

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT - SFM

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CLIENT NAME: PT SUMATERA RIANG LESTARI BLOK II GARINGGING

TOTAL HECTARES: 21,414.80

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management in Plantation Forests covering 21,414.80 hectares in North Sumatra Province, Indonesia

STANDARD / CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 2 (REMOTE)

AUDIT START DATE: October 19, 2020

In signing this document the Audit team confirms that they have had no involvement with the company under audit in terms of consultancy, training, direct employment etc. within the last 2 years and have no other involvement (financial, shareholding or commercial) that would constitute a Conflict of Interest

AUDIT END DATE: October 22, 2020

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SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED including country	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
Block II - Garingging	Barumon Tengah, Lubuk Barumon, Huristak, and Hutaraja Tinggi Districts, Padang Lawas Regency, North Sumatra Province – Republic of Indonesia	October 19 to 22, 2020
SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF ADDITIONAL SITES NOT VISITED BUT STILL COVERED BY THE REGISTRATION INCLUDING COUNTRY - TO BE COMPLETED IF CLIENT IS UNDER A SITE SAMPLING AUDIT PLAN	
N / A		

#### Brief Description of the concession

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging first concession was based on Minister of Forestry Decree No. SK.208 / Menhut-II / 2007, dated May 25, 2007 covering an area of 41,910 ha. Then in 2019, the concession area became 42,521.15 ha by the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia Number: SK.984 / Menlhk / Setjen / PLA.2 / 11/2019 concerning the Determination of Work Area for Business Permit for Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Industrial Plantation Forest of PT. Sumatera Riang Lestari (Block II).

There is an area of overlap with other companies and community claims with a severe category of 17,269.44 ha. Thus, the area for effective management of plantation forests is 25,251.71 hectares. The area certified under the IFCC Sustainable Forest Management scheme is 21,414.80 hectares, due to the conversion of 3,836.91 hectares of natural forest to plantation forest after December 31, 2010.

The implementation of sustainable forest management is based on the Revised RKUPHHK-HTI (Work Plan for Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Industrial Plantation Forest) for the 2017 to 2026 period and its attachments, which have been legalized through a Decree of Minister of Environment and Forestry Number SK. 6054 / MenLHK-PHPL / UHP / HPL.1 / 6/2019, dated June 28, 2019. Spatial planning for the work area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging consists of: Local Protection Area and other Protected Areas of 9,331 ha (21.96%), Staple Plant Area of 13,011 ha (30.62%) and Livelihood Plant Area of 20,152 ha (47.42%), with a total work area based on the Revised RKUPHHK-HTI of 42,494 ha.

The work area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging is geographically located between coordinates 01° 10' 49" to 01° 20' 37" North and 99° 47' 31" to 100° 06' 28" East. Based on the Forest Group, it is part of the Garingging River and the Mahato River groups. The government administration is under Sosa, Barumon Tengah, Huristak and Hutaraja Tinggi Districts, Padang Lawas Regency, North Sumatra Province.

The area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block II Garingging is in the form of dry (mineral) soil, with a flat topography (0-8%) reaching 93% and sloping (8-15%) at 7% of the area. Soil types consist of Podsollic; Podsollic-Gleisol-regosol association, and Gleisol-Kambisol-regosol association. Types of rock (geology) are volcanic, sedimentary rock, alluvium and metasediment. Climatic types include type A (Schmidt & Ferguson) with an average rainfall of 2,259 mm / year. Hydrological conditions are included in the Garingging, Mahato and Kumu River Basins.

The types of plants developed are the species *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus* sp.

#### Description of the socio-economic conditions of the concession and the concession's social programs

The Management Unit has identified, values and respects the use of forest resources as outlined in environmental documents (AMDAL) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA) documents. There are 21 villages located around the concession area, which are included in 5 districts.

In the previous audit, there was an agreement document for the development of livelihood plants with the surrounding community in the form of cooperation for rubber plants, staple plants (*Eucalyptus* sp) in the form of wood production fees and cooperation for the formation of the Community Fire Awareness (MPA). When the remote audit was carried out there was no additional collaboration with the community around the concession.

