

Sabah TLAS Audit Report

Sabah Legality Standard Principles 1 – 4

Licensee	Licensee: Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (377414-H) Contractor: Warisan Gagasan Pantas	Reference #	GFSSBH 003-123
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Statements

Audit Statement	GFS 174 LVS		
Issuance Date	04 April 2022	Expiration Date	03 April 2023

Assessment Details

Assessment Dates	28 March – 01 April 2022
Scope of Assessment	TLAS Principles 1-4: JPHTN/FRM 700-2/1/15/21/31, (2B970262) & JPHTN/FRM 700-2/1/15/21/31, (2B970263).
Species	Log recovery: <i>Eusideroxylon Zwageri</i> (Belian), <i>Shorea spp.</i> (Selangan Batu)
Lead Assessor	Varenus Untomon
Assessor(s)	Ivy Justin
SFD Staff	Mohd. Azmi (DFO Kalabakan), Mohd Zainur (ADFO Kalabakan), Judon Lamiting (KPPM Brumas), Hamza J (KPPM Brumas)

OBJECTIVES:

- The objective of this checklist is to verify compliance to the Criteria listed in the Sabah Legality Standard as defined by Principles 1 - 4 for Sabah dated 01st January 2015 (**FDS-TLAS-002**).
- Compliance is defined when all applicable criteria are observed to be compliant. A Minor Gap to any indicator does not constitute non-compliance to a criterion. A Major Gap to any applicable indicator does reflect non-compliance to a criterion. Compliance for a criterion where multiple minor gaps are identified in indicators under the criterion may reflect non-compliance to the criterion.
- All issues identified under this standard shall be considered appropriate to the scale and degree of forestry operations undertaken by the parties under the agreement.

Summary Information

Overview of Licensee:

- Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (Benta Wawasan) was incorporated in 1996, as a wholly owned subsidiary company of Innoprise Corporation Sdn. Bhd. that is the commercial arm of Yayasan Sabah. Benta Wawasan group of companies includes associated companies Samel Plantation Sdn. Bhd. and Serijaya Industries Sdn. Bhd.
- Benta Wawasan and associated companies develops and manages palm oil plantations under the Yayasan Sabah group.
- Benta Wawasan nominated Warisan Gagasan Pantas, to collect logs left behind during land clearing that includes Belian, Selangan Batu, and Merbau and other species (Ref.#: BW SB (PCM)-600-5/4 (21/36), dated 23/04/2021). The extraction area is at block 13L (48.92 ha), within the Menggaris Estate, TWU13/06 (BW 5/99) concession area.
- The applicant (licensee) is under the jurisdiction of the Kalabakan District Forestry Office.
- The Menggaris Estate is part of Benta Wawasan area A:

Benta Wawasan A		Benta Wawasan B	
Estate	Area (ha)	Estate	Area (ha)
Keruing	3,456	Belian	3,435
Seraya	3,345	Agathis	3,720
Merbau	3,207	Binuang	3,848
Menggaris	3,585	Ramin	3,587
Gaharu	3,170	Kapur	2,752
		Selangan Batu	3,376
Total	16,763	Total	20,718

Environmental Context:

- The Menggaris Estate has been planted in oil palm which has been certified under the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) standard in May 2019.
- Environmental Impact Assessment was conducted and approved by Environment Protection Department (EPD) for Benta Wawasan area A & B.

#	Title	EPD Approval Letter #	EIA Consultant
1	Environmental Impact Assessment For The Proposed Oil Palm Plantation (OPP) Development at Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd.	JPAS/PP/21/600-1/01/1/191 (KLT.3) dated 26/08/2011	Envsolve Sdn. Bhd.

- The project site was previously covered by both Lowland and Hill Dipterocarp Forest (Mixed Dipterocarp Forest) except in the steeper northern portion.
- A number of rivers were identified within the project site, namely Sg. Ulu Segama, Sg Brantian, Sg. Geminchau, Sg. Tambuku, Sg. Serapi, Sg. Beeston, Sg. Gumbal, Sg. Muatai, Sg. Gita, Sg. Toe and its tributaries.
- Recovery of logs left behind during land clearing by Warisan Gagasan Pantas, for block 13L (48.92 ha), within the Menggaris Estate requires a Form IIB permit to transport logs from the plantation to mills.

Social Context:

- There are no communities settling inside or adjacent to the project area. The nearest villages to the project area is Kg. Pekan Kalabakan - Mangga, Kg. Rancangan Kalabakan, Kg. Tuda, Kg. Murutulu Kalabakan, Kg. Brantian, which is located in the vicinity of Kalabakan.

