

Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT – SFM

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ORGANIZATION NAME: PT RIMBA PERANAP INDAH

TOTAL HECTARES: 14,434

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 14,434 hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

STANDARD/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Transition to IFCC ST 1001:2021 + Surveillance 2

AUDIT START DATE: 5 June 2024

AUDIT END DATE: 8 June 2024

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 ORGANIZATION SITES VISITED INCLUDING COUNTRY	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
Head office	Jl. Dr. Sutomo No 62, Pekanbaru, 28141, Riau - Indonesia	5 June 2024
Site	Desa Bukit Selanjut, Kecamatan Kelayang, Kabupaten Indragiri Hulu, Riau - Indonesia	6 to 8 June 2024
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 Rimba Peranap Indah achieved its SK PBPH (Forest Utilization Business Permit) No SK 723/MENLHK/SETJEN/HPL.0/9/2021 dated September 13, 2021, regarding changes to the decree of the Minister of Forestry number SK. 598/Kpts-II / 1996 dated September 16, 1996, with a working area of 14,434 Ha. There is no conversion of natural forests into plantation forests after December 31, 2010. Thus, the scope of IFCC certification is 14,434 ha.

The Organization has a document on changes to the RKUPH (Forest Utilization Work Plan) approved by the decree.10537/MenLHK-PHPL/PUPH/HPL.1/9/209/2023 dated September 21, 2023, regarding the approval of changes to the Forest Utilization Business Plan to the Forest Utilization Business Plan for the 2020 to 2029 period of Forest Utilization on behalf of PT Rimba Peranap Indah in Riau Province. As for annual business plan of 2024 is approved by Decree of the President Director No. 103/DIR-RPI/XII/2023 dated December 29, 2023.

The Organization has carried out spatial planning based on the RKUPH Amendment document:

1. Spatial working area is divided into two namely Protected Area of 1,885 Ha (12.55%) and Cultivation Area of 12,579 Ha (87.15%).
 - Protected area of 1,885 Ha (12.55%) consists of River border area of 1,293 Ha (8.96%), 2) KPPN and KPSL area of 562 Ha (3.89%).
 - Cultivation area of 12,579 Ha (87.15%) consists of 1) Utilization of Timber Forest Products 5,989 Ha (41.49%), 2) Utilization of non-timber forest product partnership pattern of 228 Ha (2.0%), 3) Infrastructure of 254 Ha (2.45%), 4) oil palm plantations of 6,138 Ha (42.52%).

It falls under the administration government of Ukui District, Pelalawan District and Peranap District, Kelayang District, Lubuk Batu Jaya District, Indragiri Hulu Regency, Riau Province. Based on the priority assessment of the surrounding villages in 2023, there are 11 villages around the company, divided into three districts and 2 regencies. The verification of field visits in this were taken three samples from surrounding villages, namely Baturijal Hulu Village, Pandan Wangi village, and Baturijal Hilir Village.

PT Rimba Peranap Indah is geographically located at 00°15' to 00°25' South; 101°45' to 102°00' East. It is part of Tesso Nilo Forest Group. It has topography of 0 - <25% (flat) with an altitude of 54,144 masl. The soil type is Red Yellow Podzolic. The climate type is A. The rivers within the forest are Sei Hitam Kanan River, Garingging River, Terentang River, Limbat River and Sibungkul River. The land type is 100% dry/mineral with the species of plants cultivated are *Acacia crasscarpa*, *Acacia mangium*, *Eucalyptus sp.*

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

PT Rimba Peranap Indah is surrounded by both local communities and customary law communities. The customary law communities around the concession are Adat Melayu Kematuan which is avowed by LAMR (Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau). According to the village heads, the type of economic livelihood of the village around the company is dominated as farmers and followed by workers/services, traders, fishermen, employees/civil servants, and others.

The Organization has made conflict resolution efforts with surrounding communities. Based on the 2023 Claim Area Identification and Settlement Report, there is a decrease in claims every year with the conflict resolution process. This decrease resulted from effective communication and submission of complaints such as socialization, as well as fulfilled social obligations of the company to the surrounding village community in accordance with the valid SOP.



PT Rimba Peranap Indah has an Addendum to the cooperation agreement between the company and the village community in livelihood plant. Cooperation of livelihood plant has been implemented since 2019. This was confirmed by the relevant village officials during the interview. This cooperation is implemented by providing value benefits to the community. The provision of benefits is carried out on each planting cycle and will be carried out again in the next harvest cycle.

The Organization has undertaken social obligations to the community through CSR and CD programs. Based on the realization of CSR / CD, the company has exceeded the target of the CSR/CD plan in 2023. The CSR activities that have been carried out include all-in-village computer assistance, village entertainment event assistance, mosque material assistance, coconut milk squeezing machine assistance for the village, as well as health assistance such as formula milk assistance, *posyandu* health equipment.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

PT Rimba Penarap Indah has carried out proper maintenance or improvement of forest resources and their contribution to the global carbon cycle, such as by the following activities:

- Having operational documents that aim to maintain or improve forests and their environmental services, namely the RKUPH for the period of 2020 to 2029, referring to changes in the RKUPH of PT Rimba Penarap Indah according to decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry No. SK.10537/MenLHK-PHL/PUPH/HPL.1/9/2023 dated September 21, 2023.
- Conducts positive climate practices in forest management activities such as monitoring microclimate changes (temperature, CH and temperature), monitoring ambient air quality, identifying sources of greenhouse gas emissions and estimating high carbon stock.
- Conducts land cover identification and periodically conducts aerial monitoring through fire towers, CCTV and drones as well as interpretation of landsat imagery.