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging has offered equal opportunity for local people to become workers in the company. Based on the interview with the village heads, there are residents who work in the company as contractor workers, and there are notifications when job vacancies occur.

The Management Unit has a conflict resolution mechanism procedure and has included personnel in Training on

Mapping Potential and Conflict Resolution. There is a report on areas that are still used by the community (claims) accompanied by a map of the location of the distribution of the claimed areas.

There are documents of realization of the CD-CSR program in 2019 and 2020 in the form of basic food assistance for people affected by Covid 19, materials for the construction of religious facilities, support for elementary school children's textbooks and Ramadhan packages.

### Description of the ecological conditions of the concession

The Management Unit has carried out Management of Forest Ecosystem and Hydrological Functions through the following activities:

- Identification of forest management activities with significant impacts, and conducting environmental impact assessments through: AMDAL Documents RKL and RPL IUPHHK-HTI PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging (Approved by the AMDAL Commission of the Ministry of Forestry No: Kpts 566 / XII / 2005. Date: December 28, 2005. Revision of RKUPHHK 2017 to 2026.) The implementation of environmental management and monitoring each semester is presented in the Environmental Permit Implementation reports (RPL / RKL).
- The Reduced Impact Logging activity is carried out in stages; before logging activities (pre-harvesting), during harvesting operations, and after logging activities (post-harvesting)
- Areas that function for land protection are designated as Local Protection Areas and Other Protected Areas, namely Riparian Areas, KPPN / KPSL and Other Protected Areas.
- Areas that function for water protection are designated as water protection area, such as Local Protection Areas and Other Protected Areas, consisting of Riparian Areas, KPPN and Other Protected Areas.
- The Management Unit has documented procedures for monitoring negative impacts due to forest management activities, for Monitoring Protected Areas, Discharge and Water Quality, and for Monitoring of Erosion.

The Management Unit has carried out Biodiversity Management activities, through the identification and inventory of protected, endemic, rare and threatened / endangered flora & fauna within the concession areas. There is a map of fauna distribution but none for flora distribution.

- Identification of protected and threatened / endangered species, includes their habitats and migration patterns, but there are no key species in the area.
- The staple plants cultivated are not genetically modified tree species, being *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus* sp.

The Management Unit carries out Forest Protection activities, whether the disturbances are due to human or natural causes:

- Identify and monitor disturbances in Sustainable Forest Management, reports of which are submitted to the relevant authorities each semester.
- Has documented procedures to prevent and deal with disease and pest attacks, utilizing manual, biological or pesticide solutions as deemed most appropriate.
- Besides Integrated Pest and Disease Management, the Management Unit has in place documented procedures for Weed Control, Handling Spills of Fuel, Lubricants and Chemicals, and the Management of Hazardous and Toxic Waste (B3).
- Forest protection measures are implemented against fire hazards, in which the Community Fire Awareness plays a role.
- In the work area, livestock grazing activities by the community is prohibited.
- To implement Forest Protection activities, the Management Unit has carried out significant and measurable steps.

### Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to carrying out the Surveillance 2 Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted a public consultation commencing September 18, 2020, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information regarding PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website ([www.ajaindonesia.com](http://www.ajaindonesia.com)), sent to the parties via email or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia received no input from stakeholders during the public consultation.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging, the reported cases being given material consideration as part of the audit process conducted by PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia.

The Management Unit has identified all the necessary requirements for this certification process, which consists of legal aspects that include compliance with rules and regulations and international conventions. A management system has been established to cover all activities in the area of certification that is registered for an area of 21,414.80 hectares.

#### **Findings on the certified client conformity with the certification requirements and description of critical issues in relation to the conformity.**

Based on the results of the Surveillance 2 Audit of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging, no Non-Conformities of either a Major or Minor nature were identified by the audit team. No critical issues were identified.

#### **Conditions under which the certificate is issued**

Sustainable Forest Management Indonesian Forestry Certification Cooperation certificate of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging, certificate number: AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/000011/XI/2015 remains valid until November 12, 2021