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ULU TRUSAN FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT
FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Surveillance 4 audit for forest management certification on the Syarikat Samling Timber Sdn Bhd – Ulu Trusan FMU was conducted on 6th – 9th December 2022. This was an audit conducted following the surveillance 3 audit which was conducted from 7th -10th March 2022, on the overall forest management system and practices of the FMU against the requirements of the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification (MC&I SFM) using the verifiers stipulated for Sarawak, Malaysia.

This surveillance 4 audit was conducted by a three-member team comprising Mohd. Annas Amin Hj.Omar (Lead Auditor), Angelica Sinimis Suimin (Auditor) and Puteri Arlydia Abdul(auditor).

Based on the findings of this surveillance 4 audit, indicated that, Ulu Trusan FMU had complied with most of the requirements of the MC&I SFM despite the issuance of six (6) Minor Non-Conformance Report (NCRs) and one (1) OFI, against the requirements of the MC&I SFM. The team had also verified the implementation of corrective actions taken by the FMU on the previous surveillance 3 audit findings.

This public summary contains the general information on the Ulu Trusan FMU, the findings of the surveillance 4 audit, NCRs raised as well as the decision on the continued certification of the FMU.
INTRODUCTION

1.0 Name of FMU
Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit

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1.3 General Background on the Ulu Trusan FMU

The Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit (FMU) is the combination of Forest Timber Licence (FTL) No. T/9115 (Majulaba Sdn. Bhd.) and Forest Timber Licence (FTL) No. T/0280 (KTN Timor Sdn. Bhd.) and was issued to Syarikat Samling Sdn. Bhd. by the Sarawak Forestry Department to manage a total 92,751 ha of the forest, which is located within the Lawas District of Limbang Division, Sarawak.

The Forest Timber Licence No: T/9115 was initially issued to Majulaba Sdn. Bhd. on 9th Nov 2005 to 8 Nov 2015 for 10 years. FTL T/9115 has expired on 8th November 2021, and was renewed by Forest Department of Sarawak for a period of 24th Dec. 2022 to 23rd Dec.2023.

Meanwhile, the Forest Timber Licence No: T/0280 was initially issued to KTN Timor Sdn. Bhd. on 23rd June 1984 - 22 June 1999 for 15 years. The FTL licence T/0280(KTN/CORR/22-05) has expired on 6th July 2022, however it was renewed on 6th Dec. 2022 for the period of 23rd June 2022 to 22nd June 2023 [Ref.no. (08) JHS/WPO.628.64(IX)].

Initially the Ulu Trusan FMU covers an area of 92,751 ha. However, during the previous surveillance 3 audit, the FMU has presented a letter from Forest Department of Sarawak address to Company Secretary of KTN Timor Sdn. Bhd. at Wisma Samling, Ref. No. WPO.628.64 (VIII)-28 dated 18th September 2019 title “Revised Locality Map Type A and Forest Map Type B for Forest Timber Licence No. T/0280 and T/9115 Merged Under Ulu Trusan FMU”, the map referred to, involved the reduction of hectarage of the Ulu Trusan FMU scope. The new hectarage of Ulu Trusan FMU stand at 92,279ha. (revised area under Licence No. T/0280 - 68,561ha and revised area under Licence No. T/9115 – 23,718ha). The deduction of 472ha.

The forest types in the FMU are Hill Mixed Dipterocarp Forest (MDF) (63%), Mixed Dipterocarp Forest (4%), Sub-Montane Forest (4.4%), Kerangas Forest scattered on sandy terraces (4.4%), and Secondary/Degraded Forest (10.1%). The rest of the forest is within the Ulu Sebuang Nature Reserve, Paya Maga Conservation Area, and border zone (14.2%). The general landform of the FMU ranges from hilly to mountainous terrain with elevation between 300m to 1600m a.s.l. The FMU also within the Heart of Borneo Corridor (HoB).

The forest area is situated approximately between Latitudes 4° 35’ 41” N to 4° 11’ 8” N and Longitudes 115° 29’ 2” E to 115°40’ 7” E in the Lawas District of Limbang Division, Sarawak, about 70 km South from Lawas town and accessible by the logging roads constructed by the Samling Group.

The Forest Management Plan for Forest Timber Licences FTL No. T/9115 and FTL No.T/0280, Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit for period 2017 to 2026, revised in November 2022, was made available during the audit.

A map of the FMU showing the significant features of the forest is attached in Attachment 1.
1.4 Date First Certified

19th Dec.2018

1.5 Location of the FMU

The FMU is located approximately between Latitudes 4° 35’ 41” N to 4° 11’ 8” N and Longitudes 115° 29’ 2” E to 115° 40’ 7”

1.6 Forest Management System

The FMU had followed the principles of sustainable forest management (SFM) and the requirements of the Licence Agreement of the State government. A Forest Management Plan (FMP) (2017) to (2026) was presented during this audit.

1.7 Annual Allowable Cut/Annual Harvest under the Forest Management Plan

The net operable area of forest in Timber Licence T/0280 and T/9115 estimated to be 55,406 ha. FORMIND growth simulations based on FRA data show that an AAC in the region of 55,000m3 on a 25-30-year harvest cycle is sustainable indefinitely.

1.8 Environmental and Socioeconomic Context

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for The Re-Entry Hill Logging Under Timber Licence No. T/0280 at the Batang Trusan – Sg Tengoa – Sg Lopeng, Lawas District and Miri Divisions, Sarawak, and EIA Report for Re-entry Hill Logging Under Timber Licence No. T/9115 for Majulaba at Sg. Berayong – Sg Pasia were conducted for the FMU, as a requirement of the Natural Resources and Environmental Ordinance. The reports were approved by Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) on 26th May 2010 for FTL T/0280 and 8th June for FTL T/9115.

The Forest Management Plan of Ulu Trusan FMU (2017-2026) revised in November 2022 had also incorporated an assessment of environmental impacts specific to potential impacts on endangered, rare, and threatened species of flora and fauna (ERT), and the need for biological corridors in the FMU.

Documents on legal or customary tenure or use rights of local communities within relevant federal and state legal frameworks and customary laws for the forest areas were available in base camp main office. Guidelines on Conflict Resolution and Procedures on Land Claim are the appropriate mechanisms used to resolve any conflicts and grievances arise.

Assessment consultation with FMU managers and stakeholders showed that no indigenous traditional forest-related knowledge and practices has been used by the FMU in forest operations.

Qualified people in communities living within, or adjacent to, the FMU were given preference for employment and contract works.

2.0 AUDIT PROCESS

2.1 Audit Dates

6th - 9th December 2022 (12 man-days)

2.2 Audit Team

Mohd.Razman Salim      (Lead Auditor)
Puteri Arlydia Abdul (Forester)
Angelica Sinimis Suimin (Forester)

The details on the experiences and qualifications of the audit team members are as in Attachment 2.
2.3 Standard Used

Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification [MC&I SFM] using the verifiers stipulated for Sarawak.

2.4 Stakeholder Consultations

A one-month stakeholder consultation was conducted in November 2022 to solicit feedback from stakeholders on the compliance of the Ulu Trusan FMU against the requirements of the MC&I (Natural Forest). The comments by the stakeholders and responses by the audit team are shown in Attachment 3.

2.5 Audit Process

The audit was conducted primarily to evaluate the level of continued compliance of the Ulu Trusan FMU's current documentation and field practices in forest management with the detailed of the standard of performances (SOPs) listed in the MC&I SFM, using the verifiers stipulated for Sarawak.

