Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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ORGANIZATION NAME: PT Wananugraha Bimalestari

TOTAL HECTARES:

7,465 Ha

SCOPE OF Sustainable Forest Management of 7,465 Hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

REGISTRATION:

STANDARD/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Recertification

AUDIT START DATE: 10 February 2025

AUDIT END DATE: 12 February 2025

In signing this document, the Audit team confirms that they have had no involvement with The Organization 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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Brief Description of the concession

PT Wananugraha Bimalestari obtained an Industrial Plantation Forest Management Business Permit based on the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. 362/Menhut-II/2007 dated 25/10/2007, the concession area is 7,465 hectares; in the form of permanent production forest (HP) of 5.78 ha and convertible production forest (HKP) of 1,685 ha; located in Kampar Regency, Riau Province. There is a change in business permit with the issuance of Decree No. 136/MenLHK/Setjen/HPL.0/2/2022 dated February 14, 2022 concerning Amendments to the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. 362/Menhut-II/2007 dated October 25, 2007 concerning the granting of a business permit for the utilization of wood forest products in industrial plantation forests in plantation forests to PT Wananugraha Bimalestari over a forest area of approximately 7,465 ha (seven thousand four hundred and sixty five) in Kampar Regency, Riau Province. There is a change in nomenclature from IUPHHK-HT to PBPH (Forest Utilization Business Permit). The area based on permit is 7,465 ha, the forest area is 7,465 ha and the certified area is 7,465 ha as well. There was no conversion of natural forest.

In carrying out forest management, they has a RKUPHHK-HTI document for the 2019-2028 Period that was ratified through the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number SK 1236/MenLHK-PHPL/UHP/HPL.1/2/2019 dated February 11, 2019. The spatial arrangement of the work area is Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas of 1,804 Ha (24.17%), Staple Plants area of 4,049 Ha (54.24%), Livelihood Plants area of 1,464 Ha (19.61%), and Infrastructure and facilities included in the Staple Plant area of 118 ha (1.58%) and infrastructure in Livelihood Plants area of 30 ha (0.40%). Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas of 1,804 Ha (24.17 Ha) consisting of River Borders 1,519 Ha (20.35%) and KPPN and KPSL of 285 Ha (3.82%).

PT Wananugraha Bimalestari is administratively located in Gunung Sahilan District, Kampar Regency, Riau Province. The geographical location is at coordinates of $00^{\circ}01'49.39''$ to $00^{\circ}07'50.04''$ South and $101^{\circ}22'50,16''$ to $101^{\circ}30'01,98''$ East. The work area boundaries are as follows:

- north: PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper Estate Teso;
- east: the former PT Hutani Sola Lestari;
- west: PT Agro Agria Lestari (oil palm plantation), Suka Maju Village;
- south: the former PT Hutani Sola Lestari, Beringin Jaya Village

The general condition of the working area is flat topography (slope A), with an elevation of 19 to 139 masl. It is included in the Tesso River Forest Group, Tesso watershed with climate type is A (Schmidt and Ferguson 1955) with rainfall of 2,442 mm/year. The forest site is mineral soil with soil types of Paleudults, Haplorthox, Dystropepts, Fluvaquents, Tropogepts, Eutropepts. The species of plants developed are *Eucalyptus* sp, *Acacia crassicarpa*, *Acacia mangium*.

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

The community around PT Wananugraha Bimalestari's concession primarily consists of local residents, with 80% working as farmers, particularly in rubber and oil palm plantations. has mechanisms in place to resolve land disputes with the community, and a conflict resolution report for the first half of 2024 identified the potential conflict status as "Alert." PT Wananugraha Bimalestari has respected the rights of surrounding communities, as outlined in a draft report on the Integrated NKT-SKT Assessment for its Riau Province concessions, conducted in December 2023. The report identifies the condition of the concession areas, offers recommendations for management and monitoring, and proposes an integrated conservation and land use plan. A Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (PADIATAPA) process was conducted, with 12 out of 13 affected villages agreeing to the assessment. The Organization is in mediation with one village regarding land claims.

The Organization engages with the local community through various forms of interaction, including assistance, empowerment, and partnerships. PT Wananugraha Bimalestari works with the community on joint forest management

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(PHBM) projects and is legally required to manage livelihood plants on land for the benefit of local residents. These interactions are grounded in legal obligations and aim to foster sustainable relationships with the surrounding community.

