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# Sarawak Audit Checklist / Report STLVS Principles 1 - 4

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Statements			
GFS Statement of Compliance #	GFS 058 LVS		
Issuance Date	24 January 2022	Expiration Date	23 January 2023

Assessment Details			
Assessment dates	January 2022		
Scope of Assessment	STLVS P1-4: FTL No. T/3228 (Linau FMU)		
Species	Shorea spp. (Red and Yellow Meranti), Shorea spp. / Lithocarpus (Empenit), Cephalomappa spp. (Arau), Sapotaceae spp. (Nyatoh), Glut (Rengas hutan), Octomeles sumatrana (Binuang), Eugenia spp. (Lithocarpus spp. (Asam), Tristaniopsis spp. (Selunsor), Xanthophyllum (Nyalin), Dialium indum (Keranji), Artocarpus spp. (Terap), Mezzettia (Kepayang babi), Buchanania spp. (Terentang), Sindora becc (Sepetir), Beilschmiedia spp. / Litsea spp. / Dehaasia spp. / Phoebe Magnolia spp. / Nothaphoebe spp. / Ternstroemia spp. / Actinodaphne Cinnamomum spp. (Medang), Vatica spp. / Cotylelobium spp. (R. Shorea spp. (Selangan batu), Gymnacranthera spp. / Horsfieldia Knema spp. / Myristica spp. (Kumpang), Millettia spp. (Kedang belamarckia cadamba (Kelampayan), Elateriospermum tapos (Perah) Priera Bagang		
GFS Lead Assessor	Priera Bagang		
GFS Assessor(s) -			
Others	Mr Lau Keiw Hieng (Shin Yang Certification in-charge), Mr Su How Ming (Camp Manager), Mr Sia Nan Wee (Safety Supervisor), Mr Jimmy Atat (FMU Surveyor Coordinator), Gary Law Lik Sheng (STLVS in-charge), Ronald Lee		

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#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- The objective of this checklist is to verify compliance to the Criteria listed in the Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System as defined by STLVS Principles 1-4 (v02) dated 29 January 2019.
- 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 company in accordance with the standard.

## **Summary Information**

#### **Overview of Licensee**

#### **Organization Information:**

Shin Yang Sdn. Bhd. (97865-T) was incorporated on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1983 Shin Yang has established a number of associated companies and subsidiaries forming a group of companies. Shin Yang group of companies have diversified their business activities include construction, shipping (domestic & international), real estate, forest timber licenses, agricultural and forestry plantations, quarrying and other small businesses.

#### **Key regulations:**

The legal framework is provided in the following laws (ordinances), rules and regulations:

- Statement of Forest Policy (1954)
- Forest Ordinance (2015)
- Forest Rules (1954)
- National Parks Ordinance (1956)
- National Parks and Nature Reserves Ordinance (1998)
- Wildlife Protection Ordinance (1958)
- Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance (1973)
- Sarawak Timber Industry (Registration) Regulations (2008)
- Sarawak Forestry Cooperation Ordinance (1995)
- State of Sarawak Forest Timber License (FTL)
- Inter-agency Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Performance of Forestry Functions in Sarawak (Ministry of Resource Planning and Environment, 2012)
- Minimum Wages (Amendment) (No.3) Order 2013
- Sarawak Labour Ordinance (Cap.76)
- Employment Act 1955

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#### **Description & Licenses:**

Shin Yang Trading Sdn. Bhd. (Shin Yang Trading) has a Forest Timber License No. T/3228 granted by the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) for timber harvesting operations within a licensed area of 72,025 ha of natural forest. The forest area is a Permanent Forest Estate. The Forest Timber License of 49,840 ha was initially issued to Jebadi Sdn. Bhd. on 30/04/1990, then transferred to Diamond League Sdn. Bhd. on 30/04/1999 and subsequently transferred to Shin Yang Trading on 13/06/2003.

#### **Management / Land Tenure:**

The management is based at FTL No. T/3228 located in the Sungai Bahau – Sungai Kahei and Sungai Kajang area in the Belaga district that was issued to Shin Yang Trading on 13/06/2003 and annual renewal has been approved by FDS until 29/04/2022 (Ref.#: (06)JHS/WPO.628.369(IX)) for all activities within the concession. Shin Yang Trading has formally sub-contracted Shin Yang Sdn. Bhd. (97865-T) to conduct logging operations in FTL No. T/3228.

