
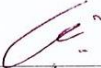
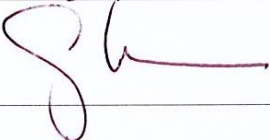


**HIGH CONSERVATION VALUES (HCV) ASSESSMENT REPORT (REVISED)**  
**FOR GERAK SAGA SDN BHD (SFMLA 01/2015) IN**  
**BENGKOKA FOREST RESERVE & TAMBALUGU FOREST RESERVE (6,467 HA)**  
**PITAS DISTRICT**

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### **Update from the Last Version (14 February 2020)**

The purpose of this section is to highlight the changes made in the document from the previous report. The whole concept of the HCV approach is based on the adaptive management concept by revising management strategies based on the finding from the progressive monitoring efforts. In this latest report, dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020, update of the contents is made by including the threats to the HCVs identified in Gerak Saga. The additional content is attached in the Addendum 1 (Page 24-25).

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

Gerak Saga Sdn Bhd is implementing industrial tree plantation (ITP) under the Sustainable Forest Management License Agreement (SFMLA/2015) with the government of Sabah State for 100 years on 6,467 ha (hereinafter referred to as the 'Project Area') of land in Bengkoka and Tambalugu Forest Reserves (Class II) located in Bengkoka Peninsula (Figure 1.1). Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the SFMLA, Gerak Saga Sdn Bhd (hereinafter referred to as the 'Company') is undertaking inter-alia, the extraction of residual timber, establishment of managed forest plantation and restoration of natural forest areas.

To meet growing local and global demands for timber, pulpwood, and other wood products, Malaysia has undertaken extensive industrial tree plantation with fast-growing exotic species such as *Acacia spp.* and *Eucalyptus spp.* (Gaveau *et al.*, 2016) which contribute enormously to the country's economy including pulpwood. These plantations may satisfy increasing demands for wood materials but also contribute to tropical forest conservation by reducing extraction from primary and secondary forests, providing important ecosystem services and offering suitable habitat for threatened species.

The Project Area is mainly dominated by *Acacia mangium* and other *Acacia species* which comprising approximately over 90% of the forest (CAIMS, 2005). The forest reserve is deteriorating due to previous exploitation as early as the 1970s, lack of management, forest fire, droughts and disease thus resulting in the invasion of the *Acacia spp.* leaving approximately less than 2% of natural forest remnant mostly in riparian areas.

The HCV approach was initially developed by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and it is a requirement under Principle 9 of the FSC Stewardship Standards, and it has proven useful for identifying and managing environmental and social values in production landscapes. Under this, to obtain the forest certification such as the FSC, Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), forest managers are required to identify HCV attributes that occurs within their individual forest management units or concessions, to manage them with the intention of maintaining or enhancing the values identified and to monitor the success of this management.

FSC Principle 9 High Conservation Values (FSC-STD-01-001 v5.2);

The Organization\* shall maintain and/or enhance the High Conservation Values\* in the Management Unit\* through applying the precautionary approach\*.

9.1 The Organization\*, through engagement\* with affected stakeholders\*, interested stakeholders\* and other means and sources, shall assess and record the presence and status of the following High Conservation Values\* in the Management Unit\*, proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk\* of impacts of management activities, and likelihood of the occurrence of the High Conservation Values;

HCV 1 - Species diversity. Concentrations of biological diversity\* including endemic species, and rare, threatened or endangered\* species, that are significant at global, regional or national levels.

HCV 2 - Landscape-level ecosystems and mosaics. Intact forest landscapes and large landscape-level ecosystems\* and ecosystem mosaics that are significant at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance.

HCV 3 - Ecosystems and habitats. Rare, threatened, or endangered ecosystems, habitats\* or refugia\*.

HCV 4 - Critical ecosystem services. Basic ecosystem services\* in critical situations, including protection of water catchments and control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes.

HCV 5 - Community needs. Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of local communities\* or Indigenous Peoples\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.), identified through engagement with these communities or Indigenous Peoples.

HCV 6 - Cultural values. Sites, resources, habitats and landscapes\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of critical cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of local communities or Indigenous Peoples, identified through engagement with these local communities or Indigenous Peoples.

There is no public record of comprehensive surveys of wildlife carried out in the project areas and there is a little information on the project area available on the Sabah Forestry Department's

website (*CAIMS*) which mentioned the last survey in the project area was conducted in the year 2003.

This assessment is fundamental to collect the data on the wildlife as well as their habitat including identifying HCV attributes and embarks the following objectives:

- i. To provide baseline data of wildlife in the Project Area for the management and monitoring plan.
- ii. To identify any potential High Conservation Values (HCV) in the 6,467 ha of Gerak Saga concession area.



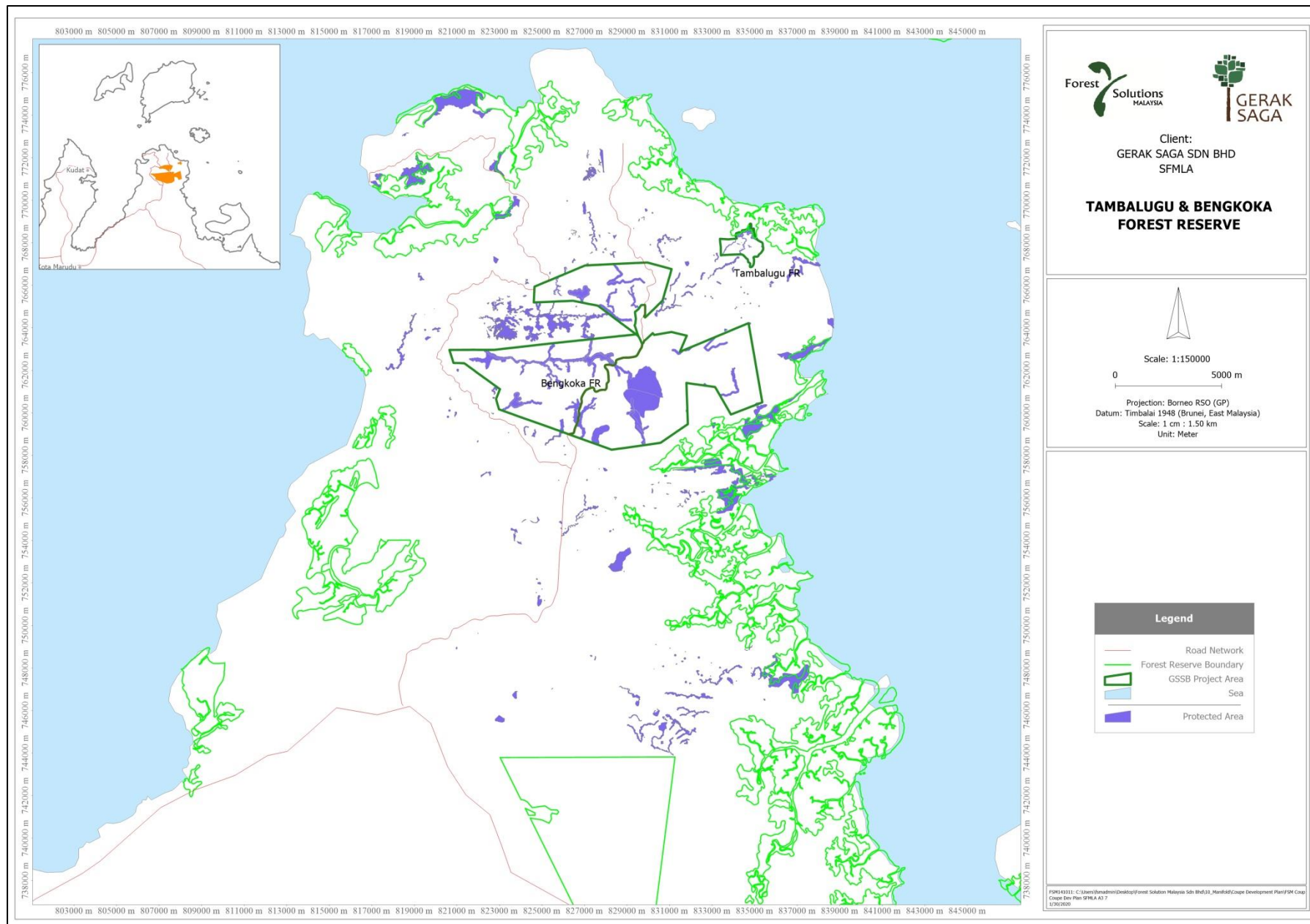


Figure 1.1 Map showing the location of Bengkoka Forest Reserve and Tambalugu Forest Reserve (6,467 ha) in Bengkoka Peninsular, Pitas



## **2.0 Description of the Assessment Area**

### **a. Project Location and Size**

The Bengkoka Peninsula occupies the northernmost part of the Borneo Island in the Malay Archipelago between 6°40' and 7°01' degrees North, 117°01' and 117°15' East, covering roughly an area of 640 kilometres square (km<sup>2</sup>). It is verged on the West and North by the South China Sea, on the East by the Sulu Sea and the South by lower regions of Crocker Range.

The project area is known as Gerak Saga Sdn. Bhd Tree Plantation License Area, which covers an area approximately 6,467 ha, comprising the 6,270 ha Bengkoka Forest Reserve and the 197 ha Tambalugu Forest Reserve (Figure 1.1).

The two forest reserves are managed as a single Forest Management Unit (FMU) and are divided into four (4) Coupes, Coupes 1-3 (Bengkoka Forest Reserve) and Coupe 4 (Tambalagu Forest Reserve).

### **b. Access**

The primary access to the Bengkoka Peninsula is through the main highway connecting Kota Marudu and Pitas Districts. Bengkoka Forest Reserve (BFR) is accessible off tarred and gravelled road of Jalan Mongkubou Laut, approximately 25 kilometres (km) north of Pitas town, less than a kilometre (km) north of Kampung Bongkol, Pitas. The Tambalugu Forest Reserve (TFR) is located approximately 4 kilometres (km) north-east of the BFR and is accessible from Kampung Sorupil following the existing roads north, connecting to Jalan Suang Duyung to access the project area.

### **c. Geology and Topography**

The geology of the Bengkoka Peninsula area is represented by Tertiary sedimentary formation that extends to mainland Asia and it is on the Eurasian Plate. The majority of the peninsular interior is clastic sedimentary rocks while coastline alluvial deposits make its exterior.

The major E-W trending structure of the project area consists of moderate hills, cuestas, and ridges. Several major faults dominate the project area including the South-eastern Petani Baru fault, central Nuri Harapan fault, Telaga fault dominates the Western part of the area and Kampung Bongkol fault dominates North-central part.

The topography in the project area consists of gently undulating terrain with some low broken ridges. Some short steep slopes occur next to rivers but the slopes are predominantly less than 25 degrees. Elevations range from 26 meters (m) to 130 metres (m) above sea level.

Types of soils including Orthic Acrisols/Ustols being predominantly type formed on sandstone parent material. Minor soils area represented by Orthic Cambisols/Typic Dystrochrepts formed on sandstone parent material, Gleyic Cambisols/Fluventhic Dystrustepts formed on alluvium parent material and Orthic Podzols/Orthods formed on sandstone parent.

#### **d. Climate**

Malaysia belongs to the Tropical Rainforest Climate Zone (Af) according to the Köppen Climate Classification which suggests all 12 months have an average precipitation of at least 60 mm. The South-west monsoon occurs in May to August usually brings more rains to the West coast of Sabah and less in the East coast, while in November to February more rains in the East coast than the west coast of Sabah by the North-east monsoon.

The highest and lowest of average rainfall amount recorded annually since 2009 – 2015 in Pitas is 317.48 mm in March 2011 and 11.27 mm in February 2010 respectively (Figure 2.1). Meanwhile, the highest and lowest of average temperature annually since 2009 – 2015 in Pitas is 29°C and 26°C respectively (Figure 2.2). Humidity in Pitas has recorded an average of 86% as the highest in January 2009 and recorded 72% as the lowest in June 2012, July 2014 and June 2015 (Figure 2.3).

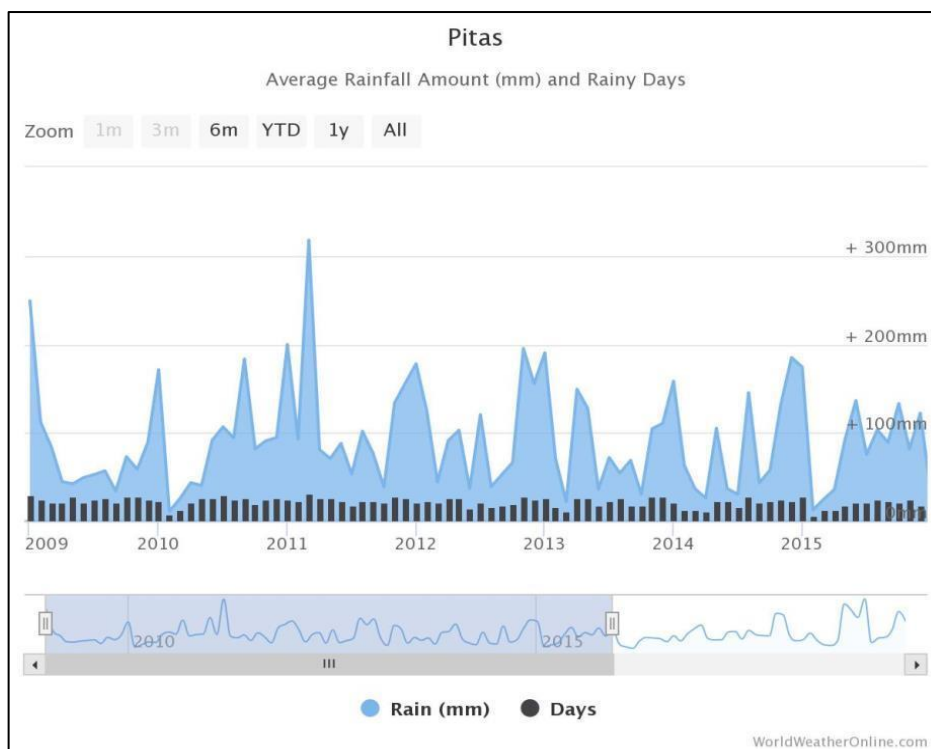


Figure 2.1 Record of average rainfall amount (mm) and rainy days in Pitas from 2009 - 2015  
(Source: <https://www.worldweatheronline.com/pitas-weather-averages/sabah/my.aspx>)

