

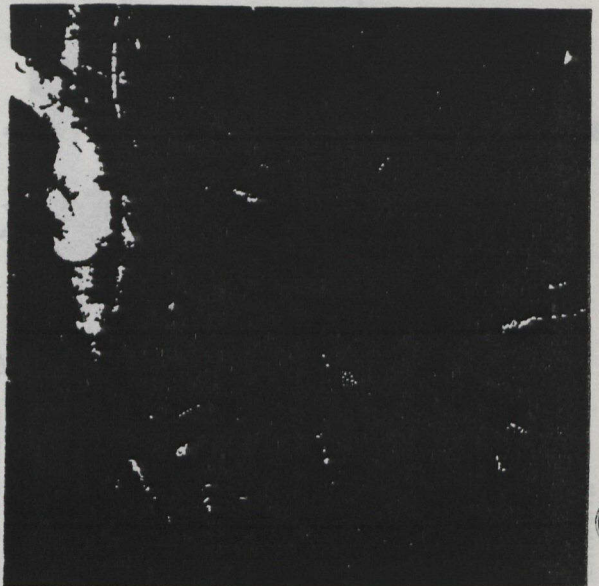
FORESTS FOR THE FUTURE

Malaysia is aware of the need to manage its forests, both for socio-economic purposes as well as for stability in climate, ecology and environment.

To this end, Malaysia has and continues to strive towards the sustainable management of its natural forests with commitment to the maintenance of a Permanent Forest Estate and a network of conservation areas.

Malaysia recognises its rain forests as a rich, natural heritage which, besides the economic forest products and timber, provide essential ecological services. They are also nature's storehouse for biological species and genetic resources.

For Malaysia, the long-term viability for the sound management of its forests must be one that balances the needs of economy, environment and ecology.



ABOVE : The very rare crested Argus pheasant or *Rheinardia ocellata* found only in Malaysia.

BELOW : Malaysia's forests are managed to balance the needs of economy, environment and ecology.

