### JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

# STOP FORESTS FOR SALE! VAST TRACTS OF ALLEGED FORESTS BEING SOLD ONLINE

3 February 2022. We the undersigned demand that the Yang Berhormat Menteri Besar(s), Forestry Departments (Jabatan Perhutanan) in cooperation with the relevant departments governing land in Malaysia open up detailed investigations in relation to the recorded online listings involving the purported commercial sale of forested lands<sup>1</sup> in Peninsular Malaysia, based on a survey by the Rimba Disclosure Project (RDP) and prioritise the protection of forests in their states.

We are concerned over the likely conversion of forested lands which are being advertised for sale in the states of Perak, Selangor, Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan, which will result in Malaysia being "locked-into" further deforestation in the future, and which will exacerbate issues of biodiversity loss and land degradation, the climate crisis, and flooding.

For the year of 2021, RDP has identified and verified a number of 43,539 hectares of forested land purportedly for sale through 28 listings on websites including Mudah.my, iProperty, PropertyGuru and Facebook. These listings include land within forest reserves, Central Forest Spine habitat linkages and indigenous customary land. The vast majority of these listings are advertised for conversion to agriculture with a 99 year lease.

### We demand that:

- 1. Authorities investigate the online advertising of the vast tracts of forests in Peninsular Malaysia, purportedly for sale and land use conversion; and to publicly report the results of the investigation. If there is any law that has been broken, legal action must be taken.
- 2. All state governments ensure that relevant laws, policies and conservation practises are respected with the purpose of halting deforestation and biodiversity loss, as expressed in several national policies and commitments.
- 3. All state governments uphold the principle of protecting forests to safeguard against climate change, and to stop the rapid rate of deforestation, even if within legal means which includes the sale of stateland forests to private companies and the degazetting of gazetted forests and their subsequent intended conversions into other land uses.
- 4. Property listing sites to consider it their ethical responsibility to fight against environmental destruction by better scrutinising listings to ensure full compliance with national laws, and that environmental priorities and indigenous rights are upheld.

These demands are based on the following concerns:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The RDP has only been monitoring listings related to the sale of forests and clear-cutting of forests in Peninsular Malaysia, and not concessions for selective logging, which we have also sighted on the internet.

### 1. Climate:

- 43,539ha of forest is equivalent to an area 9 times the size of Putrajaya.
- This potentially involves the estimated loss of forest carbon density of up to 6,857,550 tons of CO2<sup>2</sup>.
- The sale of forests is inconsistent with Malaysia's pledge to maintain 50% of its total land mass as forest cover, as well as its commitment under the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use to "halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030", and its responsibilities to prioritise climate action under the Paris Agreement.

## 2. Biodiversity and ecosystem services:

- 3 listings describe the condition of the land and forest as "virgin".
- 4 listings amounting to at least 2,689ha for sale involve land within forest reserves, including Tekam, Lebir and Nenggiri forest reserves<sup>3</sup>.
- The most forests for sale are in Pahang (27,900ha), followed by Kelantan (10,411ha), Terengganu (3,631ha), Selangor (264ha) and Perak (202ha). Additionally, there is 404ha for sale in an unknown state.
- At least one listing is located directly within a Central Forest Spine linkage (PL03), which will impact an essential habitat corridor. Furthermore, the listings in the Tekam, Lebir and Nenggiri forest reserves are located directly within the Greater Taman Negara CFS Forest Complex and the Main Range CFS Forest Complex.
- The alienation of forests into private land will lead to reduced state control over forests, which are essentially public assets.

### 3. Communities

- The sale of forests include land in ecologically sensitive areas, such as the Ulu Tembeling region which is highly prone to annual flooding, Gua Musang and Terengganu which are becoming increasingly prone to human wildlife conflict including livestock and human predation by tigers, and Lojing which is susceptible to landslides.
- Land ownership conflicts have been identified in the case of the 21,000 acre listing in Muadzam Shah, which forms part of the indigenous customary land of Kampung Berengoi<sup>4</sup>.

### 4. Legal issues

- Some listings describe the land as "empty land" and "agriculture land", but the maps attached to listings show that the land is located within forest reserves, which raises concerns of legal inconsistencies.
- Some listings are being sold under the guise of "tanah milik sah kerabat kesultanan" or "tanah kesultanan" and warrants further investigation and confirmation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on the assumption of 157.5t/ha from https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/12/10/1294

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refer to appendix for details

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This plot of land is the same as the focus of this article: https://www.macaranga.org/yp-olio-pahang-orang-asli-land-rights-struggle/

To access the full data regarding this issue, please see the appendix to this document. For media enquiries, please contact <a href="mailto:rimbadisclosure@gmail.com">rimbadisclosure@gmail.com</a>

The Rimba Disclosure Project is an independent, non-political initiative which aims to facilitate enhanced transparency on the economic sectors, activities and parties responsible for the loss of Peninsular Malaysia's rainforests through the collection of data.

### Endorsed by:

- 1. AJ Rimba Collective
- 2. Alliance of River Three
- 3. Badan Warisan Malaysia
- 4. Center for Orang Asli Concerns
- 5. Centre for Independent Journalism
- 6. Five Arts Centre
- 7. Free Tree Society Kuala Lumpur
- 8. Gabungan Darurat Iklim Malaysia (GDIMY)
- 9. Gerimis Art Project
- 10. Glimpse of Malaysia
- 11. GRASS Malaysia
- 12. Greenpeace Malaysia
- 13. IDRIS Association
- 14. Jaringan Ekologi dan Iklim (JEDI)
- 15. Kiu Jia Yaw
- 16. Klima Action Malaysia (KAMY)
- 17. Kolektif Iklim
- 18. MNS Selangor Branch
- 19. Parti Sosialis Malaysia
- 20. Persatuan Aktivis Sahabat Alam (KUASA)
- 21. Persatuan Rimba Komuniti Shah Alam
- 22. Persatuan Tindakan Alam Sekitar Kuala Langat
- 23. Pertubuhan Pelindung Khazanah Alam (pekamalaysia.org)
- 24. Rimba Disclosure Project
- 25. Sahabat Alam Malaysia
- 26. Shaq Koyok (Orang Asli Activist)
- 27. Taman Melawati Residents Association
- 28. Tanjung Bungah Residents' Association Penang (TBRA)
- 29. Teoh Beng Hock Trust for Democracy

