

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT – SFM

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CLIENT NAME: PT RIMBA HUTANI MAS UNIT SUMATERA SELATAN

TOTAL HECTARES: 61,366.67

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 61,366.67 hectares of Plantation Forest in South Sumatra Province

STANDARDS/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 2 (REMOTE)

AUDIT START DATE: October 12, 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

AUDIT END DATE: October 16, 2021

LEAD AUDITOR: Abdullah Mujahid

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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:
Buring District	Bayung Lencir District, Musi Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra Province – Republic of Indonesia	October 12 to 16, 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

The Business Permit for Utilization of Industrial Timber Forest Product (IUPHHK-HTI) of PT Rimba Hutani Mas through the Decree of the Minister of Forestry Number 90/Kpts-II/2007 dated March 22, 2007, regarding the Granting of Concession Rights for Industrial Plantation Forests over a forest area of approximately 67,100 (sixty-seven thousand one hundred) hectares in the Level I Province of South Sumatra Province to PT Rimba Hutani Mas. There was a conversion of natural forest to plantation forest after December 31, 2010 of 5,733.4 hectares. This conversion reduced the IFCC certified area which become 61,366.6 hectares.

For its operation of forest management, the Management Unit has a document of the Revised Work Plan for the Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Industrial Plantation Forests (RKUPHHK-HTI) of 2017 to 2026. It is approved based on Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number SK.6046/MenLHK-PHPL/UHP.1/6/2019 dated June 29, 2019. The spatial arrangement of the work area in the Revised RKUPHHK-HTI is Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas of 22,475 Ha (33.49%), Staple Plant area of 31,972 Ha (47.65%), and Livelihood Plant area of 12,653 Ha (18.86%), with a total area of 67,100 Ha (100%).

Administratively, PT Rimba Hutani Mas located in Bayung Lencir District, Musi Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra Province, consisting of two (2) blocks with the following geographical locations:

- a. Block I (Meranti): 103° 31' 42" to 103° 38' 18" East and 02° 00' 00" to 02° 09' 20" South, included in Meranti River Forest, Bayat, Bahar Forest Group,
- b. Block II (Lalan): 103° 51' 31" to 104° 38' 50" East and 01° 45' 25" to 02° 15' 11" South, included in Lalan River Forest Group

The land condition of the concession is Dry: 17%, Wet: 83%, Brackish: 0%. Topography: Flat (0 - 8%) 100% at an altitude of 0 - 30 meters above sea level. Soil Types: Gleisols, Alluvials, Red-Yellow Podisols, Yellow-Brown Podisols. Geological Formations (Rock Types): Block I: Classical Sedimentary Formations and a little volcanic sediment; Block II: Formation of Raw Water Deposits, Clastic Sediments and Volcanic Sediments. Climate: Climate Type: A (Schmidt & Ferguson) with Highest Monthly Rainfall in March and Lowest in August. Hydrology: Lalan watershed, rivers / streams located in the work area are Belangan River, Buring River, Kerkai River, Lalan River, Medak River, Merang River and Bahar River. Forest Function: based on the Map of Forest Area and Marine Conservation of South Sumatra Province SK 454 / MenLHK PK TL / KUH / PLA.2 / 6/2016 dated June 17, 2016: 64,990 ha of Production Forest, 318 ha of Converted Production Forest, and 1,792 ha of Other Use Area.

The working area boundary to the north side: Muara Merang Village Forest, PT Tri Pupajaya, East side: PT Mentari Subur Abadi, South side: PT Lonsum, PT Global Alam Lestari, West side: PT Pakerin, PT Swadaya Bhakti Negaramas. The production plants developed are *Eucalyptus* sp, *Acacia mangium*, *Acacia crassicarpa*.

The Management Unit has complied with the regulations related to peatland management. PT Rimba Hutani Mas has carried out: Revision of RKUPHHK in order to improve Peat Management based on Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia Number SK MenLHK No. SK.6127 / MenLHK-PHPL / UHP / HPL.1 / 11/2017 dated November 14, 2017. The Management Unit has compiled Reports on the Implementation of Peatland Ecosystem Restoration and Control of Forest and Land Fires based on the Decree of the Director General of Pollution and Environmental Damage Control SK.15 / PPKL / PKG / PKL.0 / 1/2018 dated January 2, 2018. Made adjustments for activities in 2018 to 2019 based on the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia Number SK.4301 / MenLHK-PHPL / UHP.1 / 6/2018 dated 28 June 2019. There are peat dome peaks covering an area of 6,368 hectares spread in Riverbanks of 147 hectares, Crocodile Conservation of 48 hectares, KPSL of 760 hectares, KPPN of 1,014 hectares, former Staple plant area and Livelihood plant area of 4,419 hectares.

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

The fostered villages of the company are Village of Pulau Gading, Dusun I, Muara Medak, Muara Bahar, Muara Merang and Mangsang. All of the assisted villages are located in Bayung Lencir District, Musi Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra Province. Most of the people living in the villages around the company concession are farmers (59%).

