

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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## PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT - SFM

### TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CLIENT, IFCC AND TO AJA EUROPE



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: Recertification (HYBRID)

AUDIT START DATE: April 13, 2022

AUDIT END DATE: April 17, 2022

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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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SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED including country	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
Head Office	Jl. Dr. Sutomo No. 62, Pekanbaru, Provinsi Riau, Indonesia	April 13, 2022
M.U	Desa Lubuk Kembang Bungo, Kecamatan Ukui, Kabupaten Pelalawan, Desa Pangkalan, Kecamatan Pucuk Rantau, Kabupaten Kuantan Singingi, Provinsi Riau, Indonesia	April 14,16-17, 2022
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 granted a concession in accordance with the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK.79/MENHUT-II/2007 dated March 5, 2007. Then, the company received another decree of the determination of the IUPHHK-HTI work area based on the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number: 436/Menlhk/Setjen/PLA.2/7/2019 dated July 10, 2019, of 19,706.85 ha. This area is divided into two operational blocks, Block I is 10,992.58 Ha and Block II is 8,714.27 Ha. There was no conversion of natural forest to plantation forest after December 31, 2010, thus, the scope of IFCC certification is 19,706.85 ha.

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

PT Rimba Lazuardi consists of 2 blocks, namely:

1. Block I

The location of its activities is administratively in Batang Peranap District, Indragiri Hulu Regency, and Pucuk District, Kuantan Sengingi Regency, Riau Province. It is geographically located between 101° 43' to 101° 50' East and 0° 40' to 00 51' South. It is included in the Forest Group of Lubuk Jambi. The condition of the land is dry soil (mineral) with a flat topography (0-8%) to sloping (8-15%) with a height of 60 to 150 meters above sea level. The type of soil is podzolic with the type of rock (geology) in the form of sediment and volcanic. The climate type is A (Schmidt and Fergusson) with an annual rainfall of 2,500 mm/year, the highest month in September and the lowest in August. The rivers crossing this block are the Serangge River and Beringin River.

2. Block II:

Administratively it falls under the government of Ukui District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province. The geographical location is between 101° 45' to 102° 00' East and 0° 18' to 0° 25' South. The forest is part of Tesso Nilo Forest Group. The land is a dry soil (mineral) with a flat topography area (0-8%) of 67.38% and a gentle slope area (8-15%) of 32.62%. It is located at a height of 54 to 144 meters above sea level. The type of soil is podzolic with the type of rock (geology) in the form of sediment and volcanic. The climate is type A (Schmidt and Fergusson) with an annual rainfall of 2,586,6 mm/year, the highest month in September and the lowest in August. The rivers in the working area are the Air Hitam River and the Tembago River.

The species of plants cultivated for the two blocks are *Acacia* spp. and *Eucalyptus* spp.

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

Communities around the PT Rimba Lazuardi concession are local communities. There is no customary law community within the forest concession. Based on the Potential Mapping and Conflict Resolution Report of 2021, the main livelihoods of the residents are dominated by the agricultural sector. Most of the population work as a farmer (84%), and the rest work as traders and in other fields. The pattern of farming in the area around the concession is generally dominated by the plantation sub-sector, both rubber and oil palm plantations. However, there are also rice, secondary and vegetable businesses in a limited area. Meanwhile, in the livestock sector, the animals that are mostly cultivated by the community are cows, goats, and buffalo.

PT Rimba Lazuardi has made efforts to resolve conflicts with the surrounding community. The company has constructed and installed the boundary stand marks, being witnessed by the village communities at the end of December 2021. This activity of participatory boundary demarcation is one of the conflict resolution efforts between the company and the

community. Another conflict resolution effort is to hold a meeting between the company and the community, which is facilitated by the government, in this case by involving the Riau Province Forestry Agency, Indragiri Hulu Regency Government, and Riau Forestry Service. The activity is carried out with four companies that are still in the same group as PT Rimba Lazuardi which is in Indragiri Hulu Regency, namely PT Rimba Peranap Indah, PT Citra Sumber Sejahtera Sejati, and PT Bukit Batabuh Sei Indah.

PT Rimba Lazuardi has collaborated with the surrounding community. There is evidence of the handover of the livelihood plant fee for the villages in each block. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs are as well implemented for the surrounding community. According to the CD/CSR Program Reports of 2021 and 2022, the activities carried out include infrastructure assistance, sports activities, livestock and fisheries, and mosque assistance. There are aids from the company such as repair of the access road connecting the old and the new village, village sports equipment, female cow breeders, medical supplies, and fish seeds and feed.

### Description of The Ecological Conditions of The Concession

The Management Unit has 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 the document of ANDAL Addendum, RKL, and RPL of PT Rimba Lazuardi, approved by Decree of the Head of the Environment Agency of Riau Province. The implementation of environmental management and monitoring every semester is presented in the Environmental Permit Implementation Report (RPL/RKL),
- Identification areas that function for soil and water protection which being allocated as Protected Areas of 3,412.67 ha (17.32%). It consists of River Borders of 2,744.95 ha (13.93%), KPPN of 171 ha (0.87%), and Buffer Zone of Tesso Nilo National Park of 496.72 ha (2.52%). The distribution of protected areas is as follows:
  - Block I; Protected Area of 1,566.50 Ha consisting of River border of 1,487.50 Ha; Germplasm Conservation Area of 79 Ha,
  - Block II; Protected Area of 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 before, during, and after logging activities,
- Monitoring of the negative impacts of forest management activities in the concession area in accordance with environmental assessment documents and documented procedure (SOP), as well as the control of B3 (Hazardous and Toxic Materials) utilization.

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, habitats, and migration patterns in the work area in accordance with applicable regulations. The results of the identification and inventory are stated in the environmental assessment document and report, the RKUPHHK-HTI 2020 of 2029, and a fauna distribution map and a flora distribution map,
- Implementation of management of protected areas in accordance with the environmental assessment document and report, and documented procedures (SOP),
- Not developing genetically modified tree species but *Acacia* spp. and *Eucalyptus* spp.

The Management Unit has carried out forest protection through the following activities:

- Identify and monitor disturbances in sustainable forest management. The results are stated in the environmental assessment document and report,
- Prevention and handling of pest attacks, as well as management of chemical pesticides in the field in accordance with the SOP,
- Implementation of forest protection measures against fire hazards,
- Prohibition of community grazing activity in the work area.

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

Before carrying out the Recertification Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted a public consultation starting March 14, 2022, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information on 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 via email or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia did not receive input from stakeholders during the public consultation.

The audit team also collects information from the mass media about PT Rimba Lazuardi. 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. The management system has been built to cover all activities in the certification field, registered for certification covering an area of 19,706.85 hectares.

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

The result of this Recertification Audit is no non-conformity. The management of PT Rimba Lazuardi operates effectively.

#### **Conditions under which the Certificate is Issued**

Certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00029/IX/2016 is valid until September 13, 2025, provided that PT Rimba Lazuardi maintains its Surveillance schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Surveillance.