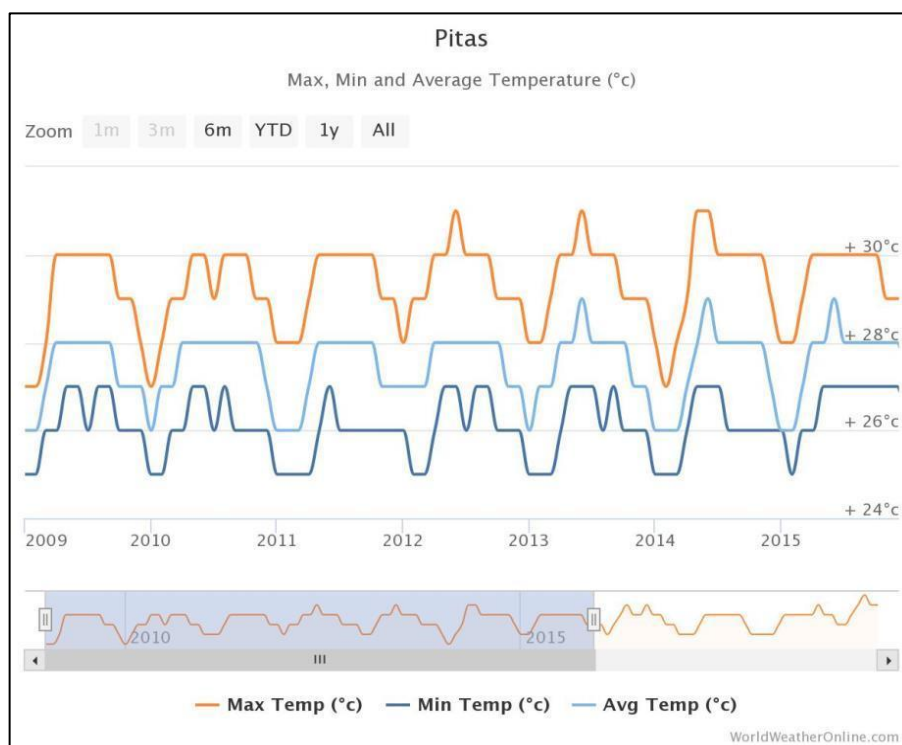


Figure 2.2 Record of max, min and the average temperature of Pitas from 2009 – 2015  
(Source: <https://www.worldweatheronline.com/pitas-weather-averages/sabah/my.aspx>)

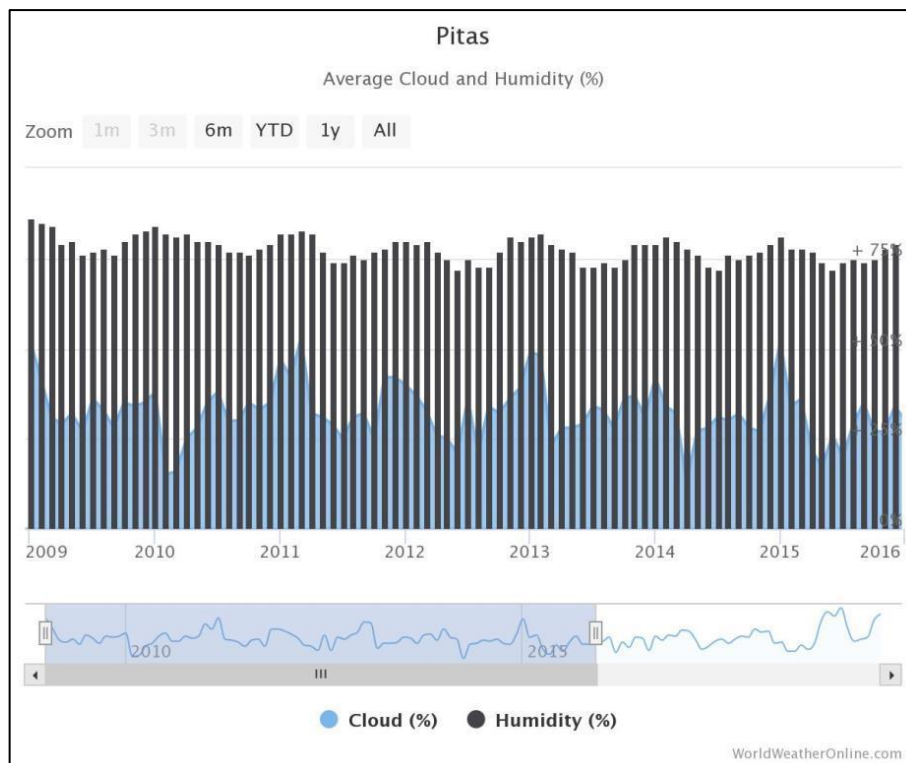


Figure 2.3 Record of average cloud and humidity in Pitas from 2009 -2015 (Source: <https://www.worldweatheronline.com/pitas-weather-averages/sabah/my.aspx>)

#### e. Vegetation Types

The Bengkoka Peninsular was originally covered in tropical rainforest until 80 years ago when forest clearing happened for agriculture crops cultivation and forest clearing for the purpose of plantation establishment started approximately 30 years ago. Scattered remnants of the original forest can be seen although the coastal zone remains fringed with mangrove forest. Presently, most of Bengkoka Peninsular area is under commercial plantations of tropical timber, oil palm, and rubber and subsistence agriculture of dry and wet paddy.

The project area was severely degraded and dominated by wild *Acacia mangium* and *Acacia spp.* of mixed ages and densities, comprising approximately 90% of the area (CAIMS, 2005). The wild *Acacia mangium* in most areas were attacked by fungus disease known as *Ceratocystis manginecan*, and has also been subjected to several fires.

Wildfires occurred through the project area as early as 1983 impacting approximately 70% of the project area and the area were repeatedly burnt since then leaving fields barren of trees, vegetated only with grasses, fern, and wild regeneration of the *Acacia* tree species.

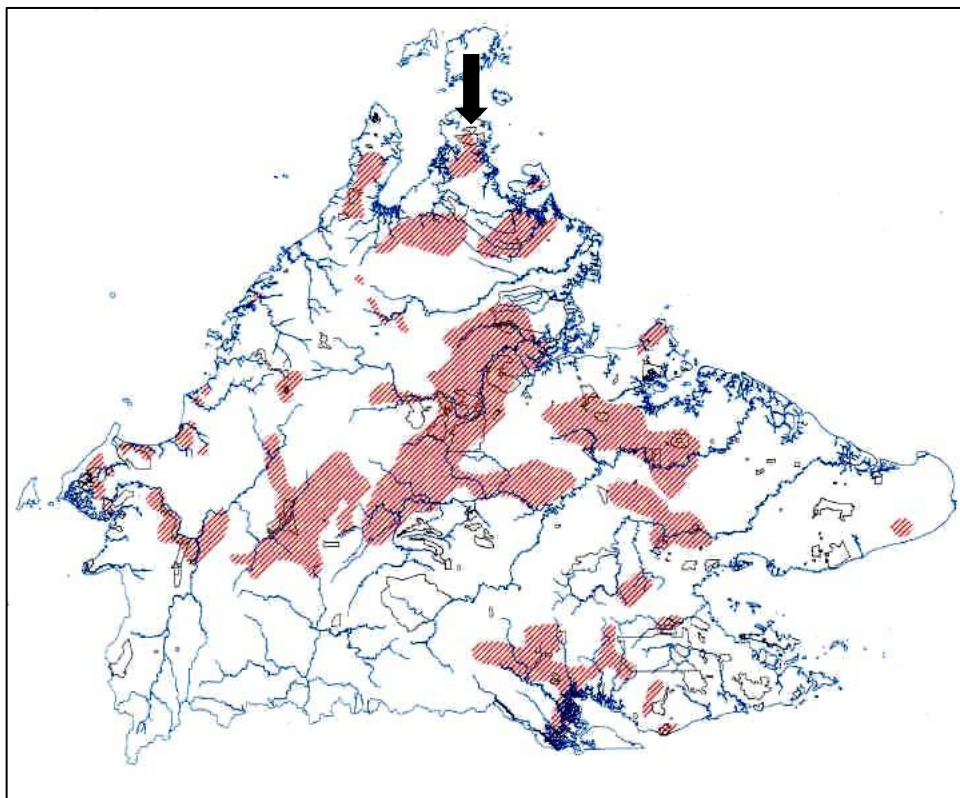


Figure 2.4 Fire scar 1983 across Sabah

*Acacia* is known to be an aggressive invasive species on degraded land but does not readily establish itself in the shade of well-established forest stands. On the other hand, the natural vegetation (< 2%) exists in small patches on the riverine areas within the project area.

Table 2.1 Vegetation Type

| Vegetation Type  | Sizes (ha) | Percentage (%) |
|--|------------|----------------|
| Unmanaged <i>Acacia</i> (wild regeneration) and barren areas | 5820.3     | 90             |
| Secondary (natural) forest                                   | 112.8      | 1.74           |
| Mangrove forest  | 12.1       | 0.18           |

### 3.0 HCV Assessment Team

The HCV assessment was conducted internally by a team of the management company of the project area; Forest Solutions Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. HCV assessment in both forest reserves was conducted from October 2015 to March 2016. Biodiversity surveys were conducted by the project management team to identify HCV 1 for species diversity, HCV 3 for endangered ecosystem or habitat and HCV 4 for ecosystem services. HCV 2 and HCV 4 were first identified by the Planning and GIS Department through Geographic Information System and field verification by the Survey team through the boundary and blocking demarcation. There are no settlements within the project area and the surrounding villages were identified by the Community team during the community survey. HCV 5 and 6 were identified during the social impact assessment activities.

### 4.0 Timeline and Methods

#### a. Timeline

Table 4.1 Summary of the timeline of the HCV Assessment

| Timeline  | Event  |
|---|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2015 – 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 | Recce and conduct fieldwork of identification of HCV identification in Bengkoka Forest Reserve   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015             | Recce and sampling for Environmental Impact Assessment with Environmental Consultant in the Project Area.  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016 – 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016      | Conduct fieldwork for HCV identification in Tambalugu Forest Reserve.  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2016                                   | HCV Assessment Report completed  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 - 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017         | Megapode Field Survey in Tambalugu Forest Reserve ( <i>see Annex 6 for full report</i> )   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2018                                | HCV Assessment Report submitted to Sabah Forestry Dept.  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2019       | Engagement with stakeholders regarding HCV at Kg Suang Duyung's community hall involving local communities from 4 villages - Kg. Suang Duyung, Kg Sorupil, Kg. Bawing, Kg. Maringgal; neighbouring forest manager - Acacia Forest Industries; and a government agency - the Sabah Wildlife Department. |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019                               | HCV Assessment Report 2019 (Revised) completed   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2019                               | Submission of the report to stakeholders for review  |
| October 2019 - December 2019                                  | Conducted another Social Impact Assessment   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                                 | HCV Assessment Report (Revision 2020) completed - with regards to the stakeholder's review.  |



## b. Methods

### • Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Environmental Impact Assessment was conducted in the project area to evaluate the impacts of forest management in the area on the environment. The EIA was conducted by the company appointed consultant - Chemsain Konsultant Sdn Bhd. The EIA report defined the management objectives to support sustainable forest management based on the principles of the multiple uses, sustained yield of resources for economic, social and environmental purposes.

### • Field Survey and Sampling Designs

Field surveys were conducted within a different timeframe in the project area. The field survey was conducted in Bengkoka Forest Reserve from 3<sup>rd</sup> October until 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 meanwhile in Tambalugu Forest Reserve it was conducted from 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 until 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. This was due to poor condition of road access to the Tambalugu Forest Reserve, lack of clean water supply nearby to set up camp for the team and other technical resources to conduct the field surveys.

In both of the forest reserves, flora and fauna assessment were conducted through;

1. Line Transect and Recce Walks
2. Opportunistic sighting - foot and road survey
3. Mist-netting
4. Stream transect (for amphibian)
5. Camera trapping

#### Recce Walks

The concept in recce walks is to collect the information of wildlife through walking along a chosen transect which least resistance through the forest understorey (Ancrenaz, 2013).

In Bengkoka Forest Reserve, recce walks were carried out on 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (Figure 4.2) and in Tambalugu Forest Reserve, recce walks were carried out between 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 (Annex 1.3). Transect lines were established from the walks.

The details of the vegetation, topography, canopies, animal signs and sights, as well as signs of disturbances, were recorded by the collector in the field survey forms during the walks. Opportunistic sightings of animals were also recorded during the walk.

Table 4.2 Transect lines coordinate in Bengkoka Forest Reserve

| No. | Transect Name | Location | Date       | Starting Point                | Ending Point                  | Distance (m) |
|-----|---------------|----------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1   | Transect 1    | Coupe 1  | 23/10/2015 | N06°51'46.9"<br>E117°08'28.7" | N06°51'38.2"<br>E117°08'04.7" | 1000         |
| 2   | Transect 2    | Coupe 1  | 24/10/2015 | N06°51'49.8"<br>E117°07'08.8" | N06°51'45.2"<br>E117°07'15.3" | 320          |
| 3   | Transect 3    | Coupe 2  | 24/10/2015 | N06°52'39.1"<br>E117°09'35.5" | N06°52'52.8"<br>E117°09'21.3" | 620          |
| 4   | Transect 4    | Coupe 2  | 25/10/2015 | N06°51'10.1"<br>E117°08'52.5" | N06°50'56.3"<br>E117°08'47.8" | 850          |

|   |            |         |            |                               |                               |      |
|---|------------|---------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| 5 | Transect 5 | Coupe 3 | 26/10/2015 | N06°54'16.6"<br>E117°08'29.8" | N06°54'16.7"<br>E117°08'50.0" | 700  |
|   |            |         |            |                               | Total                         | 3490 |

### Opportunistic Sightings

Road survey by foot was carried out in Bengkoka Forest Reserve four times which was from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The recommended ideal length of a road segment for a road survey by foot was 5 km (Ancrenaz, 2013). In this assessment, the total of road segment surveyed by foot was approximately 8 km (Table 4.3). Road access in the Bengkoka Forest Reserve could increase the chance to observe certain species such as the primates as they may be attracted to come to the road for food. On the contrary, some other big species may avoid themselves from the road. Any animal's signs such as footprints, faeces, and call or direct observation, during the survey were recorded.