The communities surrounding PT Wananugraha Bimalestari's concession include several villages, namely Gunung Sahilan in Gunung Sahilan District, Kampar Regency; Sahilan Darussalam Village in Gunung Sahilan District, Kampar Regency; Beringin Jaya Village in Singingi Hilir District, Kuantan Singingi Regency; and Sukamaju Village in Singingi Hilir District, Kuantan Singingi Regency. Village discussions are held regularly to gather community aspirations and develop community development programs. In 2024, these programs covered education, health, infrastructure, religion, economy, and social/environmental initiatives, with a CSR program realization of 274% of what was planned. Activities included educational assistance, religious celebrations, infrastructure support, and social aid for flood victims.

In terms of employment, PT Wananugraha Bimalestari and its contractors prioritize local workers. Among The Organization's 33 employees, 51% are local. Additionally, a plantation contractor partner, employs 90% local workers, and 31% of workers from four other contractor partners are local. The Organization has ensured transparency by announcing job vacancies and conducting socialization activities to keep the surrounding community informed, with announcements made in July 2024.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

APRIL's SFMP 2.0 policy enforces a moratorium on natural forest logging, which started on May 15, 2015, until the completion of High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessments. This policy also applies to all third-party wood suppliers. In line with this, PT Wananugraha Bimalestari and other companies have stopped land clearing and planting on new areas until the necessary assessments and conservation plans are finalized.

Field surveys performed in the HCV and HCS assessment identified 156 animal species, including 39 Rare, Threatened, or Endangered (RTE) species, with birds being the most diverse. The highest encounter rates were found at the forestnon-forest boundary, indicating that the habitat can still support these species. This suggests that the area's ecosystem remains suitable for wildlife, especially avifauna, which is a positive sign for conservation efforts.

The management plan includes careful infrastructure planning to minimize environmental impact, particularly near forest areas and regions with high carbon stocks. The spatial planning for PT Wananugraha Bimalestari's protected areas for the 2019-2028 period includes local protected areas and other protected areas. The river boundaries cover 1,519 hectares, which is 20.3% of the total area, while the KPPN (National Protected Forest) and KPSL (Other Protected Areas) cover 285 hectares, or 3.8%. In total, the protected area amounts to 1,804 hectares, which constitutes 24.2% of the total

The Organization has prohibited illegal logging on company roads and ensures land clearing in fire-prone areas is closely supervised. Regular satellite monitoring and joint patrols with local authorities will help protect forests, while educational programs for employees and the surrounding community will emphasize the importance of protected areas and sustainable land use.

PT Wananugraha Bimalestari also actively manages fire risks and protected areas through annual fire risk assessments, enhanced firefighting capabilities, and community engagement in fire prevention. The Organization follows Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedures before transferring land to plantation areas and works to protect wildlife through regular patrols and sign installations. By promoting the sustainable use of non-timber forest products, The Organization supports both conservation and local community development. The NTFP products utilized by the community are rattan, honey, grass and fish.

Results of the Public Consultation

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Prior to carrying out this Recertification Audit, PT Acube TIC International conducted a public consultation starting 7 January 2025, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about the PT Wananugraha Bimalestari. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT Acube TIC International website (www.ajaindonesia.com), sent to parties by e-mail or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. There was an input from a village stakeholder during public consultations.

The stakeholder mentioned that The Organization could work together on livelihood plants, support food security programs, and enhance their CSR programs. During field verification, the auditor interviewed the village head, village secretary, KUD Chairperson, community leaders, and The Organization's staff, including the Estate Manager. The Estate Manager explained that The Organization collaborates with local businesses in the village to manage forests and plantations. According to the Regulation of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number 8 of 2021, forest management activities must involve partnerships with local communities. Specifically, Article 134 and Article 169 of the regulation require businesses to cooperate with communities in and around forests. Furthermore, Article 132 (1) allows cooperation between forest management holders and local cooperatives or small businesses, especially in forest product utilization. Document verification shows an agreement between PT Wananugraha Bimalestari and the local business entity.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about the PT Wananugraha Bimalestari. The reported cases are considered as part of the PT Acube TIC International audit process.

The Organization has identified all the necessary requirements for this certification process, which consist of legal aspects which include compliance with international rules and regulations and conventions. A management system has been developed to cover all activities in the area of certification, registered for a total of 7,465 hectares.

Organization progress record related to corrective action on findings of nonconformities in previous audit

The results of Transition to IFCC ST 1001:2021 + Surveillance 2 Audit is no non-conformities.

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

The results of this Recertification Audit is no non-conformity. The management system operates effectively.

Conditions under which the certificate is issued

The certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00002/IV/2015 is valid until 14 April 2028, provided that PT Wananugraha Bimalestari maintains its Surveillance schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Surveillance.

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