For each Indicator, the auditors had conducted either a documentation review, consultation with the relevant personnel of the FMU, local community or stakeholders or field audit or a combination of these methods. Depending on the compliance with the verifiers for a particular indicator, the auditors then decided on the degree of the FMU's overall compliance with the indicator and decided whether to issue a major or minor NCR or an OFI which is defined as follows:
(i) a major NCR is a non-compliance with the requirements of the MC&I SFM.
(ii) a minor NCR is a deviation or a lapse in complying with the requirements of the MC&I SFM; and
(iii) an OFI is a situation where the auditor has noted an area of concern on the capability of the forest management system to achieve conformance to the requirements of the MC&I SFM but without sufficient objective evidence to support a non-conformance.

Consultations were held with all local communities in Long Sukang CRC and Long Semadoh CRC.

The coverage of this surveillance 4 audit is as shown in the surveillance 4 Audit Plan in Attachment 4.

The FMU had sent a corrective action plan to the audit team to address the minor NCRs which the audit team had reviewed and accepted them. The audit team had prepared an interim surveillance 4 audit report and sent it to the Ulu Trusan FMU for comment. A second draft of surveillance 4 audit report which had incorporated the comments received from the Ulu Trusan was then prepared.

3.0 SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

Based on the findings of this surveillance 4 audit, it was found that Syarikat Samling Sdn. Bhd had continued to manage the Ulu Trusan FMU in compliance with most of the requirements of the MC&I SFM. This surveillance 4 had resulted in the issuance six (6) minor NCRs and one (1) OFI. The details on the NCRs/OFIs raised are shown in Attachment 5.

The audit team had reviewed and accepted the proposed corrective actions to address the six (6) minor NCRs. However, these corrective actions will be verified by the audit team during the next audit.

The audit team had also verified on the corrective actions taken by the Syarikat Samling Sdn. Bhd to address the 5 Minor NCRs and 2 OFIs which were raised during the previous audit. The responses made by the audit team leader on these corrective actions and on the final status of the NCRs and OFIs are as in Attachment 6.

On local community rights, there were mechanisms in place to resolve disputes over tenure and use rights through meetings with the Community Representative Committee (CRC). It was noted that there was no recorded civil court case pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights filed against the management.

Regarding Criterion 6.10, There was no plan for converting the forest area to plantations. Conversion of natural forest into non-forest land use had not occurred within the FMU.
As the FMU had submitted proposed corrective action plans to address the minor NCRs and OFI raised during this surveillance 4 audit and was accepted by the audit team leader, the audit team had therefore recommended that the Certificate for Forest Management be extended accordingly.

The summary on the findings of the Surveillance 4 audit on the Ulu Trusan FMU against the requirements of the MC&I SFM are as follows:

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<td>Principle 1 Compliance With Laws and Principles</td>
<td>The forest management had maintained records of all relevant national, local laws, regulations and policies related to forest management. Copies of all relevant laws, policies and regulations stipulated in the MC&amp;I SFM fundamental for the FMU management were available in the office at the Merarap Base Camp Lawas District, Limbang Division, Sarawak. Executive and above of the FMU showed that they had demonstrated an awareness and understanding of the federal, state, and local laws and regulatory framework for forest management. No record of violations and offences against obligation compliance for 2021/2022 during this audit. Current list of all legally prescribed fees, royalties, taxes, and other charges was available at the Merarap Camp Office, as stated in the Licence Agreement. Record of payment made to the Government of Sarawak were made available during the audit. The forest managers were aware of all the binding international agreements. Documentation of any conflicts between laws, regulations and these principles and criteria was made available during the audit. The Ulu Trusan FMU has monitor legal and regulations update for references on their activities including monitoring of compliance obligations at all department level. This compliance among others involve protection against illegal harvesting, settlement, and other unauthorised activities. The policy statement was displayed at prominent sites within the FMU and had been communicated throughout the organization. The document was signed by the Chief Executive Officer of Samling Group of Companies on 1st August 2022.</td>
<td>There was no negative finding</td>
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| Principle 2 Tenure and Use Rights and Responsibilities | Forest Timber Licence (FTL) T/9115 (Majulaba Sdn. Bhd) and Forest Timber Licence (FTL) T/0280 (KTN Timor Sdn. Bhd.) formed Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit. | Chapter 12 at section C12- pages 12-14 describe in details the CRC and FMCLC as mechanism to resolve disputes over tenure claims |
The FTL T/9115 (Majulaba Sdn. Bhd.) was renewed by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) with a validity period from 24/12/2022-23/12/2023, while Forest Timber Licence (FTL) T/0280 (KTN Timor Sdn. Bhd.) was renewed for the period of 23.06.2022 to 22.06.2023.

The villagers have not made any land claim through the FMCLC and hence no record was available. Consultation via the FMCLC meeting is used as a mechanism to resolve disputes over tenure claims and use rights.

The FMU area occupied by the respective local communities (9,579 ha) has been marked on the map without any coupe number, which means that the area will not be harvested. The communities are allowed to use the area to meet their needs.

The FMU had continued to recognise, respect and collaborate with holders of duly recognised legal or customary tenure or use rights of the local communities.

Principle 3
Indigenous People’s Rights

Documentation of the customary rights of indigenous peoples’ lands was available. Guidelines on Conflict Resolution and Procedures on Land Claim are the appropriate mechanisms used to resolve any conflicts and grievances arise.

The FMU has established Strategic Forest Management Plan (2017-2026), approved by Forest Department of Sarawak. Forest management practices in indigenous people’s lands recognised within relevant federal, state, and local laws FMP- Chapter 12, Community Development, the FMU will not threaten or diminish, either directly or indirectly, their resources or tenure rights.

The consultation between auditor and local communities, confirmed that, their cultural, historical, and religious sites were protected.

Procedures and administrative processes for identifying and protecting sites of special cultural, ecological, economic or religious significance to indigenous peoples are explained in Chapter 11 (Identification and Management of Protected Areas), of revised FMP (2017-2026).

Based on interview with FMU managers and stakeholder's consultation, no indigenous traditional forest-related knowledge and practices has been used by the FMU in forest operations.

and user rights but consultation with 27 members of communities from Long Sukang region indicated that the CRC mechanism is not suitable to them as it has been dormant since 2017 due to the distances between the villages and different socio-cultural dynamics.

Therefore, a Minor NCR AS01/2022 for Indicator 2.3.1 was raised.

1.20 cases of community complaints/request sampled (Oct,2022), were not conveyed back to the communities, or responded by FMU accordingly. Consultations with communities from Pa’ Dadar, Long Lidung, Puneng Berayong and Tang Pao had reaffirmed that FMU does not response according to the stipulated time frame.

