	- The inclusion of Workers Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 as the Act is more relevant to the agriculture sector where the employers must provide amenities to the workers.  - For forest plantations in Peninsular Malaysia, most of the areas are located in forest reserves where no land conversion for grazing and livestock rearing is allowed, and that the size and location of the forest plantations may not allow the forest plantation manager to comply with the requirements of the Act.	The Meeting was informed that the SRC Secretariat has confirmed with the Ministry of Human Resources that the Act is voluntary and applicable to “ <b>agricultural land</b> exceeding twenty hectares in extent upon which <b>agricultural operations</b> of any kind are carried on...”  The Meeting therefore agreed that this Act is currently not applicable to forest plantations and be removed from the list of Verifiers.
1.1.1 V	SWK	STA	Delete “ <i>Worker’s Minimum Standards and Housing and Amenities Act 1990.</i> ”	- Act was intended for other industries  - Forest plantations involve a vast land area with a small number of workers, and that some of the structures are transient or temporary in nature	
1.1.1 V	PM	NIOSH	Deletion of sub-Verifiers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994.	Only the main Act be listed as a Verifier to indicate that all regulations under the Act are applicable.	The Meeting noted that all the regulations under the “ <i>Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994</i> ” are applicable and therefore agreed to remove the sub-Verifiers under the Act.
1.1.1 V	SBH	WWF-Malaysia	'Asian Elephant Action Plan' to be amended to 'Elephant Action Plan 2012-2016'.	Correction on the title of document.	The Meeting agreed with the proposed amendment to reflect the correct title of the document.

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1.1.1 V	SWK	SBC	Include “ <i>Sarawak Biodiversity Regulations 2004</i> ” as a sub-Verifier under “Biodiversity Act, 2007”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to govern the conduct of research and development in forest areas.</li> <li>- the regulation stipulates the conditions to conduct research in plantation areas, covering plant species, soil, microbes, water, etc.</li> </ul>	The Meeting considered and agreed with the proposed new Verifier but noted that the “ <i>Sarawak Biodiversity Regulations 2004</i> ” is a regulation under the “ <i>Sarawak Biodiversity Centre Ordinance, 1997</i> ” and not under the “ <i>Biodiversity Act, 2007</i> ”.
1.1.1 V	SWK	SFC	To add “ <i>A Master Plan for Wildlife in Sarawak</i> ” as a Verifier for Sarawak.	Endorsed by the State government as a policy in 1996 to provide guidance for wildlife conservation in Sarawak.	The Meeting agreed to include “ <i>A Master Plan for Wildlife in Sarawak</i> ” as a new Verifier.
1.1.1 V	SWK	Lands & Survey Sarawak	To include “Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)”	This is the statute that defines “Native of Sarawak”.	The Meeting noted the relevance of the proposal and agreed to include “ <i>Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)</i> ” as a new Verifier.
1.1.2 V	SBH	Yayasan Sabah	To amend ‘record and outcome’ to ‘records and outcomes’, which should also be applied throughout the standard.	For consistency with 1.1.3.	The Meeting agreed to amend “record and outcome” to “records and outcomes” consistently throughout the standard, where applicable.
1.3.1 V	PM	CETDEM	Delete “Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 1997”	The only aspect relevant to forest plantation is the Clean Development Mechanism which has not been successful in the context of forestry; and it is outdated.	The Meeting agreed with the proposal to remove “ <i>Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 1997</i> ” from the list of Verifiers.
1.5.1 V	SWK	Lands & Survey Sarawak	To include “Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)”	This is the statute that defines “Native of Sarawak”.	The Meeting noted the relevance of the proposal and agreed to include “ <i>Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)</i> ” as a new Verifier.
1.6.1 V	PM	IRDA	Delete the phrase “in the form of poster or banner”	Not necessary to specify how such commitment should be communicated.	The Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as proposed.
1.6.2 V	PM	CETDEM Pahang FD	“Summary of” be deleted and the wording of the Verifier be amended as “Policy statement made available to the public/stakeholders”	The wording was ambiguous and that a ‘policy statement’ would suffice to constitute a summary of commitments.	The Meeting agreed that a policy statement is already a summary of commitment and therefore agreed with the proposal to delete the phrase “Summary of” from the Verifier.
