



SARAWAK OIL PALMS BERHAD (7949-M)

Protection of Riparian Buffer Zone and Slope Policy

Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad (SOPB) is committed to protect the riparian buffer zone and slope as follows:

A) Riparian Buffer Zone

1. Riparian buffer zone shall be maintained at both sides of the river by following the table below:

River Width (Meter)	Width of Riparian Buffer Zone (Meter)
>40	50
20 - 40	40
10 - 20	20
5 - 10	10
<5	5

2. For existing areas where the riparian buffer are not reserved, the next replanting cycle shall comply with the above requirement.

B) Protection of Slope

1. Estate land with slope $>25^{\circ}$ steepness to be reserved as unplanted area for new development or next replanting programme for existing plantation.
2. The existing vegetation and outgrowth shall be conserved for the land area with slope $>25^{\circ}$.
3. Proliferation of various indigenous trees species at steep slope is encouraged.
4. For slope area less than 25° , Leguminous Cover Crop are required to be established at early stage of the planting.
5. Some slopes with a gradient of 25° - 30° may be planted with oil palm if small pockets (a few hectares) of such areas occur in the midst of a larger area with slopes of less than 25° .

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