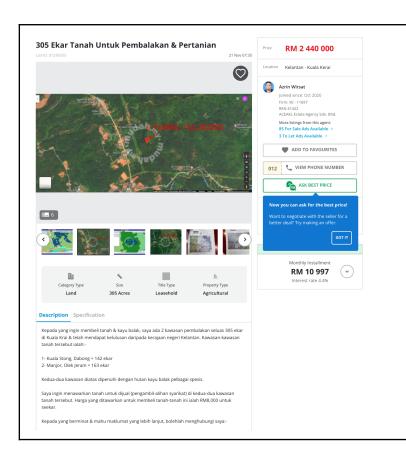
# **APPENDIX**

Note: this list focuses on listings which will result in the clear-cutting/conversion and does not include listings of concessions which involve selective logging

**Section 1: Listings** 

28 listings = 43539.0117ha			
Screenshot	Description	Verification that the land involves forest	
2000 Acres Land At Gua Musang For  RM 20,000,000  Gua Musang, Kelantan - For Sale  #Agricultural land for at #Gua Musang, Kelantan - 2, 000 acres - 99yrs balance - Price at Rm10,000/acre. Total at  Rm20m - Sultable for oil palms, durlan planting Serious Buyer, call KEN at 018-3221828 REN10973 #Land for at  Gua Musang #Agric Land for 12 Aug 2021 in EdgeProp.my  Contact	809.3ha for sale as agricultural land, Gua Musang on Edgeprop RM10,000/acre	The attached image shows it is within Hutan Simpan Nenggiri  https://www.edgeprop.my/listing/s ale/1421446/kelantan/gua_musan g/commercial/agriculturalland/200 0-acres-land-at-gua-musang-for-s ale  Accessed: Dec 28 2021	

Description  Tanah Balak Utk Dijual Sungai Setom/ Gua Musang/ Jeli/ Debong  AGRICULTURE LAND KELANTAN GUA MUSANG/DEBONG/ GUNUNG SETONG  - Total area 5,000acre +-  - Suitable for rubber trees, durian, farming and more  - Flexible lease contract 15/30/45  - 1,000 Acre  - purchase with company  - Asking price RM5,000 PER Acre, total RM5,000,000 (1,000 acre)  - 50 year leasing with optional to renewal  - Optional to rent for 15/30/45 years. ASK FOR MORE++  - Premium paid by new buyer upon successful of bought over company (est. cost 4k per acre)	2023.428ha for sale, Kelantan on PropertyGuru RM5000/acre	Land described as tanah balak  https://www.propertyguru.com.my/ commercial-property/agriculture-l and-kelantan-gua-musang-debon g-gunung-setong-for-sale-by-jack- tai-32538653  Accessed: September 2021
Agricultural Land For sale in Jeli Kelantan  OR Aug 01.25  Fince RM 4 964 976  Location Relaman - Jeli  Company Joined since Mar 2021 First E 11134 First PMB grad  ASK BEST PRICE  Share this ad  OR Aug 01.25  MORTIGAGE LOAN CALCULATOR  Morthly installment RM 22 376 Inserest rate 4.4%	251.1ha agricultural land for sale in Kelantan on Mudah.my RM8000/acre	Image shows area is adjacent to Hutan Simpan Gunung Basor, cross-checking of the location on satellite images shows area is forested.  https://www.mudah.my/Agricultura I+Land+For+sale+in+Jeli+Kelanta n-91545295.htm  [Link no longer accessible]  Location around: 5.675591, 101.760076  Partly in or adjacent to CFS SL09 linkage  Accessed: September 2021



123.429ha in Kuala Stong and Manjor, for clear-cutting and replacement with agriculture on Mudah.my

RM8000/acre

Land described as "kawasan pembalakan dan pertanian", as "hutan kayu balak pelbagai species"

https://www.mudah.my/305+Ekar +Tanah+Untuk+Pembalakan+Pert anian-81290355.htm

[Link no longer accessible]

Accessed: Dec 28 2021

### Kawasan Membalak di Terengganu dan Pahang untuk Dijual

Ubaidi 2 @ Eco-Ranger Engineering Sdn Bhd

Sat 26/Jun/2021 2:34pm [Last Comment]

Beberapa kawasan membalak untuk dijual di Tanah Kerajaan (tebang habis) dan Hutan Simpan (marking) di Terengganu dan Pahang.

- (1) Kawasan di Tanah Kerajaan, Mukim Jenagor, Daerah Hulu Terengganu (865 ekar) telah dibayar premium dan telah diproses Lesen Membalak dijual dengan harga RM1.6 juta sahaja.
- (2) Kawasan Hutan Simpan Sungai Nipah, Kemaman, Terengganu (1000 ekar) belum dibayar premium dijual dengan harga RM2.8 juta sahaja.
- (3) Kawasan Hutan Simpan di Kuala Lipis Pahang (1200 ekar) belum dibayar premium dijual dengan harga RM600 seekar sahaja.
- (4) Satu kilang papan keluasan tanah 5 ekar untuk dijual di Kawasan Perusahaan Gong Medang, Besut, Terengganu dengan harga RM3 juta sahaja.
- (5) Kawasan di Hutan Simpan Rasau, Kerteh, Dungun, Terengganu (1000 ekar).

Semua urusan jual beli adalah direct dengan owner, sah dari segi undang-undang dan selamat dari penjauan.