2.1.1	PM	IRDA	Consistency on the term ‘forest plantation <u>area</u> ’ or ‘forest plantation	Consistency throughout the standard.	The Meeting considered the proposal and agreed that the term “plantation areas” in its plural form be used throughout the standard, where applicable.

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			areas’.		
2.1.1 V	PM	WCS	To add “Decision of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights” as a new Verifier for Peninsular Malaysia.	Similar to Sarawak; e.g. A court case in Johor where the Orang Asli were given compensation on the use of their lands.	The Meeting agreed to include “Decision of Civil Courts” as a new Verifier for Peninsular Malaysia.
2.1.1 V	PM	IRDA	To add “if any” to the sub-Verifiers under the “State Forest Enactments”.	The various permits for entry, road and usage in the context of forest plantations are required <u>if</u> the forest operation route passes through permanent reserved forests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Meeting reiterated the decision of previous meetings of SRC to refrain from using the phrase “if any” as it is considered superfluous.</li> <li>- The Meeting noted that the “State Forest Enactments” as a Verifier is sufficient and agreed to delete the sub-Verifiers.</li> </ul>
2.1.1 V	PM	Pahang FD	Delete the sub-Verifiers under “State Forest Enactments”	“State Forest Enactments” as a Verifier is adequate.	
2.1.1 V	SBH	Avantha Foundation Malaysia	To include ‘All adat recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts, including relevant decisions of the Civil Courts’ similar to that of 1.5.1V.	Some areas might have cultural significance – megalith, oath stone, grave site, sacred grounds, etc.  e.g. The adat ‘Sumuku’ effectively calls for ‘Prior Informed Consent’ to ascertain the rights of the community to the land.	The Meeting agreed to include ‘All adat recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts, including relevant decisions of the Civil Courts’ as a new Verifier.
2.1.1 V	SWK	Lands & Survey Sarawak	To include “Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)”	This is the statute that defines “Native of Sarawak”.	The Meeting noted the relevance of the proposal and agreed to include “ <i>Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)</i> ” as a new Verifier.
2.1.1 V	SWK	Shin Yang	To reinstate “Land title” as a Verifier for Sarawak.	Forest plantation could also be established on private land. Land title would provide evidence of long-term forest use rights to the land.	The Meeting agreed to reinstate “Land title” as proposed.
2.1.2	PM	UPM	To add “if any” and delete “legally”; Indicator to read “Forest plantation managers shall support <del>legally</del> recognized mechanisms for resolving land claims, <u>if any.</u> ”	To allow for a broader mechanism in resolving land claims.	The Meeting considered the proposal and noted that the scope of the Indicator is defined in the context of resolving land claim and that the mechanism must be legally recognised. The meeting decided to maintain the existing wording of the Indicator.
2.1.2 V	PM	UPM	Deletion of “if any” from “Records of participation in the resolution of	Following the proposed inclusion of ‘in any’ in the Indicator; “if any’ in the	To be consistent with an earlier decision in 2.1.1.V, the Meeting agreed to remove the phrase “if any” from the Verifier.

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			land claims within Forest Plantation Management Unit”.	Verifier is not necessary.	
2.2.1	PM	IRDA	Consistency on the term ‘forest plantation <u>area</u> ’ or ‘forest plantation <u>areas</u> ’.	Consistency throughout the standard.	To be consistent with an earlier decision made under Indicator 2.1.1, the Meeting agreed to use the term “forest plantation areas” in its plural form throughout the standard, where applicable.
2.2.1 V	PM	FDPM	To delete “customary tenure” from “Contractual agreement with local communities with legal <u>or</u> <u>customary</u> tenure or use rights for use of land”	From legal point of view, the Orang Asli have no customary rights to the land within the PRF.	The Meeting noted that in the case of Peninsular Malaysia, the term “customary tenure” to land does not legally exist in the PRF and that the Orang Asli gazetted land is not necessarily “ <i>turun temurun</i> ” or customary, but was established based on the historical occupation of the land. The meeting agreed to the proposal to delete the term “customary” from the relevant Verifier.