Scope of Assessment

- The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance of Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (Warisan Gagasan Pantas) with Form IIB JPHTN/FRM 700-2/1/15/21/31, dated 17/03/2022 (2B970262) & (2B970263).
- The assessment is in accordance on the terms of the agreement for the “Sabah Legality Standard Principles 1 - 4 dated 01st January 2015 (FDS-TLAS-002).
- Site evaluation to verify and report the level of compliance by Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (Warisan Gagasan Pantas) and contractors to the standard in respect to each of the criteria within this report.
- Compliance is defined when the auditee demonstrates that the indicators consist of none or only minor gaps against any applicable criteria of the standard. Non-compliance to the Sabah Legality Standard occurs when the auditee does not demonstrate adequate compliance to a criterion.

Itinerary & Mandays: Form IIB / Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (Warisan Gagasan Pantas) / Kalabakan District 28 March – 01 April 2022 (Total Mandays = 12)

Date	Activity	GFS Staff	Mandays
28 March 2022 Monday	Travel to Tawau.	Varenus Untomon, Ivy Justin	2
29 March 2022 Tuesday	Opening meeting at PPD Kalabakan. Field visit: Licensed Boundary, Riparian Reserve, contractor's camp, temporary logs landing. Document review.	Varenus Untomon, Ivy Justin	2
30 March 2022 Wednesday	Document Review.	Varenus Untomon, Ivy Justin	2
31 March 2022 Thursday	Closing Meeting at PPD Kalabakan.	Varenus Untomon, Ivy Justin	2
01 April 2022 Friday	Travel to Kota Kinabalu.	Varenus Untomon, Ivy Justin	2
02-03 April 2022	Reporting GFSSBH 003-123	Dr. Kevin Grace, Varenus Untomon	2
Total			12

Highlights of Assessment

(Major Gaps = 0; Minor Gaps = 0; Observations = 1)

Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (Warisan Gagasan Pantas) has complied with the Sabah Legality Standard (SFD-TLAS-002) as no non-compliance was identified during the assessment on 28 March – 01 April 2022.

Summary of status of operations by **Principle**:

Principle 1.

Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. nominated Warisan Gagasan Pantas, a timber salvaging company to collect the mixed species log such as Belian, Selangan Batu, and Merbau logs, which left behind during the initial land clearing (Ref.#: BWSB (PCM)-600-5/4 (21/36), dated 23/04/2021).

The extraction area is at block 13L (48.92 ha), within the Menggaris Estate, TWU13/06 (BW 5/99) concession area.

Form IIB Permit JPHTN/FRM 700-2/1/15/21/31, dated 17/03/2022 (2B970262).

Licensee	Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd.
Applicant (contractor)	Warisan Gagasan Pantas
Coupe #	TWU13/06 (BW5/99) Menggaris Estate
Locality	Kalabakan Forest Reserve
No. of Logs	174
Volume (m ³)	91.71

Form IIB Permit JPHTN/FRM 700-2/1/15/21/31, dated 17/03/2022 (2B970263).

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Coupe #	TWU13/06 (BW5/99) Menggaris Estate
Locality	Kalabakan Forest Reserve
No. of Logs	288
Volume (m ³)	96.13

March 2022: Observation 001-2022 – Checklist 1.2.3

Lack of fire extinguishers within the workers quarters.

Principle 2.

The summary production for 2022 was produced and submitted to the DFO Kalabakan for royalty payment.

Form Form IIB Permit JPHTN/FRM 700-2/1/15/21/31, dated 17/03/2022 (2B970262).

Batch	Scaling order	Total Logs	Total Volume (m3)
Batch 1	KA220302476P	174	91.71

Form IIB Permit JPHTN/FRM 700-2/1/15/21/31, dated 17/03/2022 (2B970263).

Batch	Scaling order	Total Logs	Total Volume (m3)
Batch 2	KA220302477P	288	96.13

Principle 3.

Operation Permits and heavy machinery have been registered and payments on fees and charges were available and maintained by Warisan Gagasan Pantas.

Principle 4.

There are no communities settling inside or adjacent to the project area. The nearest villages to the project area is Kg. Pekan Kalabakan - Mangga, Kg. Rancangan Kalabakan, Kg. Tuda, Kg. Murutulu Kalabakan, Kg. Brantian, which is located in the vicinity of Kalabakan.

Summary Results:

(Major gap = 0, Minor gap = 0, Observation = 1)

Gap raised against indicators & criteria during the March, 2022 assessment.

GAP	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
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Observation raised against indicators & criteria during the March, 2022 assessment.

Obs #	Checklist	Description
001-2022	1.2.3	March 2022: Lack of fire extinguishers within the workers quarters.

Highlights of Close Out Visit (if applicable)	Dates
Not applicable	-

Recommendations

Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (Warisan Gagasan Pantas) demonstrated compliance with the Sabah Legality Standard (**SFD-TLAS-002**) for its designated area and is recommended to receive a GFS Statement of Compliance and Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System Compliance Certificate (TLAS-CC) from SFD.

Gap(s)/Observation(s) identified in this assessment should be addressed before the next surveillance visit.

Action required to close the gap(s)/observation(s) include:

Observation 001-2022 – Checklist 1.2.3: Provide fire extinguishers for the workers quarters.

The next surveillance audit will be scheduled for March 2023.

End of Summary Report