Sila hubungi Ubaidi di talian 0199700509 (wasap & call) https://wa.me/60199700509

0174055714 (call only)

Email

eco2langkawi@yahoo.com

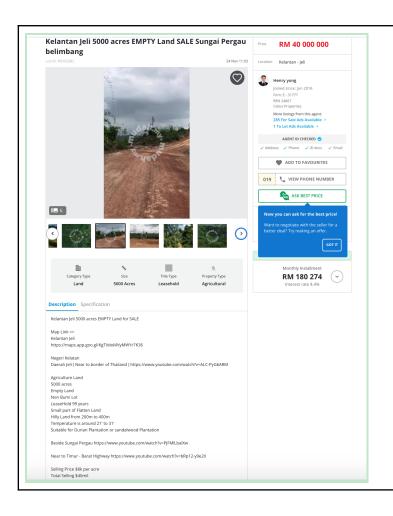
350.053ha concession in Tanah Kerajaan Hulu Terengganu, clear-cutting on Majalah.my

RM1849.7/acre

Land described as "kawasan membalak"

https://www.majalah.com/?classifi ed.kawasan-membalak-di-terengg anu-dan-pahang-untuk-dijual.GJS 8HR1PR1

Accessed: September 2021



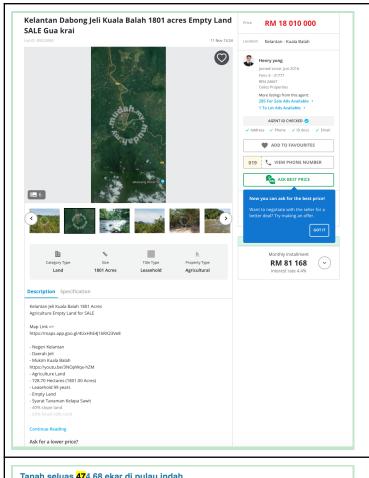
2023.4ha empty land for sale in Jeli on Mudah.my

RM8000/acre

Realtor said that land is forested

https://www.mudah.my/Kelantan+ Jeli+5000+acres+EMPTY+Land+ SALE+Sungai+Pergau+belimban g-89303382.htm

Accessed: Dec 28 2021



728.7ha for sale in Kelantan, zoning for palm oil on Mudah.my

RM10,000/acre

Realtor confirmed that land is forested

https://www.mudah.my/Kelantan+ Dabong+Jeli+Kuala+Balah+1801 +acres+Empty+Land+SALE+Gua +krai-89020890.htm

Accessed: Jan 11 2022

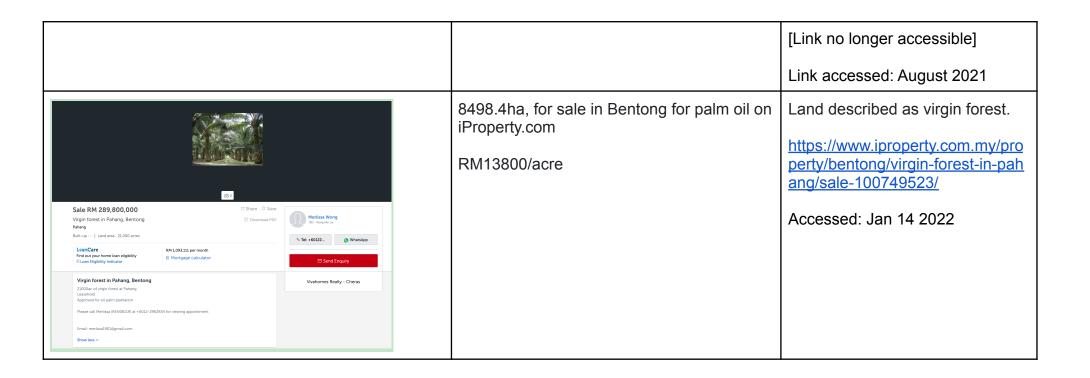


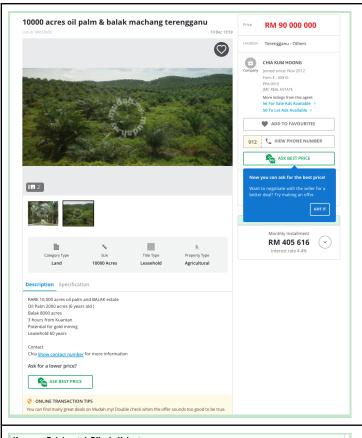
192ha of land for sale on Pulau Indah, Mudah.my

RM2003759/acre (Klang Valley price)

Google maps shows the area is still mangrove forest.

https://www.mudah.my/Tanah+sel uas+474+68+ekar+di+pulau+inda h-91366160.htm





3237ha of land in Terengganu on Mudah.my

RM9000/acre

Land described as "balak estate"

https://www.mudah.my/10000+acr es+oil+palm+balak+machang+ter engganu-88659655.htm

Accessed: Jan 14 2022

Kawasan Balak untuk Dijual - Kelantan

Ndinz - Thu 4/Mar/2021 2:03pm

Kawasan balak untuk dijual Luas 3000 ekar

Seekar rm2500

Lokasi kelantan

Anggaran kayu 30tan ke atas

Jual balak sahaja (bukan tagging tapi sapu bersih tanah nak buat ladang)

