

Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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CLIENT NAME: KELOMPOK TANI HUTAN HAK BADAGU

TOTAL HECTARES: 2,297 ha

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 2,297 hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

STANDARDS/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 2 (REMOTE)

AUDIT START DATE: February 08, 2021
 AUDIT END DATE: February 10, 2021

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:
Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu	Langgam Village, Langgam District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province – Republic of Indonesia	February 08 to 10, 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

Private Forest Management by Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu is based on the Community Forest Concession Cooperation Agreement No. 61/NPM/LGL/IX/2018 dated September 01, 2018 with an area of 2,297 hectares with PT Nusa Prima Manunggal as working partner in forest management. Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu working area is in the Other Use Area, thus, the land status is Private Forest. The community land legality in the form of SKRT (Land History Certificate) issued by the Village Government and SKPT (Land Ownership Certificate). There was no conversion of natural forest to plantation forest after December 31, 2010, the certified area is 2,297 ha. The wood products produced have a 100% PEFC Certified claim.

The Management Unit carries out spatial planning based on Private Forest Management Plan of 2018 to 2027 period. The spatial planning consists of Production Area of 2,167.50 ha (94.36%), Facilities and Infrastructure of 129,5 ha (5.64%), which includes 117 ha (5.1%) of canals and 12.50 ha (0.54%) of roads. The working area consists of two (2) blocks, Block A of 1,042.20 Ha (54.63%) and Block B of 1,254.80 Ha (45.37%), with a total of 2,297 Ha (100%).

The geographical location of the working area of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu lies between 00° 12' 27.42" to 00° 15' 24.86" North and 101° 44' 46.33" to 101° 49' 17.81" East. According to government administration, the work area is located in Langgam Village, Langgam District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province.

The boundaries of the working area for Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu are as follows:

- North side: shrubs
- South side: PT Langgam Inti Hibrido
- West side: community land
- East side: PT Mitra Unggul Pusaka

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu is a farmer's group formed by the people of Langgam Village, Langgam District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province. The purpose of forming this farmer group was to improve the welfare of group members who come from the local village, namely Langgam Village. It is part of KPH Sorek forest administration.

The Badagu Farmer Group's Community Forest has the following land conditions:

- Swamp land: 2,170 ha and 30 ha dry.
- Topography: flat (0-8%).
- Altitude: 50 to 90 meters above sea level
- Soil type: peat land.
- Climate type: A (Schmidt and Ferguson).
- Rainfall: 1,504.2 mm / year. Semester II of 2018.

The species developed for production in the Badagu Farmer Group's Forest is *Acacia crassicarpa*, with a plant cycle of 4 years. Harvesting is carried out at 4-year intervals.

The Management Unit complies with all regulations related to peatland management, such as improving peat management, installing groundwater level measuring instruments, measuring soil subsidence, and with partner PT Nusa Prima Manunggal, determining and managing peat hydrology. At the location of the Management Unit there is no peat dome peak.

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

There are no customary law communities. This has been stated in previous audits. Based on the Report on Environmental Management Efforts and Environmental Monitoring Efforts (UKL/UPL) Semester II of 2020, the livelihoods of the residents of Langgam Village are dominated by livelihoods as employees.

Based on interviews with the management of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu, there was no conflict with the surrounding community. The management is carried out at the location based on evidence of land tenure of each member, so that there are no ownership rights from people who are outside the group members.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu is a community forest farmer group formed from the collaboration of community members to manage forest together. All forest management activities are carried out based on cooperation agreements made by members of the farmer groups. Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu has provided access to local communities to utilize non-timber forest products that have economic value. According to the group administrators, the non-timber forest products used are fish. People who are looking for non-timber forest products are also being asked to participate in protecting the land from forest fires.

The Management Unit provided support to the surrounding community. There was a provision of assistance to the mosques around the concession and the provision of package assistance in the context of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu established and implemented a Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) Documented Procedure to minimize negative impacts (from Partner Companies PT Nusa Prima Manunggal), namely SOP Harvesting of Timber from Plantation Forests on Mineral Soil (NPM-PMN-002); SOP for Harvesting Plantation Forest Timber in Peatlands (NPM-PMN-003). The Reduced Impact Logging are implemented in the stages before, during and after logging activities.

The Management Unit does not have a representative sample of natural ecosystems in the landscape; thus, the concession is not allocated for a specific wildlife protection area. It is due to the forest management operations which is categorized as low intensity because harvesting activities are only carried out once in 5 (five) years. To avoid negative impacts on wildlife, the Management Unit monitors wildlife encounters. There are 18 (eighteen) species found in the concession, which includes 4 (four) species of birds and 2 (two) of mammals that are protected by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry Regulation No. 106 of 2018, IUCN and CITES. The Management Unit has made an inventory and mapping of the distribution of protected, endemic, rare and endangered flora and fauna and their habitats which is stated in the Report on the Implementation of Environmental Permits for Environmental Management Efforts (UKL) and Environmental Monitoring Efforts (UPL) for Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu in last semester of 2020.

The Management Unit monitors soil compaction, soil fertility and subsidence to avoid negative impacts on soil quality degradation. As for prevention in negative impacts on the quality and quantity of water resources, The Management Unit performed a land management with canalization systems.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu has identified and monitored disturbances, considering the occurrence of natural disturbances that pose a threat to the health and vitality of forest resources. It takes a persuasive approach to the surrounding community, conducts regular patrols, and reports to the relevant agencies and takes legal proceedings against the encroaching perpetrators.

The prevention of various forest disturbances, the Management Unit has a network of canals and roads that function for transportation, patrols and as firebreaks. In addition, there were also Fire Brigade Command Posts, fire towers and water reservoirs for monitoring and handling forest and land fires.

As for natural disturbance such as pest and disease, Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu implemented an integrated pest management program based on the SOP of PT Nusa Prima Manunggal as the field implementer, which has implemented the SOP for weed control.

Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to undertaking the Surveillance 2 Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted Public Consultation commencing January 25, 2021, which asked stakeholders to provide feedback and information on Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website (www.ajaindonesia.com), sent to related parties via email or postal mail, and announced in local newspapers.

PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia received no input from stakeholders during the public consultation. The audit team also collected information from the mass media about Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu, such reported cases being given material consideration in the audit process conducted by PT. AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu has identified all necessary requirements for this certification process, comprising legal aspects that include compliance with international regulations and conventions. The established management system includes all field activities for certification, which is registered for an area of 2,297 ha.

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

The result of Surveillance 2 Audit of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu is no non-conformities either in Minor or Major category identified. The Management Unit operates effectively.

Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate is valid until June 25, 2022, provided that Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Badagu completes all corrective actions according to the time schedule proposed in its corrective action responses and does not have the same problems at the next Recertification visit. If the non-conformities are not closed at the next Recertification, the certificate will be suspended until such time as AJA is able to perform a closeout visit.