

# **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:** 21,345.8 ha

**SCOPE OF REGISTRATION:** Sustainable Forest Management of Plantation Forest covering 21,345.8 hectares in North Sumatra Province, Indonesia

**STANDARD/CRITERIA:** IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**TYPE OF AUDIT:** Recertification

**AUDIT START DATE:** July 17, 2018

**AUDIT END DATE:** July 20, 2018

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

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SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED INCLUDING COUNTRY	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
Block II - Garingging	Districts of Barumon Tengah, Lubuk Barumon, Huristak, and Hutaraja Tinggi, Regency of Padang Lawas, North Sumatra Province - Indonesia	July 17 to 20, 2018
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	



### **Brief Description of the concession**

PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block II Garingging obtained a Business License to Utilize Timber Forest Products - Industrial Plantation Forests (IUPHHK-HTI) based on the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK.208 / Menhut-II / 2007, dated May 25, 2007 covering a total area of approximately 215,305 ha, consisting of approximately 67,230 ha located in North Sumatra Province and an area of approximately 148,075 ha in Riau Province. The working area of Block II Garingging covers an area of 41,910 ha.

Sustainable forest management operations are carried out based on the Document of Long-Term Work Plan for Timber Forest Product Utilization - Industrial Plantation Forest (RKUPHHK-HTI) for the 10-year period of 2017 to 2026. RKUPHHK-HTI 2018 document, as ratified by Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia No. SK 265 / MenLHK-PHPL / uhp / hpl.1 / 2/2018 Regarding Approval of Long Term Work Plan for Timber Forest Product Utilization - Industrial Plantation Forest (RKUPHHK-HTI) for 2017-2026 in the Framework of Improving Peat Management on behalf of PT Sumatra Riang Lestari in North Sumatra Province and Riau Province. Spatial Planning for the work area of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging consisted of: Staple Plant Area of 13,075 ha (31.20%), Livelihood Plant Area of 6,623 ha (15.80%), Local Protection Area and other Protected Areas of 8,989 ha (21.45% ), Area Controlled by a Third Party of 13,223 ha (31.55%), which amounts to a total of 41,910 ha.

At PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging there was conversion of 20,563.2 ha of natural forest to plantation forest after December 31, 2010, thus of the concession area of 41,918 ha, the scope for IFCC certification is only 21,345.8 ha.

1. Geographical location of the work area lies between 01° 10' 49" to 01° 20' 37" North and 99° 47' 31" to 100° 06' 28" East.
2. Forest Group: Garingging River, Mahato River,
3. Government administration falls under: Sosa District, Barumun Tengah District, Huristak District, Hutaraja Tinggi Districts, Padang Lawas Regency

The soil of the work area is designated as mineral soil and the species developed are *Acacia crassicarpa*, *Acacia mangium*, *Eucalyptus* sp.

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

The Management Unit of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging has identified and recognized the legal rights of the local community. There are 21 villages located around the concession area in 5 districts:

1. Aek Nabara District Barumun covers 8 villages, namely: Villages of Aek Nabara Jae, Aek Nabara Tonga, Aek Nabara Julu, Padang Garugur Jae, Hadungdung Pintu Padang, Sidokan, Aek Rampa, and Paranjulu.
2. Huta Raja Tinggi District covers 9 villages, namely: Villages of Hutaraja Tinggi, Aliaga, Mananti, Panyabungan, Pasar Panyabungan, Sungai Korang, including Ujung Batu IV, Ujung Batu V and Ujung Batu I villages.
3. Lubuk Barumun District covers 1 village, namely: Siali-ali Village.
4. Aek Nabara District Barumun covers 1 village, namely: Tobing Village.
5. Central Barumun District includes 2 villages, namely: Unter Udang and Binanga Villages.

Based on the study of environmental documents and interviews with the village heads of Unter Udang Village and Binanga Village, the majority of the population in the Districts of Barumun Tengah, Aek Nabara and Hutaraja Tinggi are Mandailing Batak by ethnic origin.