2. Acknowledgement of requester or complainant on the decision of the FMU was not available in the community form.

Therefore, a Minor NCR AS01/2022 for Indicator 3.1.3 was raised.
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<td>The FMU has planned relevant training for staff and workers as evidence in the Training Plan 2022 presented during the audit. Management has conducted various training related to forest management and logging operation for their staff.</td>
<td>1. SIA Report, 2018 indicated 20 villages within Ulu Trusan FMU, SIAM 2022, indicated 23 villages and FMP Draft (2017-2026) 24 villages. 2. SIA for Long Remirang and Long Lidong are yet to be completed 3. SIA was not updated and yet to be incorporated in the FMP</td>
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<td>Up-to-date information on all applicable laws and/or regulations covering occupational safety and health of forest workers is disseminated to them from time to time.</td>
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<td>Ulu Trusan FMU Health, Safety and Environment Policy dated 1st April 2016 were placed at strategic location in the Merarap base camp office.</td>
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<td>Safety and Health Committee had been established by FMU, and Safety &amp; Health Meeting have been conducted on 24th June 2022, 26th October 2022, and 25th July 2022.</td>
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<td>Record of PPE replacement for a safety helmet, straw hat, high visibility vest, reflective work jacket, safety shoe, ankle cut shoe, rubber sole shoe dated 18th September 2021, 30th November 2022, and interview with sampled workers and site verification has confirm the PPE distributed were in a good condition.</td>
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<td>Document on Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining (ILO Convention No. 98) was available at main office at Merarap Camp.</td>
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<td>Any conflicts arise with local communities due to impact of forest harvesting operation is resolved in accordance with the SOP FMC/PRO-002 “Prosidur Penyelesaian Konflik” dated 7th February 2022 (Mechanism for Handling Conflict).</td>
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<td>Principle 5</td>
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<td>Forest Operations – Camp Admin Budget from July 2021 to June 2022 has allocated sufficient budget where the details have been verified during on-site audit. Investments and reinvestments including for forest administration, protection, research, human resource development, economic, conservation, environmental and social aspects.</td>
<td>There was no negative finding</td>
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<td>Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the period of 2017 – 2026 dated March 2022 has been presented during the audit. Ulu Trusan FMU has encourage the optimal use of forest resources through monitoring logging operation to in line with annual allowable cut (AAC) as addressed in FMP. The monitoring and analysis of forest</td>
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1. SIA Report, 2018 indicated 20 villages within Ulu Trusan FMU, SIAM 2022, indicated 23 villages and FMP Draft (2017-2026) 24 villages. 2. SIA for Long Remirang and Long Lidong are yet to be completed 3. SIA was not updated and yet to be incorporated in the FMP

Therefore, a Minor NCR AS03/2022 for Indicator 4.4.1 was raised.
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<td>resource were held through PSP and FORMIND growth simulation model, to derives a sustainable annual cut (AAC) at an optimal cutting cycle based on the DBH cutting limits of 45cm and 50 cm for non-dipterocarps and dipterocarps, respectively. Regular training was conducted for the staff on techniques of reduced-impact logging. The training conducted were, Post-harvest Inventory (PHI) Training -14th January 2022 and MC&amp;I Refresher and policies awareness dated 18th November 2022. Timber was still the main product being extracted from the forest in the FMU, no minor forest produce had been extracted. Protection Areas of terrain IV, watershed area, shifting cultivation area, low density mixed dipterocarp forest, Kerangas, and areas exceeding 1,000 meters above sea level or with slopes of more than 40 degrees were excluded from logging and were demarcated on the map was verified during the audit. Ulu Trusan FMU has committed to monitor and control rate of harvest on a sustainable basis where the rate of harvest shall not be greater than estimated regrowth of the residual stand.</td>
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<td>Principle 6 Environmental Impact</td>
<td>The EIA for “The Re-Entry Hill Logging Under Timber Licence No. T/0280 at the Batang Trusan – Sg Tengoa – Sg Lopeng, Lawas District and Miri Divisions, Sarawak”, and The EIA Report for “Re-entry Hill Logging Under Timber Licence No. T/9115 for Majulaba at Sg. Berayong – Sg Pasia” were conducted for the FMU as required under item 2(i) of the First Schedule of the said Order under Section 11A (1) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Ordinance. The EIA reports were approved by Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) on 26th May 2010 for FTL T/0280 and 8th June for FTL T/9115. The EMR for the Re Entry Hill Logging under hill logging under Timber License for Majulaba Sdn Bhd (T/9115) &amp; KTN Timor Sdn Bhd (T/0280) were conducted for 3rd Quarter of 2022 on 24th August 2022.</td>
<td>There was no negative finding.</td>
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‘Guidelines to Identify Endangered, Rare, Threatened or Protected Forest Tree Species in Sarawak’ and ‘Guidelines on ERT Species’ by FDS, were referred to identify and protect endangered, rare and threatened species of forest flora and fauna, including features of special biological interest such as seed trees, salt licks, nesting and feeding areas in the FMU.

There was cooperation between forest managers, and conservation organizations and regulatory authorities in implementing conservation and management activities.

Prevention of activities on hunting, fishing, and collecting activities and inappropriate activities in the FMU were controlled by two appointed Honorary Wildlife Rangers.

Forest workers and staff were briefed on ERT species (both flora and fauna) by Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) on 12th September 2021, while for local communities was conducted to Ba’ Kelalan community at Ba’kelalan on 14th September 2022.

The ‘Enrichment Planting Report’ dated (i) April to June 2022 and (ii) November 2022 was verified during the audit. The enrichment planting at Block 2 & 3 in Coupe 1A, Coupe 2A and Coupe 7A was verified on the ground by auditor.

Representative areas of existing forest ecosystems, appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management operations, identified were protected in their natural state and demarcated in Locality Map.

Harvesting was designed in the FMU taking into consideration the need for the conservation of biological corridors and buffer zones for features of special biological interest for wildlife. However, during this audit, there was no harvesting conducted.

Management policy on the use of environmentally friendly non-chemical methods of pest management and avoiding the use of chemical pesticides were available in "Pesticide Use in Natural Forest Management Policy" dated 1 August 2022.

Procedure on scheduled waste management titled ‘Guidelines on Disposal and Storage of Scheduled Wastes’ was available. Disposal of Scheduled Waste has been conducted based on the guidelines.
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<td>Principle 7 Management Plan</td>
<td>The Forest Management Plan for Forest Timber Licences FTL No. T/9115 and FTL No.T/0280, Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit for period 2017 to 2026, Revised in November 2022, was made available during the audit. The FMP covered the supporting documents from (a)-(j). Ulu Trusan's Forest managers has clearly defined and assign specific roles to and responsibilities of the forest worker to ensure effective implementation of the forest management plan of Ulu Trusan FMU. The FMU provides classroom facility and training has been conducted as per Training Schedule 2022. Progressive communication and planning have been done with Samling HQ and supported by SFC, Forestry Department of Sarawak etc. The summary of the primary elements of the forest management plan as prepared and implemented under Indicator 7.1.1 were made available in Samling website.</td>
<td>The Forest Management Plan for Forest Timber Licenses FTL No. T/9115 and FTL No.T/0280, Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit for period 2017 to 2026 has been revised by November 2022. However, the following data were not sufficient: 1. New information such as the numbers of existing villages within/close to the FMU 2. land use &amp; ownership status – current progress of the follow up of the land status 3. Description of stakeholder consultation with local communities – review of the result gathered 4. Table 3.1 Area Summary for Individual Coupe in the FMP yet to be updated to include the latest coupe sequence for harvesting since the suspension of Couple 2A from 19 February 2020 until the current surveillance 4, audit (2022). Based on the FMU schedule, Coupe 6A should have been operated in the year of 2022. 5. Review on the socio-economic conditions – during harvesting and during no harvesting period, 6. Rational for annual rate harvest and species selection – the FRA (54) were only done once to create the simulation while only 3 PSP data were abelled during this mid-term review. Methodologies / design stated were Supposedly at least 30 PSP (at least half of the samples from total FRA samples) as check and balance to the AAC calculation (reviewing). Details of rational for rate of annual harvest and species selection based on FRA against PSP were yet to be conducted and made clearer. 7. Result, decision &amp; plan were not based on the exact monitoring</td>
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<td>Principle 8 Monitoring and Assessment</td>
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<td>The FMU has followed the Green Book, 2019 guidelines for assessing social, ecological, environmental and economic impacts for forest management operations that developed by the Forest Department of Sarawak. The SOP for COC system was made available. Logs leaving the logged stand to stumping area are issued with a Transit Bill prepared by the FMU where the log production number, LPI No., species, log length, diameter, and net volume were documented, including the block number, coupe/license number, stumping point, name of recorder, property mark, date and vehicle number. From stumping area to Lawas Log Pond, Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) will issue a Removal Pass where coupe No., Licence No., name of licensee, date of issue and date of expiry were documented.</td>
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<td>(i) Annual monitoring of the salt lick area in Coupe 2A was not conducted for year 2022. The latest monitoring was conducted on 18 September 2019 (ii) The actual HCV areas located within the operable area are saltlick (Coupe 2A), Rafflesia Long Semadoh Airport (Coupe 24A), and historical site of Takung Buen (Coupe 7A) referred to ‘High Conservation Value (HCV) table’ updated on 8 December 2022. However, the ‘Map of Summary of High Conservation Value Assessment (HCVA) at Ulu Trusan FMU’ dated 8 April 2022 in the FMP2017-2026 was mixed with the HCVs that was located within the shifting agriculture area. Therefore, a Minor NCR MRS 02/2022 for Indicator 9.4.1 was raised.</td>
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## Experiences and Qualifications of Audit Team Members

