



Plate 1 Road construction in contravention of court order.

This photo was taken on 27th October 2003 in an area being prepared for new set-up approval.

The road construction was suspended on the spot, by the PNGFA Regional Inspector, as he considered that it was in contravention of the National Court Order restraining Frontier Holdings Ltd from entering and carrying out logging operations in TP 2-16, at the time of the field visit.



Plate 2 Breaches of Key Standards 1 and 10.

Excessive debris not removed from a Class 2 watercourse, in contravention of Key Standard 10, and buffer zones not marked (Key Standard 1).



Plate 3 Lack of proper drainage causing ponding.

This photo was taken along road 12F and the lack of drainage is in breach of Key Standard 11.



Plate 4 Breaches of Key Standards 1 and 10.

This shows a skid track inside the buffer zone of a Class 2 stream.

The photo also illustrates excessive soil and debris pushed into the waterway.



Plate 5 Vines not cut during set-up marking.

Key Standard Number 5: Cut Vines during set-up marking.

Vines should be cut all around the tree and at the same time the tree should be assessed for soundness.

This is aimed at reducing damage to the forest canopy and residual stand and to increase the safety of the feller who can stay at the tree longer to complete the scarf and backcut, and be more sure about the escape route and in which direction the tree will fall (Source: PMC Procedures).



Plate 6 Burning reject Logs at Vailala Base Camp.

Export logging produces considerable waste of otherwise sound wood.

First there is the waste that is cut off at log landings during the preparation and scaling phase (see photo 7). Then, when sound logs are left too long on the log pond for whatever reason, deterioration leads to some logs being rejected by buyers.

These logs are burned.



Plate 7 A metre of sound wood wasted.

An example of excessive waste. The photo shows sound wood left on the log, the export log is then measured for royalty purposes, thus landowners lose out on royalty payment.



Plate 8 Excess soil and debris pushed into a Class 2 stream.

Photo 9 shows how a bulldozer has been used to harvest wildfowl eggs, thus destroying the whole nest.

This is inappropriate use of machinery and causes unnecessary damage to the environment.



Plate 9 A Wild Fowl mound destroyed by a bulldozer.