

# Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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CLIENT NAME: PT RIMBA HUTANI MAS

TOTAL HECTARES: 61.366,7 HA

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 61,366.7 hectares of Plantation Forest in South Sumatra Province, Indonesia

STANDARD/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & CLIENT DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Recertification


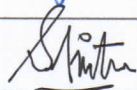
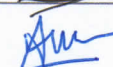
AUDIT START DATE: December 3, 2019

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: December 7, 2019

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MINOR CARS : 2

SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF COMPANY SITES VISITED INCLUDING COUNTRY	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
PT Rimba Hutani Mas	Buring District - Bayung Lencir District, Musi Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra Province, Republic of Indonesia	December 3 to 7, 2019
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

PT Rimba Hutani Mas obtained an IUPHHK-HTI SK (Business Permit for Timber Forest Product Utilization in Industrial Plantation Forest) per Decree of the Minister of Forestry SK Number 90 / Kpts-II / 2007 dated March 22, 2007 concerning the Granting of Industrial Plantation Forest Concession of about 67,100 hectares in the Level I Regional Province of South Sumatra to PT Rimba Hutani Mas. An area of 5,733.3 hectares of natural forest was converted to plantation forest after December 31, 2010, so the scope of the IFCC certification is 61,366.7 hectares.

The Management Unit has the RKUPHHK-HTI document (Business Permit for Timber Forest Product Utilization in Industrial Plantation Forest) for implementing forest management operations. This has been revised and the current document is as follows:

1. Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Number SK.6046 / MenLHK-PHPL / UHP.1 / 6/2019 dated June 28, 2019 concerning Approval of Revised Work Plan for Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Industrial Plantation Forests (RKUPHHK-HTI) for the 10-Year 2017 to 2026 on behalf of PT Rimba Hutani Mas in South Sumatra Province.

The Annual Work Plan for Timber Forest Product Utilization in Industrial Plantation Forest (RKTUPHHK-HTI within 2019, is as follows:

1. President Director Decree Number SK.009 / RHM / VII / 2019 dated July 31, 2019 concerning Ratification of the Second Revision of the Annual Work Plan for Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Industrial Plantation Forests (RKTUPHHK-HTI) 2019 on behalf of PT Rimba Hutani Mas in South Sumatra Province.

Spatial planning of the work area in the Revised RKUPHHK-HTI document for 2019 are: Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas of 22,475 ha (33.49%), Staple Plant Area of 31,972 ha (47.65%), Livelihood Plant Area of 12,653 ha (18.86%), with a total of 67,100 ha (100%).

PT Rimba Hutani Mas is administratively located in the District of Bayung Lencir, Regency of Musi Banyuasin, South Sumatra Province, which is in the border region between South Sumatra and Jambi provinces. The concession is located as follows:

Block I (Meranti): 103° 31' 42" to 103° 38' 18" East and 02° 00' 00" to 02° 09' 20" South

Block II (Lalan): 103° 51' 31" to 104° 38' 50" East and 01° 45' 25" to 02° 15' 11" South

The work area boundaries are as follows:

- North: Muara Merang Village Forest, PT Tri Pupajaya
- East: PT Mentari Subur Abadi
- South: PT Lonsum, PT Global Alam Lestari
- West: PT Pakerin, PT Swadaya Bhakti Negaramas

Forest Groups:

- Block I: Ex. Meranti River Forest, Bayat, Bahar
- Block II: Ex. Lalan River Forest

Forestry Administration

- Block I Forest Reserve: RPH: Bayat, BKPH: Relics, CDK: Relics
- Block II: RPH: Bayung Lencir, BKPH: Bayung Lencir, CDK: Bayung Lencir
- KPHP: Unit III Lalan Mangsang Mendis and Unit IV Meranti
- Provincial Service: South Sumatra South Sumatra

The land conditions are 17% dry and 83% wet, while the topography is Flat (0 – 8% Slopes) at an altitude of 0 – 30 meters above sea level.

The soil type is Gleisol, Alluvial, Red Yellow Podsollic, Yellowish Brown Podsolik.

Geology (Rock Type) of the two areas is as follows:

- Block I: Classic Sedimentary Formation and less Volcanic Sediment
- Block II: Formation of Marsh Water Deposits, Clastic Sediments and Volcanic Sediments

The climate per the Schmidt/Ferguson classification is type A. with the heaviest rainfall in March and the least in August.