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| Mohd Razman Salim   | Assessment Team Leader / Forester | Academic Qualification:  
B.Sc of Forestry (Forest Production), University Putra Malaysia.  

Work Experience:  
Five years experienced as Research Officer at the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) since 2007 in a various area such as ecological research for lowland and hill dipterocarp forest, Geographic Information Systems, forest inventories, forest harvesting and forest management system (SMS). Participate in organizing committee member, division level activities and projects. Coordinate and collaborate a long term ecological plot and inventory data about 25 years at the Pasoh, Negeri Sembilan with Negeri Sembilan Forestry Department, universities (local & international) and NGOs. Published and presented research findings at the seminars and conferences. Currently as Auditor at the Food, Agriculture and Forestry Section (FAF), SIRIM QAS International Sdn Bhd, since 2013. Involved in conducting assessments on forest management certification [MC&I (Natural Forest)] & [MC&I (Plantations)], MYNI of RSPO P&C and other management systems on ISO 9001, 14001 and OHSA 18001  

Training / Research Areas:  
- Auditor Training Course on Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification [MC&I (Natural Forest)] & [MC&I (Plantations)] organized by MTCC, 1-4 December 2013.  
- QMS 9001: 2008 Lead Auditor Course organized by SIRIM Training Services Sdn Bhd, 4-8 March 2013.  
| Puteri Arlydia Abdul | Auditor / Forester | Academic Qualification:  
B.Sc of Forestry (Forest Production), University Putra Malaysia.  

Work Experience:  
1 year with Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia (JPSM) 2007-2008, 3 years with Forest Plantation Development Sdn Bhd (Wholly owned by MTIB) 2008 – 2011, 1 year with Transparency International Malaysia 2011-2012, 3 years with Intertek Certification International Sdn Bhd 2012-2015 and with Sirim QAS International from 2015 onwards. Her working experience cover forest elements among others, Geographic Information System, Remote Sensing, Forest Governance Integrity and Local Communities programs and auditing in ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environment), PEFC Chain of Custody and PEFC MC&I (both Natural and Plantation Forest).  

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**Academic Qualification:**

*B. Sc. Social (USM)*

*MSc. Environmental Management (UNIMAS)*

**Work Experience:**

Various experience in forest industries especially on social aspect with (i) social consultant/researcher – 3 years, (ii) Sabah Forest Industries Sdn. Bhd. (SFI) – 6 years, (iii) Subur Tiassa Holdings Bhd – 4 years & (iv) Freelance consultant – SAGE Consult with Sabah Forest Industries Sdn Bhd (SFI) from 2011 to 2015.

Other consultancy work experience for other organisations:

- High Conservation Values Assessment (HCV) – Jambongan Island
- Due Diligence Social Assessment at SAFODA area, Pitas District
- Social Baseline and Strategic CSR intervention, Hijauan Bengkoka Plantations- Pitas District
- High Conservation Value Assessment (HCV) and pre-liminary social baseline for proposed Oil palm project- Kerema, Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea.
- Part-time Consultant for Hijauan Bengkoka Plantations

**Attended and pass in the following training programmes:**

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(No official comments received from stakeholder)
## Surveillance 4 Audit Plan

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| **Travel Day** (Mon) 5 Dec 2022 |                  | • Travel from KLIA to Kota Kinabalu  
**KUL – BKI: 8.25 -11.10 (MH2612)**  
• Travel from Kota Kinabalu to Lawas and Ulu Trusan Camp  
• Briefing by Audit Team Leader on the audit plan |
| **Audit Day 1** (Tue) 6 Dec 2022 | 8.00 am – 12.00 pm | • Opening Meeting with representatives of FMU  
• Briefing session by Forest Manager of the FMU  
• Briefing to representatives of FMU on the progress of audit  
• Evaluation of changes to the management of the FMU  
• Check on progress of planned activities aimed at enhancing the operation system to achieve improvement in overall performance  
• Check on complaints and follow-up actions  
• Verification of NCRs raised during the previous audit  
• Q&A Session  
• Document and records review:  
  • Principle 6 – Environmental Impact  
  • Principle 8 – Monitoring and Assessment  
  • Principle 9 – Maintenance of High Conservation Value (HCV)  
• Review of Day 1 Findings by Audit Team Leader |
|            | 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm | Document and records review:  
  • Principle 1 – Compliance with Laws and Principles  
  • Principle 4 – Community Relations and Worker's Right  
  • Principle 5 – Benefits from the forest  
  • Principle 7 – Management Plan  
• Site visit:  
  • Pre-harvesting area – Coupe 02A (Majulaba)  
  • Forest Landscape Restoration – Coupe 02A  
  • Active harvesting area – Non  
  • Closed harvesting area – Block 3 & 20, Coupe 01A |
| **Audit Day 2** (Wed) 7 Dec 2022 | 8.00 am – 5.00 pm | Consultation with Local Community:  
  • CRC Semadah  
    1.Long Kerabangan  
    2.Long Beluyu  
    3.Long Semadah Rayeh  
    4.Long Telingan  
    5.Long Luping  
    7.Long Semadah Naseb  
• Consultation with Local Community:  
  • CRC Sukang  
    1.Long Tuyo  
    2.Puneng Berayong  
    3.Tang Pau  
    4.Long Lutok |
**Post-harvesting area – Block 20, Coupe 01A & Post-Harvest Inventory (PHI)**

- Stream Buffer Reserve / Terrain IV – KTN & Majulaba
- Permanent sample plot – PSP 7, Coupe 01A (remeasurement)
- CoC Inspection – No operation

- Review of Day 2 Findings by Audit Team Leader

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<td>• FMU license boundary between KTN (T/0280) &amp; Majulaba (T/9115), Coupe 2A</td>
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- Site visit:
  - Workshop
  - Nursery
  - Clinic
  - Workers’ quarters
  - Genset room
  - Consultation with workers representatives

- Review of Day 3 Findings by Audit Team Leader

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- Review of Day 3 Findings by Audit Team Leader

- Consultation with Local Community:
  - CRC Sukang
  - 1.Long Remirang
  - 2.Long Lidong
  - 3.Pa’ Dadar
  - 4.Long Sukang
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| **Saturday** |
| **10 Dec 2022** |
| • Travel from Kota Kinabalu to KLIA |
| **BKI – KUL: 07.20 – 10.00 (MH2603)** |
## Details on NCRs and OFIs Raised During this Surveillance 4 Audit and Corrective Actions Taken (2022)