A survey by vehicle was carried out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015. This survey was carried out at night time as the chances of observing animals may increase. The ideal road survey segment suggested for road survey by vehicle is from 10 - 20 km (Ancrenaz, 2013). Opportunistic sightings during the road surveys by the vehicle were recorded in a field datasheet.

These are the materials and equipment that were used for the road surveys by foot and vehicle;

- i. GPS and binocular
- ii. Field datasheet
- iii. Spotlight
- iv. Four-wheel drive vehicle

Table 4.3 Road survey segment in Bengkoka Forest Reserve

| No. | Segment           | Coupe         | Date       | Starting Point                | Ending Point                  | Distance (m) |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1   | 1<br>(by foot)    | Coupe 1       | 23/10/2015 | N06°51'46.4"<br>E117°08'28.7" | N06°51'38.2"<br>E117°08'04.7" | 789          |
| 2   | 2<br>(by foot)    | Coupe 1       | 25/10/2015 | N06°52'01.1"<br>E117°09'06.5" | N06°52'15.1"<br>E117°08'09.8" | 1780         |
| 3   | 3<br>(by foot)    | Coupe 2       | 24/10/2015 | N06°52'39.0"<br>E117°09'35.5" | N06°52'52.8"<br>E117°09'21.3" | 619          |
| 4   | 4<br>(by foot)    | Coupe 2       | 25/10/2015 | N06°50'56.3"<br>E117°08'47.8" | N06°52'01.1"<br>E117°09'06.5" | 2080         |
| 5   | 5<br>(by foot)    | Coupe 3       | 26/10/2015 | N06°54'15.6"<br>E117°08'49.0" | N06°54'16.5"<br>E117°08'29.8" | 589          |
| 6   | 6<br>(by vehicle) | Coupe 1-<br>2 | 04/11/2015 | N06°52'15.7"<br>E117°08'09.7" | N06°55'12.6"<br>E117°08'09.7" | 1292         |
| 7   | 7<br>(by vehicle) | Coupe 1-<br>2 | 04/11/2015 | N06°52'15.7"<br>E117°08'09.7" | N06°52'17.8"<br>E117°07'45.1" | 1030         |
|     |                   |               |            |                               | Total                         | 8179         |

### Mist Netting

Mist nets were used to conduct the bird survey as the baseline survey for the bird in the area (Figure 4.1). The bird survey in Bengkoka Forest Reserve was conducted for 13 days from 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and from 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and the bird survey in Tambalugu Forest Reserve was carried out only one day at different location in the area due to factors such as poor road accessibility and the team were not able to camp in the area due to drought season where water (cooking, bathing etc.) was scarce.

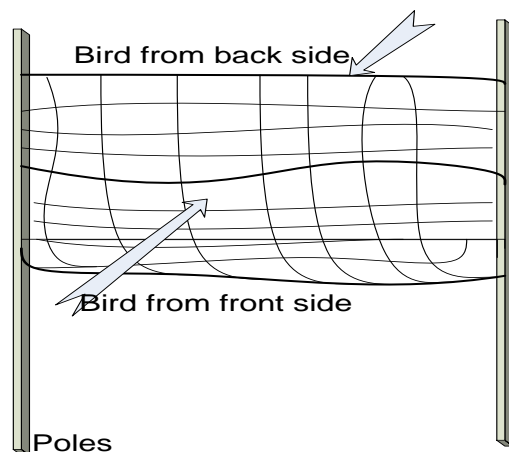


Figure 4.1 Illustration of mist netting for a bird survey

Five to six mist nets were used and they were randomly placed at the suitable sites (Table 4.4, Table 4.5 and Annex 1). Wooden pole was used to tie the mist nets. The mist nets were opened every day before 7:00 am, checked every two hours and closed at 5:00 pm. The mist nets were closed at 5:00 pm to avoid other animals trapped in the net in the evening or night. Birds that were caught, were identified, photographed and recorded before being released.

These are the materials and equipment used for the bird survey:

- i. Mist nets
- ii. Wooden pole
- iii. Field manual book
- iv. GPS
- v. Camera

Table 4.4 Mist nets coordinate in Bengkoka Forest Reserve

| No. | Mist-net No. | Coordinates                   | Date set   | Date removed |
|-----|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1   | 1            | N06°52'01.1"<br>E117°09'06.5" | 27/10/2015 | 31/10/2015   |
| 2   | 2            | N06°52'19."<br>E117°07'57.5"  |            |              |
| 3   | 3            | N06°52'13.9"<br>E117°08'11.8" |            |              |
| 4   | 4            | N06°51'33.5"<br>E117°10'15.0" | 04/11/2015 | 04/11/2015   |
| 5   | 5            | N06°52'13.9"<br>E117°08'11.8" |            |              |
| 6   | 6            | N06°52'17.4"<br>E117°08'28.5" | 05/11/2015 | 09/11/2015   |
| 7   | 7            | N06°52'13.9"<br>E117°08'11.8" |            |              |

Table 4.5 Mist nets coordinate in Tambalugu Forest Reserve

| Mists-net | Coordinates                    | Vegetation  | Date set  | Date removed |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1         | N06°55'43.9"<br>E117°13'21.2"  | Wild Acacia | 5/03/2016 | 5/03/16      |
| 2         | N06°56'01.8"<br>E117°12'54.0"  | Mangrove    | 6/03/16   | 6/03/16      |
| 3         | N06°55'53.6"<br>E117°12'45.4"  | Wild Acacia | 22/03/16  | 22/03/16     |
| 4         | N06°55'49.7"<br>E117°12'50.4"  | Wild Acacia | 22/03/16  | 22/03/16     |
| 5         | N06°55'52.1"<br>E117°13'58.2"  | Wild Acacia | 22/03/16  | 22/03/16     |
| 6         | N06°55'43.3"<br>E 117°13'26.0" | Wild Acacia | 22/03/16  | 22/03/16     |

### Stream transect

The stream-transect method was used to carry out the amphibian survey in Bengkoka Forest Reserve. The basic concept of stream-transect is to establish a transect line in a stream to do the survey for amphibians especially frogs during the night time (Figure 4.2). Torchlight was used to torch the eyes of frogs as it reflects the light directed to the eyes. Once the frog was captured, it was captured inside a plastic bag for a while and being released back after being identified and photographed. The surveys were carried out on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 6<sup>th</sup> November starting from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

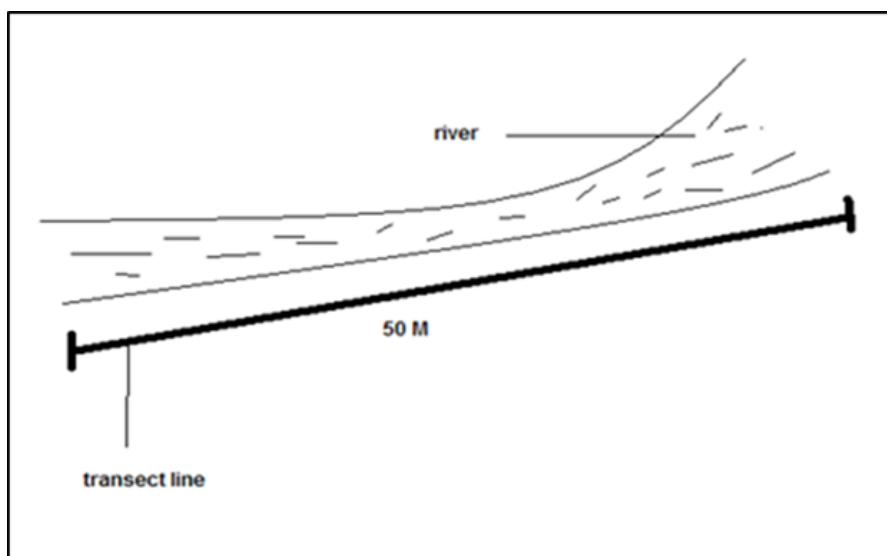


Figure 4.2 Illustration of stream-transect method

Materials used in the stream transect method;

- i. Torchlight
- ii. Field guide manual
- iii. Rubber band
- iv. Field notebook
- v. Plastic bag
- vi. Marker pen

### Camera trapping

Remote cameras were often used to conduct mammal surveys to assess the diversity of ground-dwelling mammal's species in an area. In both forest reserves, remote cameras (Bushnell and Reconyx) were deployed to collect the baseline information of mammals in the forest reserves. GPS coordinates and other details of the deployed remote cameras were taken (Table 4.6 and Table 4.7). Remote cameras were placed (perpendicular) in the path of known animal trails, mounted on a tree 30 - 40 cm from the ground with no bait used (Table 4.6 and Table 4.7) and left for at least 14 days.

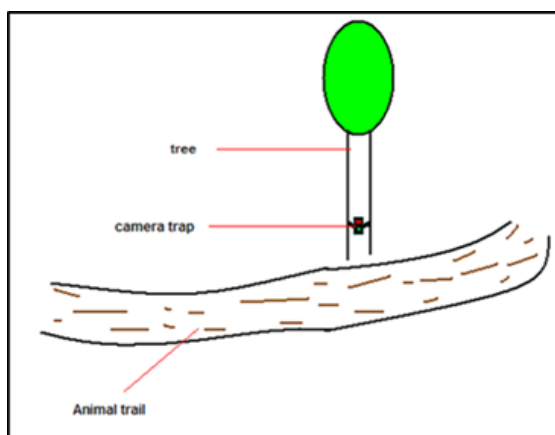


Figure 4.3 Illustration of remote cameras placement

Table 4.6 Remote cameras coordinate in Bengkoka Forest Reserve

| No | Camera | Coordinates                   | Date Set   | Date Removed |
|----|--------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1  | BKK 1  | N06°51'44.8"<br>E117°07'15.4" | 3/10/2015  | 24/10/2015   |
| 2  | BKK 2  | N06°52'46.3"<br>E117°09'28.2" | 3/10/2015  | 24/10/2015   |
| 3  | BKK 3  | N06°51'27.3"<br>E117°10'13.2" | 4/10/2015  | 4/11/2015    |
| 4  | BKK 4  | N06°52'17.8"<br>E117°08'20.6" | 17/10/2015 | 11/11/2015   |
| 5  | BKK 5  | N06°54'43.1"<br>E117°10'28.2" | 19/10/2015 | 11/11/2015   |
| 6  | BKK 6  | N06°51'00.5"<br>E117°08'54.2" | 25/10/2015 | 11/11/2015   |

Table 4.7 Remote cameras coordinate in Tambalugu Forest Reserve

| Camera | Coordinates                   | Vegetation  | Date set  | Date removed |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1      | N06°55'38.3"<br>E117°13'07.3" | Wild Acacia | 5/03/2016 | 21/03/2016   |
| 2      | N06°55'43.8"<br>E117°12'50.3" |             | 5/03/2016 | 21/03/2016   |
| 3      | N06°56'00.4"<br>E117°13'14.7" | Mangrove    | 6/03/2016 | 21/03/2016   |
| 4      | N06°56'01.6"<br>E117°12'54.8" |             | 6/03/2016 | 6/03/2016    |

- Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholder consultation was conducted with the nearby local communities namely from Kampung Sorupil, Kampung Suang Duyung, Kampung Maringgal, and Kampung Bawing; also attended by representatives from neighbouring plantation, Acacia Forest Industries (AFI) and a government agency, the Sabah Wildlife Department, through an open dialogue at the community hall of the Kampung Suang Duyung.

After that, the Community Development Department team has conducted more stakeholder consultation in Kampung Kipahung, Kampung Bongkol, Kampung Kapok, Kampung Kodong, Kampung Jambu, Kg Kakarangan and Kampung Kandang. The purpose of this consultation is mainly to assess and to cross-check the HCV 5 and HCV 6.



This assessment is conducted similar to the conducting of the community census. Several factors had been taken into account during the actual assessment day itself. The interviewer has chosen the time between 8.00 am to 10.00 am and from 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm as these are deemed by the community to be the right time to meet individuals from the outside. From the company's point of view, this selection of time is crucial to keep the level of professionalism and respect at all-time high.

Secondly, the interviewers have been briefed on the local customs during a conversation; this includes the manner in which they were dressed, tone of voice and body gesture during interviews and even greeting before entering the owner's compound. This has helped them to set a favourable environment for the villagers to truly express their views and concern. It is very important to note that, there is variance in respondent answers though they live in the same village. Therefore, the interviewer should practice the utmost professionalism during an assessment. There shall be no leading questions or a rebuttal argument given by the interviewer against answers from the community.

Questions asked during local consultation are divided into five main sections namely hunting activity, agriculture and aquaculture, water source, non-timber forest product and sites of cultural importance. The interviewer has asked the questions in a cohesive and coherent manner, at the villagers' pace.

## **5.0 Assessment Findings/ HCV Identification**

### **i. HCV Outcomes and Justification**

HCV identification and wildlife field survey was carried out from October 2015 - March 2016, and another field survey was carried out in January - February 2017 specifically to identify the Megapode existence in Tambalugu Forest Reserve (Coupe 4 of Gerak Saga area). Based on the ground assessment, although the forest is dominated by wild Acacia species, there are environmental and social values potentially associated with HCV were identified.

### **ii. HCV 1 - Species Diversity**

Based on the findings from the field surveys on species diversity under the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species status, four (4) mammals species; Malayan sun bear, sambar deer, pig-tailed macaque and bearded pig are categorized as 'Vulnerable (VU)' and the other mammals are categorized as 'Least Concern' and 'Data Deficient' (Table 5.1). The Malayan sun bear is Totally Protected under the Schedule 1 of the Sabah Wildlife

Enactment (WCE) 1997, meanwhile, the pig-tailed macaque, bearded pig and sambar deer are protected under Schedule 2 of the enactment. Therefore, under the conservation effort, the company will focus on the species which potentially associated with HCV 1 such as the sun bear.