Last keluar taging 1980an

Nak document kita set masa jumpa

Kalau tak nanti documen bertebaran

Berminat wasap 0137373000 https://wa.me/60137373000

Niche: Kontraktor Balak Dan Kayu | Kontrak Tender Kerajaan

1214ha logging concession for sale in Kelantan, sapu bersih, Majalah.my

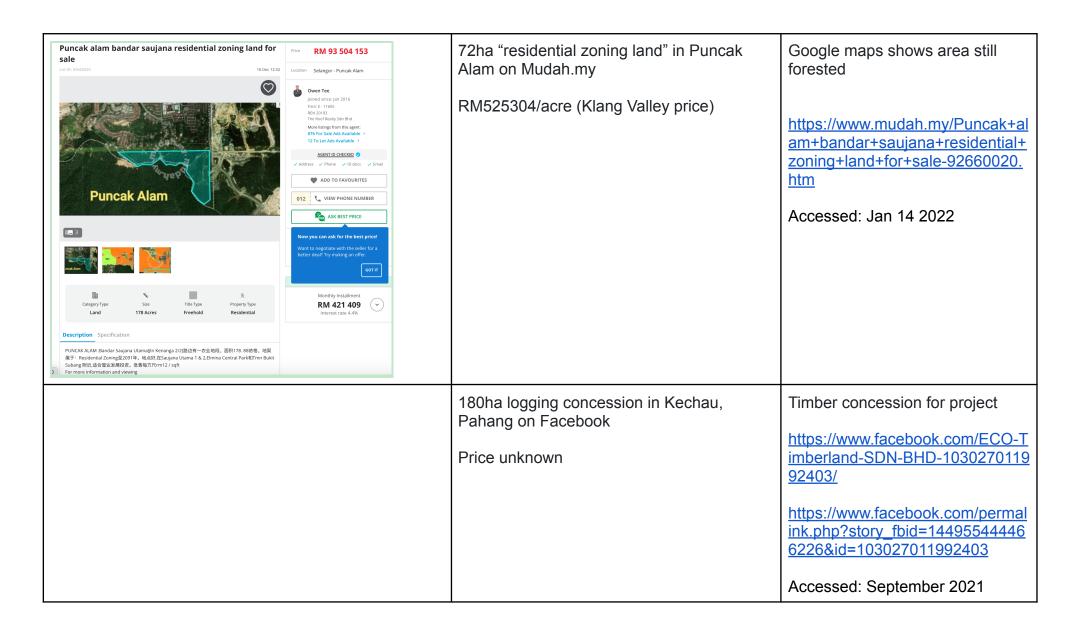
RM2500/acre

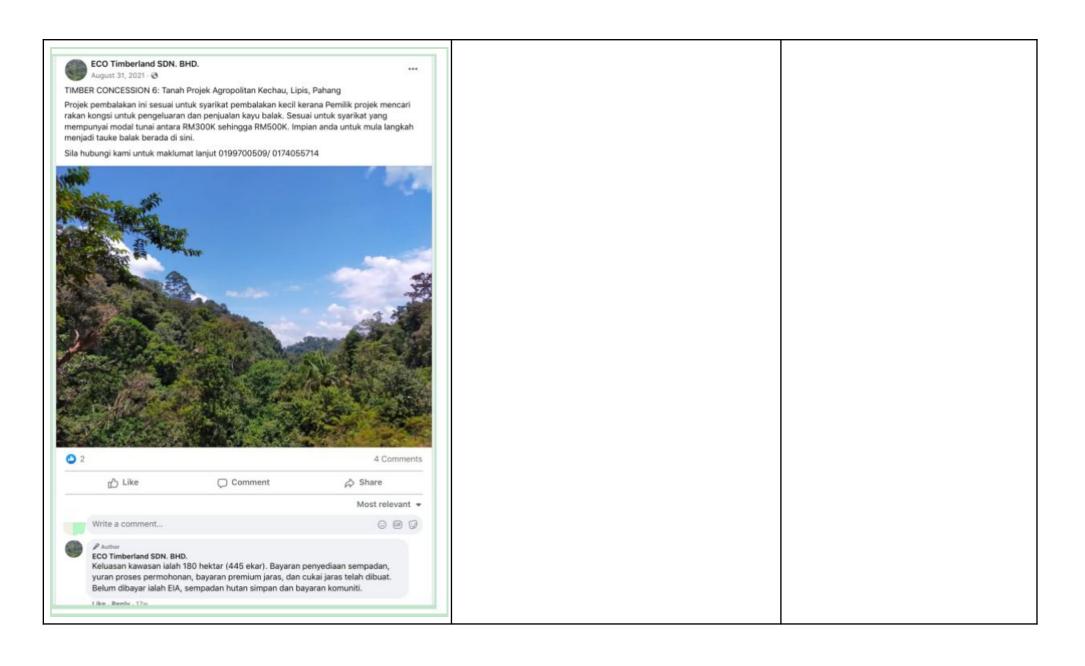
Is a logging concession for clear cutting (sapu bersih)