The cutting limit for Dipterocarp is 50+ cm DBH and non-Dipterocarp is 45+ cm DBH (Ref. #: WPO 628.369(VIII)-58 dated 28/11/2017).

#### Management Planning (FMP / GP):

The FMP for FTL No. T/3228 (Linau FMU) was approved by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) on 17/04/2017 (Ref. #: DF.972.133(Jld.6)-51). The FMP has been reviewed (mid-year) on 20/08/2020.

The revised General Plan (GP) has been approved by the FDS on 24/10/2019 [Ref. #: (02) JHS/600-3/7/110/Jld.3] that covers 72,710 ha of the licensed concession inclusive of the international buffer zone of 1 KM. The General Plan consists of a map of the license that was revised and approved on 24/10/2019 and valid through December 2041. A total of 25 re-entry coupes have been identified within the FTL No. T/3228 under a revised GP.

#### Operational activities:

Shin Yang Trading has re-defined and re-numbered the coupe areas for FTL No. T/3228 and now divided into 25 coupe areas that were re-numbered and approved in the revised GP.

Shin Yang Trading is currently only operating in Coupe 01AR

- Coupe #: 01AR; Coupe area = 6207 ha; Blocks = 82
- Detailed Harvesting Plan (DP) approved on 25/09/2017
- Permit to enter Coupe (Operation Heading 5) is endorsed by FDS for active Block 10, Block 30, and Block 31.

#### Land use classification:

Land classification	GP Area (ha)
Total licensed area: FTL No. T/3228	72,710
Production Area	59,151
Natural Forest Management Area	59,151
Plantation Forest (ITP)	0
Protected Forest & Conservation Areas	6,232
Social Community & Shifting Agriculture	672

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International Buffer zone (1 km)	6,655
Infrastructure, Roads Buildings, etc.	NA

#### **Environmental context:**

Forest type and history of management

FTL No. T/3228 is a logged over lowland MDF areas associated with the less rugged Terrain Classes II and III (slopes less than 35 degrees) that has been logged under conventional systems. The steep area defined as Class IV terrain (slope > 35 degrees) to be identified in the GP and reserved as green belts and conservation areas for biodiversity conservation.

#### Principal commercial species

The current vegetation is predominantly logged over mixed Dipterocarp forest (MDF). Patches of shifting cultivation with secondary vegetation may be found that includes species of Macaranga, Adinandra, and Ficus. The forest has been subject to 7-year period timber harvesting from 2003 to 2010. Most remaining trees consist of species of the Dipterocarp family (*Shorea* spp., *Eugenia* spp. (Ubah), and non-Dipterocarp family Dialium (Keranji) and Lauraceae (Medang).

Specific biological values (e.g. rare or endangered species)

The EIA identified fauna included 29 species of mammals, 27 species of frogs, and 187 species of birds (CTC 1995). Presence of Bornean gibbon, red langur, pig-tailed macaque, barking deer and mousedeer were observed in the upper Batang Baleh River.

Birds observed during the EIA included pigeons, hornbills, starlings, mynas, sparrows, spiderhunter, sunbird and flowerpecker (April 2009 EIA report).

Environmental services e.g., critical watersheds, wildlife corridor, etc. provided by the forest.

Rivers associated with the project area includes Sungai Kajang, Sungai Bangan, Sungai Malarang, Sungai Baleh and Sungai Linau.

#### Recommended width of the riparian buffer zone within a project area based on rivers:

Stream	Width (m)	Recommended Buffer (m)	
Sungai Kajang	30-40	40	
Sungai Linau, Sungai Kahai	10-15	10-20	
Other smaller tributaries	5-8	10	

#### Existing EIA report

CNF Consultancy Sdn. Bhd. (715028-U) conducted an EIA in April 2009. The EIA assessment report "Re-Entry Forest Logging under Timber License T/3228 at Linau, Kapit Division Sarawak" was approved by the Natural resources & Environmental Board (NREB) on 25/07/2009 [Ref. #: (12) NREB/6-3/2F/33].

#### Social context

#### **Social Assessment:**

Shin Yang Trading conducted an internal SIA for Long Lidem on 16/06/2017 (Ref.#: Linau/T3228/SIA, Revision 03 dated 31/12/2019) which is the only Longhouse associated with the concession. The social impact assessment evaluated impacts of forest operations, mitigation, and watershed management to minimize potential impacts. The SIA report stated that Long Lidem is still dependent on forest resources.

