



Plate 1 Second trimming at transit log pond/yard.

This photo shows the PNGFA Regional Inspector (Momase) discussing the reasons for trimming the log at the transit yard, with the log scaler (seated at left of photo).

The log has already been trimmed and scaled at the log landing in the set-up and has an official log tag on it.

The double handling of such logs increases the incidence of degrade (in this case splitting) and thus increases the waste of what would otherwise be sound timber.



Plate 2 Second trimming off cuts ready for burning.

A pile of off cuts trimmed at the transit yard ready for burning in Block 4B.

This brings into question the veracity of measurements that are noted in the FD66 documents for royalty purposes and the SGS records.



Plate 3 A pile of reject logs at the transit yard.

The same transit yard showing piles of reject mixed white species which will eventually be transported to the log pond at Vanimo and burned.

Vanimo Forest Products Ltd mainly processes kwila, (*Intsia bijuga*) in the sawmill as the company claims there is no market for the mixed white species and the wood rapidly deteriorates.



Plate 4 A twenty-year-old Erima tree.

A 20-year-old erima tree (*Octomeles sumatrana*) in a research plot established in 1984.

The area in which the plot was established contained many trees of commercial size and was virtually clear felled during the selective logging operation.

Regeneration was profuse and was tended by officers and labourers from the Vanimo Forestry Station until the canopy had closed.

The tree is 117 cm dbh at age 20 years.



Plate 5 Breach of Key Standard 2 Buffer Zone Class 1 Stream.

This photo shows a skid track traversing the buffer zone of a Class 1 stream.

Tributary streams to this major water way (photo not shown) were blocked by the skid track causing ponding upstream of the snig track.

← The arrow points to the waterway and the bridge across this Class 1 stream.



Plate 6 Absence of safety equipment – expatriate employee.

These two photos illustrate the lack of protective equipment being used by both expatriate and local employees of Vanimo Forest Products Ltd.

←Welding with no protective glasses.



Plate 7 Absence of safety equipment – local employee.

← Welding with no protective glasses.

← No protective boots.





Plate 8 Vines not cut during set-up preparation.

Block 2, Set-up 18, vines not cut prior to application for set-up approval. Breach of Key Standard No. 5.

Vines should be cut well in advance of felling to increase safety for the chainsaw operator and reduce damage to residual trees.



Plate 9 PNGFA Regional Inspector discussing set-up marking procedures with VFP staff.

This photo shows the PNGFA Regional Inspector discussing set-up marking procedures with Vanimo Forest Products survey officers (an expatriate and national) and the PNGFA Project Supervisor.

The Review Team found that none of the set-ups that had been prepared for approval to log and inspected by the team, had been prepared adequately according to the PMC Procedures and Key Standards.



Plate 10 Log clusters used as crossing.

This photo shows a log cluster having been used for a crossing in set-up 2, Block 2.

This is in breach of Key Standard No. 13.

This breach was noted in a set-up that had recently been closed by the PNGFA Project Supervisor.