2.2.1 V	SBH	Avantha Foundation Malaysia	To include ‘All adat recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts, including relevant decisions of the Civil Courts’ similar to that of 1.5.1V.	Some areas might have cultural significance – megalith, oath stone, grave site, sacred grounds, etc.  e.g. The adat ‘Sumuku’ effectively calls for ‘Prior Informed Consent’ to ascertain the rights of the community to the land.	The Meeting agreed to include “All adat recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts, including relevant decisions of the Civil Courts” as a new Verifier.
2.2.2 V	SWK	Lands & Survey Sarawak	To include “Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)”	This is the statute that defines “Native of Sarawak”.	The Meeting noted the relevance of the proposal and agreed to include “ <i>Interpretation Ordinance (Cap. 61)</i> ” as a new Verifier.
3.1.1 V	PM	Pahang FD	For Peninsular Malaysia, to delete “customary” from “Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal <u>or</u> <u>customary</u> tenure or use rights”	For consistency with earlier proposals.	Consistent with the earlier decision made under 2.2.1V, the Meeting agreed to delete the term “customary” from the relevant Verifier.
3.1.1 V	PM	CETDEM	For Peninsular Malaysia, to delete “Records of customary rights of indigenous peoples’ lands under the Aboriginal Peoples Act 1954”	Aborigines in Peninsular Malaysia do not have customary rights to the land within PRF.	The Meeting noted that the Criterion relates to lands that are owned by indigenous people, and that the Verifier is required as proof that the land belongs to the Orang Asli. The meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as “Records of aboriginal lands under the Aboriginal Peoples Act 1954.”
3.1.1 V	SBH	Sabah Regional Consultation	To include a footnote indicating that FPMP would refer to PDP for Sabah	To reduce repetitions throughout the standard whenever FPMP is listed as a Verifier.	The Meeting accepted the proposal and agreed that a footnote should be included for the first appearance of the FPMP as a Verifier for the three regions that it refers to PDP for Sabah. In the situation where the Verifier is a standalone Verifier for Sabah, then PDP would be used.

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3.1.1 V	SBH	Avantha Foundation Malaysia	To include 'All adat recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts, including relevant decisions of the Civil Courts' similar to that of 1.5.1V.	Some areas might have cultural significance – megalith, oath stone, grave site, sacred grounds, etc. e.g. The adat 'Sumuku' effectively calls for 'Prior Informed Consent' to ascertain the rights of the community to the land.	The Meeting agreed to include 'All adat recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts, including relevant decisions of the Civil Courts' as a new Verifier.
3.1.2 V	PM	CETDEM	Amend "Records of delegation of power by indigenous peoples" to "Records of delegation of power <u>through consensus</u> by indigenous peoples".	To allow general consensus to be reached prior to decision making.	The Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as "Records of delegation of power through consensus by indigenous peoples."
3.2	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	To amend the Criterion to "Forest plantation <del>management</del> <u>establishment</u> shall..."	To reflect the stage of development process – not relevant if plantation established.	The Meeting was of the view that the term 'management' is broader, encompassing the establishment and other activities that might impact on the rights of indigenous peoples and therefore agreed to maintain the existing wording of the Criterion.
3.2.1 V	SWK	STA Ta Ann	To delete the Verifier 'List of species/resources used by indigenous peoples within the FPMU'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Might create ambiguity during auditing as it may also include species of local vegetables, rattan, bush meat, etc.</li> <li>- Too comprehensive for the FPMU manager to document, and would vary across communities/regions.</li> <li>- Such a list should only be confined to areas identified as HCVF.</li> </ul>	The Meeting considered the concern that the list of species used by indigenous peoples could be non-exhaustive and would unnecessarily burden the FPMU manager to fulfil the requirement. However, the Meeting noted that such a list would be compiled through the conduct of the EIA and HCV assessment prior to the forest plantation establishment activities. The Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as "List of species/resources used by indigenous peoples within the FPMU as identified through the EIA and HCV assessment process."
4.2.5 V	PM	CETDEM	To add the specific regulations under the Pesticide Act 1954, instead of the Act.	Too general to be listed as a Verifier	The Meeting reviewed the relevancy of the " <i>Pesticide Act 1954</i> " and noted that the Act elaborates provisions for commercial manufacture, sale and utilisation of pesticides. The Meeting further noted that the relevant guidelines under the " <i>Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994</i> " are sufficient to fulfil the requirement of the Indicator. The Meeting agreed to delete " <i>Pesticide Act 1954</i> " from the list of Verifiers.