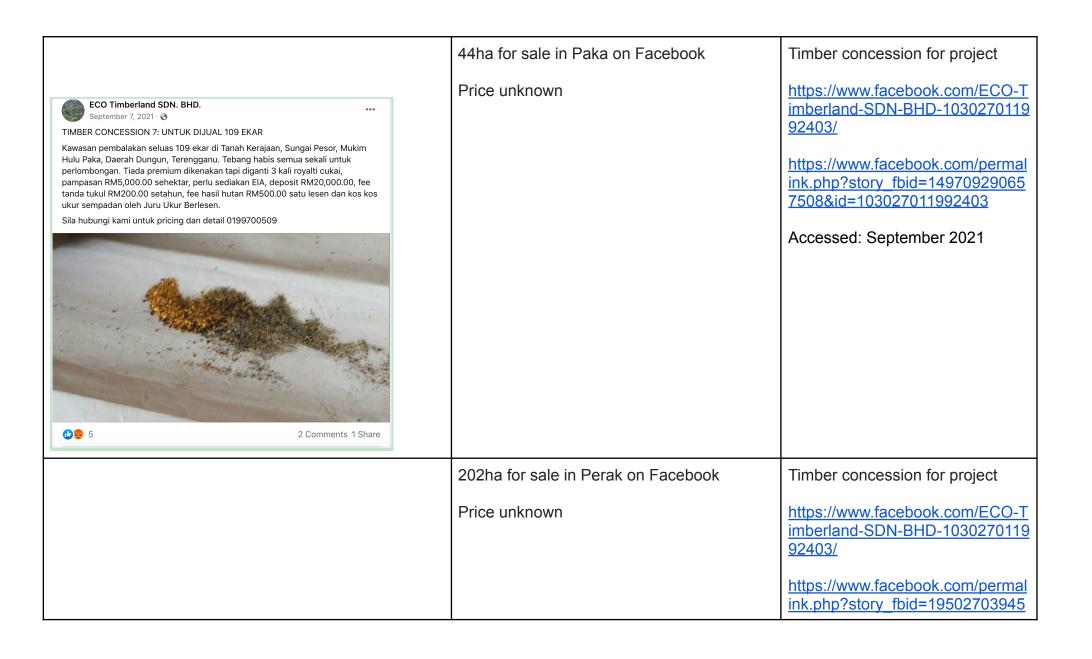
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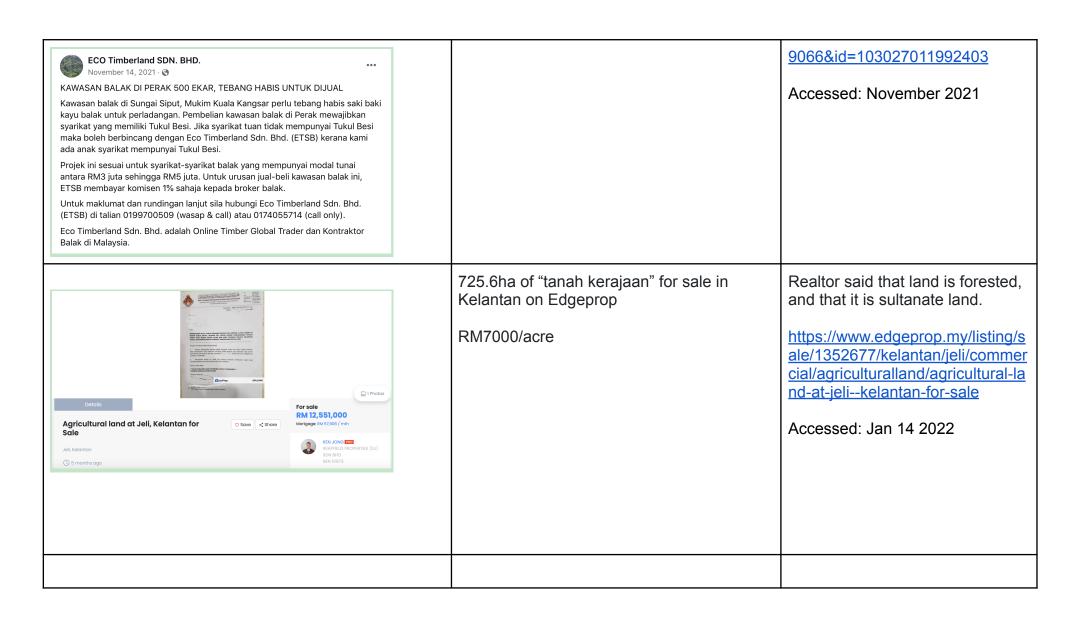
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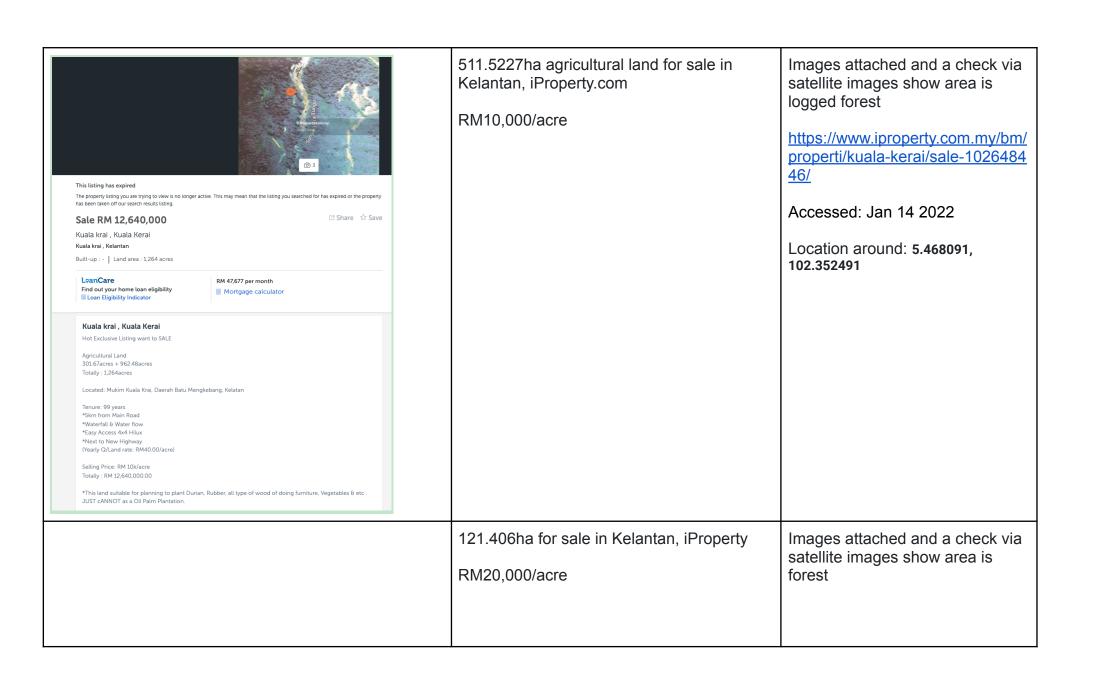
Kawasan Balak untuk Dijual - Pahang Fizrul Helmi - Thu 11/Mar/2021 9:16am WTS	1618ha for sale in Bebar, Pekan. Tebang habis on Majalah.my (kawasan balak)	Is a logging concession, clear cutting (cuci mangkuk)
Tanah Pertanian dan Kawasan Balak untuk dijual		
Lokasi; Bebar, Pekan Pahang	RM13,000/acre (balak dan tanah)	https://www.majalah.com/?classifi
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Harga; Jika Untuk Balak sahaja RM 8000 seekar		
Jika untuk tanah sahaja RM 5000 seekar		
Jika Untuk Balak dan tanah RM 13,000 (Negotiable)		
Nota: Harga di atas, tidak termasuk Bayaran Premium, Kos Juru Ukur dan lain lain.		
COA Fizrul Helmi Omar Negotiator		
Tanah untuk tanaman kelapa sawit di kuala balah jeli kelantan RM 8.800.000  Kuala Balah, Kelantan	725ha in Kuala Balah, Kelantan on Mudah.my	Land described as "masih hutan dara"
Land - For Sale - Building Area: 1793 m2  TANAH UNTUK TANAMAN KELAPA SAWIT DI KUALA BALAH JELI UNTUK DIJUAL SEGERA 1) TANAH MASIH <mark>HUTAN DARA</mark> 2) JARAK DENGAN JALAN BESAR KUALA BALAH LEBIH KURANG 2-3 KM 3) JARAK DENGAN KILANG SAWIT BERDEKATAN 3 Sep 2021 - mudah.my	RM4907/acre	https://www.mudah.my/Tanah+unt uk+tanaman+kelapa+sawit+di+ku ala+balah+jeli+kelantan-9193881 6.htm
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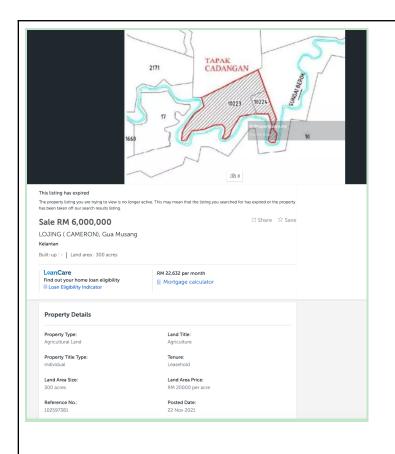










