

#### **4.6 HCV 6: Cultural Identity of Local Communities**

This is defined as: *“Forest area is critical to local communities’ traditional cultural identity.*

*A forest is considered HCVF 6 if it has been important for a local (particularly indigenous) community’s cultural, ecological, or religious activities. The community may be living either in or adjacent to the forest. Examples of such sites within a forest include burial grounds or sacred areas, which cannot be replaced with alternative and/or would cause drastic cultural change within the community. Identification and management of this HCV must always involve participation of the communities themselves.*

##### ***Findings***

From the assessment carried out, there is no sign of cultural or burial sites of the villages found within TBSFM area. Generally, all these graveyards and sacred sites are identified far away from the TBSFM boundary. All the burial grounds or graveyards mentioned by the villagers were verified on ground.

##### ***Rationale for HCV boundary delineation***

There is no important cultural site and HCV 6 is not applicable in TBSFM area.