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<td>Minor NCR: AS01/2022</td>
<td>Requirement: Indicator 2.3.1 – Availability of appropriate mechanisms to resolve disputes over tenure claims and use rights</td>
<td>Result of investigation and determination of root cause: Investigation on the Social Impact Monitoring Form for Puneng Berayong reveals that the Chairman for Long Sukang CRC, Penghulu Meripa is not actively performing his duty due to his lack of understanding on the roles of CRC in Conflict Resolution process. This was compounded by him not being able to attend to our awareness program due to his poor health condition in the past years. In light of this however, the CRC would still not nominate new chairman out of respect for the Penghulu. In respect of that part of socio-cultural dynamics, the FMCLC for year 2023 will proceed with the current CRC exco for Long Sukang Central. Furthermore, interfering with the construct of the CRC exco would infringe the communities’ freedom to elect their own representatives. Root Cause: Lack of involvement from the CRC Chairman of Long Sukang Central in awareness program and CRC/FMCLC related activities.</td>
<td>The FMU had submitted proposed corrective action plans to address the NCRs raised during the surveillance 4 audit via email on 27 February 2023 which has been verified and accepted by the audit team. Status: The effectiveness of the corrective actions taken by the FMU shall be verified during the next audit.</td>
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<td>Finding: The CRC and FMCLC as mechanism to resolve disputes over tenure claims and use rights were not followed.</td>
<td>Correction and corrective action plan including completion date: 1. Annual community awareness engagement shall be conducted at all villages together with Social Impact Monitoring (SIM) 2023. More frequent visit by CLO to explain the certification process to the community. Completion date: by 10-22 April 2023 2. Organisation chart for Long Semadoh Central CRC updated. No change in Long Sukang CRC organization chart. Completion date: 26 Jan 2023</td>
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<td>Objective evidence: Chapter 12 at section C12- pages 12-14 describe in details the CRC and FMCLC as mechanism to resolve disputes over tenure claims and user rights but consultation with 27 members of communities from Long Sukang region indicated that the CRC mechanism is not suitable to them as it has been dormant since 2017 due to the distances between the villages and different socio-cultural dynamics.</td>
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<td><strong>Minor</strong> NCR: AS02/2022</td>
<td><strong>Requirement: Indicator 3.1.3 –</strong> Availability and use of appropriate mechanisms to resolve any conflicts and grievances between parties involved. <strong>Finding:</strong> The SOP titled “Guidelines on conflict resolution” (FMC/PRO-002) to address community grievances was not followed. <strong>Objective evidence:</strong> 3. 20 cases of community complaints/request sampled (Oct, 2022), were not conveyed back to the communities, or responded by FMU accordingly. Consultations with communities from Pa’ Dadar, Long Lidung, Puneng Berayong and Tang Pao had reaffirmed that FMU does not respond according to the stipulated time frame. 8. Acknowledgement of requester or complainant on the decision of the FMU was not available in the community form.</td>
<td><strong>Result of investigation and determination of root cause:</strong> Investigation: No follow-up or briefing regarding the decision of the camp management regarding the request to the requester. Root Cause: No specific personnel were in-charge with following-up on the request by the communities. Investigation: Section where requester acknowledge the decision of the camp management was not in the community form. Root Cause: Oversight on the need of the requester on the decision of the FMU in the Grievance Form Client’s Correction and corrective action plan including completion date: A CLO was recently appointed for Lawas Region. Given time, Mr Anderson will follow-up on the 20 issues: (i) Acknowledgement of the requestor for decision of the FMU on the Grievance Form added. (ii) To resolve the issue at hand which used the old form without the acknowledgement part, a section of the form will be attached to the old form. To edgement will then be acquired from requester. Completion date: by next SA Completion Date: by June 2023.</td>
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<td>3. 2023 FMCLC meeting will be conducted by Forest Department. Completion date: by next SA</td>
<td>The FMU had submitted proposed corrective action plans to address the NCRs raised during the surveillance 4 audit via email on 27 February 2023 which has been verified and accepted by the audit team. <strong>Status:</strong> The effectiveness of the corrective actions taken by the FMU shall be verified during the next audit.</td>
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<td><strong>Requirement: Indicator 4.4.1 –</strong> Forest managers shall evaluate, through consultations, social impact of forest</td>
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operations directly affecting communities, and the people and groups directly affected by the forest operations shall have access to information on the results of the social impact evaluations.

**Finding:**
1. Inconsistencies of stakeholders data (number of villages) were found in the SIA report 2018, SIAM report 2022 and Draft FMP (2017-2026).
2. SIA monitoring was not completed.
3. SIA not Updated.

**Objective evidence:**
5. SIA for Long Remirang and Long Lidong are yet to be completed
6. SIA was not updated and yet to be incorporated in the FMP

For Finding & OE1:
   i) Investigation: FMP was not updated accordingly.
   ii) Root cause: Social Impact Monitoring (SIM) contain the latest development on the villages to be included in the FMP. However, the FMP was not updated according to this latest information For

Finding & OE2:
   i) Investigation: Long Remirang was not included in the original SIA. Long Lidong was denoted as Long Lidung in the original SIA
   ii) Root cause: Long Remirang was not included in the SIA and recent SIM. Long Lidung was not included in the recent SIM.

Finding & OE3:
   i) Investigation: SIA is a one-off document that serves as a baseline study for future monitoring.
   ii) Root cause: Updated information for SIM as not used to update the FMP.

**Correction and corrective action plan including completion date:**
For Finding & OE1: FMP shall be updated according to the data acquired from 2022 SIM.


For Finding & OE3: SIM will be continued to update FMP annually to ensure relevant information is included while still using SIA as baseline data and core format of the report. FMP update will complete by 10-22 April 2023

**Status:** The effectiveness of the corrective actions taken by the FMU shall be verified during the next audit.
| Requirement: Indicator 7.2.1  
Implementation of procedures to periodically revise the forest management plan, incorporating the results of monitoring or new scientific and technical information, the frequency of which shall be appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management operations, so as to respond to changing environmental, social and economic circumstances. |

**Finding:**
Record of revision of the forest management plan were insufficient.

**Objective evidence:**
The Forest Management Plan for Forest Timber Licenses FTL No. T/9115 and FTL No.T/0280, Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit for period 2017 to 2026 has been revised by November 2022. However, the following data were not sufficient:

1. New information such as the numbers of existing villages within/close to the FMU
2. land use & ownership status – current progress of the follow up of the land status
3. Description of stakeholder consultation with local communities – review of the result gathered
4. Table 3.1 Area Summary for Individual Coupe in the FMP yet to be updated to include the latest coupe sequence for harvesting since the suspension of Coupe 2A from 19 February 2020 until the current surveillance 4, audit (2022).

**Result of investigation and determination of root cause:**

- **For OE1-3:**
  Investigation: No updated version of the above topic (from year 2022) included in the FMP.
  Root Cause: Ongoing monitoring report throughout the year makes information compilation difficult.

- **For OE4:**
  Investigation: Harvesting operation has been suspended since 19 February 2020 due to low timber price and low concentration of MLH timber.
  Root cause: Harvesting operation has been suspended since 19 February due to high percentage of MLH in the FMU and low market price for MLH species. PSP data also shows that the main species in the FMU was non-dipterocarp (98%) as compared to dipterocarp (2%).

- **For OE5:**
  Investigation: FMP was not updated according to the SIM 2022 data.
  Root cause: FMP was updated according to SIM 2020 data.

- **For OE6:**
  Investigation: Rationale for OE6 was not studied previously. FMP was not updated based on monitoring result of 2022. Decision and planning was not made based on that result.
  Root cause: FMP was updated using monitoring data from year 2020. Decision and planning was made based on the recommendation from assessment report, guidelines and other laws

The FMU had submitted proposed corrective action plans to address the NCRs raised during the surveillance 4 audit via email on 27 February 2023 which has been verified and accepted by the audit team.