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#### Key findings of social assessment:

There was only one longhouse identified and mapped inside the licensed area which is Long Lidem. The community was residing inside the FTL No. T/3228 since 1969 and located approximately within 3KM from the licensed boundary. Shifting cultivation occurred on slopes along roads, footpath or stream reserves stopped for the last 6 to 7 years ago. Fruit trees grown were durian, mangoes, pinang, rambutan, langsat, banana, etc. Other crops planted were yam, tapioca, and vegetables. Forest products collected included rattan, bamboo and bemban for making handicraft such as floor mat, tray, and basket. Currently, hunting and fishing are the only activity conducted by the local community to support their livelihood. The SIA result has summarized that the monthly income range for the Long Lidem household is from RM0 to RM900.

Regarding education, primary boarding school was available at the Long Kajang and Lusong. The nearest secondary schools are available in Kapit and Bintulu. There is no public road or transportation available. The local community relies on existing logging road networks and rivers for transportation. There was no medical facility or clinic at the project site. The nearest clinic was at Abit Camp inside the FTL No. T/3342. More severe health or emergency cases are mainly referred to Kapit or Bintulu General Hospitals.

No areas within FTL No. T/3228 has been gazetted as Native Customary Right (NCR) under the Land Code.

Village location with GPS Coordinates in FTL No. T/3228

No.	Race	ce Village GPS Coordinates Name (Timbalai)		Coupe	Remark(s)
1	Punan	Long Lidem	N 02° 20' 8" E 114° 40' 40"	Original coupes 1 AR / 2AR, Re-numbered coupes: 19AR – 25 AR	Estimated population: 109 people; 27 doors

#### **Social Monitoring:**

Meetings between the company and Long Lidem in November 2021 are recorded and documented.

#### Scope of Assessment

- The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance of FTL No. T/3228 Shin Yang Trading Sdn. Bhd. with the Principles 1-4 of the STLVS Standard (v02) 29 January 2019.
- Site evaluation to verify and report the level of compliance by **Shin Yang Trading Sdn. Bhd.** 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 only minor gaps or no gaps against any applicable criteria of the standard. Non-compliance to the Sarawak Legality Standard occurs when a Major Gap is issued against an indicator and associated criterion.

Itinerary of Assessment					
Date	Activities	GFS Staff	Mandays		
20 October 2021	Travel to Shin Yang head office, Miri.	Franklin Emang	1		
Wednesday	Opening meeting & document review for T/3432.	Frankiin Emang	I		
21 October 2021	Travel to Shin Yang head office, Miri.	Franklin Emana	1		
Thursday	Document review & closing meeting for T/3432.	Franklin Emang	ı		
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Friday		Franklin Emang	
9-10 January 2022 Monday	Travel Sabah to Nibong campsite, opening meeting and document review for FTL No T/3432.	Priera Bagang	1
11 January 2022 Tuesday	Field assessment for Nibong FMU campsite, community meeting (Batu Keling) at Nibong campsite (FTL No. T/3432), field visit to licensed area, Coupe 01AR Block 1 and travel to Abit campsite and opening meetings for FTL No. T/3228 and Shin Yang Wood System Sdn. Bhd. and document review for FTL No. T/3432.	Priera Bagang	1
12 January 2022 Wednesday	Travel to FTL No. T/3228, field visit to licensed area; C01AR Block 10, PoRM, campsite and Community meeting, Long Lidem.	Priera Bagang	1
13 January 2022 Thursday	Document review at Abit campsite for FTL No. T/3228 & FTL No. T/3432.	Priera Bagang	1
14 January 2022 Friday	STLVS P5-6 for Shin Yang Wood System and closing meeting.	Priera Bagang	1
15 January 2022 Saturday	Travel to Miri and finalising report for FTL No. T/3432, FTL No. T/3228, and Shin Yang Wood System.	Priera Bagang	1
16 January 2022 Sunday	Data compilation and report drafting	Priera Bagang	1
17 January 2022 Monday	Community meeting at Miri and travel to FTL No. T/9155 campsite.	Priera Bagang	1
18 January 2022 Tuesday	Field visit to licensed area, FTL No. T/9155 Coupe 01 Block 01.	Priera Bagang	1
19 January 2022 Wednesday	Campsite inspection and travel to Miri.	Priera Bagang	1
20 January 2022 Thursday	Document review and finalising report for FTL No. T/9155.	Priera Bagang	1
21 January 2021 Friday	Closing meeting for FTL No. T/3432, FTL No. T/3228, and FTL No. T/9155 through zoom.	Priera Bagang	1
22 – 23 January 2021	Reporting: GFSS 024-014 Reporting: GFSS 024-015 Reporting: GFSS 024-016 Reporting: GFSS 021-048	Dr. Kevin Grace, Priera Bagang	8
Total			24

