

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT - SFM

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CLIENT NAME: PT RIMBA LAZUARDI

TOTAL HECTARES: 19,706.85 ha

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 19,706.85 hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

STANDARDS/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 2 (REMOTE)

AUDIT START DATE: June 21, 2020

AUDIT END DATE: June 24, 2020

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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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MINOR CARS: 0

SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED including country	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
PT Rimba Lazuardi	Lubuk Kembang Bungo Village, Ukui District, Pelalawan Regency; Pangkalan Village, Pucuk Rantau District, Kuantan Singingi Regency, Riau Province – Republic of Indonesia	June 21 to 24, 2021
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

PT. Rimba Lazuardi was being granted a concession in accordance with the Decree of the Minister of Forestry Number: No. SK.79/MENHUT-II/2007 dated March 5, 2007. Then the concession area changed after the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number: 436/Menlhk/Setjen/PLA.2/7/2019 dated July 10, 2019, covering an area of 19,706.85 ha, consisting of Block I of 10,992.58 ha and Block II of 8,714.27 ha. There was no conversion of natural forest to plantations after December 31, 2010, thus the scope of IFCC certification is 19,706.85 ha.

PT Rimba Lazuardi has a ten-year plan namely Business Plan for the Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Industrial Plantation Forests (RKTUPHHK-HTI) for the period of 2018 to 2027. It was ratified based on the Decree SK.3035/MenLHK-PHPL/UHP/HPL.1/5/2018 dated May 17, 2018. The spatial plan according to the RKUPHHK is Protected Area of 3,412.67 ha (17.32%), Staple Plant Area of 12,220.08 ha (62.00%) and Livelihood Plant area of 4,074.10 ha (20.68%).

PT Rimba Lazuardi consists of 2 (two) blocks, namely:

1. Block I, which is located in Batang Peranap District, Indragiri Hulu Regency and Pucuk District, Kuantan Singingi Regency, Riau Province. Geographically located between 101° 44' 48" to 101° 47' 00" East and 0° 40' 26" to 0° 50' 00" South. The area of Block I is a part of Lubuk Jambi Forest Group and crossed by Serangge River and Beringin River. It is located at the height of 60 to 150 meters above sea level.
2. Block II, which is located in the Ukui District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province. Geographically located between 101° 45' 00" to 102° 00' 00" East and 0° 15' 00" to 0° 25' 00" South. The area of Block II is a part of Tesso Nilo Forest Group and crossed by Air Hitam River and the Tembago River. It is located at the height of 54 to 144 meters above sea level.

Generally, the climate type of the concession area is A (Schmidt and Fergusson) with the annual rainfall of 2,500 mm/year, the highest month is September and the lowest is August. The condition of the land is in the form of dry soil (mineral) with a flat topography (0-8%) to sloping (8-15%). The type of soil is podzolic with the geological type of sediment and volcanic. The types of plants cultivated for the two blocks are *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus sp.*

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

There are 8 (eight) villages of 3 (three) regencies around the work area, but, there are no community settlements adjacent to the concession of PT Rimba Lazuardi. Most of the community livelihoods around the concession are farmers, planters and cultivators. The rest are gold miners. The tribes of the residents are mostly Malay, with the newcomers of Javanese and Batakese. The communities were dependent on rubber plantations and forest products before the land become a concession. They prefer to work for oil palm plantations or cultivate their own land since the land changed to an plantation forest concession.

The Management Unit made a plan of livelihood plant cooperation with the surrounding villages. The plan describes the stages of activities from identification to the final agreement regarding the development of livelihood plants. Nevertheless, the livelihood plant cultivation for the community has not been implemented. It is due to the livelihood plant area was encroached.

In this case, PT Rimba Lazuardi conflict resolution mechanism is in the form of a SOP for Handling Social Cases with Stakeholders. The Management Unit also identified encroachers and claims in the work area. The result of identification was documented in Map of Identification of Encroachment and Claims in the Work Area. The land conflicts within the concession began by prioritizing deliberation and consensus. The Management Unit shall guided by third parties including the local government and security forces if the conflict resolution finds a dead end.

The Management Unit opened job opportunities and business opportunities to the surrounding community as partners in the company operational activities. These efforts include giving priority to residents to participate in HTI activities to increase the employment of local labor. As for developing the community income, the Management Unit provides training facilities on honeybee cultivation; access for the community to look for fodder grass in the work area; assistance to the community around the company (Community Development) which includes activities in the fields of education, religion, repair of facilities and infrastructure.

