# 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

STANDARDS/CRITERIA:

IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Recertification (HYBRID)

AUDIT START DATE: March 10, 2022

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

AUDIT END DATE: March 12, 2022

(financial, shareholding or commercial) that would constitute a Conflict of

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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:
Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah	Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province - Indonesia	March 10 to 12, 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	

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#### Brief Description of the concession

The forest concession of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah was obtained based on the Cooperation Agreement for Community Plantation Forest Concession between PT Nusa Prima Manunggal and the Management Unit in Pelalawan Estate No. 049/NPM/LGL/IV/2004. The cooperation had the first addendum in 2013 and the second addendum occurred in 2019 with the cooperation No. 14/NPM/LGL/IV/2019. Based on the Minutes of the cooperation, the working area is 415 hectares. The legality of community land in the form of SKRT (Certificate of Land History) issued by the village government with a total of 231 letters. There was no conversion of natural forest to plantation forest after December 31, 2010, it is due to the work area where is located on community-owned land, not a forest area. Thus, the IFCC Certified area is 415 ha.

The operational implementation of the Management Unit is poured in the Private Forest Management Plan document for the period of 2018 to 2027. According to the document plan, the working area is consisting of 395.4 hectares of staple plants area and 19.6 hectares of infrastructure.

According to the government administration, the work area of the Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah is located in Sering Village, Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency, with coordinate of  $00^{\circ}$  29' 00" to  $00^{\circ}$  33' 00" North and  $101^{\circ}$  56' 00" to  $101^{\circ}$  58' 00" East. As for the area boundaries are:

- North: PT LIH,

- South: Canal of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah,

- West: PT RAPP,

- East: community scrubs.

The concession area is a swamp forest/wetland. It has flat topography located at an altitude of 5 to 10 mdpl. The soil types are tropaquents, Fluvaquents, Tropohemists, Sebangau (SBG), Tropodults, Dystropepts, Haplorthox. The Management Unit develops *Acacia crassicarpa* for production with a five year crop cycle. During this recertification audit, there are no operational activities such as harvesting, planting and plant maintenance. The last harvesting activities were carried out in 2019, to be followed by next harvesting in 2023.

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

There are no indigenous peoples around Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah concession. The livelihoods of the residents of Sering Village, Pelalawan District, based on data from Pelalawan District in Figures 2018, are mostly in agriculture of 265 people (56%), manufacturing industry of 109 people (23%), trade of 60 people (13%), accommodation and others are 42 people (10%). According to the Management Unit, currently there is no conflict in the concession area. The working area is the land of the community members of the Farmer Group in collaboration with partner companies, there are no land ownership claims from other parties.

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah has provided support to the surrounding community in developing the capacity of the surrounding community. Based on the Environmental Management Plan Report and the Second Semester Environmental Monitoring Plan 2021, the Community Development Program (CD) implemented by the Management Unit includes honorary for doctors and midwives in *Polindes*, assistance for integrated farming system, school improvement, high school scholarship, and assistance for cleaning trench.

The Management Unit allows the community to utilize fish in the canals by traditional management methods. They are not allowed to catch fish by using poison, stun, and explosives. The community is only allowed to catch fish with the *tajur* system, namely by installing fishing rods that are embed on the ground and being left on the banks of the river and will be taken some time later.

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# Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah have performed the following activities to minimize the environmental impact of forest management:

- Applying Reduce Impact Logging (RIL) methods in harvesting activities,
- No degraded or undergrown areas were found due to intensive monitoring of the concession area,
- Using approved and allowed pesticides to deal with pests and diseases of staple plants and weeds,
- Managing Hazardous and Toxic Waste (LB3) by sending it to the Temporary Storage for Hazardous and Toxic Waste (TPS LB3) owned by a partner company, namely PT. Nusa Prima Manunggal. The Management Unit does not leave B3 Waste behind or scattered in their work area,
- Applying the "Zero Burning Policy" in the activities of preventing and overcoming forest and land fires,
- Cooperating with partner companies that have complete facilities and infrastructure as well as human resources for forest and land fire prevention and control activities, namely the Fire Squad. In the last one year period, there were no forest and land fires,
- Not planting staple plants that are the result of genetic engineering or Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs),
- Using the fertilizer which type, dose and time of use based on recommendations from the Research and Development section of PT. Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper Estate Pelalawan to support the success of its production,
- Cooperating with partner companies in Security Patrol activities by land and water. The Management Unit also uses the monitoring post facility in the partner company's area to restrict outsiders from entering the work area. In the last one year period, there were no illegal activities in the forest.
- Permitting the use of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) in the form of fish in canals to the community,
- Conducting periodic identification and monitoring of fauna species in the working area. There is no protected area in the concession, but the Management Unit protects the presence of native flora and fauna by installing prohibition ban on wildlife hunting within the work areas,
- Installing signboards of prohibitions on burning forests and lighting cigarettes, cutting down trees,
- Monitoring the impact of forest management on soil and canal water quality,
- Performing canal blocking to maintain ground water level in accordance with field conditions.
- Preparing and reporting the environmental management activities in the Report on the Implementation of Environmental Permits for Environmental Management Efforts (UKL) and Environmental Monitoring Efforts (UPL) frequently per semester to the relevant agencies. The latest reports are the Report on the Implementation of the UKL and UPL Environmental Permits for the first and second semesters of 2021.

#### Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to undertaking the Recertification Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted Public Consultation commencing February 18, 2022, 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 (<a href="www.ajaindonesia.com">www.ajaindonesia.com</a>), 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.

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There are no non-conformities either in minor or major category being identified at the Recertification Audit. The management of Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah operates effectively.

#### Conditions under which the certificate is issued

The certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00046/VI/2019 is valid until June 26, 2025, provided that Kelompok Tani Hutan Hak Parit Limbah maintains its Surveillance schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Surveillance.

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