**Status:** The effectiveness of the corrective actions taken by the FMU shall be verified during the next audit.
Based on the FMU schedule, Coupe 6A should have been operated in the year of 2022.

5. Review on the socio-economic conditions – during harvesting and during no harvesting period,

6. Rational for annual rate harvest and species selection – the FRA (54) were only done once to create the simulation while only 3 PSP data were labelled during this mid-term review. Methodologies / design stated were supposedly at least 30 PSP (at least half of the samples from total FRA samples) as check and balance to the AAC calculation (reviewing). Details of rational for rate of annual harvest and species selection based on FRA against PSP were yet to be conducted and made clearer.

7. Result, decision & plan were not based on the exact monitoring data conducted for 2017 – 2022:
   h) changes and impact for social – data described were for 2020 only
   i) changes and impact to hcv – data described were for 2020 only
   j) changes and impact to environment – EMR result were not included
   k) yield of timber harvested from 2017-2019/
   l) issues resulting to no harvesting 2020-2022
   m) changes in flora and fauna from 2017 to 2022
   n) growth rates, regeneration and condition of the forest 2017-2022

and regulation.

**Correction and corrective action plan including completion date:**

For OE 1-3:

1. The above topics will be included in FMP updated in 2023. Completion date: by 1 April 2023

2. Annual update of FMP will use data from previous year to ensure all information is gathered and compiled efficiently. For example, 2023 updated FMP will use data from 2022, 2024 updated FMP will use data from 2023 and so on. Completion date: by 1 April 2023.

For OE4: When operation restarts, the coupe number and/or operation year shall be revised; subject to Forest Dept.’s approval.

For OE5: Review on the socio-economic condition shall be included in the updated FMP. Completion date: by 1 April 2023 For

For OE6: Consultation with Forest Department regarding the revision of AAC shall be made after the 5th coupe have been harvested. Currently only one coupe had been harvested therefore there is still not much changed in terms of timber stand/timber volume.

For OE7: Review on changes in planning (wherever necessary) shall be made according to past monitoring result Completion date: by 1 April 2023
 Requirement: Indicator 8.5.1 – A summary of the results of monitoring indicators, including those listed in Criterion 8.2, shall be made publicly available.

 Finding:
 Summary of the results of monitoring indicators as listed in Criterion 8.2 was yet to be updated in the public summary.

 Objective evidence:
 Results of monitoring for the items (a) to I listed in Criterion 8.2 as presented in the revised FMP 2017-2026 (November 2022) was yet to be updated in the ‘Public Summary of the Forest Management Plan for Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit for the period 2017 – 2026’.

 Result of investigation and determination of root cause:
 Public summary information depended on the information in updated FMP.
 Root Cause: Gathering, compiling and summary of FMP information to be included in the Public Summary was done in an inefficient manner whereby the information was gathered throughout the year in bits and pieces.

 Correction and corrective action plan including completion date:
 1. FMP shall be updated for year 2023.
    Completion date: by April 2023
 2. The whole process of information gathering, compiling and summarizing shall be done annually, the year after the monitoring is done. Therefore, Public Summary 2023 shall contain data from 2022, Public Summary 2024 shall contain data from 2023 and so on. Completion date: by April 2023
    Completion date: by April 2023

 The FMU had submitted proposed corrective action plans to address the NCRs raised during the surveillance 4 audit via email on 27 February 2023 which has been verified and accepted by the audit team.

 Status: The effectiveness of the corrective actions taken by the FMU shall be verified during the next audit.

 Requirement: Indicator 9.4.1 – Forest managers shall conduct, appropriate to scale and intensity of forest management operations, annual monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the measures in the management of the HCV areas in the FMU.

 Finding:
 1) Annual monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the measures in the management of the HCV areas in the FMU not implemented.

 Result of investigation and determination of root cause:
 For Finding & OEI: Annual monitoring of the salt lick was not conducted.
 Root cause: Lack accessibility as the road has not been maintained as the FMU had suspended harvesting operation since 3 February 2020 (Approved 2 August 2021)

 For Finding & OE2:
 Investigation: Map still shows the HCV area inside SA.
 Root cause: Map and Conservation Area (sites
2) Map of HCVs was mixing with HCVs that located within the within the operable area and shifting agriculture area.

**Objective evidence:**

(iii) Annual monitoring of the salt lick area in Coupe 2A was not conducted for year 2022. The latest monitoring was conducted on 18 September 2019

(iv) The actual HCV areas located within the operable area are saltlick (Coupe 2A), Rafflesia Long Semadoh Airport (Coupe 24A), and historical site of Takung Buen (Coupe 7A) referred to ‘High Conservation Value (HCV) table’ updated on 8 December 2022. However, the ‘Map of Summary of High Conservation Value Assessment (HCVA) at Ulu Trusan FMU’ dated 8 April 2022 in the FMP2017-2026 was mixed with the HCVs that was located within SA) was not yet produced.

**Correction and corrective action plan including completion date:**

**For Finding & OEI:**

- The following steps shall be implemented:
  a) FMC survey team shall monitor the saltlick in conjunction with Forest Landscape Restoration Program at Coupe 2 to make it worth the travel. Completion date: by March 2023
  b) Road access has been maintained.

**For Finding & OE2**

- Maps to distinguish HCV and Conservation Area has been produced. Completion date: 14 February 2023. MOU with the local community site shall be the basis of declaring the sites in SA as Conservation Site. The MOU mentioned that the local community shall monitor conservation sites within SA. The community can inform the FMU should any problem arise regarding the conservation site within the SA. Completion date: November 2022

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<th>Requirement: Indicator 8.1.3 Forest managers shall undertake annual internal audit and management review of forest management for continual improvement. The conduct of internal audit, management review and continual improvement is stipulated in APPENDIX A.</th>
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minute dated 2 November 2021 was verified. However for the year 2022, the FMU has yet to conduct the management review meeting. The management review meeting was scheduled in January 2023. Furthermore, the FMU is still in the reviewing process of the raised 3 Minor NCRs for the root cause and corrective action plan (1 month period). Due to the auditor cannot verified the implementation of management review meeting according to the requirement of the standard, thus previous OFI against Indicator 8.1.3 was re-issue.
## Corrective Actions Taken and Final Status on NCRs and OFIs Raised During Previous Audit (SA3 – 2022)