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

The Management Unit carried out forest ecosystem and hydrological function management through the following activities:

- Identification of forest management activities that have significant impacts, and conduct environmental impact assessments through: Addendum document of AMDAL, RKL and RPL of PT Rimba Lazuardi approved by the Decree of the Head of the Environment Agency of Riau Province No. 188/PPLHK/2481 dated August 28, 2020. The implementation of environmental management and monitoring every semester is presented in the Environmental Permit Implementation Report (RPL/RKL),
- Identification of areas that function for land and water protection by allocating Protected Areas of 3,412.67 ha (17.32%), which consists of River Borders of 2,744.95 ha (13.93%) and KPPN of 171.00 ha (0.87%) and Buffer Zone Tesso Nilo National Park of 496.72 ha (2.52%). These protected areas function as a place to protect the land, as well as a place to protect water, wildlife, vegetation and their ecosystems. The distribution of protected areas is as follows:
  - Protected Area of Block I is 1,566.50 ha consisting of River border of 1,487.50 Ha; Germplasm Conservation Area of 79 Ha,
  - Protected Area of Block II is 1,846.17 ha consisting of River border of 1,257.45 ha, Germplasm Conservation Area of 92 ha and Buffer Zone of Tesso Nilo National Park of 496.72 Ha,
- Implementation of Reduced Impact Logging activities which carried out before, during, and after harvesting activities,
- Monitoring of the negative impacts of forest management activities in carried out in accordance with the ANDAL, RKL and RPL Addendum Documents of 2020. The monitoring is done guided by documented procedures, namely: SOPs for Monitoring Protected Areas, SOPs for Monitoring Discharge and Water Quality and SOPs for Erosion Monitoring,
- Documented procedure for the controlled use of B3 (Hazardous and Toxic Materials), namely: SOP for Management of Hazardous and Toxic Waste (B3), SOP for Handling Spills of Fuel, Lubricants and Chemicals, SOP for Weed Control, and SOP for Pest Management and Integrated Diseases.

The Management Unit has carried out biodiversity management through the following activities:

- Identification and inventory of protected, endemic, rare and threatened/near-extinct flora and fauna in the IUPHHK-HTI area in accordance with applicable regulations. The results of the identification and inventory can be found in Addendum document AMDAL PT Rimba Lazuardi of 2020, RKUPHHK-HTI 2020 to 2029 and the RKL/RPL Semester Report (Semester 1 and 2 of 2020). There is a fauna distribution map and a flora distribution map,
- Carried out protected area management in accordance with the RKL/RPL of 2020 and SOPs for Determining Protected Areas and SOPs for Monitoring Protected Areas,
- Identification of key protected and threatened/endangered wildlife species, as well as the habitats and migration patterns. Based on the identification, there are no key species in the area,
- Carried out an environmental impact assessment on the potential impacts on protected, endemic, rare and threatened/near-extinct flora and fauna, through 2020 AMDAL RKL and RPL Addendum Documents,
- Cultivated non-GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) tree species. The species of plants cultivated are *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus* sp.

The management unit has carried out forest protection through the following activities:

- Identify and monitor disturbances of Sustainable Forest Management. Documents of identification of forest management disturbances found in the area PT Rimba Lazuardi are Addendum document AMDAL PT Rimba Lazuardi of 2020, RKUPHHK-HTI 2020 to 2029 and the RKL/RPL Semester Report (Semester 1 and 2 of 2020),

- Documented procedures to prevent and handle pest attacks, namely SOPs for Integrated Pest and Disease Management,
- Regulate the management of chemical pesticides in the field with the documented procedures of SOP for Weed Control, SOP for Integrated Pest and Disease Management, SOP for Handling Spills of Fuel, Lubricants and Chemicals and SOP for Management of Hazardous and Toxic Waste,
- Implementation of forest protection measures against fire hazards. There is no community grazing activity in the work area. The Management Unit has implemented appropriate steps in forest protection activities.

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

Prior to undertaking the Surveillance 2 Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted a Public Consultation commencing May 15, 2021, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Rimba Lazuardi. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website ([www.ajaindonesia.com](http://www.ajaindonesia.com)), sent to parties by email or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia did not receive any input from the public consultation.

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

The Management Unit has identified all the necessary requirements for this certification process, consisting of legal aspects that include compliance with international rules and regulations and conventions. A management system has been established to cover all activities in the area of certification, which is registered for an area covering 19,706.85 hectares.

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

During remote Surveillance 2 Audit of PT. Rimba Lazuardi, there was no non-Conformity either a Minor or Major nature identified.

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

Certificate is valid until September 13, 2022, provided that PT Rimba Lazuardi maintains its Recertification schedule and does not have any major non-conformities at the time of the next Recertification visit.