

## BACKGROUND

Sabah Softwoods Berhad (SSB) Tree Plantation area is located at Brumas (Latitude 4<sup>0</sup>24'N and longitude 117<sup>0</sup>38'15"E). Tree Plantation area has received FSC certificate since 2007. The current Well Managed Plantation Certification is expiring on 29 October 2022. The Surveillance Annual Audit is due on 8-10 January 2019.

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## FSC CERTIFIED AREA STATEMENT, 2018

No	Description	FSC Certified area (Survey Ha.)	(%)
1	Fast growing species – planted Area	18,008.81	77
2	Steep area	1,595.37	7
3	Water catchment area	1,261.96	5
4	Establishment Wildlife Corridor	1,058.58	5
5	Existing Wildlife Corridor	10.47	0
6	Riparian Reserve	416.10	2
7	Campsite	215.00	1
8	Others	839.45	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>23,405.74</b>	<b>100</b>

## COMMITMENT

SSB has firmly committed to continual improvement in managing the fast growing Trees Plantation in sustainable and well manner which is environmentally sound, socially acceptable and economically viable through the following principles and practices:

- Undertaking the Trees Plantation activities within the parameters of the titled land in conformity with the conditions in the land titles issued by the Land and Survey Department of the State of Sabah.
- Comply fully with all legislations namely Sabah Forest Enactment 1968, Environmental Protection Enactment 2002, the Wildlife Ordinance and Wildlife Conservation Enactment 1997, the Sabah Labour Ordinance, the Employment Act, and all relevant Health and Safety Regulations.
- To ensure that the objectives of the Timber Operations Division are continued on a long term basis, the Management of Sabah Softwoods Berhad is committed to maintain 30,000 hectares of the total plantation area under Trees plantation.

- The management is committed and will continuously strive to maintain the standards set in all the 10 FSC principles.
- Undertake systematic and regular reviews of performance through management of corrective actions and Internal Audit.
- Clearly define and communicate environmental/sustainable forest management responsibilities to our employees and to support them with training and appropriate resources to ensure those responsibilities are fulfilled.

The HCVPs areas represent about 17% of the FSC certified (23,405.74 Ha) in Tree plantation area. The HCVPs areas comprises protected steep areas, water catchment areas, riparian reserves and wildlife corridors which links some of the protected and reserved areas to assure free movement of the wildlife and rich in biodiversity.

As of 30 September 2018, the planted area by species is as follows:

#### **Combine – Zone A & Zone B**

	Age (Year)	A. Falcataria (Sur.Ha)	E. Pellita (Sur.Ha)	E. Hybrid (Sur.Ha)	Mix/Others (Sur.Ha)	Classification	Age (Year)	A. Mangium (Sur.Ha)	Work In Progress	TOTAL (Sur.Ha)
Mature Trees ( 2008)	10	110.43	5.04	11.48	161.94	Mature Trees ( 2010)	7	93.42	-	382.31
Immature Trees (2009-2016)	9-2	4,357.64	8,610.53	782.38	221.01	Immature Trees (2011-2015)	6-2		-	13,971.56
Immature Trees (2017)	1	431.59	1,332.12	50.09	11.63	Immature Trees (2016)	1	-	-	1,825.43
New Development (2018)	0	202.23	1,092.18	13.27	-	New Development (2017)	0	-	-	1,307.68
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,101.89</b>	<b>11,039.87</b>	<b>857.22</b>	<b>394.58</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>93.42</b>	<b>521.83</b>	<b>17,486.98</b>

#### **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

All implementation activities stated in the Tree Plantation Management Plan (TPMP) are primarily governed and regulated in accordance with the following acts, enactments and regulation:

- a. State Forest Policy, 1954
- b. Forest Enactment, 1968
- c. Wildlife Conservation Enactment, 1997
- d. Water Resources Enactment, 1998

- e. Environmental Quality Act, 1985
- f. Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), 1994
- g. Land Ordinance, 1930
- h. Pesticides Act 1974
- i. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) – P&C
- j. National Wages Consultative Council Act 2011- Minimum Wages Order (Amendment) 2018

Based on the foregoing legal framework, the management documents placed at the Tree Plantations Offices for publicly available upon request.

## **TRANSPARENCY**

The following documents are available in Tree Plantation main office for public information:

- a. Standard Operating Procedure
- b. Tree Plantation Progress Report
- c. 10 Years Tree Plantation Management ( 2016-2025)
- d. 10 Years conservation Forest and Commercial Forest Management Plan (2013-2023)
- e. SSB land Title
- f. Company Policies and Procedures
- g. FCP Interim Standard for Forest Management Certification in Malaysia under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
- h. FSC ® List of ‘ highly hazardous’ pesticides ( FSC-STD-30-001a EN), latest updated 3 April 2017
- i. Annual Report 2015 Sabah Forestry Department

## **POLICY STATEMENTS**

Sabah Softwoods Berhad (SSB) is firmly committed to enhance conservation of biodiversity, restoration with native species, protecting the environment and selective harvesting in commercial forest through implementing the followings:-

- a) Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory and certification requirements in relation to biodiversity, environment and sustainable forest management
- b) Forest of commercial and conservation area protected from illegal harvesting, no settlement and other unauthorized activities within FSC certified forest area.
- c) Undertake and safeguard conservation value areas through managing and monitoring of flora and fauna ecology to enhance biodiversity
- d) Protected the natural succession of the existing fauna and flora population in the conservation values areas.

- e) Restoration of commercial and conservation forest with native species.
- f) Adopt a 30 year cutting cycle with minimum and maximum trees diameter cutting limit of 36 cm to 120 cm in areas set aside for Commercial Forest that provide opportunities for economic harvest for sustainable optimum growing stock over the long-term.
- g) Use of low-impact harvesting techniques i.e. cable yarder or modified excavator (logfisher) to reduce damage to young growing stock and less damaging to the environment (Soil).
- h) The harvesting in the commercial forest will not involve any high conservation values forest areas.
- i) All operational activities shall adhere to best Silviculture Practices (Compliance to Standard Operation Procedures)
- j) Continuous environmental awareness to management, staff and contractors
- k) Committed to provide employment opportunities and other services to communities adjacent or within the plantation.

## POLICY

	Type of Policy	Date
1	Environmental Policy Statement	1st April, 2015
2	Gender Policy	1st July, 2015
3	Social Policy	1st July, 2015
4	Child Protection Policy	1st July, 2015
5	Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Policy Statement	1st January, 2010
6	Freedom of Association Statement	1st January, 2010
7	Sexual Harrassment Policy	4th January, 2016
8	Zero Burning Policy	4th January, 2016
9	Equal Employment Policy	4th January, 2016
10	Sexual Harrasment & Gender Discrimination Policy	4th January, 2016
11	Prevention on Workplace Violence Policy	4th January, 2016
12	Human Right Policy	4th March, 2017
13	Minimum Age Policy	4th January, 2016
14	POLISI PEMULIHARAAN HIDUPAN LIAR	1st July, 2013
15	Pest Managment Policy Statement	18th May, 2017

All levels of employees and registered contractors have continuously committed to observe and implement 10 FSC Principles.

For more information please refer our SSB website: [www.softwoods.com.my](http://www.softwoods.com.my)