

POLICY

Policy and Legal Framework

In achieving the stated management goals and objectives, the Forestry Department subscribes to the following policies and strategies:

- Management of the area ensures the sustainable management of forest resources over the long-term in such a way as to optimize socio-economic benefits to the state;
- All field operations give due consideration to environmental protection so as to minimize any negative impact on the natural environment;
- The FMU shall be protected from fire, illegal felling, illegal settlements, and other unauthorized activities;
- High conservation value forests (HCVF) are maintained and enhanced;
- Third party certification of forest management under an accredited scheme would be a desirable objective to aim for;
- All contractors working within the FMU must also comply with the Principles, Criteria, and Indicators of responsible management under which scheme the management is certified;
- Research and educational opportunities aimed at improving the management of the FMU are given due attention;
- Preferences in employment and service contracts are given to local/rural communities wherever possible.
- The Sabah Forestry Department is committed to managing the the Project Area in accordance with principal of sustainable and responsible management as prescribed by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators (MC&I) of the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC), and in conformity with all existing State forest policies, environmental policies, legislation and regulations.
- The Sabah Forestry Department will ensure to protect the Project Area from fire, illegal felling, and encroachment, and to safeguard the resources security under responsible management.

Legal Framework

Forestry activities are governed and regulated by various laws and regulations. The following are Sabah's legal instruments and guidelines as they relate to the management of the Timimbang-Botitian Management area:

- State Forest Policy;
- Forest Enactment, 1968;
- Forest Rules, 1969;
- Environment Protection Enactment, 2002;
- Environment Protection Enactment (Prescribed Activities), 2005
- Wildlife Conservation Enactment, 1997;
- Land Ordinance, 1930;
- Water Resources Enactment, 1997;
- Cultural Heritage (Conservation) Enactment, 1997;
- Sabah Conservation Strategy, 1992;
- Biodiversity Enactment, 2000;
- Environmental Quality Act, 1985
- Sabah Labour Ordinance
- Health and Safety Regulations



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