The forest functions: based on the Map of Forest Areas and Water Conservation Areas of South Sumatra Province, SK 454 / MenLHK PK TL / KUH / PLA.2 / 6/2016 dated 17 June 2016 show 64,990 ha of production forest (HP), 318 ha of converted production forest (HPK) and 1,792 ha of other use area (APL), for a total of 67,100 ha.

Based on the foregoing, the species of plants developed are *Eucalyptus sp.*, *Acacia mangium*, and *Acacia crassicarpa*.

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

The developed villages by the company are as stated in the Decree of the Head of PT Rimba Hutani Mas HTI Unit Number 4 / RHM / I / 2019 dated January 2, 2019:

1. Pulai Gading Village, Dusun I (Priority Guided Village),
2. Ma Medak Village (Priority Guided Village),
3. Ma Bahar Village (Ordinary Guided Village),
4. Ma Merang Village (Ordinary Guided Village),
5. Mangsang Village (Ordinary Guided Village),

All of the villages are located in Bayung Lencir District, Musi Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra Province.

The people who live around the concession are local community, the rights of whom PT Rimba Hutani Mas has identified and respected. Based on Bayung Lencir District Data in Figures for 2018, there were 19,973 households in the District of Bayung Lencir, of which 12,528 households (62.7%) work in the agricultural sector. There is a Document Report on the Results of Identification and Guidance of Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) in the vicinity of the work area of PT Rimba Hutani Mas in 2018. Based on interviews with company employees, the Suku Anak Dalam group live outside the company's concession in Muara Medak Village. The company, however, continues to provide guidance to the community. Based on the report documents, they number 56 households comprising 188 people. Their livelihood patterns have settled and their livelihoods are fishing, gardening and hunting. Some have even mingled with the local community. Coaching activities include providing *toman* and catfish seedlings, and breeding cattle.

PT Rimba Hutani Mas has standard procedures for conflict resolution efforts with the surrounding community, and there are Reports on the Results of the Mapping of Potential Conflict Resolution and Resolution in PT Rimba Hutani Mas 2019 IUPHHK HTI.

PT Rimba Hutani Mas has collaborated in forest management with the surrounding communities, such as in the scope of livelihood plant, prevention and management of forest and land fires by Fire Aware Community groups in all the target villages. There is a report on the management and monitoring of Non-Timber Forest Product Utilization (NTFP) in the vicinity of PT Rimba Hutani Mas's work area for 2018. There are five non-timber forest product utilization groups that have collaborated with company, namely three honey seekers and two fishermen.

PT Rimba Hutani Mas has carried out corporate social responsibility activities to the surrounding community. There is a 2019 CSR Plan, dated January 2, 2019 signed by CD-CSR, Forest Protection Head, and the Head of HTI Unit. Based on this document, the villages that were targeted by the CSR program were the Binaan Inti villages. CSR activities carried out cover the fields of economic, social/ culture, religious, educational, and health, among others.

There is a Report on the Realization of PT Rimba Hutani Mas's CSR Program up to November 2019. The realized activities are in the form of health services, free medical treatment, mass circumcision, and included a dissemination of forest and land fires.

There is a Monitoring and Evaluation Report on the Desa Makmur Peduli Api program. Activities carried out include patchouli cultivation, cattle farming, lowland rice farming, cayenne pepper cultivation, horticultural crop cultivation, hybrid corn cultivation, drinking water refill business.

#### Description of the ecological conditions of the concession

The Management Unit has carried out management and monitoring of forest management impacts, including: microclimate change, ground water level, peat subsidence, soil fertility, pyrite oxidation, river water quality, river discharge, ambient air quality, forest and land fires. The report on its implementation is made to the requisite authorities each semester.

The Management Unit carries out Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) activities and shows recapitulation of logging waste (WLA-wood residue) and hand-over area (HOA) documents. The company has taken precautionary measures against soil and water damage with RIL on peatlands with water management, having 91 water zones with supporting facilities for the protection of soil and water conservation.

The Management Unit has reported on the implementation of peat ecosystem restoration activities and proposed groundwater level compliance points, installation points of automatic groundwater level gauges and station points for rainfall monitoring to the requisite authorities.

The concession area is included in the Lalan Watershed, with the following rivers/tributaries found in the work area: Belangan River, Buring River, Kerkai River, Lalan River, Medak River, Merang River and Bahar River.