4.4 4.4.2 V	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	To delete the word "planning" from both Criterion and Indicator.	The planning stage should have been done earlier prior to the establishment of the plantation, and would be more	The Meeting was of the view that 'planning' is an integral component in the management and operation of an FPMU and therefore agreed to maintain the wording of the Criterion and

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			Criterion 4.4 – Management <del>planning and operations...</del> Indicator 4.4.2 – Forest plantation <del>planning and management practices...</del>	appropriately considered under Principle 6.	Indicator without any amendment.
4.4.1 V	SWK	STA/Ta Ann	To delete 'Minutes of Meeting of the District Action/Development Committee'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not applicable as Sarawak does not have such committees and FPMU holders do not have access to such minutes, which actually focus more on infrastructure projects and moral uplifting.</li> <li>- Verifier bullet 3 is sufficient to cover these regardless of involvement of government agencies.</li> <li>- The Verifier was proposed to be included for Peninsular Malaysia only.</li> </ul>	Considering that the Minutes of Meeting of the District Action/Development Committee may not be made publicly available or accessible by the FPMU managers, the Meeting agreed to remove the Verifier for all three regions.
4.4.1V	SBH	Avantha Foundation Malaysia	To amend "Report on social impact evaluation" to "Report on social impact assessment".	Common term used by sociologist	The Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as "Report on social impact assessment."
4.5.1 V	SWK	STA	To add the word "plantation" in the Verifier.  "Records of meetings and/or consultations between forest <del>plantation</del> manager and affected local communities."	For consistency	The Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as "Records of meetings and/or consultations between forest plantation manager and affected local communities."
4.5.2 V	PM	UPM	To amend the Verifier "Records of <del>outcomes</del> of consultation and negotiation, and <u>outcomes</u> ".	Taking into consideration of any on-going processes in resolving grievances.	The Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as "Records of consultation and negotiation and outcomes."
5.1.1	SBH	Sabah Regional Consultation	To amend the Indicator to "Investments and reinvestments shall be made in forest plantation management, including for forest plantation administration, research, <del>human resource development,</del> <u>environmental</u> protection,	To simplify	The Meeting noted the intent of the proposal but decided to maintain the original wording of the Indicator as it covers all important aspects of investment and reinvestments necessary in sustainably managing a forest plantation.

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			economic, <del>conservation</del> environmental and social aspects, consistent with the tenure of the forest plantation areas".		
5.2 5.4	PM	IRDA	The fundamental premise of Principle 5 and Criteria 5.2 and 5.4, especially on the context of the size of forest plantations and the requirements for non-timber forest products, should be reviewed.	Certification of forest plantation must take into account the social, economic and environmental concerns; and that management of forest plantations differs from that of natural forests.	The Meeting considered the proposal and noted that currently forest plantations in Malaysia consisted of mainly monoculture plantation and in the case of Sabah, mosaic planting is practised comprising a hybrid of plantation and natural forest to promote multiple forest use. However the Meeting was of the view that multiple species is still the preferred option and therefore decided to maintain the existing structure and wording of Criteria 5.2 and 5.4.
5.4.1	PM	IRDA	"Non-timber forest resources" should be further deliberated and clarified by the SRC.		The Meeting deliberated on the comment and agreed that a more appropriate term to use would be "non-timber forest produce" which shall be defined in the glossary.
5.5.2 V	SBH	Yayasan Sabah	Remove "Harvesting Plan" in Verifier	Annual Work Plan includes Harvesting Plan	After further deliberation, the Meeting agreed that the Verifier on "Harvesting Plan" is still relevant and should be retained.
5.5.2 V	SWK	STA SFC	To delete "Annual Harvesting Plan" from the Verifier for Sarawak.	It is redundant as the Annual Harvesting Plan is an integral part of the FPMP.	The Meeting agreed that the Verifier on "Annual Harvesting Plan" is still relevant and should be retained.
