

A chainsaw operator at the Serebi Base Camp. The photo illustrates a common feature of all logging operations visited by the Review Team to date, the absence of safety gear and inadequate Operational Health and Safety considerations.

Plate 1 Unsafe work practices, Serebi Base Camp.

Plates 2 and 3 Below illustrate the excessive trimming of logs during scaling before the logs are measured and tagged for royalty purposes. The log next to the Project Supervisor is actually marked S/M meaning suitable for sawmill and has been measured and tagged for royalty purposes. However, as there is no sawmill it is likely that this log will also be Plate 3 ↓ wasted.



Plate 2 Excessive waste trimming at log landings.





Plate 4 This is a skid track, showing excessive ground disturbance, no water bars, leading to erosion gullies.

This skid track has erosion gullies more than a metre deep, it has only just been logged and the company has requested closure of the set-up.



Plate 5 The Log Pond at Serebi.



Plate 7 Erosion caused by lack of water bars.



Plate 8 Trying to locate the snig track.



Plate 6 A "dumb" barge loaded with logs .

Plates 5 and 6 show the operations of the Serebi Base Camp.

The Base Camp is well set-up and has minimum clearance of the river buffer zone (ie within the 100 metres permitted under the Key Standards). This Log Pond along with the Log Pond at Victory Junction were the only examples of compliance with the Key Standards for "River Dump" Log Ponds seen to date by the Review Team. The "dumb barge" is destined for Paia Inlet.

←This photo was taken in a set-up cleared in June 2003 and shows that lack of proper water bars has caused serious erosion channels.

The photo below (Plate 9) shows a snig track within a karst landscape. In such landscapes location options for skid tracks is limited because of the terrain.





Plate 10 An old tug boat at Paia Inlet destined to sink and cause pollution to marine life.



Plate 11. Loading logs at Paiai Inlet.



Plate 12 National employee quarters, Paia Inlet.

These photos show the generally unsatisfactory situation at Paia Inlet where water ways landowners have long complained about the deterioration to their marine resources by logging operations from which they receive little benefit.



Plate 13 Delegates to the Review Team meeting.

These women were from the Turama Extension Block 3 Forest Management Area and were among other landowners who had travelled to Kikori to attend the general meeting with the Review Team held on Thursday 27 November 2003, at the Kikori Council Chambers.



This photo show the Monitoring officer and his families living quarters provided by Turama Forest Industries Ltd at Victory Junction. The family occupies half of the house with single employees occupying the other half.

The photo illustrates the need for PNGFA staff to be housed properly by their own organization to ensure independence.

Plate 14 PNGFA Monitoring Officer and Family.

Plate 12	
Plate 11	