

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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## PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT – SFM

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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

STANDARDS/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 2 (REMOTE)

START DATE AUDIT: February 15, 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

END DATE AUDIT: February 17, 2021

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SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED including country	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah	Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province – Republic of Indonesia	February 15 to 17, 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	
	NA	

#### 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.

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.

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.

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

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah is a private forest that was formed since the cooperation of the residents of Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province to form a community forest farmer group and obtain community forest management rights. Thus, since its formation, Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah is the result of cooperation between local residents.

The livelihoods of the residents around the concession are mostly in agriculture, the rest are in manufacturing industry, trade, accommodation, etc.. There are no customary law communities around Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah concession.

According to the farmer group administrators, there is no conflict between the company and the surrounding community. It is the result of the land management, which is controlled and managed by all group members. Thus, there are no land claims from the outside of group members.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has assessed the social impact of forest management activities on the surrounding community. There is a Report on Environmental Management Efforts and Environmental Monitoring Efforts (UKL/UPL) and has obtained approval from the Regional Environmental Impact Management Agency of Pelalawan Regency Number 660 of 2007. According to the UKL/UPL report, the social, economic, cultural impacts resulting from management activities forests include:

- community perceptions of community forests,
- community perceptions of the environment and the benefits of forest resources,
- business opportunities, public health, education,
- employment opportunities and community income,
- contribution of community forests to regional development.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah also provides access to local communities to utilize non-timber forest products. The forest product used by the surrounding community is fish. As for the support to the surrounding community, the Management Unit aids medical masks in the context of preventing Covid-19 in the village.

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

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 Parit Limbah in last semester of 2020. 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.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah established and implemented a Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) Documented Procedure to minimize negative impacts (from Partner Companies/PT NPM), 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 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 Parit Limbah has identified and monitored disturbances, considering the occurrence of natural disturbances that pose a threat to the health and vitality of forest resources. It is including the participatory steps related to livestock grazing activities by the surrounding community, thus the negative impacts of grazing and livestock populations on forest regeneration, growth and biodiversity areas can be avoided. Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has held outreach to the community to not grazing livestock in the forest area.

The prevention of various forest disturbances, the Management Unit has a network of canals 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.

#### **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 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.**

The result of Surveillance 2 Audit of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah 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 26, 2022, provided that Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah 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.