

## **Evaluating Impact on Forest Certification at Deramakot FR, Sabah, Malaysia**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Forest owner: Sabah Forestry Department (SFD)

Area: 55,000 ha

Forest Type: Lowland Mixed Dipterocarp Forest

History:

- Logged in 1950s and 1980s
- SFM developed through the Malaysian-German Sustainable Forest Management Project (MG-SFMP), which commenced in 1989
- DFR Set aside as FMU Model for SFM in 1991

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The forest management system developed by the MG-SFMP comprises the following key elements:

- Comprehensive resource assessment, including stock inventory, wildlife and social surveys.
- Preparation of integrated medium-term management plan including functional zoning of compartments.
- Technical guidelines for forest management practices, including Reduced Impact Logging (RIL), containing prescribed impact mitigation practices.

## **FOREST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (cont.)**

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The natural forest management at DFR aims to maintain a high degree of species and structural diversity, through:

- emphasis on natural regeneration,
- rehabilitation of degraded forest areas,
- tending of stands, and
- low-impact harvesting.

## **FOREST CERTIFICATION**

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- Received 1<sup>st</sup> FSC certification (QUALIFOR Programme) with duration 5 years from July 1997 until 22 July 2002
- Received 2<sup>nd</sup> FSC certification also with duration 5 years from Oct? 2003 until Oct? 2008

## OBJECTIVES OF PILOT PROJECT

- Does certification improve forest management practice?
- Does certification improve working condition of forest workers?
- What was the significant impact on the environment after certification?
- What was the market trend of certified wood produced from this FMU and who was the buyer?

## METHODOLOGY

- Compile related information (reports, etc.) & identify important issues or area of interest
- Field visit to project area
- Interview and consult various related stakeholders
- Analyze results
- Pilot project synthesis

## PROJECT OUTPUT

- Favourable or unfavourable findings will be highlighted and discussed
- Findings documentation and presentation
  - Report write-up for SSC-SIDA and SFD
  - Presentation of the pilot project in Tanzania and SFD, Sabah

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