

# Executive Summary

This document describes the High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs) that had been identified and will be managed and documented by Pesama Timber Corporation Sdn Bhd (PESAMA) in conformity with the certification policy of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). It follows the general guidelines as laid out by the Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia (FDPM) as well as that of the WWF-Malaysia “National Toolkit” for HCVF, *i.e.* within the bounds of the company’s existing available resources, capacity and capability. As a responsible company, PESAMA does acknowledge that the 20,243-ha rich and biologically-diverse mixed tropical rain forest (TRF) of Cherul Forest Concession (CFC) that it currently manages, surely contains many HCVs that are, and should be identified, studied, documented and sustainably managed for the service of mankind in perpetuity. PESAMA’s long-standing policy in this regard is to continue to further explore, study and understand the said forest resources in a continuous effort to improve its professionalism and sustainably manage CFC. The management of CFC is being affected following the principle of sustainable forest management (SFM), using the Malaysian Selective Management System (SMS) and in accordance with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)’s standard of certification.

The HCVF areas that had been identified and set aside are to be managed separately, but in tandem with the rest of CFC, as laid out, *albeit* in generic terms, in this HCVF Management Plan document. The HCVF areas were identified based on records and data from surveys of the areas, as well as inputs received from relevant stakeholders and various sources. Based on the surveys conducted, and for reasons of practicality and managerial expediency – at least for this early stage - the following areas have been recommended to be set aside as new HCVF areas for CFC:

1. The Keruing neram (*Dipterocarpus oblongifolia*) trees and ecosystem that hug and protect the banks of Cherul River, within Compartment 35 involving an approximate total area of 140 ha,
2. The traditional Durian fruit orchard of the local Orang Asli community located within Compartment 35, involving a total area of 5 ha, and
3. The seasonal salt-lick along with the unique flora and fauna in its immediate vicinity, involving a total area of 5 ha, within Compartment 35.

Other HCVF areas will be accordingly added to the above list over time, as and when appropriate, so that the list can be expanded to cover as much as possible the six categories of HCVFs, and to eventually fulfil FSC’s requirement that at least 10% of the area of CFC should be set aside and declared as HCVF. Concomittantly the HCVF Management Plan will also revised periodically from time to time on regular basis.