The Management Unit has implemented hydrological recovery in the form of water management infrastructure development. It has land cover data resulting from the overlay of protected areas by interpreting satellite maps. Based on the RKUPHHK-HTI document, the Local Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas consist of Riparian Area of 1,512 ha (2.25%), Crocodile Conservation Area of 11,763 ha (17.53%), Germplasm Conservation Area of 2,048 ha (3.05%), Wildlife Conservation Area of 2,733 ha (4.07%), and Peak Peat Dome area of 4,419 ha (6.59%).

Sinyulong Crocodile Protected Area is an area designated for the conservation of the endangered sinyulong species, and the area included within the work area of PT. Rimba Hutani Mas covers an area of 10,021 hectares.

The company has identified forest disturbances in the form of forest fires, illegal logging, forest encroachment, poaching, pests and diseases and weeds, and has implemented the following protection activities:

1. Monitoring of Internet Hot Spots (Aqua Terra and NOAA)
2. Building an Internal Internet Monitoring Application
3. Availability of Micro-climate Observation Stations, Fire Hazard Maps, Fire CCTV, Fire Towers, Fire Monitoring Posts at Fire Prone Locations, Fire Patrols, Task Force Damkarlahut employees and contractors, adequate water and PBK equipment
4. Forming Community Groups for Fire Awareness (KMPA)
5. Establish a guard post to limit the community's access to encroachment and illegal logging.
6. To socialize to the public about the dangers of forest destruction.
7. Conducting and maintaining an appeal board to protect the forest and prohibit the destruction of the forest.
8. Socialization of protected area management and prohibition on land burning activities.
9. Patrol regularly and report fire incidents to the authorities
10. Community development (CSR) and life plant development programs.

The pest and plant disease monitoring activities (including: ring mover; wind fall, termite pest; dwarf; shoot death; root rot; broken stem; fusarium wilt; oblique; empty; root morphology; bacterial wilt) is done each month and reported to RDD to ask for control recommendations. If there is an attack (>10%) or there is a specific attack, the RDD will make observations and provide recommendations for control. The Management Unit has also applied environmentally friendly



control, non-chemical method in the form of planting *Turnera sp* (host of *Sycanus sp*). for treating leaf worms and *Helopeltis sp*.

Restrictions on public access to the forest as a security activity are carried out by the security examining parties wishing to enter the Management Unit area. Vehicles wishing to enter are stopped and the occupants questioned on their reason for entry, after which they are asked to show their ID card and sign the guest book,

### Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to undertaking the Recertification Audit, PT AJA Sertifikasi Indonesia conducted Public Consultation commencing November 25, 2019, which asked stakeholders to provide feedback and information on 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 related parties via email or postal mail, and announced in local newspapers.

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

PT Rimba Hutani Mas has identified all necessary requirements for this certification process, comprising legal aspect that include compliance with international regulations and conventions. The established management system includes all field activities for certification, where the area registered for certification is 61,366.7 ha.

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

Results of Recertification Audit identified two (2) Minor Non-Conformity (NC) as listed below. No critical issues were identified.

No	Non-Conformities	Corrective Action Performed	Category
1	The use of PPE at the chemical warehouse and among spray workers was not up to standard. Chemical mask were not offered to guests (auditors and assistants) and the staff were not wearing long-sleeve shirts.  Indicator: I.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Socialization of PPE standards in accordance with ASDAM and LG / PK / 02-RHM work procedures to fertilizer and pesticide warehouse officers and spray workers.</li> <li>- Carry out monitoring/Inspection K3L of warehouse officers and spray workers</li> </ul>	Minor
2	The Management Unit was not able to show rehabilitation planning documents covering all areas (protected areas, ex-burned areas) in ground check reports of open land or under-grown areas identification, which supported by data including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Origin of seeds / seedlings and their number, location of nursery / nursery</li> <li>- Method of rehabilitation / planting</li> <li>- Implementation time</li> <li>- Monitoring and evaluating success</li> <li>- Agreement</li> </ul> Indicator: I.4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve coordination and supervision in the preparation of annual work plans, especially rehabilitation plans between the planning and conservation sections.</li> <li>- Make a Protected Area Rehabilitation Plan Document for 2020</li> </ul>	Minor



#### Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate is valid until March 26, 2023, provided that PT Rimba Hutani Mas 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 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