Table 5.1 List of medium and large-sized mammals observed during the survey in the year 2015 and 2016.

| Common Name               | Scientific Name                | Method                         | IUCN Red List Status   |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Long-tailed macaque       | <i>Macaca fascicularis</i>     | Remote camera                  | Least Concern  |
| Pig-tailed macaque        | <i>Macaca nemestrina</i>       | Remote camera                  | Vulnerable   |
| Malay civet               | <i>Viverra zibetha</i>         | Remote camera, Direct sighting | Least Concern  |
| Malayan sun bear          | <i>Helarctos malayanus</i>     | Remote camera                  | Vulnerable   |
| Small toothed palm civet  | <i>Arctogalidia trivirgata</i> | Remote camera                  | Least Concern  |
| Mouse-deer                | <i>Tragulus spp.</i>           | Remote camera                  | Data Deficient (Lesser mouse-deer)<br>Least Concern (Greater mouse-deer) |
| Muntjac                   | <i>Muntiacus spp.</i>          | Remote camera                  | Least Concern  |
| Sambar deer               | <i>Rusa unicolor</i>           | Remote camera                  | Vulnerable   |
| Bearded pig               | <i>Sus Barbatus</i>            | Remote camera, Direct sighting | Vulnerable   |
| Red giant flying squirrel | <i>Petaurista petaurista</i>   | Direct sighting                | Least Concern  |

Table 5.2 List of bird species observed during the survey in the year 2015 and 2016.

| Common Name              | Scientific Name            | Method                    | Sampling/<br>Observation<br>Year | IUCN Red List Status |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Blue-eared Kingfisher    | <i>Alcedo meninting</i>    | Mist-net, Direct sighting | 2016                             | Least Concern        |
| Collared Kingfisher      | <i>Todiramphus chloris</i> | Mist-net, Direct sighting | 2016                             | Least Concern        |
| Rufous-backed Kingfisher | <i>Ceyx rufidorsus</i>     | Mist-net                  | 2015                             | Least Concern        |

|                          |                                   |                           |            |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Emerald Dove             | <i>Chalcophaps indica</i>         | Mist-net, Direct sighting | 2015       | Least Concern   |
| Buff-rumped Woodpecker   | <i>Meiglyptes grammithorax</i>    | Direct sighting           | 2015       | Least Concern   |
| Buff-necked Woodpecker   | <i>Meiglyptes tukki</i>           | Mist-netting              | 2015       | Near Threatened |
| Common Flameback         | <i>Dinopium javanese</i>          | Direct sighting           | 2016       | Least Concern   |
| Yellow-vented Bulbul     | <i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>        | Mist-net                  | 2015       | Least Concern   |
| Red Eye Bulbul           | <i>pycnonotus brunneus</i>        | Mist-net                  | 2015       | Least Concern   |
| White-chested babbler    | <i>Trichastoma rostratum</i>      | Mist-net                  | 2015       | Near threatened |
| Little Spiderhunter      | <i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>   | Mist-net                  | 2015, 2016 | Least Concern   |
| Long-billed Spiderhunter | <i>Arachnothera crassirostris</i> | Mist-net                  | 2015       | Least Concern   |
| Pied Fantail             | <i>Rhipidura javanica</i>         | Mist-net                  | 2015       | Least Concern   |
| Collared nightjar        | <i>Gactornis enarratus</i>        | Direct sighting           | 2015       | Least Concern   |
| Megapode                 | <i>Megapodius cumingii</i>        | Remote camera             | 2016       | Least Concern   |
| White-crown shama        | <i>Copsychus striklandii</i>      | Mist-nest                 | 2015       | nil             |

Due to limited resources, the population of the wildlife species in the project area is still unknown and therefore precautionary approach such as continuous monitoring and research for wildlife species were taken; the list of large and medium-sized mammals and birds observed in the project area are updated (Annex 2) since the first surveys conducted in 2015 and 2016 as the result of yearly biological monitoring conducted by the Conservation Team.

iii. HCV 2 - Landscape-level ecosystems and mosaics

As stated earlier, the project area is only 6,467 ha and mainly covered with wild Acacia species. The natural forest of the Bengkoka and Tambalugu Forest Reserves are fragmented and cover less than 2% of the area. Thus, the project area is too small to be considered as landscape-level ecosystems and mosaics.

iv. HCV 3 - Ecosystem and habitats

A small, contiguous fringe of mangrove forests forms the Northern Boundary of Tambalugu Forest Reserve was identified during the assessment and the company will mitigate environmental aspects and potential HCV elements through the protection of riparian, steeper areas and the 26.9 ha mangrove area including its buffer (Annex 3.1).

v. HCV 4 - Ecosystem services

The topography of the project area is generally below 25 degrees slope thus is not generally vulnerable. The company has identified water catchments, riparian and steeper areas in the project area to be protected as important environmental values. (Annex 3.2).

vi. HCV 5 - Community needs

There are no communities living within the forest reserves and based on the Social Assessment conducted, there are no communities relying on the project area for livelihood, health, nutrition and water. As a general principle, water catchment areas within the project area have been identified for protection.

vii. HCV 6 - Cultural values

As stated earlier, there were no communities living in both forest reserves. Historically, there is part of the areas in the forest used by the community in their paganism practice such as rituals. However, this belief is no longer practised as communities started to commit themselves into religion and religious belief and only two (2) graveyard areas identified for protection in Coupe 4 (Annex 3.3) and details are reported in the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) report.

As a general principle, the Company will set aside and protect any area known to contain sites important to a local community's cultural, ecological, or religious activity.

## 6.0 Precautionary Approach - HCV Management and Monitoring

Table 6.1 HCV Management and Monitoring Plan

| HCV | General Objective                                     | Specific Objective  | Target  | Indicator   | Strategy (Area)   | Strategy (Prescription)   | Monitoring  | Verifier   |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1   | Potentially associated HCV are maintained or enhanced | The operation maintained the wildlife-occupied area as suitable habitat | 1. Number of present protected species are maintained<br><br>2. Retain natural forest cover at protected/ conservation areas for the sun bear species | 1. All protected species are still present as the operation proceed/ intensify sighted should at least be maintained<br><br>2. Regardless of the quantity, the number of species detected<br><br>3. Size (hectare) of retained natural forest OR restored | Protected areas/ Conservation areas within the project area | 1. No hunting policy within the project area<br><br>2. Control access by gate installation at all entry point to the coupes within the project area<br><br>3. Awareness and outreach program to reduce the threat associated with HCV 1 | 1. Remote camera to monitor large and medium-sized mammal<br><br>2. Record opportunistic sightings of flora and fauna<br><br>3. Operation - Schedule patrolling in the project area<br><br>4. Monitor threat: encroachment/ hunting | 1. Annual Conservation Report<br><br>2. Patrolling records |
| 3   | Potentially associated HCV are maintained or enhanced | No deterioration of mangrove forest cover                               | Mangrove forest   | Size (hectare) of the mangrove forest   | Mangrove forest in Coupe 4                                  | No harvesting of mangrove forest  | 1. Operation: Monitor encroachment  | 1. Annual Conservation Report                              |

|       |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|       |   |   |  |  |  |   | 2. Annual boundary re-brushing of the mangrove area   | 2. Annual Compliance Report   |
| 4 & 5 | Potentially associated HCV are maintained or enhanced | 1. No deterioration of water catchment<br><br>2. Crucial water catchment restoration is carried out by stages | 1. Maintain the water quality<br><br>2. Riparian function restored | 1. Water quality (for maintenance)<br><br>2. Size (hectare) of riparian restored | 1. Water catchment areas within the project area<br><br>2. Riparian Reserves | 1. No open burning and no forest clearance<br><br>2. Fire prevention strategy | 1. Quarterly water monitoring<br><br>2. Remote sensing - coverage of re-established riparian or restoration progress monitoring | 1. Environmental Compliance Report<br><br>2. Annual Conservation Report |
| 6     | Potentially associated HCV are maintained or enhanced | No deterioration to potential HCV 6, and ensuring access for stakeholders                                     | No disturbance to the graveyard or burial sites                    | State of the graveyard (no disturbance) and accessibility for stakeholders       | Graveyards in Coupe 4  | Demarcation and strictly no activities on the graveyard and buffer area       | Continuous engagement with the local community  | 1. Community Development Program (CDP) Report                           |



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**ADDENDUM  
NO 1****8.0 HCV Threats and the Precautionary Approach for Threat Management****8.1 Key threats to the project area**

The Project Area is easily accessible for forest encroachment to seek out land for farming, illegal exploitation, and illegal hunting. Encroachment for crop cultivation is often a threat to biodiversity loss which soon leads to a highly fragmented landscape.

Besides that, forest fires are also considered as major threat to the Project Area. This is because the Project Area is not highly forested (secondary vegetation) and dry land with high potential of forest fires during the long drought season/ events, which associated with atmospheric and oceanic anomaly known as El-Nino – Southern Oscillation (ENSO) phenomenon that may increase the susceptibility of vegetation to wildfire. The threats become serious during this drought.

The domination from the invasive species such as the wild *Acacia spp.*, is one of the key threats to the HCV identified. The germination and growth rate of the species is faster than the native forest, thus it may dominate the remaining natural forests, the water catchment, and ecosystem services areas. Table 7.1 summarised the threats to the HCV identified.

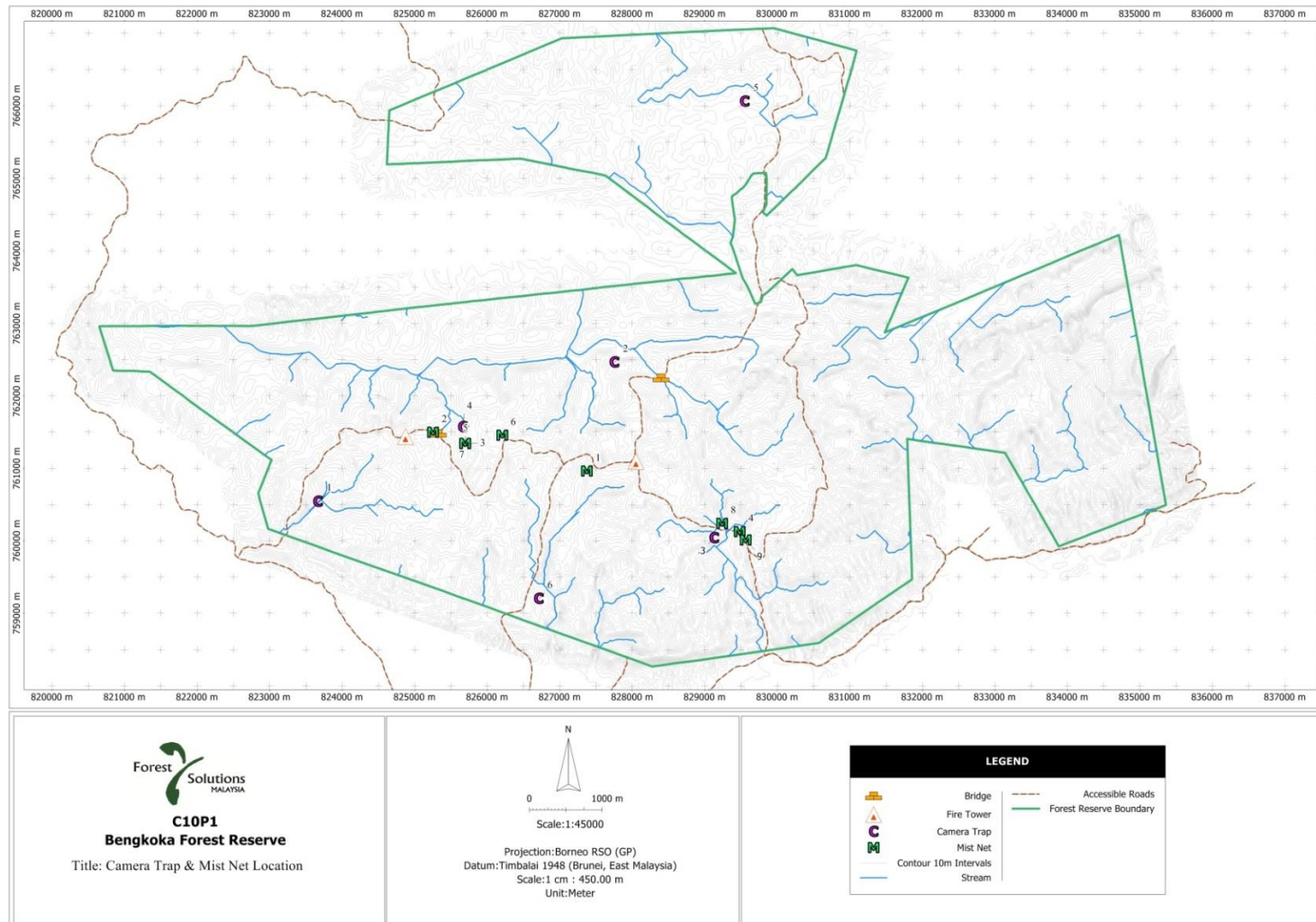
Table 7.1 Summary of threats to the HCV in the project area

| HCV   | Specific Threats   | Precautionary Approach  | Common Threats  | Precautionary Approach  |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>1</b> – Species associated with HCV 1  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poaching and hunting</li> <li>Human-wildlife conflict</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No hunting policy, no hunting signboard installation, roadblocks, and regular patrol</li> <li>Awareness programs with employees and local communities</li> </ol>                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest Fire</li> <li>Invasive Species Domination especially from the wild <i>Acacia spp</i> – For HCV 1 applied for flora but not applicable for HCV 6.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the Forest Fire Management Plan to control threats from forest fires</li> <li>Regular patrolling following the patrol schedule in the areas where fires hotspots were identified</li> <li>Implementing restoration activities in stages to eliminate invasive and undesired non-native species in the project area.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3</b> - Mangrove Forest in Tambalagu Forest Reserve (Coupe 4)                                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal harvesting of mangrove trees</li> <li>Encroachment</li> </ol>                                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No harvesting of mangrove species, annual boundary re-brushing,</li> <li>Monitor encroachment</li> <li>Awareness programs with local communities on Mangrove conservation</li> </ol> |   |   |
| <b>4</b> - Water catchment areas and riparian reserve<br>&<br><b>5</b> - Water catchment area Coupe 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encroachment</li> <li>Obstruction to watercourse</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor encroachment</li> <li>Quarterly water quality monitoring</li> <li>Remote sensing - coverage of re-established riparian or restoration progress monitoring</li> </ol>         |   |   |
| <b>6</b> - Graveyard of Suang Duyung Village in Tambalagu Forest Reserve / Coupe 4                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encroachment</li> <li>Falling trees/branches from operational activities and natural causes.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two times a year checking on the graveyard areas, also during the harvesting operations</li> <li>Demarcation and strictly no activities on the graveyard and buffer area.</li> </ol> |   |   |

