

# PAHANG AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF CENTRAL FOREST SPINE (CFS) IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA

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## Abstract

Malaysia has one of the most complex tropical rainforest ecosystems that are very rich in flora and fauna. Majority of these areas have been gazetted as Permanent Reserved Forest (PRFs) to be managed sustainably under Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) practices. These PRFs also constitutes the Central Forest Spine (CFS) which becomes Peninsular Malaysia's green lung that connects four major forest complexes and spread across eight states. The CFS concept was initiated to increase the integrity and connectivity between these four major forest complexes. The Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia (FDPM) is very committed towards this concept through the rehabilitation and conservation of these CFS areas via collaboration with other agencies to carry out activities based on the CFS Master Plan (CFSMP). These activities mainly focus on the rehabilitation of the poor CFS complexes, gazettement of Non-PRFs CFS complexes to PRFs, enforcement towards forestry and wildlife crime, building of infrastructure such as eco-viaduct. This paper highlights efforts that had been taken by FDPM with the help from States Forestry Department and other agencies. It also addresses the major challenges faced by FDPM in conducting CFS in Peninsular Malaysia where it is costly. Hence, by developing Sustainable Financing Plan for CFS Landscape Management in the state of Pahang to set up sustainable financing mechanisms for the conservation of the CFS would become the model for other state as a way forward to turn CFS into realisation.

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