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<td><strong>Major</strong></td>
<td><strong>Requirement: Indicator 1.5.2</strong> – Control of encroachment, illegal harvesting, hunting, and settlement, and other unauthorized activities in the FMU.</td>
<td><strong>Result of investigation and determination of root cause:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Correction A:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NCR:</strong> ANS01/2022</td>
<td><strong>Finding:</strong> The control of encroachment illegal settlement, and other unauthorized activities in the FMU was not sufficient.</td>
<td><strong>Investigation:</strong> the OE for A is correct. Samling wrote to FDS on this matter on 8 May 2019 following which FDS wrote to Petronas on 22 May 2019. Despite numerous follow-up calls to FDS the response was always same: “Petronas has not yet responded”.</td>
<td>1. Letter dated 8th May 2019 from Sy Samling Timber Sdn Bhd (SST) to Director of Forests (FDS), Sarawak, seeking approval to use &amp; construct facilities for the Petronas Sabah-Sarawak Gas Pipeline (SSGP) Project within SST’s FMU camps and, for Ulu Trusan, specifically in Merarap Camp (T/0280) (Ref. No. SST/CORR/19-03).</td>
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<td><strong>Objective evidence:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Root cause:</strong> No Petronas response to F.D.S.</td>
<td>2. Letter dated 25 May 2022 from Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) to Sy Samling Timber Sdn Bhd, responding to the letter dated 8th May 2019, giving approval for the usage of SST’s facilities within the FMU for execution of the Petronas Sabah-Sarawak Gas Pipeline (SSGP) Project.(Ref.no. (98)JHS/600-3/7/102/ Jld.17).</td>
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<td>During Surveillance 1 audit, the site inspection on Merarap base camp found that permanent building was constructed to accommodate the PETRONAS staffs and workers without prior approval from the Forestry Department, during this surveillance 3 audit, the approval was still not evidence.</td>
<td><strong>Investigation:</strong> the OE for B is correct. The first camp noted above was constructed by the SEB contractor but as it now claimed by an unknown native the contractor will not use it &amp; has in effect has “surrendered” it. Camps 2 &amp; 3, referred to above, were constructed by the SEB contractor for his temporary use and are in use.</td>
<td><strong>Correction B:</strong></td>
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<td>Surveillance 3 Audit, found that; 1. Site inspection along S-3-1 road, coordinate (N 04°20.723’, E115°26.906) found that 1 camping site was constructed without prior approval from the forestry department.</td>
<td><strong>Root cause:</strong> B. The FMU Patrol Reports had not recorded any of these 3 camps as “encroachment” because they were thought to belong to a Sarawak Energy Bhd (SEB) contractor working on SEB’s rural electrification scheme. Hence they were assumed by the patrol to be “official”.</td>
<td>1. Letter dated 30 March 2022 from SST to FDS Limbang, cc: Director of Forests, re camping site (encroachment) along M-1 claimed by unknown persons. SST requesting that FDS investigate. (Ref. No. KTN/CORR/22-02)</td>
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<td><strong>Correction and corrective action plan including completion date:</strong></td>
<td>2. Letter dated 30 March 2022 from SST to FDS Limbang, cc Director of Forests, re: two camp sites along M-1 constructed by a Sarawak Energy Bhd (SEB) contractor. (KTN/CORR/22-01)</td>
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| | | **Correction:** A. To obtain FDS approval for the Petronas camp buildings to be within the FMU. | 3. Letter dated 30 March 2022 from SST to Larsen & Toubro (East Asia) Sdn Bhd – the
2. Site inspection along M-1 road, coordinate (N 04° 19.284', E 115° 27.703) found that 2 camping sites was constructed without prior approval from the forestry department.

The Minor NCR RJ02/2019 surveillance 1 audit was upgraded to Major ANS01/2022

CAP: A. Samling to write again to FDS (Done – 11 March 2022) and FDS to write again to Petronas – this time to the project office in Kota Kinabalu (Done – 17 March 2022). On 30 March 22 Mr Thomas Apun (Head of Samling’s Sabah-Sarawak Gas Pipeline (SSGP) project) met with Petronas in KK and raised this matter as being one of some urgency. At that meeting Mr Apun provided Hj Shaiful (of Petronas) directly with copies of the relevant letters for immediate discussion. Mr Apun has since advised that a process was agreed on, one which would start with SSGP writing direct to Petronas with cc to FDS.

Correction: B. (a) Encroachment by persons unknown into FMU to be reported to FDS for their action. (b.) Any SEB contractor must have FDS approval for all their camps in the FMU.

CAP: B. Temporary Camp # 1 is claimed by a local (presently unknown to Samling) & not used by the SEB contractor. Samling has reported this (30 March 2022) to the Regional Forest Officer, Limbang, requesting that FDS investigate the encroachment. Temporary Camps #2 & #3 are used by the SEB contractor. Samling has notified the SEB contractor (30 March 2022) that, whilst Samling has no objection to these two camps, they must request approval from FDS for them, and for all future camps, within Ulu Trusan FMU. The SEB contractor should ensure that Samling HQ, Miri, receives copies of all such approvals given by FDS.

Completion date: 8 June 2022

Sarawak Energy Bhd (SEB) contractor – re construction of two camp sites along M-1. (Ref. No. SST/CORR/22-14)


Status: Closed
**Indicator 9.4.1** – Forest managers shall conduct, appropriate to scale and intensity of forest management operations, annual monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the measures in the management of the HCVFs in the FMU.

**Finding** : The HCVFs monitoring was not sufficient.

**Objective evidence** :

1. Based on documentation review found that HCVF monitoring for Saltlick at Sungai Dualan not done annually for 2021.
2. During site visit at Saltlick at Sungai Dualan found that the HCVF area was damaged and the signage was not available.

**Result of investigation and determination of root cause:**

Investigation shows:

OE 1. Is correct. Following a site visit on 6 May 2020 it was noted on the HCV monitoring form (by tick under the ‘NO’ column) that the *site was not active*; with a comment “…may consider removing from protection…..”.

**Root cause** : Monitoring in 2021 was not done because the spring that gave rise to the salt lick was found to be no longer active in 2020. In the 2020 monitoring report it should have been made abundantly clear that the salt spring was *no longer active*, rather than saying “No animal activity” to indicate that salt was no longer available to attract the animals.

OE 2. Is not correct in that the salt lick was no longer active and consequently the signage had been removed.

Consequently, it had not been damaged by the roadside terracing that was done in 2021, well after the monitoring visit in early 2020. Likewise, the signage was not available as it had been removed.

1. **Item #2-1:** The 2020 HCV monitoring form with the pink highlight showing that the “no longer active” status had been selected. This was overlooked on the evening of the 9th March 2022 when this matter was discussed with the auditor, Frazier (the person responsible for undertaking the 2020 HCV monitoring visit) and D Marsden (i/c FMCU). (6th May 2020)

2. **Item #2-2:** Frazier’s explanation and clarification about the 2020 HCV monitoring report that led to the NCR. (14 March 2022)

3. **Item #2-3:** Some details of construction of the roadside terracing at the site and confirmation that this was carried out in 2021 long after the salt-lick had been identified as being longer active and after the HCV sign board had been removed. (25th August 2021).

4. **Item #2-4:** A statement from TR Yohanes Abai of Lg Luping that the salt-lick in question had dried up (29 March 2022).

5. **Item #2-5:** Memo dated 29 April 2022 from i/c Forest Management Certification Unit (FMCU) to all FMCU staff responsible for undertaking HCV monitoring visits on the importance of making sure that their reports are clearly written and correctly reflect the status of the HCV at the time of the monitoring visit.