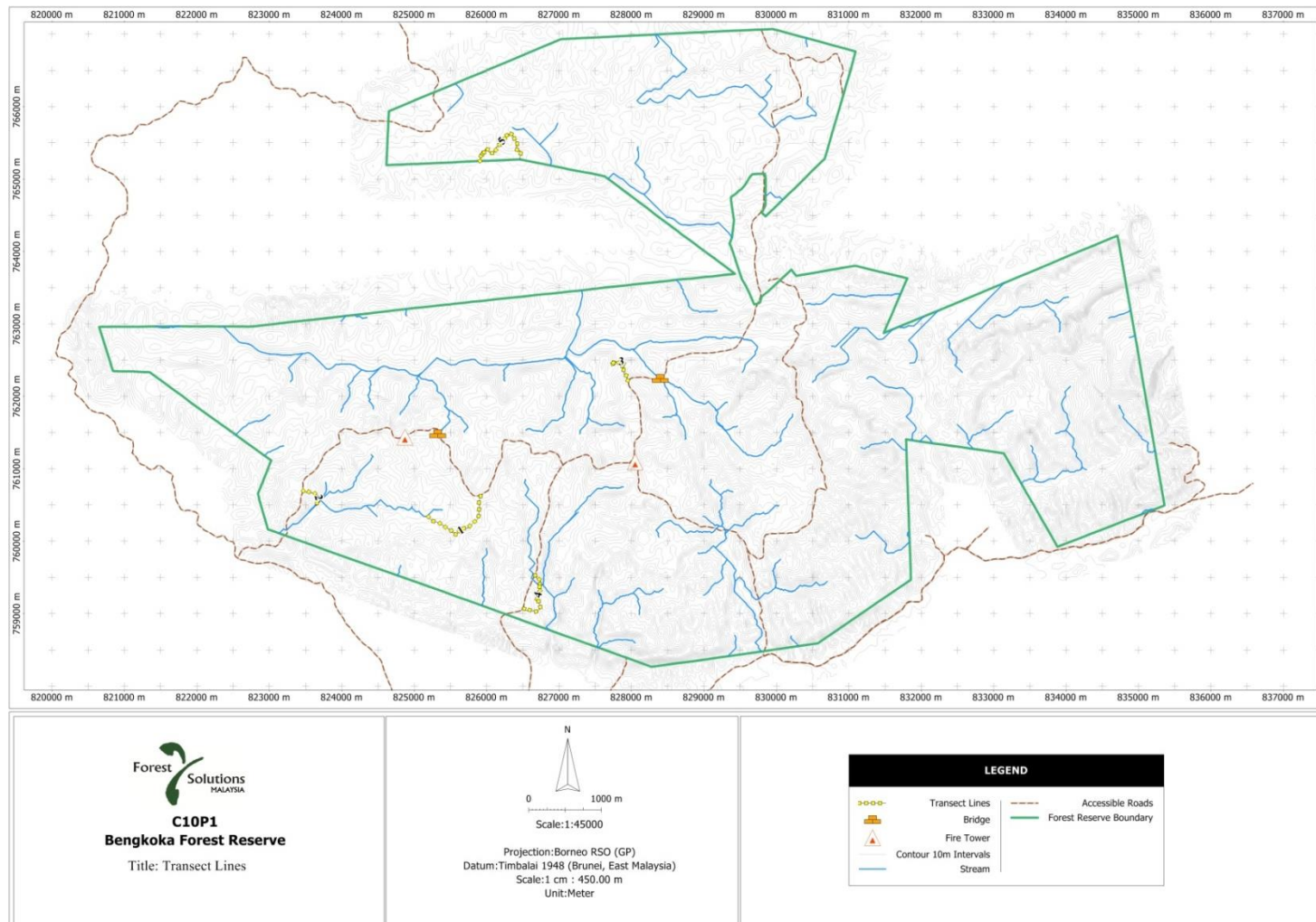
## **ANNEXE 1**

### **MAPS OF SAMPLING LOCATION OF THE BASELINE WILDLIFE SURVEY 2015-2016**

## Annexe 1.1 Sampling locations of remote cameras and mist nets in Bengkoka Forest Reserve, 2015

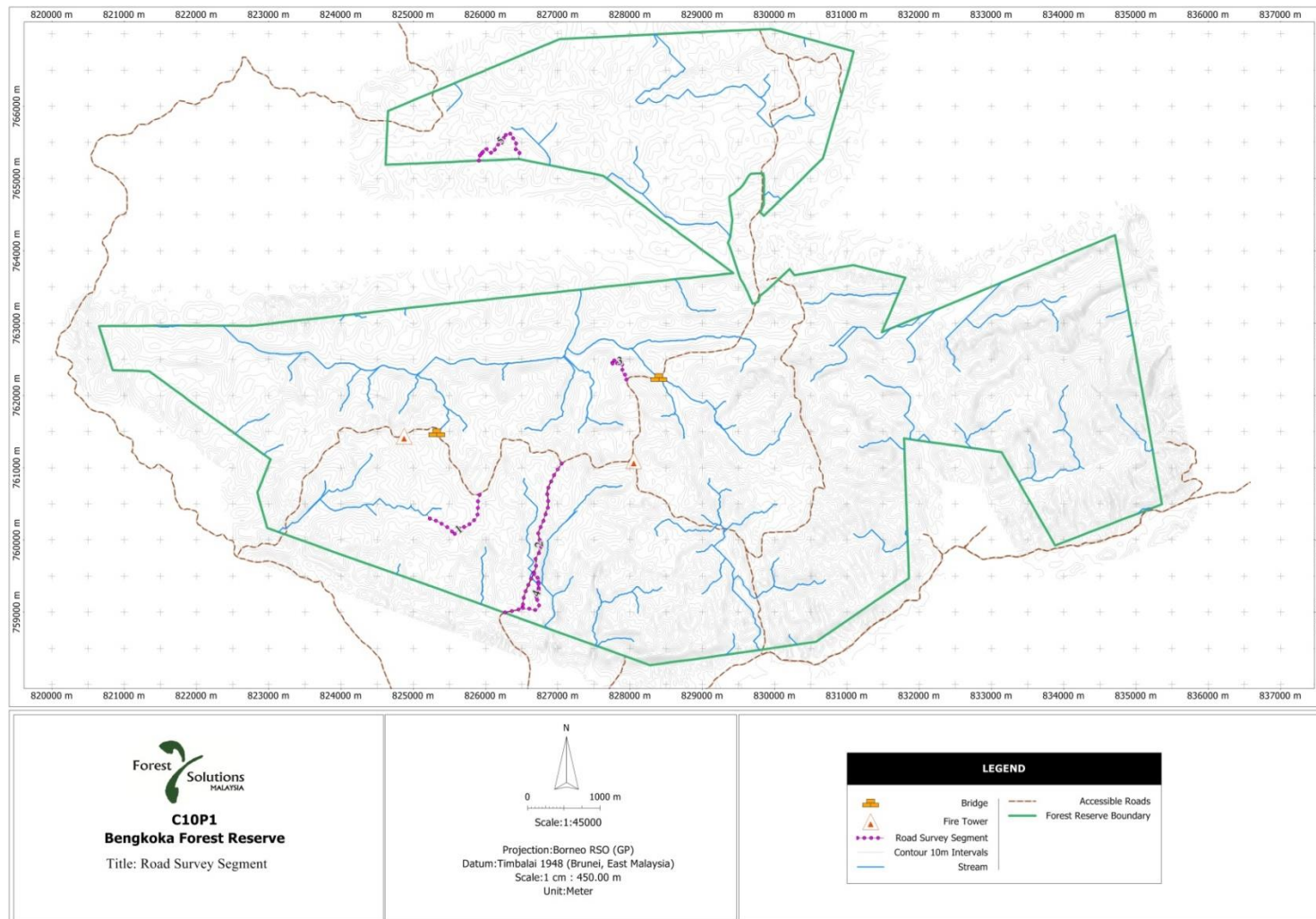


## Annexe 1.2 Track for a recce walk in Bengkoka Forest Reserve, 2015

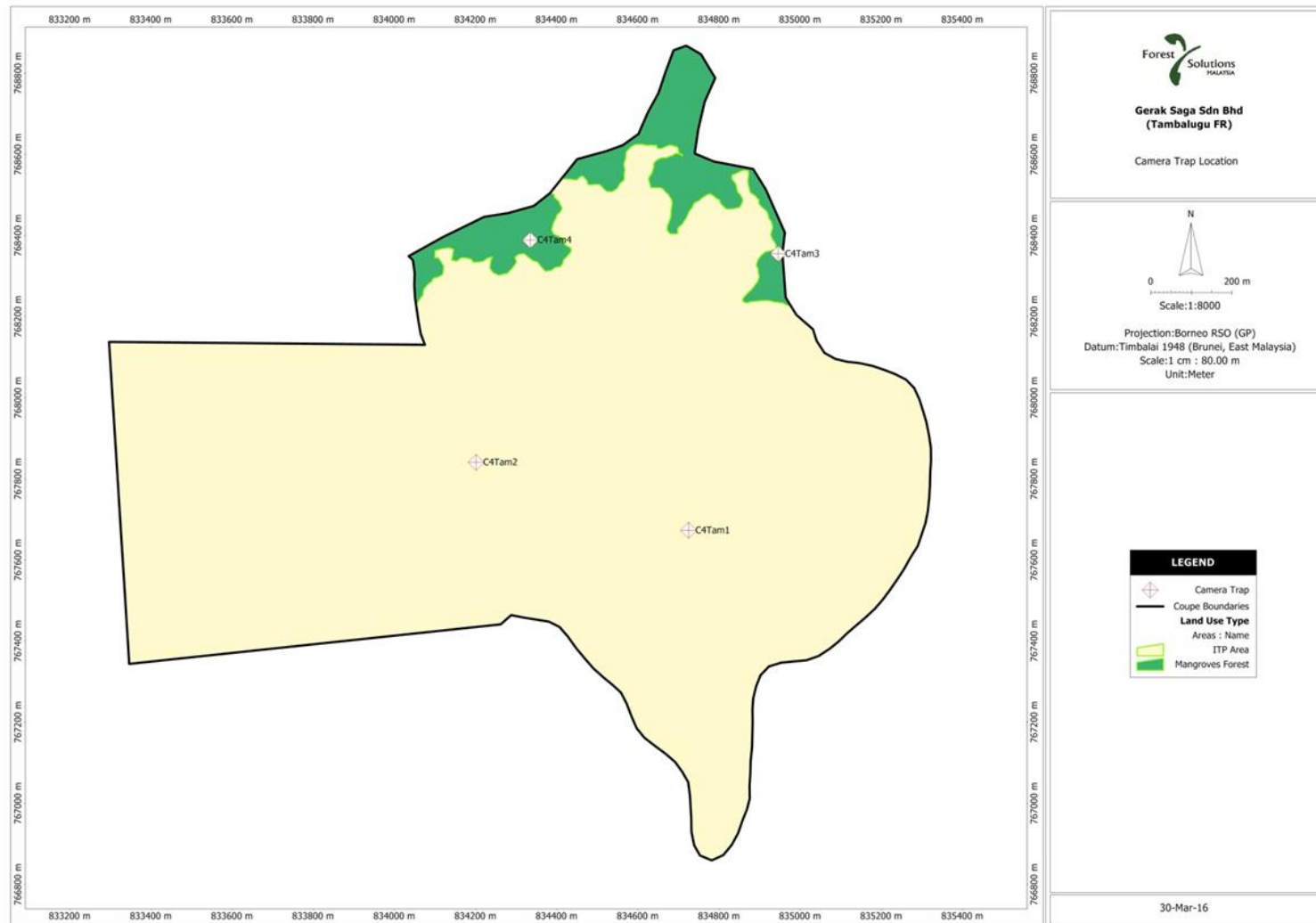


Annexe 1.3 Road segment tracks surveyed by foot and vehicle in Bengkoka Forest Reserve, 2015

