

A Study on Underwater Logging Occupational Safety in Terengganu, Malaysia

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Abstract:

Timber harvesting is a very dangerous profession with significant numbers of injuries and deaths every year. The reality is that the underwater logging operation is one of the most dangerous work in Malaysia, especially in the state of Terengganu. A number of accidents and occupational diseases have been reported to the Department of Occupational Safety and Health Malaysia (DOSH) related to under water logging in Terengganu. Accidents common with underwater logging are drowning, decompression sickness and struck by fallen tree. The DOSH is actively working with their social partners to improve safety and health in underwater logging. Some enforcements and guides are designed to raise awareness of safety and health issues and promotes a “culture of safety” in underwater logging operation in Malaysia.

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