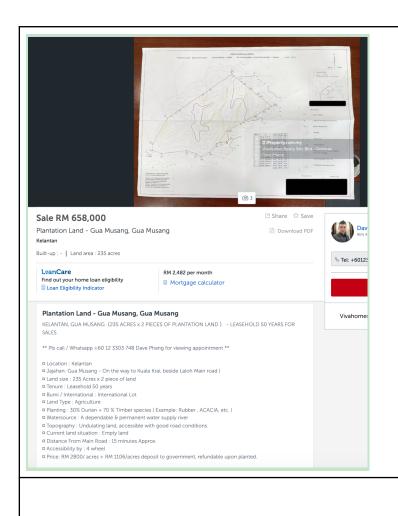


https://www.iproperty.com.my/property/gua-musang/sale-10259738 1/

Accessed: Jan 14 2022

Coordinates: 4.703719, 101.704483

Directly inside CFS PL03 linkage



95.1ha of plantation land for sale in Kelantan, iProperty.com.

RM2800/acre

Images show land is within Lebir forest reserve

https://www.iproperty.com.my/property/gua-musang/sale-102647203/

Accessed: Jan 14 2022

Location around coordinates:

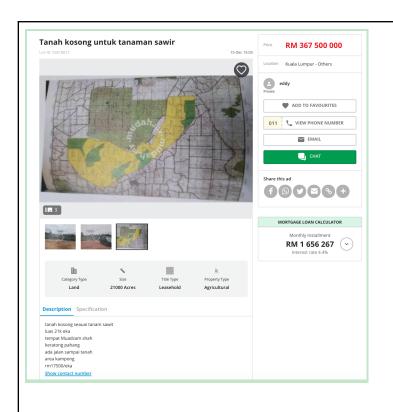
5.251715, 102.307590

8498.3985ha for sale in Pahang on Mudah.my

RM17500/acre

This land was previously for the controversial YP Olio palm oil project, which had its EIA rejected. It appears that the land is now for sale.

Satellite images show area is still



forested

Degazetted forest reserve and embroiled in indigenous land rights issue, as detailed by Macaranga.

https://www.mudah.my/Tanah+ko song+untuk+tanaman+sawir-936 18812.htm

Accessed: Jan 14 2022

#### Gua musang, Gua Musang

= KELANTAN GUA MUSANG 4411.69 ACRES PSK 99 YEAR VIRGIN TIMBER TREES & LAND FOR SALES !!!

p Location : Kelantan Bertan ¤ Mukim : Ulu Nenggiri

p Land size : 4411 Acres

¤ Tenure : Leasehold 99

¤ Bumi / International : N/A

number of title: 1

Owner: Tuanku

¤ Zoning: N/A

p Land Located : N/A

¤ Land Type : Agriculture

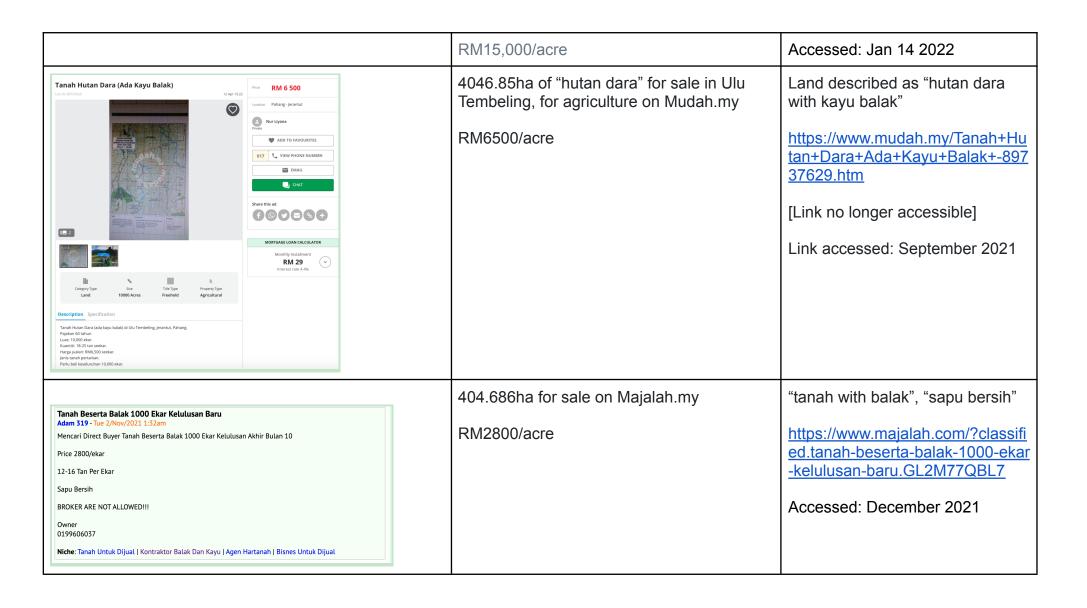
p Planting: Timer Trees

1785.068ha, for sale in Kelantan on iProperty.com

"All approval permit we will help due to this is(Tanah Ke Sultanan Kelantan). Interested Clients will act as Tuanku Contractor to clear the 6 Block"

Land described as "virgin timber trees and land", owned by "Tuanku". Land map shows Hutan Simpan Nenggiri.

https://www.iproperty.com.my/pro perty/gua-musang/sale-10157739



### 1500, jerantut, Jerantut

Leased land (tanah pajakan) 30+30 years available now, details are as follow:

- 1500 acres, located further from Kuala Tahan in Jerantut.
- There are 3 pieces of such leased land available under one company to be taken over, beside the above 1500 acres, also available 500 acres and 200 acres.
- With existing "syarat" of "tanaman sawit".
- Undulating land terrain.
- Only RM9,000 per acre.

Call 019-776 7795 for more info or site visit appointment.