The Management Unit has entered into notarized agreements for the development of livelihood plants with the people of Binanga Village and Unter Udang Village, Barumun Tengah District, covering areas of 103.5 ha and 121 ha, respectively.

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The realization of the Community Development (CD) program for 2017 were in the form of construction of school building, maintenance of village roads and distributing fabric for *sarongs* to 40 villages around the concession area.

There is a land overlap with several plantation companies and the Management Unit has undertaken legal efforts that have been reported to the Ministry of Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia, the Indonesian National Police, while one of the companies has obtained a permanent legal decision from the Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia.

**Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession**

The Management Unit has identified forest management activities likely to have important impacts based on its Environmental Impact Assessment (AMDAL), Environmental Management Plan (RKL), Environmental Monitoring Plan (RPL), which have been approved per Minister of Forestry's Approval Letter No. 482.1 / Menhut-II / 2001 on March 23, 2001.

The Management Unit maintain careful monitoring at all stages of the operation: pre-planting, cultivation, harvesting and post-harvesting. This includes study of both physical and chemical components such as macro climate, soil analysis, to check density and fertility, as well as taking care to avoid subsidence, water quality, as well as managing water flow. Care is also taken to ensure there is no environmental damage caused by the logging process.

The Management Unit also identifies high conservation value forest (HCVF), taking care to study such aspects as biodiversity, mapping and monitoring native species of flora and fauna, and acting as careful steward of protected areas. Protection of the forest is intended to prevent or limit damage to the area. This is accomplished in diverse ways starting from socialization to the local community, the erection and maintenance of notice boards forbidding such things as the lighting of fires. Regular patrols help control illegal human access, the lighting of fires, etc., but not all dangers to the forest come from human hands as pests and diseases are also a threat. Depending on the type, these can be dealt with by manual, mechanical, biological or chemical means, although in the latter case care is taken in the management of the toxic and hazardous waste (B3).

Fire is a major hazard for any plantation, and PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garaging signed a joint agreement on Fire Aware Communities (MPA) Ujung Batu IV Village, Hutaraja Tinggi District in 2014. The Management Unit has fully trained firefighting personnel and equipment on hand, and potential hotspots are monitored both at ground level and by satellite.

**Results of the Public Consultation**

Prior to conducting the recertification audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia carried out a public consultation since July 4 to 16, 2018 requesting stakeholders to provide input and information on PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block II Garingging. The public consultation was uploaded to the website of PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia ([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 did not receive any input from stakeholders during the public consultations.

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

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

Results of the Recertification Audit of PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block II Garingging revealed one (1) Minor Non-Conformity (NC) as listed below. No critical issues were found.

No	Non-Conformities	Corrective Action Performed	Category
1	Since the establishment of the Joint Agreement on Fire Aware Communities (MPA) between Ujung Batu IV Village, Hutaraja Tinggi District	Forest Protection (FP) and Social and Government Relations (SGR) Section have conducted simulation activities on the Use	Minor



	<p>and PT. Sumatera Riang Lestari Blok II Garingging on August 19, 2014, the Management Unit had only socialized the prevention and handling of forest and land fires. It had not as yet, however, conducted training, simulations and other activities related to the Fire Aware Communities (MPA). This is an important matter given the urgency of the problem of forest and land fire hazards.</p> <p><b>Indicator : I.8.4</b></p>	<p>and Introduction of Forest and Land Fire Extinguishers (Damkarhutla) to Ujung Batu IV Village Community in Hutaraja Tinggi District, so that the community can directly respond and help prevent spreading should there be any forest or land fires in the concession PT. Sumatera Riang Lestari Block II Estate Garingging.</p>	
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#### Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate is valid until 12/11/2021 provided that PT Sumatera Riang Lestari Block II Garingging completes all corrective actions according to the time schedule proposed in its corrective action responses and does not have the same problems at the next Surveillance visit. If the non-conformities are not closed at the next Surveillance, the certificate will be suspended until such time as AJA is able to perform a closeout visit.