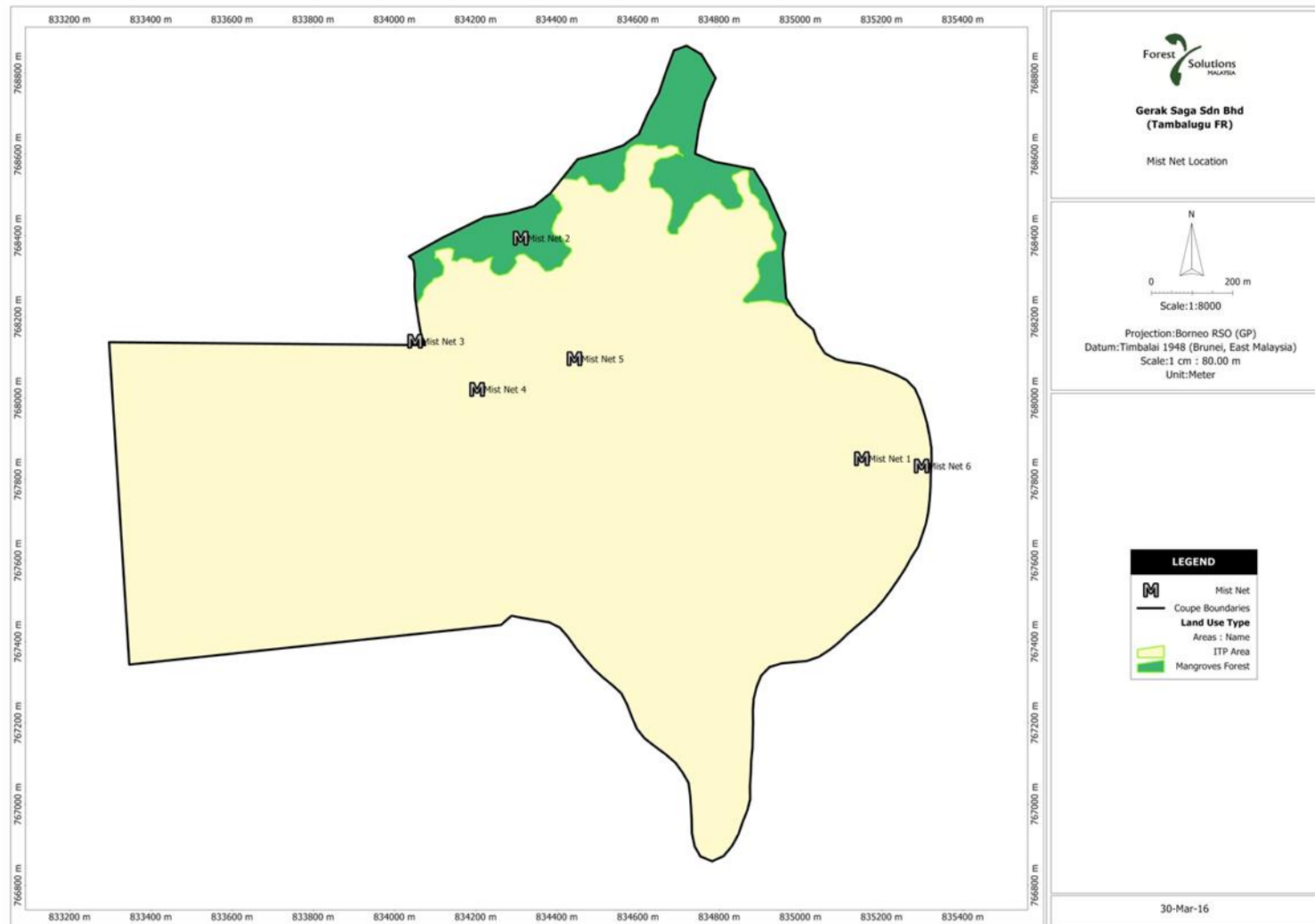




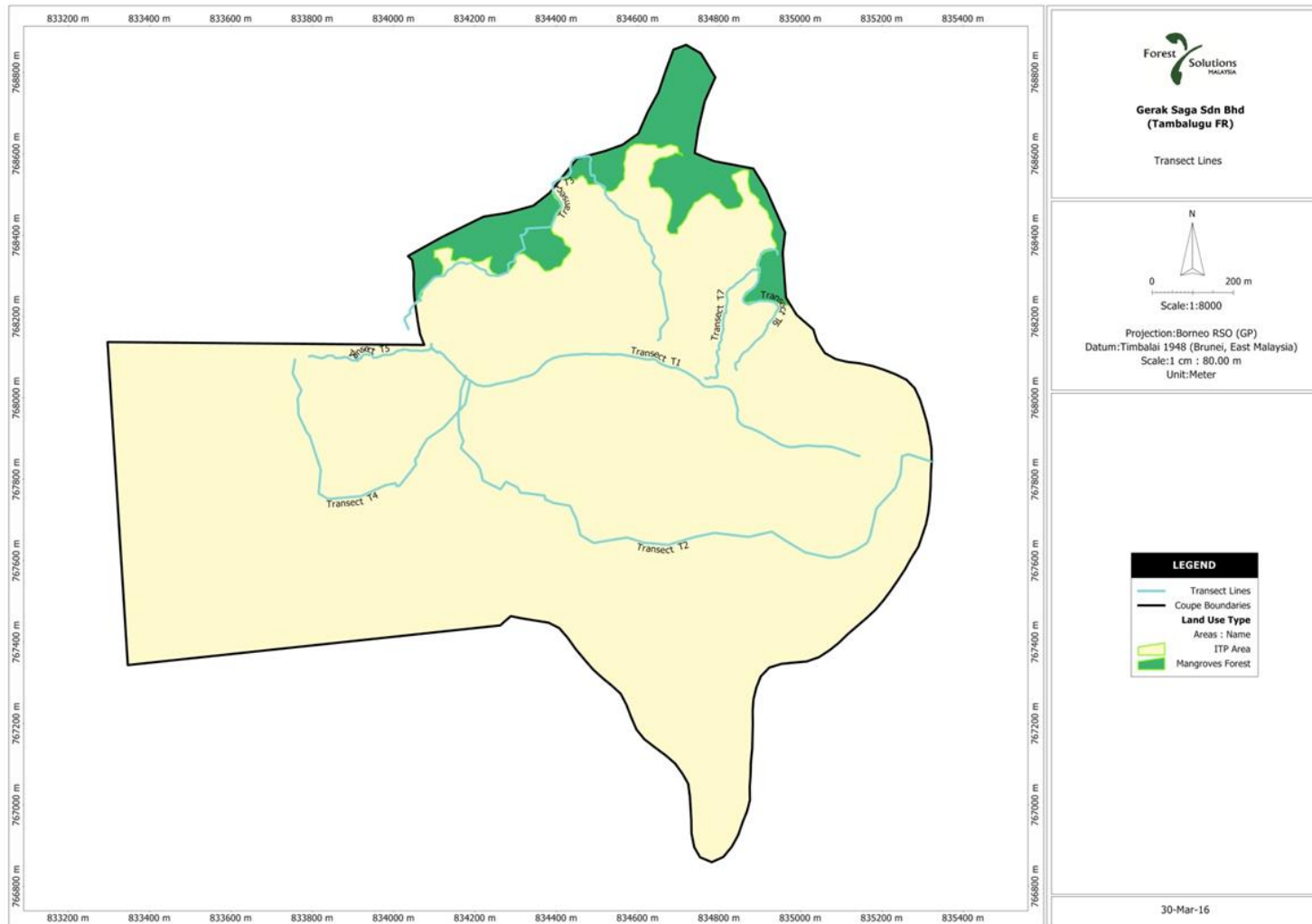
Annexe 1.4 Sampling locations of camera trapping in Tambalugu Forest Reserve (Coupe 4), 2016



Annexe 1.5 Sampling locations of mist-netting in Tambalugu Forest Reserve (Coupe 4), 2016



Annexe 1.6 Maps of transect lines surveyed by foot in Tambalugu Forest Reserve (Coupe 4), 2016



**ANNEXE 2**  
**LIST OF FLORA AND FAUNA IN GERAK SAGA**

Annexe 2.1 Updated lists of medium and large-sized mammals observed in the year 2015 until 2019 through survey and monitoring using remote camera and direct sighting recorded.

| Order                  | Common Name         | Scientific Name                              | Observation/Detection Year   | Survey/Monitoring Method       | Identified by     | IUCN Red List of Threatened Species Status                             | Population Trend (IUCN) | WCE (1997) |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Primates</b>        | Long-tailed macaque | <i>Macaca fascicularis ssp. fascicularis</i> | 2016, 2017, 2018             | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Least Concern  | Decreasing              | Schedule 2 |
|                        | Pig-tailed macaque  | <i>Macaca nemestrina</i>                     | 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019       | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Vulnerable   | Decreasing              | Schedule 2 |
| <b>Carnivora</b>       | Banded civet        | <i>Hemigalus derbyanus</i>                   | 2018                         | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Near Threatened  | Decreasing              | Schedule 2 |
|                        | Common palm civet   | <i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>            | 2017                         | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Least Concern  | Decreasing              | Schedule 2 |
|                        | Leopard cat         | <i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>              | 2017, 2019                   | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Least Concern  | Stable                  | Schedule 2 |
|                        | Malay badger        | <i>Mydaus javanensis</i>                     | 2019                         | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Least Concern  | Stable                  | Schedule 2 |
|                        | Malay civet         | <i>Viverra zangara</i>                       | 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019       | Remote camera, Direct sighting | Conservation Team | Least Concern  | Stable                  | Schedule 2 |
|                        | Sun Bear            | <i>Helarctos malayanus</i>                   | 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Vulnerable   | Decreasing              | Schedule 1 |
| <b>Cetartiodactyla</b> | Mouse-deer          | <i>Tragulus spp.</i>                         | 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019       | Remote camera                  | Conservation Team | Data Deficient (Lesser mouse-deer)/ Least Concern (Greater mouse-deer) | Unknown/ Decreasing     | Schedule 2 |

|          |                           |                              |                              |                 |                   |               |            |            |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Rodentia | Barking deer              | <i>Muntiacus spp.</i>        | 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018       | Remote camera   | Conservation Team | Least Concern | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |
|          | Sambar Deer               | <i>Rusa unicolor</i>         | 2016, 2018                   | Remote camera   | Conservation Team | Vulnerable    | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |
|          | Bearded Pig               | <i>Sus barbatus</i>          | 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 | Remote camera   | Conservation Team | Vulnerable    | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |
|          | Long-tailed porcupine     | <i>Trichys fasciculata</i>   | 2019                         | Remote camera   | Conservation Team | Least Concern | Stable     | Schedule 2 |
|          | Red giant flying squirrel | <i>Petaurista petaurista</i> | 2015                         | Direct sighting | Conservation Team | Least Concern | Decreasing |            |
|          | Thick-spined porcupine    | <i>Hystrix crassispinis</i>  | 2019                         | Remote camera   | Conservation Team | Least Concern | Stable     | Schedule 2 |

Annex 2.2 List of amphibians observed in year 2015 and 2016.

| Family                | Common Name                  | Scientific Name                  | IUCN Red List of Threatened Species Status | Population Trend (IUCN) | Wildlife Conservation Enactment (1997) Schedule |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Dicroglossidae</b> | Grass frog                   | <i>Fejervarya limnocharis</i>    | Least concern                              | Stable                  | nil   |
|                       | Lesser swamp frog            | <i>Limnonectes paramacrodon</i>  | Near threatened                            | Decreasing              | nil   |
| <b>Ranidae</b>        | Large-white lipped tree frog | <i>Chalcorana megalonesa</i>     | Least Concern                              | Unknown                 | nil   |
|                       | Northern Torrent Frog        | <i>Meristogenys orphnocnemis</i> | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
| <b>Rhacophoridae</b>  | Four-lined tree frog         | <i>Polypedates leucomystax</i>   | least Concern                              | Stable                  | nil   |

Annexe 2.3 List of reptiles observed in the year 2015 and 2016Annex 2.4 Updated list of birds mist-netted and observed in the year 2015 to 2019.

| Order              | Common Name                | Scientific Name                      | IUCN Red List of Threatened Species Status | Population Trend (IUCN) | Wildlife Conservation Enactment (1997) Schedule |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| <i>Alcedinidae</i> | Blue Banded Kingfisher     | <i>Alcedo peninsulae</i>             | Near threatened                            | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Blue-eared Kingfisher      | <i>Alcedo meninting</i>              | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Collared Kingfisher        | <i>Todiramphus chloris</i>           | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Rufous Collared Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon concreta</i>              | Near Threatened                            | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Ruddy Kingfisher           | <i>Halcyon coromanda</i>             | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Rufous-backed Kingfisher   | <i>Ceyx rufidorsus</i>               | Least Concern                              | no data                 | nil   |
| <i>Columbidae</i>  | Emerald Dove               | <i>Chalcophaps indica</i>            | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | Schedule 2                                      |
|                    | Pink-necked Green-Pigeon   | <i>Treron vernans</i>                | Least Concern                              | Stable                  | nil   |
|                    | Little-green Pigeon        | <i>Treron olax</i>                   | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
| <i>Picidae</i>     | Buff-rumped Woodpecker     | <i>Meiglyptes grammithorax</i>       | Least concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Buff-necked Woodpecker     | <i>Meiglyptes tukki</i>              | Near Threatened                            | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Common Flameback           | <i>Dinopium javanese</i>             | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Greater Flameback          | <i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i> | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |
|                    | Rufous Woodpecker          | <i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>       | Least concern                              | Decreasing              | nil   |



|                     |                                   |                                    |                 |            |            |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Eurylaimidae</i> | Rufous Piculet                    | <i>Sasia abnormis</i>              | Least Concern   | Stable     | Schedule 2 |
|                     | Black and Red Broadbill           | <i>Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos</i> | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
| <i>Pycnonotidae</i> | Yellow-vented Bulbul              | <i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>         | Least Concern   | Increasing | nil        |
|                     | Olive-winged Bulbul               | <i>Pycnonotus plumosus</i>         | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|                     | Red Eye Bulbul                    | <i>pycnonotus brunneus</i>         | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
|                     | Spectacled Bulbul                 | <i>pycnonotus erythrophthalmos</i> | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
|                     | Black-headed Bulbul               | <i>Pycnonotus atriceps</i>         | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
|                     | Cinereous Bulbul                  | <i>Hemixos cinereus</i>            | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|                     | Cream-vented bulbul               | <i>Pycnonotus simplex</i>          | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
|                     | White-rumped shama                | <i>Copysychus malabaricus</i>      | Least Concern   | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |
| <i>Muscicapidae</i> | Grey chested jungle flycatcher    | <i>Cyornis brunneatus</i>          | Near Threatened | Decreasing | nil        |
|                     | Magpie-robin                      | <i>Copyschus saularis</i>          | Least Concern   | Stable     | Schedule 2 |
| <i>Eupetidae</i>    | Chestnut-backed Schimitar Babbler | <i>Pomatorhinus montanus</i>       | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|                     | White-chested babbler             | <i>Trichastoma rostratum</i>       | Near threatened | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |
|                     | Grey-headed Babbler               | <i>stachyris poliocephala</i>      | Least Concern   | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |
|                     | Fluffy-backed Tit-babbler         | <i>Macronous ptilosus</i>          | Near Threatened | Decreasing | nil        |

|  |                             |                                 |                 |            |            |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| <b><i>Leiotrichidae</i></b><br><b><i>Nectariniidae</i></b> | Bold-striped Tit Babbler    | <i>Mixornis bornensis</i>       | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|  | Abbott's Babbler            | <i>Trichastoma abbotti</i>      | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|  | Ferruginous Babbler         | <i>Trichastoma bicolor</i>      | Least Concern   | Stable     | Schedule 2 |
|  | Temminck's Babbler          | <i>Trichastoma pyrrogenys</i>   | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
|  | Chestnut-rumped babbler     | <i>Stachyris maculata</i>       | Near Threatened | decreasing | nil        |
|  | Brown Fulvetta              | <i>Alcippe brunneicauda</i>     | Near Threatened | Decreasing | nil        |
|  | Brown-throated sunbird      | <i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>    | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|  | Red-throated Sunbird        | <i>Anthreptes rhodolaemus</i>   | Near Threatened | Decreasing | nil        |
|  | Plain Sunbird               | <i>Anthreptes simplex</i>       | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
|  | Little Spiderhunter         | <i>Arachnothera longirostra</i> | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|  | Long-billed Spiderhunter    | <i>Arachnothera robusta</i>     | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
|  | Ruby-cheeked Sunbird        | <i>Chalcoparia singalensis</i>  | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|  | Crow-billed Drongo          | <i>Dicrurus annectans</i>       | Least Concern   | Unknown    | nil        |
|  | Orange-bellied flowerpecker | <i>Dicaeum trigonostigma</i>    | Least Concern   | Stable     | Schedule 2 |
| <b><i>Rhipiduridae</i></b>                                 | White-throated Fantail      | <i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>     | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|  | Pied Fantail                | <i>Rhipidura javanica</i>       | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|  | Spotted Fantail             | <i>Rhipidura perlata</i>        | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
| <b><i>Chloropseidae</i></b>                                | Lesser Green Leafbird       | <i>Chloropsis cyanopogon</i>    | Near Threatened | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |

|                            |                                    |                             |                 |            |            |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
|                            | Greater Green Leafbird             | <i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i> | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
| <b><i>Turdidae</i></b>     | Chestnut-capped Thrush             | <i>Geokichla interpres</i>  | Near Threatened | Decreasing | nil        |
| <b><i>Cisticolidae</i></b> | Ashy Tailorbird                    | <i>Orthotomus ruficeps</i>  | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
| <b><i>Meropidae</i></b>    | Blue-throated Bee-eater            | <i>Merops viridis</i>       | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
| <b><i>Estrildidae</i></b>  | Black Headed Munia                 | <i>Lonchura malacca</i>     | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|                            | White-throated Munia               | <i>Lonchura leucogastra</i> | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
|                            | Dusky Munia                        | <i>Lonchura fuscans</i>     | Least Concern   | Stable     | nil        |
| <b><i>Sturnidae</i></b>    | Common Hill Myna (Direct sighting) | <i>Gracula religiosa</i>    | Least Concern   | Decreasing | Schedule 2 |
| <b><i>Sittidae</i></b>     | Velvet-fronted nuthatch            | <i>Sitta frontalis</i>      | Least Concern   | Decreasing | nil        |
| <b><i>Aegithinidae</i></b> | Common Iora                        | <i>Aegithina tiphia</i>     | Least Concern   | Unknown    | nil        |