5.6.1 V	SWK	STA	Amend the second Verifier as "Area harvested according to the approved <u>Tree Planting Harvesting Plan</u> ".		The Meeting agreed to remove the Verifier "Area harvested according to the approved Tree Planting Plan" for Sarawak as the Verifier "Annual Harvesting Plan" is considered sufficient.  The Meeting also agreed to amend the first Verifier for Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah from "Area harvested according to Annual Work Plan" to "Annual Work Plan."
5.6.1 V	SWK	STA	Delete "Annual Harvesting Plan" and "Permit to Harvest Coupe (PHC)"	The "Annual Harvesting Plan" and "Permit to Harvest Coupe (PHC)" are included in the "Tree Planting Plan".	Consistent with the decision made above, the Meeting agreed to maintain "Annual Harvesting Plan" and to delete "Permit to Harvest Coupe (PHC)" from the Verifier.
6.1	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	To add the word "establishment" in the Criterion - "...Environmental impacts shall be assessed prior to commencement of forest plantation <u>establishment</u> operations."	To give emphasis when the requirements will come into effect during the plantation development process.	The Meeting considered the proposal and decided to amend the Indicator by replacing the term 'operations' with 'establishment'.



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6.1.1 V	SBH	Maxland Sdn Bhd  WWF-Malaysia	To include "Environmental Compliance Report (ECR)"  The same Verifier should also be included where applicable.	For monitoring purposes.	The Meeting was of the view that the proposed Verifier is more appropriate to be placed under Indicator 8.1.2.
6.1.1 V	SBH	WWF-Malaysia	To amend the year of the Environment Protection (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order <u>2005</u> to <u>2012</u>	Updated document, to be consistent with 1.1.1V	The Meeting noted that the revised Order has yet to be gazetted. In view that it may take time for this process to be completed, the Meeting decided to maintain the existing Verifier.
6.1.1 V	SBH	WWF-Malaysia	To replace "Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidelines for Logging and Forest Clearance Activities, 2002" to "Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidelines for Forest Harvesting (Logging) and Forest Plantation Establishment, 2012".	New Guidelines by the Environment Protection Department (EPD Sabah)	The Meeting agreed with the proposal.
6.1.2	PM	WCS	To add "Management Plan for Flora" and "Management Plan for Fauna" as new Verifiers for biodiversity conservation.	The EIA may not be adequate in addressing the conservation concerns.	The Meeting noted that the matter had been discussed during the First Meeting of the SRC and maintained that the various plans are subsets of the EIA and need not be specified.
6.1.3 V	SBH	Musa Salleh (SFD)	To amend the Verifier to "Plantation Development Plan with mitigation measures for all impacts identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report".	To streamline the verifiers as FPMP is PDP in Sabah.	In line with the decision made under 3.1.1.V, the Meeting agreed to streamline the Verifiers for Indicator 6.1.3 as "Forest Plantation Management Plan with mitigation measures for all impacts identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report" for all three regions.
6.2.2 V	SBH	WWF-Malaysia	'Asian Elephant Action Plan' to be amended to 'Elephant Action Plan 2012-2016'.	Correction on the title of document.	The Meeting agreed with the proposed amendment.
6.2.3	SBH	KDCA	To amend the Indicator by including "native society".	Cooperation with indigenous people should also be considered especially in making specific contributions in terms of sharing knowledge for mapping of biodiversity values, for	The Meeting was of the view that "native society" is already covered under the term 'civil society' and therefore need not be specified.

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6.2.4 V	SBH	Yayasan Sabah KDCA	To amend "Prevent" to "Control" in the Verifier	Control is more appropriate in the context of Sabah	After further deliberation, the Meeting noted the need to have two Verifiers, one on controlling hunting, fishing, trapping and collection to take into account the rights of indigenous people to utilise forest produce, and the other Verifier to prevent unauthorised activities, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping and collection.</li> <li>Measures to prevent unauthorised activities in forest plantation areas such as periodic patrolling of forest plantation areas, signage and regulation of access to planted areas.</li> </ul>
6.3	SWK	Samling	To delete "enhanced" and "restored" – "ecological functions and values shall be maintained, enhanced or restored,..."		The Meeting considered the concerns raised and in view that the Criterion applies only to areas that are allocated for conservation or management of natural forest within a forest plantation area, and agreed to retain the wording of Criterion 6.3 and Indicator 6.3.1.