**Status:** Closed
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<th>Requirement: Indicator 2.1.1 – Availability of documentation of legal status, and established forest use rights of the land or forest resources within the relevant federal, state and local laws in the FMU.</th>
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<td>Finding: Forest Timber Licence (FTL) No.T/9115 (Majulaba Sdn. Bhd.) has not been renewed.</td>
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<td>Document review showed that, Forest Timber Licence (FTL) T/9115 (Majulaba Sdn. Bhd.) and Forest Timber Licence (FTL) T/0280 (KTN Timor Sdn. Bhd.) formed Ulu Trusan Forest Management Unit. However, FTL T/9115(Majulaba Sdn. Bhd.) has expired on 8th November 2021, and has not been renewed by Forest Department of Sarawak due to the FMU did not comply to the DF Circular No. 02/2019 – “Restoration Program Within Licenced Area”.</td>
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<td>Result of investigation and determination of root cause:</td>
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<td>Investigation: the OE is correct.</td>
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<td>Root cause: The discussion with FDS re “restoration” in Majulaba T/9115 has still to be resolved.</td>
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<td>Correction and corrective action plan including completion date:</td>
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<td>Correction: Determine the way forward that will comply with FDS requirements.</td>
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<td>CAP: Undertake the restoration work in compliance with the FDS agreed requirements.</td>
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<td>Completion date: once the FDS requirement has been determined then ASAP in order to have the licence renewed ASAP</td>
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The FTL T/9115 (Majulaba Sdn. Bhd.) was renewed by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) with a validity period from 24/12/2022-23/12/2023 (Bank Guarantee no:99190BGF6427820). The FTL licence T/0280(KTN/CORR/22-05 was also expired on the 6th July 2022 but renewed on the 6th December 2022 for the period of 23.06.2022 to 22.06.2023 (Ref.No.:(08) JHS/WPO.628.64(IX)).
| Minor NCR: RJ 02/2022 | Requirement: **Indicator 4.2.5** – Demarcation of hazardous areas and provision of guidelines for storage and handling of hazardous materials.  
**Finding:** Storage and handling of schedule waste, was not comply to the Guidelines on Storage and Handling of schedule waste as requirement in Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 2005.  
**Objective evidence:** Site inspection to Schedule Waste Store at Ulu Trusan Workshop found that; 2 (two) drums of SW 409, 1 (one) drum of SW 410 and one (1) drum of SW 408 has not been labelled with the date of first generated. | **Result of investigation and determination of root cause**  
**Investigation:** the OE is correct.  
**Root cause:** Both drums were correctly abelled with new labels but the PIC had omitted to enter the date when the drums were first used.  
**Correction (if applicable) and corrective action plan including completion date:**  
**Correction:** The date of first use has already been entered on both labels.  
**CAP:** S&H will give toolbox talk to the PIC  
**Completion:** before June 2022 | During site inspection to the Schedule Waste store at Ulu Trusan Workshop, found that, the storage and handling of schedule waste was not complied to the Guideline on storage and handling of schedule waste, as 2 drums of SW 409, one drum of SW 410 and one drum SW 408 were not label with the date of first generated. During current audit it has been found that all container were label accordingly for all scheduled waste generated with no recurrence on previous issues  
**Status:** Closed. |
| Minor NCR: ANS02/2022 | Requirement: **Indicator 6.3.1** – Availability and implementation of management guidelines to assess post-harvest natural regeneration, and measures to supplement natural regeneration and rehabilitate degraded areas, where necessary, in the FMU.  
Finding: Implementation of guidelines to assess post-harvesting area was not evident.  
Objective evidence: Record of evaluation for post-harvest area (analysis of stocking) at Coupe 01A to identify the areas need for silvicultural treatment not available.  
Result of investigation and determination of root cause:  
Investigation: OE is correct.  
Root cause: The Post Harvest Inventory (PHI), or Diagnostic Sampling (DS), required to identify the areas that might need silvicultural treatment was still in progress. The analysis will not be undertaken until the field work has been completed.  
Correction (if applicable) and corrective action plan including completion date:  
CAP: Complete the PHI and then undertake an analyse of the data to determine the need for silvicultural treatment.  
Completion date: before Surveillance Audit #4 | Post-Harvest Inventory (PHI) Assessment Report dated March 2022 was conducted for Block 3, Coupe 1A. The assessment has recommended for enrichment planting program as silvicultural treatment to help regeneration process on the post harvesting area.  
Status: Closed |
| Minor NCR: RJ 03/2022 | Requirement: **Indicator 7.3.2** – Availability of programmes to train forest workers to their respective roles for proper implementation of the forest management plan.  
Finding: Training for forest workers to their respective roles for proper implementation of the forest management plan was insufficient.  
Objective evidence:  
Result of investigation and determination of root cause:  
Investigation: the OE for 1. And 2. Is correct.  
Root cause: 1. The awareness briefing had been inadvertently omitted from the original schedule.  
Root cause: 2. There has been no harvesting in Ulu Trusan since October 2019. This means that there is neither the machinery nor the operators available at Ulu Trusan FMU to enable training to  
Refresher RIL training was conducted as below:  
1) Post-harvest Inventory (PHI) Training -14th January 2022 – 6 participants  
2) OSH in Forest Industries Training dated 18th August 2022 – 8 participants.  
3) MC&I Refresher and policies awareness dated 18th November 2022 – 8 participants.  
Status: Closed. |
Based on the training record conducted in 2021 & 2022, it was found that the following awareness briefing & training were not conducted:

1. MC&I SFM.
2. Reduced Impact Logging.

be conducted. External RIL trainers were brought in (14-18 February 2022) to conduct RIL training at Baram CTB and Gerenai FMU but as no operators were required to be stationed at Ulu Trusan no one from there could sensibly participate.

Correction (if applicable) and corrective action plan including completion date.

**Correction:**  
- a) Fulfil the MC&I requirement under Indicator 5.3.2.
- b) Try to obtain waiver of this requirement for FMUs that are not harvesting.

**CAP: 1.** Awareness briefing is scheduled for May 2022

**CAP: 2.**  
- a) Try to locate a suitable person from Ulu Trusan who could attend in house training at Ulu Baram.
- b) Appeal to MTCC to issue a directive to CBs on Indicator 5.3.2 on the grounds that this indicator is illogical when an FMU is not harvesting and therefore has neither the relevant machinery nor the relevant operators on site.

**Completion date:** before the Surveillance Audit #4
Requirement: Indicator 8.1.1 – Forest managers shall comply with the regulatory monitoring procedures in accordance with relevant federal and state and other relevant agencies.

Finding: Monitoring procedures not following the guidelines of the Forestry Departments.

Objective evidence:

Based on documentation review of PSP Records for PSP 8, 11, 10, 16, and 17, the scientific names were not properly written as per Guideline 3.5 (pg. 76) of the ‘Green Book’. Site inspection in PSP 16 (Coupe 10A) and PSP 8 (Coupe 01A), also found that the species identification not done up to species level.

Result of investigation and determination of root cause:

Investigation: the OE is correct.

Root cause: The PSP crews had very occasionally used family names, when they were known, for trees that could not be identified to at least genus level rather than coding such a tree as “unknown” (code: ZZZZZZ). (The species coding system no longer makes reference to family.)

Correction (if applicable) and corrective action plan including completion date:

Correction: ID species to at least genus level and where this is not possible enter “ZZZZZZ” (unknown).

CAP: Circulate an instruction to the PSP crews to the above effect.

Completion date: before end of April 2022

Based on documentation review of PSP Records for PSP No. 7, 8, 10 & 11, the scientific names were written as per Guideline 3.5 (pg. 76) of the ‘Green Book’. Site inspection in PSP No. 7 (Coupe 3A) found that the species identification was done up to species level.

Status: Closed
**OFI Indicator 7.2.1**

Implementation of procedures to periodically revise the forest management plan, incorporating the results of monitoring or new scientific and technical information, the frequency of which shall be appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management operations, so as to respond to changing environmental, social and economic circumstances.

New information such as the numbers of existing villages within/close to the FMU was not updated. Similarly, the mid-term review for the FMP that should be done in the year 2022 has not started yet.

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Status:
The OFI was upgraded to Minor NCR LYD01/2022 against Indicator 7.2.1.

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**OFI Indicator 8.1.3**

Forest managers shall undertake annual internal audit and management review of forest management for continual improvement. The conduct of internal audit, management review and continual improvement is stipulated in APPENDIX A.

The Internal audit and management review not conducted according to the requirement of the standard however the FMU has documented procedure for internal audit and management review (FMC/PRO-001) that effective date 7 February 2022.

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Auditor cannot verified the implementation of management review meeting according to the requirement of the standard.

Status: The previous OFI against Indicator 8.1.3 was re-issue.

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End of Report