

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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**CLIENT NAME:** KELOMPOK TANI HUTAN HAK PARIT LIMBAH

**TOTAL HECTARES:** 415 ha

**SCOPE OF REGISTRATION:** Sustainable Forest Management of 415 hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

**STANDARD/CRITERIA:** IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**TYPE OF AUDIT:** Surveillance 1 (REMOTE)

**AUDIT START DATE:** July 16, 2020

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

**AUDIT END DATE:** July 18, 2020

**LEAD AUDITOR:** Andri Wibisono

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**MAJOR CARS :** 0

**MINOR CARS :** 0

SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED INCLUDING COUNTRY	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
HR Parit Limbah	Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province, Republic of Indonesia	July 16 to 18, 2020
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 Parit Limbah was based on the Community Plantation Forest Utilization Cooperation Agreement between PT Nusa Prima Manunggal and Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah Pelalawan Estate No 049 / NPM / LGL / IV / 2004. There are Addendum I to the Cooperation Agreement for Community Forests No. 07 / NPM / LGL / III / 2013 dated 18 March 2013, and Addendum II to the Cooperation Agreement for Community Forest Utilization No. 14 / NPM / LGL / IV / 2019 dated April 1, 2019. Community land legality is in the form of SKRT (Certificate of Land History) issued by the Village Government and SKPT (Certificate of Land Ownership) with 215 householders.

The Management Unit Operational Implementation has a Private Forest Management Plan document for 2018 to 2027. Based on the management plan document, the area of the work area is 381.38 hectares consisting of Staple Plant Area of 377.78 hectares and Facilities and Infrastructure Area of 3.6 hectares.

Based on the Minutes of the inspection in the context of an Application for Timber Utilization for Acacia Plants in the area of the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah in Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency on February 27, 2019, the measurement results of the work area were 415 ha, the sampling intensity of cruising was 2% with a potential result of 140.8 ha, so the overall potential is 58,432 m<sup>3</sup>.

Based on the Minutes of Cooperation for Community Forest Areas, Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah in Sering Village, Pangkalan Kerinci District, in Collaboration of Plantation Forest Management with Partner Companies, the working area is 415 hectares.

There has been no conversion of natural forest to plantation forest since December 31, 2010, because the Management Unit working area was on community owned land, not in a forest area. Based on the map designation of the area Number SK 905 / MenLHK / SET-JEN / PLA.2 / 12/2016 dated December 7, 2016 concerning the map of the forest area of Riau Province, the entire area of HR Parit Limbah is in other use areas (APL). Thus, the total area to be certified is 415 ha.

According to government administration, the working area is located in Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency. Geographically it is located at 00°29' 00" to 00°33' 00" North and 101°56' 00" to 101°58' 00" East.

The administrative boundaries of the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah Forest Management Unit are:

- North: PT. LIH,
- South: Canal Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah,
- West: PT RAPP,
- East: Community Scrub.

The topography of the working area is flat with peat soil so that the species developed for production is *Acacia crassicaarpa*, with a plant cycle of 4 years. Most of the working area borders the PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper factory area.

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

The people living around the concession are local people, there being no evidence to support the existence of customary communities around the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah concession. Based on data from Pelalawan District in Figures of 2018, the livelihoods of rural communities are the villagers are: agriculture (56%), processing industry (23%), trade (13%), accommodation (5%), and others (4%) (percentage total due to rounding).

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has a Conflict resolution mechanism, the procedure containing the scope, responsibilities of each party, and conflict resolution procedures for land claims relating to the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah Community Forest land.

Based on interviews with villagers and members of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah, there were no conflicts within the concession, especially land conflicts. This is because land registered as community forest groups is land that has been controlled by each member. In Indonesian agrarian law, a distinction is made between land tenure and land ownership. Land tenure means that someone actually controls a piece of land, although not necessarily the owner, whereas land ownership means that the person has a land ownership certificate with the highest status in the form of ownership rights.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has collaborated with the surrounding community. Based on interviews with non-timber forest product seekers, fishermen collaborate with Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah. The company allows the community to look for fish and participate in protecting the forest by reporting any outbreak of fire to security officers.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has made efforts to improve the economy of the surrounding community. Based on an interview with a member of the farmer's group, the existence of this cooperative development of community forests provides economic benefits for members, namely the income at the time of harvesting acacia every 4 years.

Based on an interview with a village resident, mask assistance was provided to the village community during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, there is also an official report on the handover of mask assistance to the village community.

### Description of the ecological conditions of the concession

The Management Unit has carried out identification of forest management activities that have significant impacts, and conduct environmental impact assessments through: UKL-UPL documents approved for Community Forest Development in Pelalawan Village, Sering and Delik Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency.

- Reduced Impact Logging activities are carried out in stages: before logging activities (pre-harvesting), during harvesting operations (harvesting), after logging activities (post-harvesting)
- Land and water protection areas are not specifically allocated as the Forest Management Operations of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah can be categorized as low intensity, harvesting activities only being carried out once in 4 years. To avoid negative impacts on soil and water quality degradation, the Management Unit monitors the environment for subsidence and water quality.

The Management Unit has carried out Biodiversity Management activities through the identification and inventory of protected, endemic, rare and threatened / endangered species within the concession area. The results of the identification and inventory can be found in: UKL & UPL HR documents for the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah of 2007, the RKL / RPL Semester Reports (Semester 1 and semester 2 of 2019), which includes a distribution map of the protected flora and fauna. No key species were identified.

- The staple plant species cultivated is not a genetically modified tree species, but *Acacia carssicarpa*.
- The Management Unit has carried out Forest Protection measures, whether these result from human or natural causes.
  - These are reported in RKUPHHK-HTI 2019-2028 and RKL / RPL reports per semester 1 and 2 of 2019.
  - Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah, with its partner company PT. Nusa Prima Manunggal, has documented procedures to prevent and deal with pest attacks. It also has documented procedures for the Management of Hazardous and Toxic Waste (B3), Weed Control and Integrated Pest and Disease Management.
  - The Management Unit has implemented forest protection measures against fire hazards, and in the work area, no

livestock grazing activities by the community is permitted.

- Appropriate / measurable steps in forest protection activities have been implemented where Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has documented procedures for forest protection activities.

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

Prior to undertaking the Surveillance 1 Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted Public Consultation commencing July 02, 2020, which asked stakeholders to provide feedback and information on Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website ([www.ajaindonesia.com](http://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 Parit Limbah, such reported cases being given material consideration in the audit process conducted by PT. AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah 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 415 ha.

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

Based on the results of the Surveillance 1 Audit, no Non-Conformities of either a Major or Major nature were identified by the audit team. The Management Unit is operating effectively.

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

Certificate is valid until June 26, 2022, provided that Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah does not have any problems at the next Surveillance visit. If the non-conformities are not closed at the next Surveillance, the certificate will be suspended until such time as AJA is able to perform a closeout visit.