6.3	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	To delete the Criterion.	The Criterion is not applicable to forest plantations, and would be only relevant in the context of regeneration of natural forest areas.	
6.3.1	SWK	Samling	To amend the Indicator to "...and measures to enhance natural regeneration, where necessary, in forest plantation areas."  Any reference to "measures to enhance natural regeneration" should be deleted.	Not fair to the FPMU to be burdened with the responsibility in "enhancing natural regeneration", which is outside the management scope of the FPMU and not financially or economically viable.	
6.4.3 V	SBH	Yayasan Sabah	To amend the Verifier to "Demarcation on map of the environmentally sensitive area <u>and buffer zone</u> "	Indicator mentioned buffer zones but is not reflected in the Verifier	The Meeting considered the various proposals for amendment of this Verifier and noted that the concern was on the definition of 'environmentally sensitive area' (ESA). The Meeting decided to include the definition of ESA in the glossary, as defined in the <i>National Physical Plan 2</i> . The meeting agreed on the amendment of the Verifier as "Map showing environmentally sensitive area".  The Meeting also agreed to remove the above Verifier for Sarawak and to replace it with "Annual Harvesting Plan" as the NPP2 is not applicable to Sarawak.
6.4.3 V	SWK	WCS	To reword the Verifier to "...environmentally sensitive areas / terrain 4..."	To address the ambiguity of definition of ESA for Sarawak.	
6.4.3 V	SWK	STA	To delete the Verifier "Demarcation on map of environmentally	The definition of ESA is uncertain in Sarawak	

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			sensitive area"		
6.5.1 V 6.5.2 V 6.5.3 V	PM	CETDEM	Amend the Verifier "Guidelines for Prevention and Control of Soil Erosion and Siltation in Malaysia, 1996" as "Appropriate guidelines to control soil erosion and siltation."	General requirement for implementation of guidelines to control soil erosion and siltation.	The Meeting noted that the guideline formulated by DID is meant for infrastructure development. Considering that siltation control is already encompassed in the various standard operating procedures already listed in the Verifiers, the Meeting agreed that this guideline is not necessary.  With the deletion of the above guideline, the Meeting also agreed to delete the Verifier on "Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan" under Indicator 6.5.1 for the three regions.
6.5.1 V 6.5.2 V 6.5.3 V	PM	Perak FD	To delete the Verifier 'Guidelines for Prevention and Control of Soil Erosion and Siltation in Malaysia, 1996' and replace it with EIA report.	EIA report also contains conditions or management prescriptions for erosion prevention and control.	The Meeting further agreed to amend the Verifier "Guidelines for conservation of buffer strips along streams and rivers" under Indicator 6.5.3 by adding "...such as <i>Guidelines for Managing Biodiversity in the Riparian Zones.</i> "
6.6.1V	PM	CETDEM	Include the specific regulations under the Pesticide Act 1954.	Too general	Consistent with the earlier decision made in 4.2.5V, the Meeting agreed to remove <i>Pesticide Act 1954</i> from the Verifier list.
6.7.1	PM	FDPM	To delete "re-cycling" in the Verifier "Standard Operating Procedure on waste disposal and re-cycling of solid non-organic wastes".	The activity is not conducted by the operators.	The Meeting agreed with the proposed amendment noting that the Standard Operating Procedure on waste disposal would specify the requirement in segregating waste for proper disposal. It was also agreed to remove "recycling" from the wording of the Verifier, noting that re-cycling could not be conducted by the operators on site.
6.10.1	SBH	Avantha Foundation Malaysia	To include SIA as a new Verifier.	There might be communities adjacent to the Conversion Area.	The Meeting was of the view that the requirement for conducting social impact assessment (SIA) is already captured under Indicator 4.4.1 as well as an integral component of the EIA and hence decided that the inclusion of SIA as a new Verifier under this Indicator is not necessary.
6.10.1 V	SWK	STA	To delete Verifier "Cost benefit analysis including social aspects"	It is irrelevant and should be deleted.	The Meeting noted the comment and maintained the view that cost benefit analysis including social aspects, is a prerequisite prior to the decision to convert a forest area into forest plantations or other land uses.