Show less ^

607.0285ha empty land for sale in Jerantut on iProperty

RM9,000/acre

Realtor indicated that land is secondary forest and provided coordinates for three parcels:

4°23'41.3"N 102°38'42.4"E 4°29'53.4"N 102°33'50.9"E

(directly adjacent to Taman Negara)

3°56'34.9"N 102°27'26.5"E

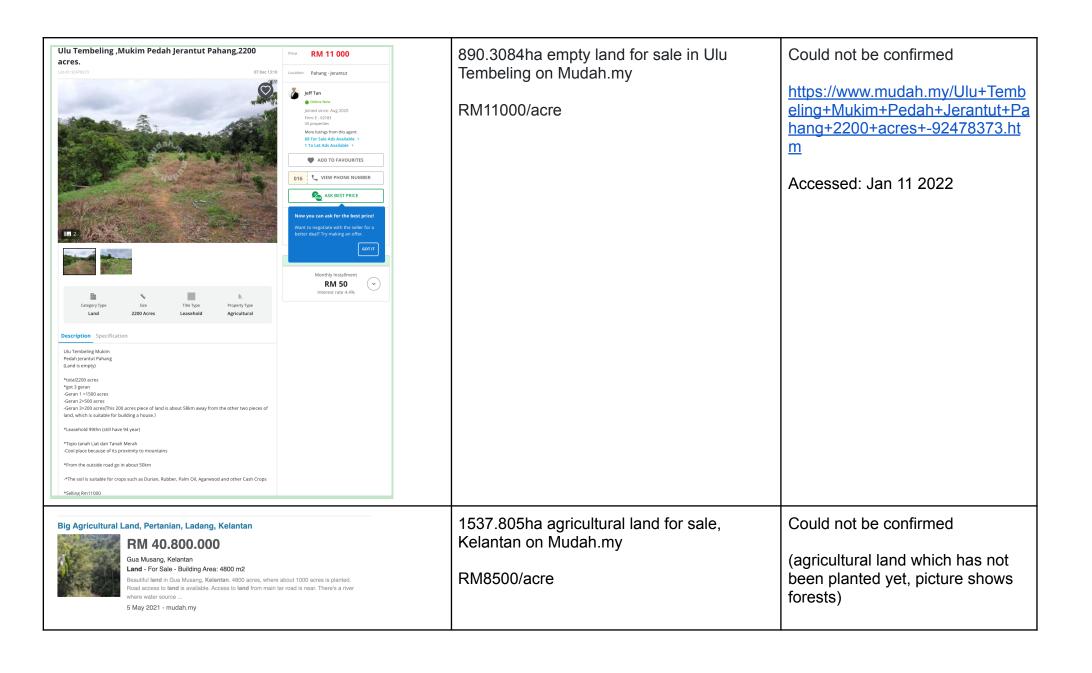
(located within Hutan Simpan Tekam)

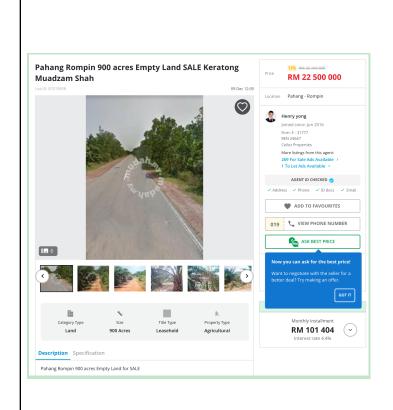
https://www.iproperty.com.my/property/jerantut/1500/sale-101141724/

Accessed: Jan 14 2021

Jerantut Timber Land, Jeran Contact Bryan @ 017-288 6913 for m Virgin Land with Timber Sell Timber to recover cost Then do plantation to make more me	nore information	404.686ha timber land for sale in Jerantut on iProperty RM5000/acre	Described as "virgin land" with timber  https://www.iproperty.com.my/property/jerantut/sale-102131000/
Property Type: Agricultural Land Property Title Type: Individual Land Area Size: 1,000 acres Reference No.: 102131000	Land Title: Agriculture  Tenure: Private lease scheme  Land Area Price: RM 5000 per acre  Posted Date: 17 Aug 2021		Accessed: Jan 14 2022
Ulu tembeling, Jerantut  PAHANG JERANTUT ULU TEMBELI PEPETE SERVICE: RM 6K Per Acro Location: Pahang 市地点: 彭亨 Mukim: Jerantut @ Ulu Tembeling 县: 而连突 @ 乌鲁淡比灵  Land size: 10,00 Acres 市散: 10,000 亩		4046.856ha psk forest timber land for sale in Ulu Tembeling on PropertyGuru RM6000/acre	https://www.propertyguru.com.my/commercial-property/pahang-jerantut-10-000-acres-psk-60-yrs-forest-land-for-sale-by-crystal-cha-32965967  Note: attached maps show that it is a different area from the above 4046.856ha Mudah.my listing in Jerantut  Accessed: Jan 14 2022
	Listing	gs which need further identification as forest	

HULU TEMBELING, Jerantut	2023.428ha empty land or sale in Hulu	Realtor did not respond
ahang near Jerantut Land for Sale	Tembeling on iProperty	
5,000 acres	Townson ig on a reporty	https://www.iproperty.com.my/bm/
RM9,500 per acres Total RM47,500,000,00		
Leasehold	RM9500/acre	properti/jerantut/sale-101053697/
Empty land		
Leasehold until 99 years		Accessed: Jan 11 2022
Good for own use for palm oil plantation, fruit plantation or farming purpose		Accessed. Jan 11 2022
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lease contact Michelle 0102263616 for viewing and further information detail		
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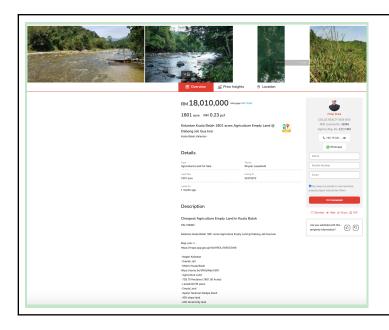
364.217ha for sale in Pahang on Mudah.my