## **Highlights of Assessment**

**Shin Yang Trading Sdn. Bhd.** has complied with the Sarawak Legality Standard (Principles 1-4) as no non-compliance was identified during the assessment on **January 2022**.

Summary of current status of operations against each principle.

#### Principle 1:

Shin Yang Trading has demonstrated compliance with license requirements, EIA requirements and management planning guidelines. The company is currently only conducting harvesting operations in Coupe 01AR. Shin Yang Trading has redefined coupe areas to 25 coupes and renumbered coupe areas

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in FTL No. T/3228.

The General Plan consists of a map of the concession-licensed area to identify the coupe areas for production, protection based on steep slopes 35° & above (Terrain class IV) international buffer zones and other areas for protection.

#### Principle 2:

Shin Yang Trading has demonstrated compliance with forestry operation standards, demarcation of boundaries and areas for protection, tree enumeration, control of timber production, log transportation, worker safety and health.

The main entry into FTL No. T/3228 is located outside of the licensed area (Linau Security manned gate; N 02° 19' 06.3" E 114° 42' 54.8"). This security checkpoint also functions as the main entry point to the licensed area.

Regular monitoring for encroachment of the licence boundary was conducted. Based on monitoring results, no encroachment was identified.

Shin Yang Trading production was well below the monthly production limit as approved by FDS. No evidence of cutting undersized trees. The current active coupe is Coupe 01AR. Shin Yang Trading conducted 100% harvest tree marking and location mapping for the RIL Logging Plan (RILP). The cutting limit for Dipterocarp is 50+ cm DBH and non-Dipterocarp is 45+ cm DBH (Ref. #: WPO 628.369(VIII)-58 dated 28/11/2017).

Related documents on production, royalty payment and transportation were adequately maintained.

Field workers had valid documents and covered under SOCSO and insurance. All field workers were equipped with PPE. Training was provided to workers, and they were aware of safety and health procedures. Training was documented and maintained.

#### Principle 3:

Shin Yang Trading demonstrated compliance with payment of Royalty Fees and other charges as required.

#### Principle 4:

The EIA reported longhouse Long Lidem was the only longhouse located within a 3 km from the FTL No. T/3228. No areas within FTL No. T/3228 have been gazetted as Native Customary Right (NCR) under the Land Code. Shin Yang Trading has established an agreement with Long Lidem on 01/05/1999.

A revised Goodwill Agreement was signed on 14/08/2017 between Shin Yang Trading and Long Lidem and FTL No. T/3328 Linau Camp to provide a monthly allowance to the head of the longhouse and committee members. The claimed coupe areas are planned for re-entry in 2035.

There are no outstanding disputes between Long Lidem and the company. All issues are discussed and resolved during the periodic meeting with the Long Lidem committee. Shin Yang Trading has mapped areas claimed by Long Lidem along the Kajang River. All claims have been documented and agreements have been negotiated.

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## **Summary results:**

(Major Gap = 0 / Minor Gap = 0 / Observations = 0)

GAPs:				,
GAP#	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
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\*Note: Major Gap = Non-Compliance / Minor Gap still compliant to criterion. Minor Gap may be upgraded to a Major Gap if not adequately addressed by the date of the next surveillance visit.

Observations				
Obs#	Checklist	Description		
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<sup>\*</sup>Note: Observations can be upgraded to a Minor Gap if not adequately addressed by the date of the next surveillance visit.

Highlights of Close out visit (if applicable)	Dates	-
Not applicable		

#### Recommendations

**Shin Yang Trading Sdn. Bhd.** has demonstrated compliance with the Sarawak Legality Standard (Principles 1-4) for Forest Timber License No. T/3228 and is recommended to receive a GFS Statement of Compliance and STLVS Certificate of Compliance from FDS.

The next annual monitoring visit will be scheduled for January 2023.

#### **End of Summary Report**