6.10.2 V	SWK	STA	To delete Verifier "Cost benefit analysis including social aspects"	It is irrelevant and should be deleted.	
7.1.1	SBH	Yayasan Sabah	To amend by deleting "... prepared in accordance with existing guidelines and the provisions listed in Principle 1".	Redundant phrase for better readability and the content of the Management Plan makes minimal reference to Principle 1.	The Meeting agreed that the phrase was redundant and that Indicator 7.1.1 should be amended as "Implementation of forest plantation management plan".
8	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	The requirements for internal audit and management review should be included in the standard.	An internal audit system is expected to be in place and assessed by the certification bodies during audit.	The Meeting considered the proposal and agreed to add a new Indicator to address this requirement as follows:  <b><u>Indicator 8.1.3</u></b>

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			-	However, this requirement is not reflected in the standard.	Forest plantation managers shall undertake annual internal audit and management review of forest plantation management.  <b>Verifiers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report of annual internal audit of forest plantation management.</li> <li>Report of management review.</li> </ul>
8.1.2 V	SBH	Maxland Sdn Bhd WWF-Malaysia	To include "Environmental Compliance Report (ECR)"	For monitoring purposes.	The Meeting noted that " <i>Environmental Compliance Report (ECR)</i> " has already been included as Verifier for Sabah.
8.2 8.2.1 V	SWK	Samling STA/Ta Ann	To delete item (e) from the Criterion.  The corresponding Verifier "Audited Financial Statement covering item (e)" to be deleted as well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The requirement for financial statement to assess cost, productivity and efficiency is indeterminate, notwithstanding that elements for assessing productivity are already included under Criterion 8.1.</li> <li>The audited financial statement only shows the financial health of the company and that the auditors would not be able to assess productivity and efficiency from the statement. Moreover, such information is required to be reflected in a public summary under Criterion 8.5.</li> </ul>	The Meeting considered the proposal and decided to amend item (e) as "costs and productivity of forest management". With this amendment the meeting further agreed to delete the Verifier "Audited financial statement covering item (e)" and incorporate this requirement into the Verifier as "Monitoring reports covering items (a) to (e)".
9	SBH	MNS-Sabah	To amend "High Conservation Value Forests" to "High Conservation Value Areas"	To reflect current trend to refer to sites with high conservation value as HCVA as the sites are not limited to 'forests' but include geological features, such as caves, rock formations, etc.	The Meeting noted that 'high conservation value' could occur in non-forested areas within a forest plantation and agreed to amend Principle 9 as "Maintenance of High Conservation Value (HCV)" and to replace 'forests' with 'areas' where applicable.  Note: Subsequently HCVF has been amended as HCV areas for Indicators 9.2.1, 9.3.1, 9.4.1 and 9.4.2 and their associated verifiers.
9 Glossary	SWK	SFC	To update the definition of HCV.	The definition of HCVF in the standard should be updated in accordance with the recent update in FSC v5.0 under the "Common Guidance for the Identification of HCV".	The meeting also agreed to look into adopting the HCV definition as defined by FSC, to be included in the Glossary.

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9.1.1 V	SWK	STA	To delete the phrase '...in the Forest Plantation Management Plan' to become "Report on the assessment, identification and demarcation on maps of HCVFs in the Forest Plantation Management Plans using guidelines, such as the High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) Toolkit for Malaysia".		After due deliberation, the Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier for Sabah and Sarawak as "Report on the assessment and maps showing HCV areas using guidelines such as the High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) Toolkit for Malaysia."  To be consistent with the above decision, the Verifier for Peninsular Malaysia was also amended accordingly as "Report on the assessment and maps showing HCV areas."
9.3.1 V	SBH	Sabah Regional Consultation	Agreed on the inclusion of "where appropriate" in the Verifier		The Meeting noted the support by Sabah Stakeholders on the amendment made during the Second Meeting of the SRC. This is in view of the fact that discretion is needed to demarcate HCV area on the ground, such as salt licks to avoid poaching, for example.