The existence of indigenous peoples living near the concession is proved by an indigenous community namely the Anak Dalam Tribe. Initially, the Anak Dalam tribe lived or occupied floating huts/rafts along the river with quite high mobility of movement. Then, the Local Social Service relocated and settled the community in Muara Medak Village. PT Rimba Hutani Mas provided access to indigenous peoples and local communities to utilize forest resources that have an economically important function. The non-timber forest products being utilized are honey and fish.

Regarding conflicts, PT Rimba Hutani Mas has procedures and map of conflict areas in 1:300,000 scale. There are open land claim in the protected area and livelihood plant area. The conflict is still in the process of being resolved with the cooperation of livelihood plant agreement.

PT Rimba Hutani Mas has collaborated with the surrounding community. Since 2012, the company has implemented livelihood plant cooperation. The livelihood plant cooperation agreement is being implemented by the community by managing the livelihood plant area with their community groups, not in the form of livelihood plant fee provision from the company. Based on documents, the existing livelihood plant cooperation was the resolved claim conflicts which was being negotiated between the company and the community.

There is a forest fire prevention and control agreement between PT Rimba Hutani Mas with ten groups of the Community of Fire Awareness which indicates the participation of the community in forest protection. PT Rimba Hutani Mas also provided adequate support to local communities and indigenous peoples around the company. Aspects of activities in the CSR program are economic aspects, socio-cultural aspects, religious aspects, education aspects, health aspects, and other aspects.

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

The Management Unit has implemented forest ecosystem and hydrological function management through the following activities:

- identification of forest management activities that have significant impacts and conduct environmental impact assessments through Environmental Impact Analysis (AMDAL) document which was legalized based on the Decree of the Regent of Musi Banyuasin No. 1794 of 2006 dated September 06, 2016, and the document of Revised RKUPHHK-HTI of 2017 to 2026 in Improvement of Peat Management. The implementation of environmental management and monitoring every semester is presented in the Environmental Permit Implementation Report (RPL/RKL),
- performing Reduced Impact Logging activities before, during, and after harvesting,
- identification of areas that function for soil and water protection then being designated as protected area, namely the Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas which consist of River Border of 1,512 Ha (2.25%), Crocodile Conservation Area of 11,763 Ha (17.53%), Germplasm Conservation Areas of 2,048 Ha (3.05%), Wildlife Conservation Areas of 2,733 Ha (4.07%), and Peat Dome Peak Area of 4,419 Ha (6.59%),
- monitoring the negative impacts of forest management activities in accordance with the AMDAL, RKL, RPL documents, and documented procedures that serve as guidelines for monitoring such as SOPs for Monitoring Protected Areas, SOPs for Monitoring Discharge and Water Quality and SOP for Subsidence Monitoring and TPMAT as well as for the controlled use of B3 (Hazardous and Toxic Materials), namely SOP for Management of B3, SOP for Handling Spilled Fuel, Lubricants and Chemicals, SOP for Weed Control, and SOP for Integrated Pest and Disease Management.

The Management Unit has carried out biodiversity management through the following activities:

- identification and Inventory of protected, endemic, rare and threatened/near-extinct flora and fauna in the concession area in accordance with applicable regulations. The results of the identification and inventory can be found in AMDAL

document, Revised RKUPHHK-HTI of 2017 to 2026 and RKL/RPL per Semester Reports. There is a fauna distribution map as the inventory results but there is no flora distribution map.

- conducting management of Protected Areas in accordance with the RKL/RPL Implementation Report every semester as well as SOPs for Determining Protected Areas and SOPs for Monitoring Protected Areas,
- identification of protected and threatened/endangered key species, as well as their habitats and migration patterns. There are no key species in the area after the identifications,
- implementing environmental impact assessment on protected, endemic, rare and threatened/near-extinct flora and fauna, through AMDAL documents,
- not cultivating genetically modified tree species but *Acacia cracicarpa*, *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus pellita*.

The Management Unit performed forest protection through the following activities:

- identification and monitoring of disturbances in sustainable forest management. The result of identification stated in UKL and UPL 2016 documents, Revised RKUPHHK 2017-2026 and RKL/RPL reports per semester,
- issued documented procedures to prevent and handle pest attacks, namely SOPs for Integrated Pest and Disease Management as well as the management of chemical pesticides with SOP for Weed Control, SOP for Integrated Pest and Disease Management. SOP for Handling Spills of Fuel, Lubricants and Chemicals and SOP for Management of Hazardous and Toxic Waste,
- implemented forest protection measures against fire hazards.

#### Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to conduct Surveillance 2 Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted a public consultation starting September 6, 2021, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Rimba Hutani Mas. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia website ([www.ajaindonesia.com](http://www.ajaindonesia.com)), sent to parties by email or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia does not receive any input from the Public Consultation.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Rimba Hutani Mas. The reported cases are considered as part of the PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia audit process.

The Management Unit has identified all the requirements needed for this certification process, which consists of legal aspects which include compliance with international regulations and rules and conventions. The management system has been built to cover all activities in the field of certification, registered for certification covering an area of 61,366.67 hectares.

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

No non-conformities identified during Surveillance 2 Audit. The Management Unit operates effectively.

#### Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate is valid until March 26, 2023, provided that PT Rimba Hutani Mas maintains its Recertification schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Recertification.