

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT – SFM

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ORGANIZATION, IFCC AND TO AJA EUROPE



ORGANIZATION NAME: PT RIMBA LAZUARDI

TOTAL HECTARES: 19,706.85

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 19,706.85 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: 10 June 2024  
 AUDIT END DATE: 13 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	10 June 2024
Site	Desa Lubuk Kembang Bungo, Kecamatan Ukui, Kabupaten Pelalawan, Desa Pangkalan, Kecamatan Pucuk Rantau, Kabupaten Kuantan Singingi, Riau, Indonesia	11-13 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 Lazuardi obtained its initial permit through the Decree of Ministry of Forestry Number: 361/Kpts-II/1996 dated 10 July 1996 concerning the Granting of Industrial Plantation Forest Business with Transmigration Pattern of a Forest Area of approximately 12,600 Ha (twelve thousand and six hundred) hectares in the First Provincial Level for PT Rimba Lazuardi. There were several changes to the concession permit until the issuance of Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number: 436/Menlhk/Setjen/PLA.2/7/2019 dated July 10, 2019 regarding the determination of the IUPHHK-HTI of PT Rimba Lazuardi of 19,706.85 Ha. The latest concession permit is SK PBPH (Business License for Forest Utilization) Decree No. 1129/MENLHK/SETJEN/HPL.0/11/2021 dated November 17, 2023. There is a change in nomenclature from IUPHHK-HT to PBPH, the working area of 19,706.85 Ha.

The Organization has a long-term management plan in forest management operations, namely the RKUPH (Forest Utilization Business Work Plan) document approved by the Decree of Minister of Environment and Forestry No: SK..10535/MenLHK-PHPL/UHP/HPL.1/9/2023 dated 21 November 2023. The spatial plan of PT Rimba Lazuardi based on the RKUPH is Protected Areas of 3.351,28 ha (17.01%), Cultivation areas of 16,217.38 ha (82.29%), and Other Use Area of 138.19 ha (0.70%).

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 0° 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. The boundaries of Block I are:

- North: PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper
- South side: PT Riau Muda Agro
- East: PT Rigunan Agri Utama, PT Artelindo Wiratama
- West side: PT Tribakti Sarimas

##### 2. Block II:

It is geographically located at 00 15'00" to 00 25'00" South and 101° 45'00" to 102° 00'00" East. Administratively it falls under the government of Ukui District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province. 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 boundaries of Block II are:

- North: Tesso Nilo National Park, CV Putri Lindung Bulan
- South: PT Rimba Peranap Indah
- East: CV Putri Lindung Bulan
- West: PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper

The types of plants cultivated are *Acacia mangium*, *Acacia crassicarpa*, and *Eucalyptus* sp.

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

PT Rimba Lazuardi is surrounded by local communities. There are no indigenous peoples and customary lands around forest concessions. The tribes of the communities are dominated by Malays and Javanese. In addition, based on interviews conducted with village officials and Organization data, the livelihoods of villagers around The Organization are dominated by oil palm and rubber farmers.

The organization has made conflict resolution efforts with surrounding communities. Based on the 2023 Claim Area Identification and Settlement Report, there are several areas of claim areas that decrease each year. However, the case of effective control and transfer of crop areas by buying and selling land to be used as oil palm plantation land is still being investigated by organizations and related parties with ways to resolve conflict resolution based on the SOP Conflict Resolution Protocol and Handling Security Threat Actions. This year, The Organization has carried out Corporate Social Responsibility socialization and funding activities to the surrounding village communities in order to build harmony and implement the sustainable partnership programs.

PT Rimba Lazuardi has an Addendum to the cooperation agreement with the village community in the form of livelihood plants and Community with Fire Awareness. This cooperation with the surrounding villages has been implemented since 2016 with Acacia plants. This was confirmed by the relevant village officials during the interview. Livelihood plant cooperation is implemented by providing value benefits to the community. In this case, this agreement is affirmed for both parties to guarantee each other and maintain the safety of crops, safeguard and reduce land from encroachment, as well as be responsible for existing social problems.

The Organization has undertaken social obligations to the community through CSR and CD programs. Based on the CSR/CD plan submitted, the realization of CSR/CD has been achieved and exceeds the nominal of the plan for 2023 and quarter 2024. Realization of CSR/CD that has been done in the field of education, health, economic affairs, religious affairs, infrastructure, and social and environmental affairs. Some of the assistance includes additional assistance with school supplies, medical equipment and *posyandu* activities, aid of cattle to surrounding villages, as well as assistance to repair surrounding village roads.

#### **Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession**

PT Rimba Lazuardi has carried out appropriate maintenance or improvement of forest resources and their contribution to the global carbon cycle by:

- Conducts positive climate practices in forest management activities such as monitoring microclimate changes (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.
- Do not convert natural forests into plantation forests above December 31, 2010.
- Allocate protected areas in areas that have ecologically important functions with the arrangement of working areas in accordance with RKUPH by establishing a protected area of 3,351.28 Ha.

PT Rimba Lazuardi have been doing the maintenance of the health of the vitality of forest ecosystems with the following steps:

- Setting operational standards (SOP) that support the maintenance of genetic diversity, species and structural sufficient to improve the health and vitality of forests against factor-adverse environmental factors and to strengthen the mechanism of the natural setting.
- Arrangement and maintenance of boundary stakes.
- Maintenance of the health and vitality of forest ecosystems carried out on aspects of areas, stands and biodiversity.
- Does not use modified species and the development of natural saplings extracted from local species for the enrichment of feed plants and mixed forests in the protected area to protect genetic, species and structural diversity in the protected.



- 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 that have been referred to PermenLHK number P.32/MenLHK/Setjen.Kum.1/3/2016 on Forest and Land Fire Control.
- Develop and implement documented waste management procedures including B3 waste (hazardous and toxic materials).

PT Rimba Lazuardi 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.
- PT Rimba Lazuardi conducts physical and chemical monitoring, namely soil fertility, soil compaction, erosion and soil sedimentation. Environmental management is carried out to minimize the impact of forest management operations so that their influence on the balance and water quality in the area can still be controlled.

#### Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to conducting Transition to IFCC ST 1001:2021 + Surveillance 2 Audit on PT Rimba Lazuardi, 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](http://www.ajaindonesia.com) on May 7, 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 Lazuardi. The reported cases are considered as part of the PT Acube TIC International audit process.

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 19,706.85 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/00029/IX/2016 is valid until 13/09/2025, provided that PT Rimba Lazuardi maintains its Recertification schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Recertification.