9.3.1 V	SWK	STA	To add the word 'progressively'. - HCVF areas are mapped and incorporated <u>progressively</u> into the Forest Plantation Management Plan and demarcated on the ground, where appropriate.		The Meeting agreed with the proposed amendment, to accommodate the fact that new HCV area may be identified in the FPMU.
10	PM	IRDA	Merge Principle 10 into Principles 1-9 and add relevant parts	There are some redundancies between Principle 10 and other Principles in the standard and was of the view that the standard could be simplified to 9 principles.	The Meeting considered the proposals extensively and was of the view that Principle 10 focuses on the requirements pertaining to the operative component of forest plantation development and management. Hence merging Principle 10 into Principles 1-9 would dilute the importance of some of the specific requirements and therefore decided to maintain Principle 10 as a separate principle. The Meeting further agreed to amend the title of Principle 10 as 'Forest Plantation Development and Management'. The Meeting considered some redundancies as unavoidable and necessary to give emphasis on the relationship between operative Principle 10 and other sustainability principles in the standard.
10	SWK	STA/Ta Ann	The detailed statements in the Criteria under this Principle should be removed, reworded or transferred into other indicators and verifiers. e.g. Criterion 10.8 is already covered under Principle 8.	Criteria should be simple and concise.	
10.1.1 V	SWK	STA	To delete 'Annual Harvesting Plan'	The Annual Harvesting Plan is part of the Forest Plantation Management Plan.	The Meeting was of the view that the emphasis on the availability of a harvesting plan is important and decided to maintain the Verifier.
10.2.1	PM	CETDEM	Include a new Indicator with regard to promoting afforestation.	The standard should also encourage the establishment of forest plantation on degraded non-forest areas.	The Meeting appreciated the intent of the proposal but held the view that any land that is not originally a forest area forms a part of the natural ecosystem and could well be not suited or conducive for establishing forest plantation. The meeting also noted that the requirement for

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					reforestation or forest restoration which is more appropriate and practical in the context of commercial forest plantation is already covered sufficiently in the standard and therefore decided that a new Indicator to promote afforestation is not necessary.
10.5	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	To delete Criterion 10.5.	The license given to the FPMU manager is to establish and manage forest plantation, not to restore the land into natural forest.	The Meeting noted the concern and was of the view that only an appropriate portion which could include buffer zone of HCV areas is required to be restored. The Meeting deemed the Criterion relevant and decided to maintain it in the standard.
10.6.1 V	SWK	STA	To change 'Harvesting Plan' to 'Forest Plantation Management Plan'		The Meeting agreed to amend the Verifier as proposed.
10.8	SWK	Zedtee Sdn Bhd	To delete Criterion 10.8 and incorporate elements in the Criterion into other relevant parts of the standard.	Criterion 10.8 is too ambitious and overloaded, covering the requirements of 5 principles and a number of the requirements are repetitive.	The Meeting noted the proposal and was of the view that the Criterion as is currently worded is clear and provides sufficient explanation on its intent. Some of the key aspect of the Indicator might be lost in simplifying the Criterion. The Meeting also recalled the earlier discussion and decision on Principle 10 and decided to maintain the wording of Criterion 10.8.
10.8.1 V	SBH	Maxland Sdn Bhd WWF-Malaysia	To include "Environmental Compliance Report (ECR)"	For monitoring purposes.	The Meeting referred to an earlier decision made under 6.1.1V and agreed to include " <i>Environmental Compliance Report (ECR)</i> " as a new Verifier for Sabah.
10.8.1 V	SWK	STA	To amend the following Verifiers for Sarawak: - "Annual Harvesting Plan" to "Forest Plantation Management Plan." - "Monitoring Reports" to "Other monitoring reports, if any."		After further deliberation, the Meeting agreed to maintain the Verifier "Annual Harvesting Plan" and delete "Monitoring reports" which are deemed not necessary as the Verifiers listed are the specific monitoring reports required.
Glossary	SWK	SFC	- Include definition of "scale" in the glossary.  - To use Rare, Threatened & Endangered (RTE) rather than Endangered, Rare and Threatened (ERT) in accordance with the incremental status of protection of the species.		The Meeting noted the necessity to review and update the Glossary, in line with the changes made in the standard. The Glossary would be reviewed during the final meeting of the SRC.