Annexe 2.5 List of flora identified in the project area (2015 - 2016)

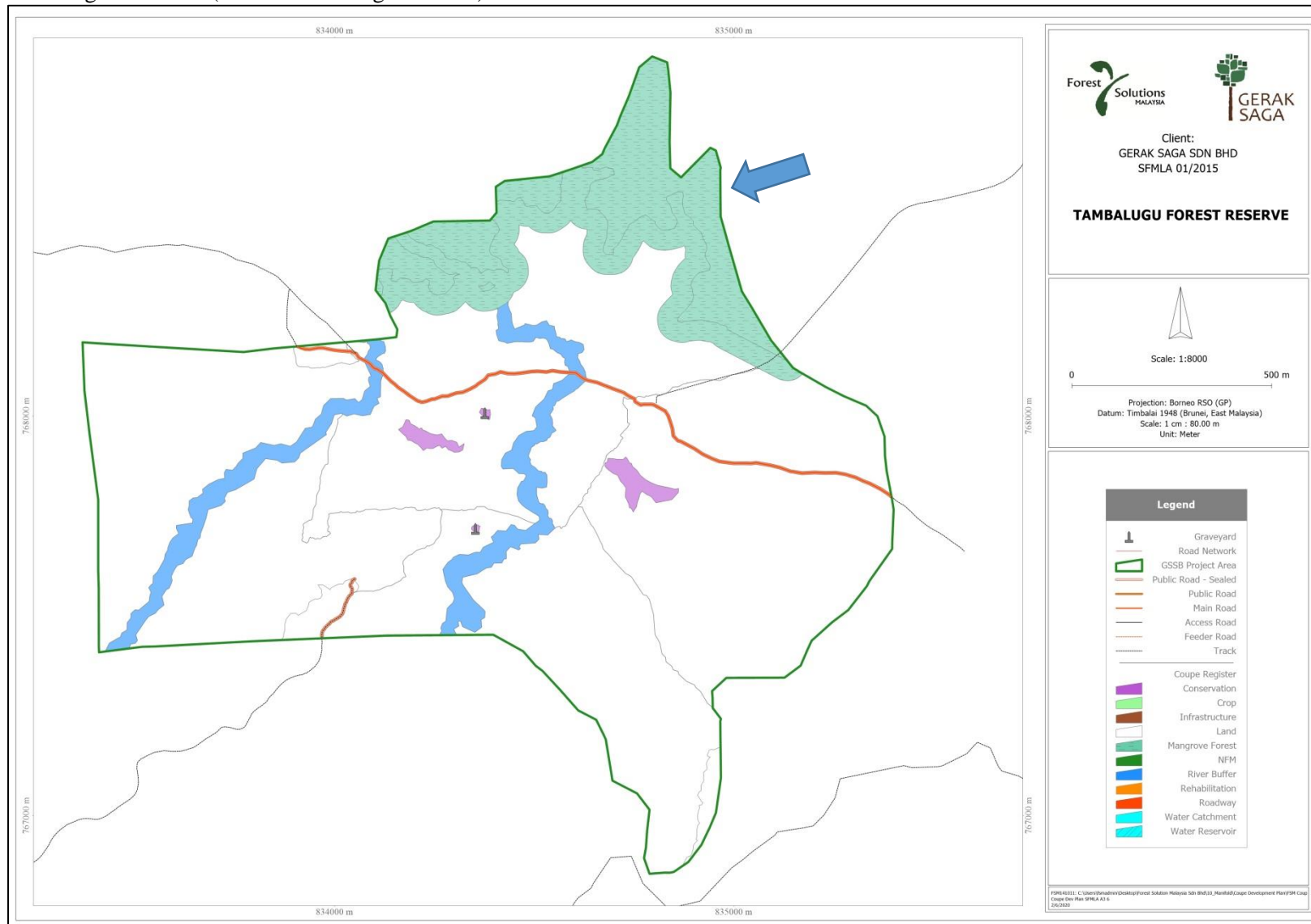
| Family                  | Common Name       | Scientific Name                   | IUCN Red List of Threatened Species Status | Population trend (IUCN) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> | Keruing Belimbing | <i>Dipterocarpus grandiflorus</i> | Endangered                                 | Decreasing              |
| <i>Verbenaceae</i>      | Bunga Biren       | <i>Stachytarpheta dichotoma</i>   | No data                                    | No Data                 |
| <i>Areceaceae</i>       | Chinese Fan Palm  | <i>Livistona chinensis</i>        | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Dilleniaceae</i>     | Buan/Rungin       | <i>Dillenia suffruticosa</i>      | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Fagaceae</i>         | Akasia            | <i>Acacia mangium</i>             | No data                                    | No data                 |
|                         | -                 | <i>Licula sp</i>                  | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Malvaceae</i>        | Dungun            | <i>Heritiera littoralis</i>       | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Pteridaceae</i>      | Piyai Raya laut   | <i>Acrostichum sp.</i>            | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Rhizophoraceae</i>   | Bakau minyak/Akit | <i>Rhizophoea apiculata</i>       | Least Concern                              | Decreasing              |
| <i>Myrtaceae</i>        | Jambu batu        | <i>Psidium guajava</i>            | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Simaroubiaceae</i>   | Tongkat Ali       | <i>Eurycoma longifolia</i>        | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Melastomataceae</i>  | Senduduk/ Gosing  | <i>Melastoma malabathricum</i>    | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Apocynaceae</i>      | Pulai             | <i>Alstonia Sp</i>                | No data                                    | No data                 |
|                         | Pokok restong     | <i>Evatamia divaricata</i>        | No data                                    | No data                 |
| <i>Zingiberaceae</i>    | Lengkuas          | <i>Aplinia galanga</i>            | -  | -                       |
| <i>Compositae</i>       | Subong            | <i>Blumea balsamifera</i>         | No data                                    | No data                 |

*Saururaceae*

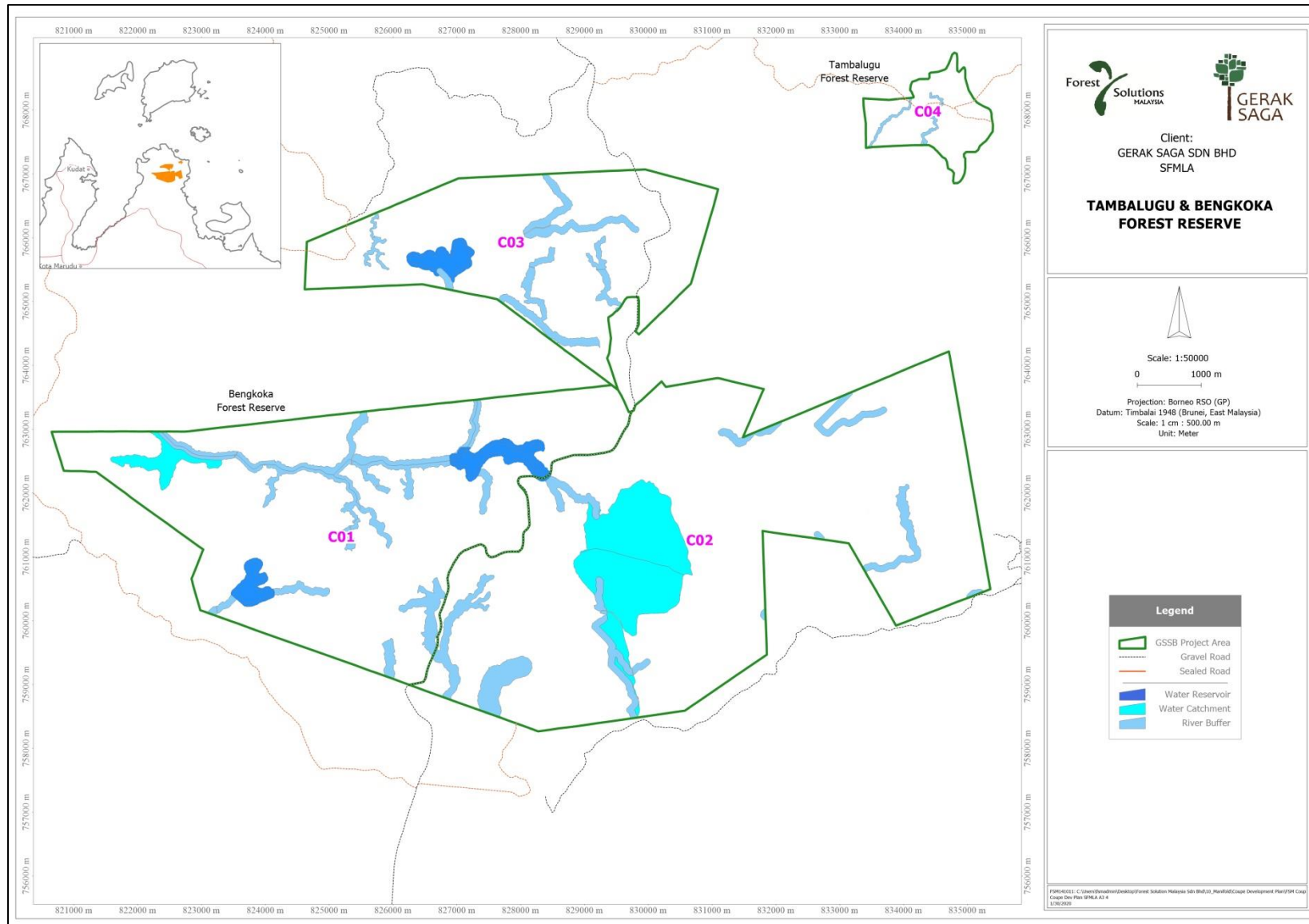
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| Lohunoi/ Lahunai | <i>Chromolaena odorata</i> | No data | No data |
| Kenemek Jantan   | <i>Houttuynia cordata</i>  | No data | No data |

