

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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**PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT – SFM**  
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CLIENT NAME: PT SUNTARA GAJAPATI

TOTAL HECTARES: 27,807 ha

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 27,807 hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

STANDARD/ CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Recertification

AUDIT START DATE: March 26, 2019

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: March 29, 2019

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SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED INCLUDING COUNTRY	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
PT Suntara Gajapati	Basilam District, Sei Sembilan District, Dumai City, Riau, Republic of Indonesia	March 26 to 29, 2019
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**

Based on SK. IUPHHK-HT No. 71/Kpts-II/2001 the PT Suntura Gajapati IUPHHK-HTI covers an area of 34,792 ha. Of this total area, 6,985 hectares of primary or secondary forest was converted to plantation forest after December 31, 2010, and thus the scope of IFCC certification is for an area of 27,807 hectares.

In carrying out the sustainable plantation forest management, PT Suntura Gajapati holds RKUPHHK-HTI documentation for the period of 2017 - 2026, based on the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number: SK. 5949/MenLHK-PHPL/UHP/HPL.1/9/2018, of September 18, 2018 Regarding the Approval of Adjusting the Work Plan for Timber Forest Product Utilization Business in Industrial Plantation Forest (RKUPHHK-HTI) for 2017 - 2026 of Activities 2018-2019 on behalf of PT Suntura Gajapati in Riau Province.

The Management Unit has the Peat Ecosystem Recovery Plan Document that was approved by the Decree of the Director General of Pollution and Environmental Damage Control Number SK.19/PPKL/PKG/PKL.0/1/2018 concerning Peat Ecosystem Recovery Plan and Determination of the Point of Manual Groundwater Height Adherence, Mounting Point Face of Automated Water and Rainfall Monitoring Station Points on January 2, 2018. Based on these documents, the spatial planning is: Local Protection Area covering an area of 5,183 ha (14.90%), Staple Plant Area of 20,809 ha (59.81%) and Livelihood Plant Area of 8,800 ha (25.29%).

Based on its geographical location, the Management Unit of PT Suntura Gajapati's working area is located between 0° 45' to 2° 07' North and 101° 02' to 101° 23' East, and falls under the government administration of Sungai Sembilan District, Basilam Baru Subdistrict, Dumai City, Riau Province.

The condition of the forest in the area of PT Suntura Gajapati is peat swamp forest. The topography is flat, most of the area being lowland. Based on rainfall observation data in 2016, the annual rainfall was 3,997.85 mm that fell over a period of 120 days, the highest being in March with 1,113.50 mm and the lowest in November with 556.00 mm of rainfall. Based on the foregoing, the staple production crop is *Acacia crassicarpa*.

Geomorphology of peat soil in the concession area of PT. Suntura Gajapati in several water-table depth locations in the staple plant area does not extend beyond the pyrite layer and it can be ascertained that there is no oxidation of pyrites. Peat subsidence that has occurred since the beginning of reclamation to date has not caused the formation of acid sulphate soils. PT Suntura Gajapati has made a Peat Ecosystem Recovery Plan Document, which was approved by the Decree of the Director General of Pollution and Environmental Damage Control Number SK.19/PPKL/PKG/PKL.0/1/2018 concerning Peat Ecosystem Recovery Plan and Determination of the Point of Compliance with Manual Groundwater Height, Point Installation of Automatic Water Level Height Measuring Devices and Rainfall Monitoring Station Points on January 2, 2018.

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

The concession area of PT Suntura Gajapati falls under the administrative area of Batu Teritip Subdistrict and Batu Basilam Subdistrict, Sungai Sembilan District, Dumai City, Riau Province. There are no indigenous people in the concession area of the company, the people domiciled in the Kelurahan Batu Teritip and Kelurahan Batu Basilam Batu Teritip Subdistrict and Batu Basilam Subdistrict being Javanese, Batak and Minang immigrants.

Within its forest management operations, the Management Unit involves the surrounding community in the form of livelihood plant cooperation services, particularly in the cultivation of rubber and acacia. Other cooperation

extends to community access for the utilization of non-timber forest products (HHBK) particularly fish that thrive in the company's canal. An additional area of mutual cooperation was addressed in 2015 with the formation of the community fire awareness (MPA) program, under which the company provides training and equipment for fire prevention activities.

In meeting its obligation to promote the socio-economic development of the local community, PT Suntura Gajapati has CD/CSR programs specially designed to meet the needs of the community across a wide range of fields. The Management Unit has reports on the planned activities realized in 2017 and up to August 2018, which cover aspects in the fields of education, health, productive business and social cultural assistance.

### **Description of the ecological conditions of the concession**

The Management Unit of PT. Suntura Gajapati undertakes activities to minimize the negative impacts of its plantation forest operations. Among the impacts monitored are various chemical and physical indicators relating to the health of the soil and the quality of the air and water. With the soil being peat soil, great importance is placed on maintaining the water within strict limits to prevent potential oxidation of the pyrite layer and acidification of the soil.

PT. Suntura Gajapati has commitment to the Forest Conservation Policy (FCP). What is related to ecology is APP's commitment policy and all suppliers will develop areas that are not forested land, according to the results of the identification of HCVF and HCS independent assessments.

Based on the EIA document, PT Suntura Gajapati has identified protected flora and fauna species found in its work area, the key species of flora being identified as ramin (*Gonystylus bancanus*); and fauna as the Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris sondaica*). The protection of these and other native species is carefully monitored, the results of which are reported to the requisite authorities each semester, particularly the riparian areas that form part of the protected area and are both tiger habitat and the corridor along which they roam.

Preservation of the integrity of the protected areas is maintained through the erection of strategically positioned sign boards indicating their location, as well as prohibiting hunting, grazing of the community's animals, and lighting of fires.

Regular patrols of the concession area are conducted to guard against illegal encroachment and logging, hunting, lighting of fires, etc. , as well as to note signs of any infestation by natural pests or diseases. While preventative measures are taken to forestall such attacks, biological agents and pesticides may be used when required. In such cases, the Management Unit utilizes standard procedures for the handling of hazardous waste (B3).

PT Suntura Gajapati implements a no-burn policy in land preparation activities and involved community cooperation in its fire prevention activities through the formation of the community fire awareness (MPA) program in 2015.

### **Results of the Public Consultation**

Prior to carrying out the Recertification Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted a public consultation commencing March 8, 2019, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Suntura Gajapati Lestari. The public consultation was uploaded to PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website ([www.ajaindonesia.com](http://www.ajaindonesia.com)), sent to parties via e-mail or postal mail, and published in local newspapers.

PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia received input from a farmers' group requesting support for the acceleration of the application of a social forestry program. At a field verification conducted on March 28, 2019 with the stakeholder and the Management Unit, it was concluded that the Management Unit supports the social forestry program providing it is in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and aims to advance the farmers' group.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Suntura Gajapati, the reported cases being given material consideration as part of the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia audit process.

The Management Unit has identified all the requirements needed for this certification process, comprising legal aspects that include compliance with rules and regulations and international conventions. The management system has been established to cover all activities in the certification field, which is registered for an area of 27,807 hectares.

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

Based on the Recertification Audit results of PT Suntura Gajapati, no Non-Conformities of either a major or minor nature were identified by the audit team.

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

Certificate is valid until (30/06/2022), provided that PT Suntura Gajapati continues its Surveillance program and continues to successfully maintain its sustainable forest management system.