PT Rimba Penarap Indah has been maintaining the health of forest ecosystem vitality with the example measures:

- Establishing operational standards that support the maintenance of adequate genetic, species and structural diversity to improve the health and vitality of forests against adverse environmental factors and strengthening natural regulatory mechanisms,
- Arrangement and maintenance of boundary stakes.
- Does not use modified species and development of seedlings extracted from local natural saplings for enrichment of feed plants and mixed forests in protected areas to protect genetic, species and structural diversity in protected areas
- monitoring of pests and diseases with an integrated pest and disease management system.
- Has implemented measures and compliance with forest protection equipment against fire hazards.
- Develop and implement documented waste management procedures including B3 waste (hazardous and toxic materials).
- Organize the management of chemical pesticides in the field with documented procedures and follow the instructions for use from the manufacturer contained in the MSDS document.

PT Rimba Penarap Indah has carried out maintenance, conservation and appropriate improvement for biodiversity in forest ecosystems such as by controlling the pressure of animal populations that interfere with forest regeneration and growth with patrol activities, installation of appeals and prohibition signboards, as well as socialization of protected areas, installing appeals about the presence of animals and monitoring conflicts with wildlife.

PT Rimba Penarap Indah has carried out protection function management activities with appropriate maintenance or improvement of protection functions, especially soil and water through the following activities:

- Reduced Impact Logging activities have been implemented to minimize the risk of degradation and damage to forest ecosystems.
- Identify areas that serve for soil and water protection. The allocation of the designated Protected Areas is in the form of protected areas-wildlife Plant Conservation of 1,855 Ha (12.85%) consisting of river boundaries of 1,293 ha (8.96%),

germplasm conservation areas (KPPN) and Wildlife Conservation Areas (KPSL) of 562 Ha (3.89%) and utilization of Environmental Services absorption or storage of carbon.

- Monitoring the impact of forest management operations in areas that have a water protection function to avoid negative effects on the quality and quantity of water resources.
- Have officers who are competent and responsible for monitoring the environmental impact of water, air pollution and B3 waste.

Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to conducting Transition to IFCC ST 1001:2021 + Surveillance 2 Audit on PT Rimba Peranap Indah, PT Acube TIC International has made a public announcement and public consultation. Invitation to public consultation to stakeholders to obtain input as materials/consideration through the website www.ajaindonesia.com on June 6, 2024. The stakeholders can provide input for audit considerations to PT Acube TIC International email. There is no input from stakeholders.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Rimba Peranap Indah. The reported cases are considered as part of the PT Acube TIC International audit process. There is some news on the website:

1. <https://www.riauin.com/read-32541-2022-11-02-15-desa-di-inhu-dan-pelalawan-tolak-kehadiran-pt-rpi-ini-pemicunya.html>
2. <https://riau.antaranews.com/berita/309525/sengketa-lahan-tak-kunjung-usai-masyarakat-tolak-keberadaan-pt-rimba-peranap-indah>
3. <https://www.liputan6.com/regional/read/5097652/klaim-tanah-ulayat-diserobot-masyarakat-adat-di-indragiri-hulu-minta-tolong-jokowi>
4. <https://www.halloriar.com/read-dprdprovriau-1419527-2022-03-18-pansus-konflik-lahan-dprd-riau-beberkan-temuan-saat-turun-ke-inhu.html>
5. <https://riaukarya.com/read/detail/11784/lamr-lbj-pasang-pamphlet-pos-penjagaan-dan-pengawasan-di-areal-konflik-dengan-pt-rpi>
6. <https://riaukarya.com/read/detail/11785/diduga-melakukan-ilegal-logging-dan-pemalsuan-izin-pt-rpi-tidak-tahu-mana-wilayah-kelayang-dan-lbj>

It is concluded that the first four links have the same information. PT Rimba Peranap Indah and the communities around the concession are still in the process of negotiating on things that can achieve harmony between both parties. What The Organization has done:

- Negotiations have been conducted between The Organization and the community. The company has established communication and dialogue with the surrounding community accompanied by the government sector as a mediator of the conflict.
- Based on the verification of disputed land ownership, PT Rimba Peranap Indah has a valid license to carry out activities in accordance with applicable regulations. Because permits and documents related to the ownership and operation of The Organization are routinely evaluated in order to avoid accusations of falsification of permits and certainty of the legality of The Organization's operations and are updated regularly.
- The organization has had an environmental impact assessment and mitigation in which the environmental impact assessment of The Organization's activities found no violations due to concession management utilizing the rules of protection and sustainable use of forests and sustainable. The review is in the form of AMDAL, UKL-UPL, RKL-RPL ratification, and daily, weekly, monthly to annual monitoring both in the production, ecology, and social.
- The commitment to sustainability has been implemented by The Organization, this commitment adopts practices to not harm the environment of the surrounding community, this includes Social Responsibility (CSR) programs that it has been given annually on a regular basis to maximize the maintenance of harmony between The Organization and



the surrounding community. Not only that, The Organization also provides compensation and economic empowerment for the surrounding community affected by The Organization's activities.

- Land conflicts that occur to date if they cannot be resolved, The Organization has the right to resolve conflicts in accordance with applicable law. Some land conflicts have been brought to law in accordance with legal procedures through the courts to resolve disputes if mediation is not successful.

As for the 5th and 6th news, there has been mediation from the relevant agencies that facilitates the discussion of social cooperation. The Organization has been working with the local government to clarify the boundaries of the area, ensuring the operation of The Organization in accordance with local interests and applicable regulations. Efforts to preserve and maintain forest functions are prioritized to avoid opening oil palm plantations without permission.

The Organisation 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, which are registered for the certification area of 14,434 hectares.

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

The result of Surveillance 1 Audit is no non-conformity.

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

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

Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00028/IX/2016 is valid until 05/09/2025, provided that PT Rimba Peranap Indah maintains its Recertification schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Recertification.