## **ANNEXE 3 MAPS**

### 3.1 Mangrove Forest (26.9 ha including its buffer)

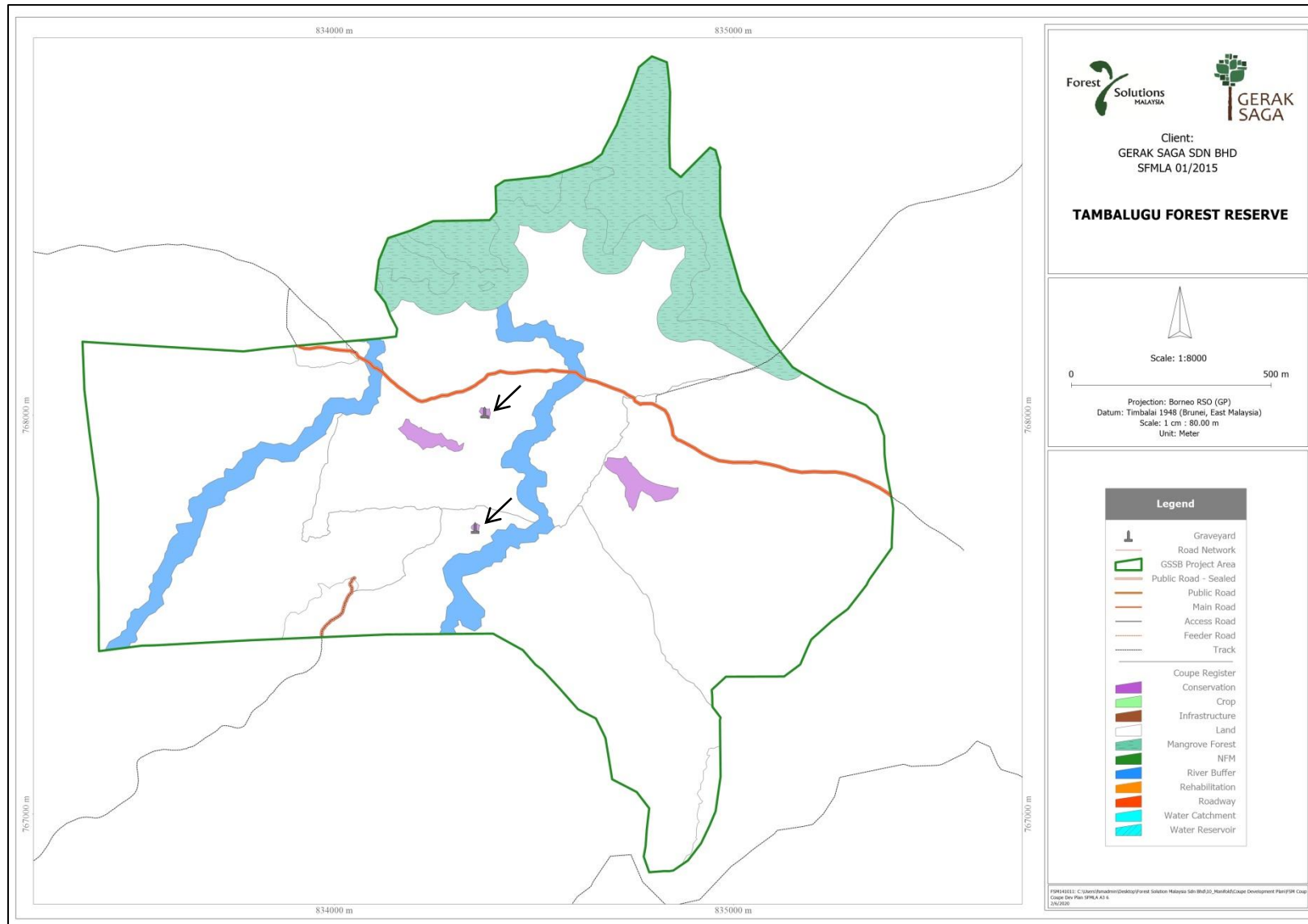


### 3.2 Map of protected areas of water catchments, reservoirs and riparian reserves.



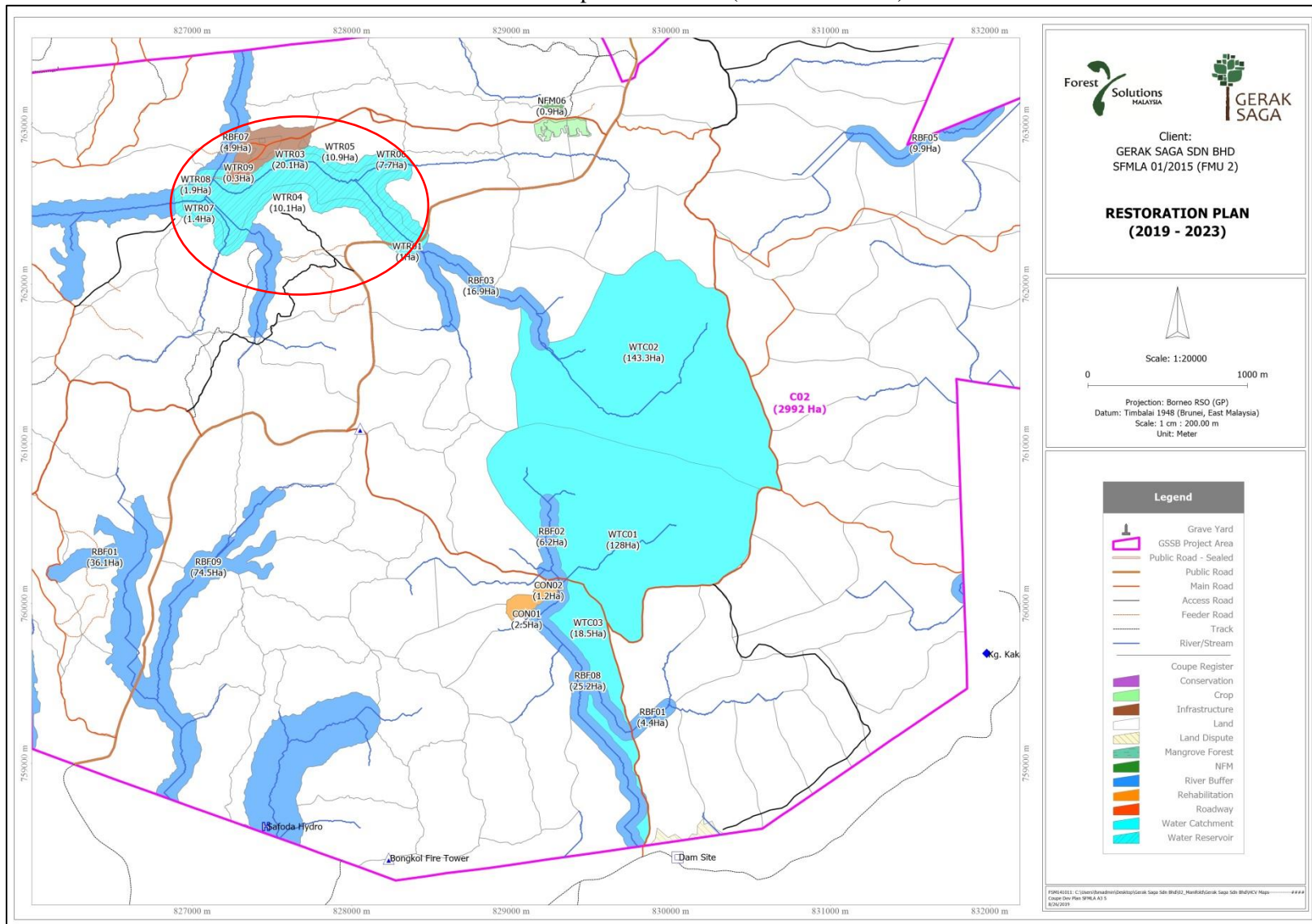
3.3 Burial sites demarcated and protected at Tambalugu Forest Reserve, Coupe 4



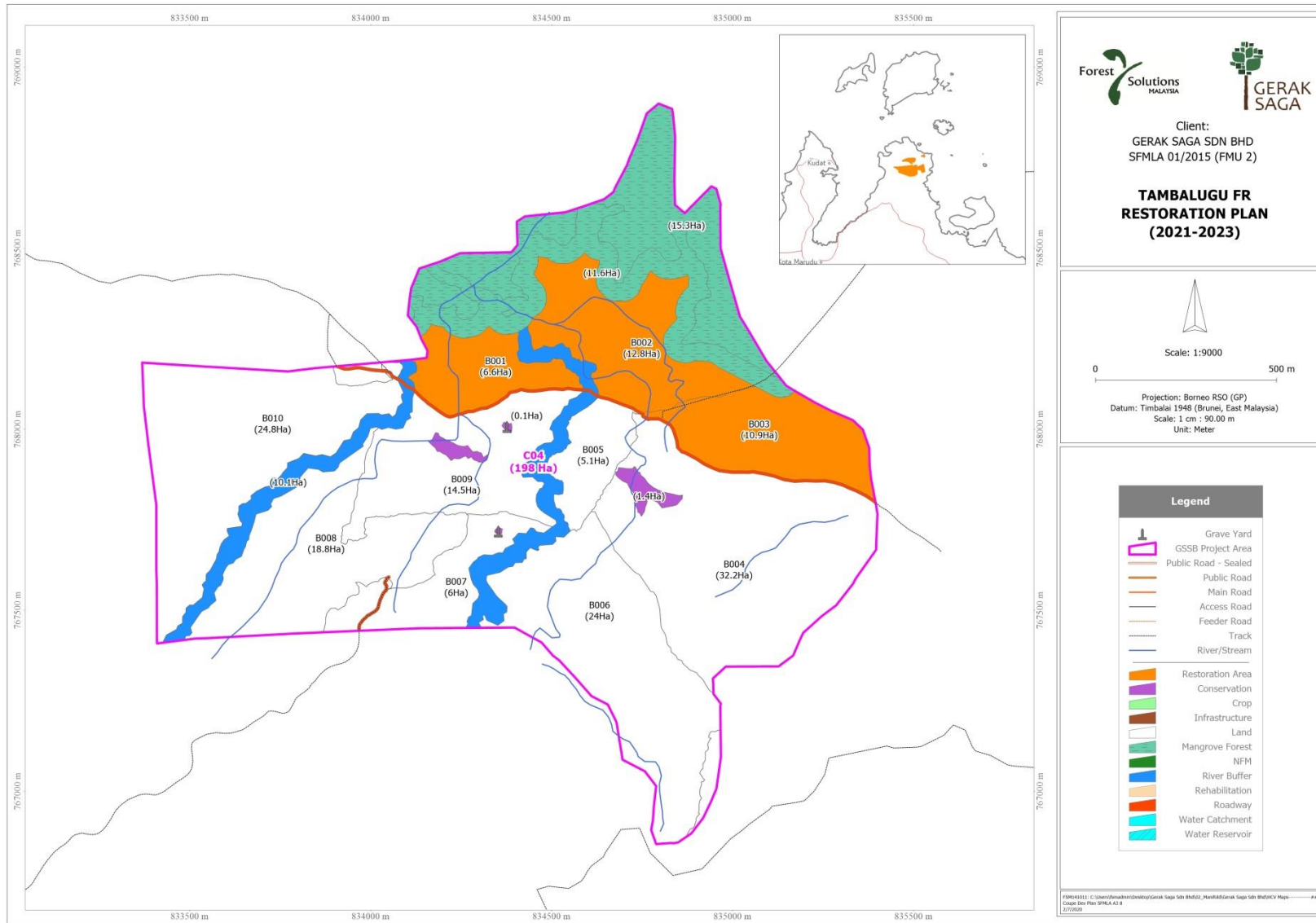


**ANNEXE 4**  
**THE MAP OF RESTORATION PLAN 2019 - 2023**

Annexe 4.1 Restoration Plan at water catchment areas and riparian reserves (area in red circle).



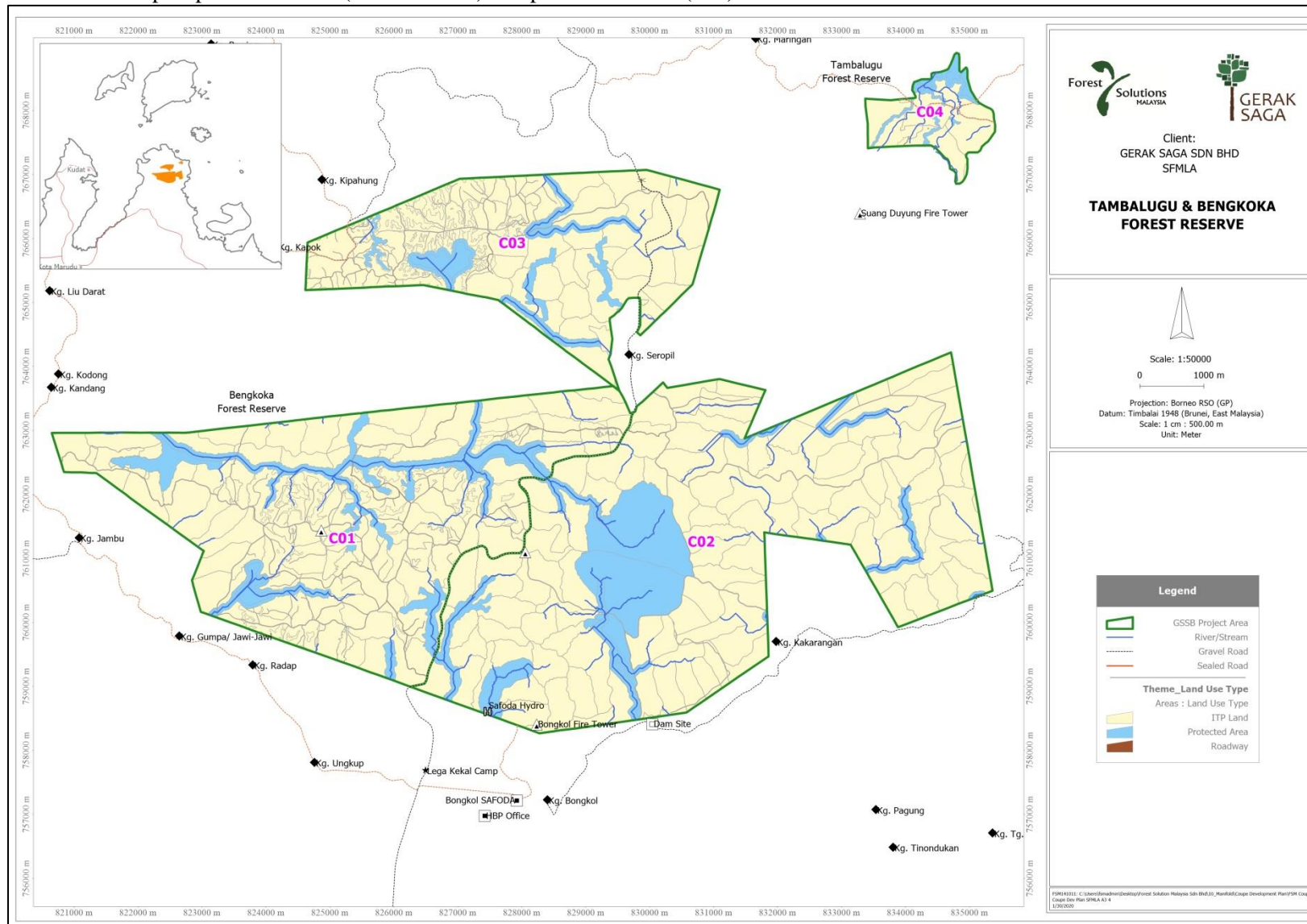
Annexe 4.2 Restoration Plan at Tambalugu Forest Reserve, 2021-2023.



**ANNEXE 5**

**A MAP OF PROTECTION/ CONSERVATION AREA VS PRODUCTION AREA**

Annexe 5.1 Map of protection area (Conservation) and production area (ITP).



## **ANNEXE 6**

### **PICTURES OF THE SURVEY ACTIVITIES**



Annexe 6.1 Pictures of vegetation in the forest reserves.



Mangrove Forest at Tambalugu Forest Reserve (Coupe 4)



*Acacia* spp. in the project area





Waterfall at the water catchment area in Coupe 2, Bengkoka Forest Reserves

#### Annexe 6.2 Pictures of survey activities



Installing remote camera



Big fan palm trees





Installing mist-net



Mammal footprint



Sun bear picture caught in camera trap



A Buff-rumped woodpecker



A Bearded pig



A Sambar deer

Annexe 6.3 Pictures of the stakeholder consultation at the community hall of Kampung Suang Duyung



Conservation Officer giving talks on the HCV to the local communities



Sabah Wildlife Officer giving talks on the Wildlife Conservation Enactment 1997