RM25000/acre

Could not be confirmed

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782ha, in Kelantan

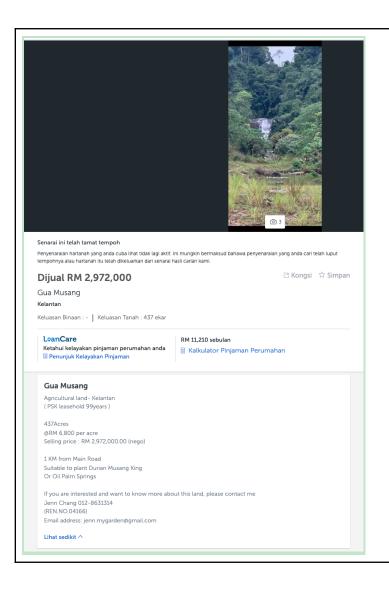
RM10,000/acre

Overlaps with other listing

(description says empty land, photos show forested or partly forested)

https://www.propertyguru.com.my/commercial-property/kelantan-kuala-balah-1801-acres-agriculture-empty-land-dabong-jeli-gua-krai-for-sale-by-philip-shaik-33376072

Accessed: Jan 11 2022



176.8ha, in Kelantan, iProperty

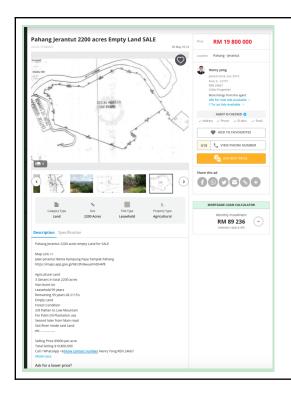
RM6800/acre

Could not be confirmed

(description says agricultural land, photos show forested or partly forested)

https://www.iproperty.com.my/property/gua-musang/sale-10218682

Accessed: Jan 14 2022



890ha of "empty land" in Jerantut on sale, zoned for palm oil on Mudah.my

RM9000/acre

Could not be confirmed and overlapping listing

Photos show forested land

https://www.mudah.my/Pahang+J erantut+2200+acres+Empty+Lan d+SALE-87040626.htm

Accessed: October 2021

### TIMBER CONCESSION AT TEMBELING

Eco Timberland Sdn. Bhd. is inviting local and foreign companies to participate in timber logging activities including forest replantation at Tembeling, Pahang. The timber concession is a private property with a total acreage of approximately 150,000 acres.

Kindly contact us for pricing and relevant arrangement to secure the timber concession at Tembeling, Pahang. Kindly contact us at 0199700509 (wasap & call) or 0174055714 (calls only) for further negotiation.



60702ha for sale in Ulu Tembeling (timber concession) on Facebook

Price unknown

Could not be confirmed

https://www.facebook.com/ECO-Timberland-SDN-BHD-103027011992403/

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Accessed: December 2021

HULU TEMBELING, JERANTUT, Jerantut  Pahang near Jerantut Land for Sale  * 3,000 acres  * RM9.700 per acres  * Total RM29,100,000.00  * Leasehold  * Empty land  * Leasehold until 99 years  Good for own use for palm oil plantation, fruit plantation or farming purpose  Please contact Michelle 0102263616 for viewing and further information detail  Show less	Temb	i.057ha empty land for sale in Hulu beling on iProperty 700 per acre	Realtor did not respond <a href="https://www.iproperty.com.my/property/jerantut/sale-101053698/">https://www.iproperty.com.my/property/jerantut/sale-101053698/</a> Accessed: Jan 11 2022
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# **Section 2: Additional information**

- One of the realtors contacted shared that in certain cases, forested land is advertised as "empty land" in order to avoid the risk of being fined.
- In addition to our findings, there is a mystery listing of 60702ha of timber concessions in the Tembeling area, based on a <u>post</u> which was published on the Facebook page of Eco Timberland Sdn Bhd. The post claims that Eco Timberland Sdn Bhd is the authorised director for Ulu Tembeling's "land, forest and natural resources". The post gives the size of the area under their directorship as 60702.84ha, and advertises the land for leasing for large-scale agriculture of 3000 acres (1214ha) and above.
- The Eco Timberland post refers to the land as "Tanah Kurnia DiRaja Sultan Ahmad Mu'adzam Shah di Tembeling".

- Another Facebook page refers to the land as "Tanah Kerabat".
- On a <u>post</u> featuring a map of the DUN Tahan area, it is mentioned that "Tanah Kurnia DiRaja Tembeling telah DITITAHKAN oleh DYMM Sultan Ahmad Mu'adzam Shah iaitu Sultan Pahang Pertama hampir 134 tahun dulu pada 20 Januari 1888".
- On another <u>post</u>, it states that "Semua pembeli kawasan balak di Tanah Kurnia DiRaja Tembeling, Jerantut, Pahang mesti melalui Pemilik sah Tanah Kurnia DiRaja ATAU melalui Pengarah Pengurusan Tanah & Galian". It was mentioned in the post that the land is owned by a "Tengku". The post states that "Penipuan oleh broker balak tidak sah atau broker tidak diberi kebenaran oleh pemilik Tanah Kurnia DiRaja dalam kawasan Tembeling untuk menjalankan urusan penjualan kawasan balak sedang giat dalam internet".
- Further clarification of the above is warranted. Attempts to contact the company were unproductive.

# Methodology

This press statement and infographic on social media is based on an investigation conducted in consolidation of available data.

As part of monitoring efforts, the RDP recorded listings of lands on the internet in our database throughout 2021 which potentially involves forested areas. At the end of the year, the RDP then carried out an investigation into these listings to collate findings accordingly. Several listings were distinguished through online descriptions which explicitly referenced the status of the land (often with timber as a selling point) and others through cross-referencing of maps and images found on the online listing with satellite imagery, forest monitoring tools such as Global Forest Watch and clarification through internal investigative means with relevant stakeholders. Additionally, other listings not included in the final estimation of 43,539ha have been identified where the status of forest cover requires further information.

The data only covers Peninsular Malaysia, and includes listings only involving the clear-cutting and/or conversion of forests to non-forest land use wherein concessions for selective logging are not covered. Online listings of logging concessions and forested land in Sabah and Sarawak have also been noted in the course of this investigation.

Premised on this, further investigation through the necessary channels is in line with the calls for action stipulated in the Joint Press Statement.