

Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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ORGANIZATION NAME: PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati

TOTAL HECTARES: 7,480

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 7,480 Hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

STANDARD/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 2

AUDIT START DATE: 23 January 2025

AUDIT END DATE: 25 January 2025

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

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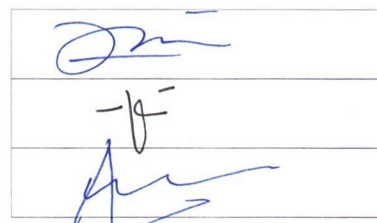
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SITE NAME (Legal Name):	ADDRESSES OF ORGANIZATION SITES VISITED including countries	DATE OF EACH SITE VISIT:
Head office	Jl. Dr. Sutomo No. 62, Pekanbaru, 28141, Riau	23 January 2025
Site	Sorek, Kecamatan Kerumutan, Kabupaten Pelalawan, Provinsi Riau	24 – 25 January 2025
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	

Brief Description of the concession

PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati initially obtained a management permit with IUPHHK-HT (Business Permit for Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Plantation Forests) through the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK.65/Menhut-II/2007, dated February 23, 2007. In 2021, it received a Forest Utilization Business Permit (PBPH) with Decree No. SK715/MenLHK/Setjen/HPL.0/9/2021, dated September 13, 2021. This decree introduced a change in nomenclature from IUPHHK-HT to PBPH. The working area covers 7,480 hectares.

The Organization operates under a long-term management plan, documented in the RKUPH (Forest Utilization Business Work Plan). This plan was ratified by the Decree of the Minister of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia Number SK.7907/MenLHK-PHL/PUPH/HPL.1/10/2022, dated October 10, 2022, concerning amendments to the Forest Utilization Business Work Plan (RKUPH) for the period 2017-2026 on behalf of PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati in Riau Province. Short-term planning is managed through the RKTPH (Forest Utilization Work Plan) document, as follows:

1. RKTPH 2024: Decree of the Director of PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati Number: 162/SK/RMP/PKU/XII/2023, dated December 28, 2023, concerning approval of the 2024 Annual Work Plan for Forest Utilization.
2. RKTPH 2025: Decree of the Director of PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati Number: 212/SK/RMP/PKU/XII/2024, dated December 31, 2024, concerning approval of the 2025 Annual Work Plan for Forest Utilization.

PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati has divided its work area into a Protected Area occupies 1,596 hectares (21.34%), which includes the River Border (258 hectares, 3.45%), the Buffer Zone SM Kerumutan (1,200 hectares, 16.04%), the Germplasm Conservation Area (KPPN) (77 hectares, 1.03%), and the Wildlife Conservation Area (KPSL) (61 hectares, 0.82%). The Cultivation Area comprises 5,884 hectares (78.66%), including the utilization of Timber Forest Products in Plantation Forest (4,832 hectares, 64.60%), Forest Product Utilization Area (658 hectares, 8.80%), and Other Areas (such as gardens and shrubs) (31 hectares, 1.75%). Infrastructure areas account for 263 hectares (3.51%).

PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati is located in Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province, and falls under the forestry administration of KPH Sorek managed by the Riau Province Forestry Service. Geographically, the concession area lies between 00°03'23" - 00°12'23" N and 102°22'40" - 102°25'88" E. Within this area, there are land claims totaling 80 hectares, an overlap with HKM Sungai Bobak of 58.3 hectares, and 171.2 hectares of convertible production forest (HPK), with boundary demarcation planned for the overlapping zones. Despite these overlaps, boundary arrangements will be implemented. The area will still be managed so that the area is included in the forest area. As there has been no conversion of natural forest to plantation forest after December 31, 2010, thus, the area based on permit is 7,480 ha, the forest area and certified area is 7,480 ha. The entire area is classified as peat swamp or peatland, with flat topography (0–8% slope), and is planted with *Acacia crassicarpa*.

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

The area surrounding the Organization's concession is inhabited by the local community. There are no recognized customary law communities in the vicinity. This assessment is based on the community's cultural background, primary livelihoods, and their level of dependence on the forest. According to the Organization's Forest Management Plan (RKU) for the 2017–2026 period, the majority of the local population work in the plantation and agricultural sectors, making up over 95% of the area's residents.

PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati has taken steps to address and resolve conflicts involving nearby communities. A report from the second half of 2024 recorded two conflict cases: one involving overlapping land claims with a palm oil company and another involving community land control. Additionally, local residents had raised concerns about the condition of a road used to access a nearby lake that stretches about 10 kilometers within the concession area.

In response, the Organization completed repairs to the road, as confirmed by field verification. The improved road, now covered with compacted soil and added gravel, is suitable for regular use by the community. It can accommodate both motorcycles and four-wheeled vehicles, improving access and transportation for local residents.

The Organization has ensured that community rights are respected. A formal agreement regarding the use of livelihood plants exists between the company and the local community, established through a notarial deed signed in 2015. This agreement and its implementation have been documented and reported in previous audits, reflecting the company's commitment to maintaining positive community relations.

PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati has also made efforts to support the development of a local, forestry-based economy. According to the 2024 Community Development Report, contributions have been made across several sectors, including education, health, religion, infrastructure, the environment, and general economic development. The total amount spent exceeded the original budget, showing a strong commitment to community support and welfare.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati operates within a peat forest ecosystem located in KPH Unit XXI Pelalawan Gaung/Kerumutan Production Forest Group. The land has a flat topography with slopes ranging from 0 to 8 percent and lies at an elevation of 0 to 15 meters above sea level. The soil in this area is made up of organosol and gleysol, with alluvium rock as the main geological formation. The climate is classified as Type A according to the Schmidt & Ferguson system, with rainfall levels varying between 143 mm and 446 mm. The area is situated within the Peat Hydrological Unity of the Kiyap River and Kerumutan River, and falls under the Kerumutan Sub-watershed of the Kampar Watershed.

To protect the peatland, the Organization actively monitors the physical condition of the land, especially for signs of dryness and peat subsidence. Water management is handled through a canalization system divided into five zones. Compliance with peatland regulations is maintained, and the company, PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati, has developed a Peat Ecosystem Recovery Plan. This plan was approved through a decree issued on December 24, 2021. Groundwater levels are monitored at 24 designated points, using both manual and digital tools. Monitoring is done twice a month, with results submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forestry through both online and offline reporting systems.

The Organization's latest forest management plan, covering the years 2017 to 2026, was revised and approved on December 23, 2022. As part of their conservation efforts, a peat dome peak area of 104 hectares has been designated, with 89 hectares located in the Kerumutan Wildlife Reserve Buffer Zone and 25 hectares in the KPSL area. The Organization manages forest and hydrological functions by conducting environmental impact assessments and implementing approved plans. These efforts are documented in Environmental Management and Monitoring Reports submitted every semester.

Forest activities are carried out using reduced impact logging (RIL) techniques, starting from before harvesting through to post-harvest stages. There is a designated protected area within the Organization's land, covering 1,596 hectares or about 21.34% of the total area. This includes river borders, buffer zones, and specific conservation areas like KPPN and KPSL. The Organization also has standard operating procedures for monitoring protected areas, water quality, erosion, and the use of hazardous and toxic materials. These procedures include management of fuel spills, chemical use, weed control, and pest and disease management.

The Organization has identified and inventoried protected, rare, and endangered species of flora and fauna within its area. These efforts are documented in AMDAL, RKL and RPL, Documents of IUPHHK-HTI PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati in 2003, and RKL/RPL Implementation Report (Semester 2, 2022 and Semester 1, 2023). The Organization has assessed the potential environmental impacts on biodiversity and ensures that its main planted species, *Acacia crassicaarpa*, is not genetically modified. In terms of forest protection, the company monitors threats such as fire, illegal logging, and land encroachment. Pest and disease threats are managed using documented procedures, and the company confirms that there are no livestock herding activities by local communities within its working area.

Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to carrying out the Surveillance 2 Audit, PT ACube TIC International conducted a public consultation starting 9 December 2024, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati. The public consultation was uploaded to the PT ACube TIC International website (www.ajaindonesia.com), sent to parties by email or postal mail, and published in local newspapers. There was no input from stakeholders.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati. The reported cases are considered part of the PT ACube TIC International audit process.

The Organization has identified all the requirements necessary for this certification process, which consists of legal aspects that include compliance with regulations and international rules and conventions. The management system has been built to cover all activities in the field of certification, which are registered for certification covering an area of 7,480 hectares.

Organization progress record related to corrective action on findings of nonconformities in previous audit

The result of Transition to IFCC ST 1001:2021 + Surveillance 1 Transfer Audit is 1 (one) non-conformity in Minor category, the Organization has made improvements.

No.	Non-Conformities	Corrective Action Performed at 2024	Closed out in 2025
1	There was a bathroom and toilet for workers that did not meet Occupational Safety and Health (K3) standards. Indicator 5.3.4.2	The Organization has improved the bathroom and toilet for workers as in Occupational Safety and Health (K3) standards.	Based on the 2025 field verification at the plantation contractor camp, the condition of the toilets and bathrooms has been improved. There are squat toilets equipped with septic tanks for both the men's and women's restrooms.
2	The activities of under brushing during timber harvesting were not carried out by the workers, this was not in accordance with the SOP for Harvesting at Peat Locations. Indicator 7.3.4	The Organization will carry out under brushing activities in timber harvesting. As well as reviewing these activities in the SOP Harvesting on Peat Locations.	The Organization has provided outreach to the harvesting workers. The workers have cleaned the base of the tree from vines and lianas, as well as other undergrowth before felling (SOP-NEN-007).

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 is no non-conformity.

Conditions under which the certificate is issued

Certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00062/I/2024 is valid until February 2, 2026, provided that PT Mitra Taninusa Sejati maintains its Recertification schedule and does not have potential major non-conformities at the next Recertification.