

Public Report Sustainable Forests Management System

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CLIENT 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 & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 1

AUDIT START DATE: June 14, 2023

AUDIT END DATE: June 17, 2023

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:
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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 received SK PBPH (Forest Utilization Business Permit) No. SK 723/MENLHK/SETJEN/HPL.0/9/2021 dated September 13, 2021, concerning Amendments to the Decree of the Minister of Forestry Number SK. 598/Kpts-II/1996 dated September 16, 1996, concerning the Granting of Transmigration Pattern Industrial Plantation Forest Concession Rights over Forest Areas of approximately 11,620 Ha in the Level of Province of Riau to PT Rimba Peranap Indah. The former IUPHHK-HT nomenclature changed to Forest Utilization Business Permit (PBPH) with a working area of 14,434 Ha. There was no conversion of natural forest to plantations after 31 December 2010, thus, the scope of IFCC certification is 14,434 ha.

In its operations, the Management Unit has an RKUPH document, namely the RKUPHHK-HTI document for the 2020 to 2029 period based on the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry No.SK.10207/MenLHK-PHPL/UHP/HPL.1/12/2019 dated December 18, 2019. The Management Unit has divided its work area into Protected Area of 2,263 ha (15.68%), and the Cultivation Area of 12,171 ha (84.32%). The protected area consists of River Borders of 1,567 Ha (10.86%), KPPN of 681 Ha (4.72%) and infrastructure of 15 Ha (0.1%). The cultivation area consists of the self-management pattern of 9,282 Ha (64.30%) with 272 Ha (1.88%) of infrastructure and the Partnership Pattern of 2,889 Ha (20.02%) including 67 ha (0.46%) of infrastructure.

Administratively, the concession area is in Ukui District, Pelalawan Regency and Peranap District, Kelayang District, Lubuk Batu Jaya District, Indragiri Hulu Regency, Riau Province. According to the 2023 Village Priority Assessment Around PT Rimba Peranap Indah, there are eleven villages around the company.

The geographical location of PT Rimba Peranap Indah work area 00° 15' to 00° 25' South and 101° 45' to 102° 00' East and is part of the Tesso Nilo Forest Group. The topography is flat with an altitude of 54,144 meters above sea level. The soil type is Red and Yellow Podzolic. The climate type is A. The rivers flowing in the concession are Sei Hitam Kanan, Garingging River, Terentang River, Limbat River and Sibungkul River. The land is dry/mineral and the species of production plants developed are *Acacia spp*, *Eucalyptus spp*.

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

There are no customary law communities around the PT Rimba Peranap Indah concession but local communities. According to the village head and community leaders, most of the livelihood is in the agricultural sector, namely oil palm plantations and rubber plantations.

PT Rimba Peranap Indah has made conflict resolution efforts with the surrounding community. The Management Unit has a SOP of Conflict Resolution Protocol and made reports to the regional government and forestry agency in case of new land claims. Most of the land claims in the concession is in the process of measurement of the claim areas by the regional forestry agency. While the former land claims settled by collaborations with the claimers.

PT Rimba Peranap Indah has collaborated with the surrounding community on livelihood plants since 2016. There is no new collaboration made during the period of Surveillance 1. PT Rimba Peranap Indah has implemented a corporate social responsibility program for the surrounding community. According to the 2022 Forest Village Community Development (PMDH) Program Report, the company has realized 82% of the plan. Activities that have been carried out are computer procurement assistance, repairment of village facilities and mosques, cattle cultivation, coconut milk making machine, landfill construction materials, village office equipment, traditional hall, and youth activities, etc.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

PT Rimba Peranap Indah has identified forest management activities that have important impacts. An environmental impact assessment through an analysis of the condition of biodiversity, protected flora and fauna, and the physical and

chemical conditions of soil and river water. There are environmental monitoring documents in the form of RKL and RPL Implementation Report which being addressed to the Head of the Riau Province Forestry Service every six months, where in these documents the physical, chemical, and biological environmental impacts of plantation forest management are discussed.

The Management Unit has carried out several activities to anticipate the important impacts of Sustainable Forest Management activities on several environmental aspects, namely:

- a. Soil Monitoring (measurement of erosion, soil fertility and density) located in production areas and protected areas.
- b. Water Monitoring (measurement of river water quality and water discharge) located in the Limbat River.
- c. Monitoring Plantation Forests (fertilization, pesticide spraying, pest attacks and plant diseases) located in production areas.
- d. Monitoring of Protected Areas (Vegetation analysis routes, animal inventory, vegetation monitoring) located at River Borders and KPPN.

PT Rimba Peranap Indah has carried out environmentally friendly harvesting activities (Reduced Impact Logging/RIL). Several RIL SOPs/Procedures owned by The Management Unit have regulated the implementation of RIL properly and correctly. The RIL method is implemented as the protection of soil and water from operational activities. PT Rimba Peranap Indah has carried out documented procedures for managing B3 waste as well. There is documented procedure for preventing and dealing with pest attacks, namely the SOP for Integrated Pest and Disease Management.

PT Rimba Peranap Indah has established a protected area which is spread throughout the work area. The Management Unit does not cut down several large natural trees known as bird nesting or resting place in the production area. The fauna that is known to exist includes traces of wild boars (*Sus Schrofa*), footprints of root cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), elephant dung (*Elephas maximus*) and the sound of hornbills (*Bucheros rhinoceros*). While the protected plant species are pitcher plants (*Nepenthes sp.*), found near the Limbat River bridge. PT Rimba Peranap Indah marks the crossing route for Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris*) in to beware workers or local people who are in or crossing the area. Yet there is a potential negative impact of this signboard to the species that it will notify the illegal hunters.

Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to carrying out the Surveillance 1 Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted a public consultation commencing May 12, 2023, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Rimba Peranap Indah. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website (www.ajaindonesia.com), sent to parties by email or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. During the public consultation, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia received an input from a village representative.

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 AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia audit process.

The Management Unit has identified all the requirements needed for this certification process, which consists of legal aspects which include compliance with international regulations and rules and conventions. A management system has been established to cover all activities in the area of certification, registered for certification covering an area of 14,434 hectares.

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

The results of Surveillance Audit 1 are there is no non-conformity either in minor or major category.

Conditions under which the certificate is issued

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Certificate is valid until September 5, 2025, provided that PT Rimba Peranap Indah maintains its Surveillance schedule and does not have potential major category at the next Surveillance.