

Public Report Sustainable Forest Management System

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ORGANIZATION NAME: PT Rimba Mutiara Permai

TOTAL HECTARES: 8,030

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION: Sustainable Forest Management of 8,030 Hectares of Plantation Forest in Riau Province

STANDARD/CRITERIA: IFCC SFM & ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TYPE OF AUDIT: Surveillance 2

AUDIT START DATE: 20 January 2025

AUDIT END DATE: 22 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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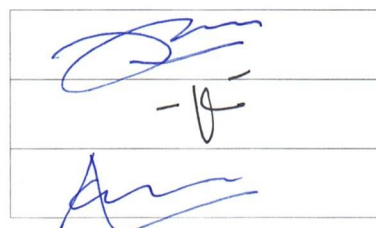
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MINOR CARS: 1

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, Indonesia	20 January 2025
Site	Kecamatan Teluk Meranti, Kabupaten Pelalawan, Provinsi Riau	21 – 22 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 Rimba Mutiara Permai initially obtained a management permit with IUPHHK-HT (Business Permit for Utilization of Timber Forest Products in Plantation Forests) with the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. SK.65/Menhut-II/2007 dated February 23, 2007. In 2021, it received a Decree PBPH (Forest Utilization Business Permit) No. SK715/MenLHK/Setjen/HPL.0/9/2021 dated September 13, 2021. This decree changes the nomenclature from IUPHHK-HT to PBPH. The working area is 8,030 Ha.

The Organization in its operations has a long-term management plan document in the form of a RKUPH (Forest Utilization Business Work Plan) document for 2017 to 2026. The document is ratified by 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. As for the short-term planning in the form of a RKTUPH (Forest Utilization Work Plan).

PT Rimba Mutiara Permai has arranged its work area into Protected Area of 1,682 Ha (20.95%) and Cultivation Area of 6,348 Ha (79.05%), with a total of 8,0390 Ha. The Protected Area consists of River Border 147 Ha (1.83%), Buffer Zone Wildlife Reserve Kerumutan of 1,046 Ha (13.03%), Germplasm Conservation Area/KPPN of 50 Ha (0.62%), Wildlife Conservation Area/KPSL of 50 Ha (0.62%), and Other Protected Areas of 389 Ha (4.85%). Meanwhile, Cultivation Area consists of Utilization of Timber Forest Products Plantation Forest of 5,848 Ha (72.83%), Infrastructure of 283 Ha (3.52%), and shrub gardens and others of 217 Ha (2.70%).

Within the concession area, there are APL areas (Other Use Areas), claimed areas, and overlapping areas with the HKM Sungai Bobak (Community Forest) and the PT MAL plantation. For the overlapping areas, boundary delineation will be carried out. These areas will continue to be managed so that they are included in the forest area, totaling 8,030 hectares. This is because there has been no conversion of natural forest into plantation forest in the area after December 31, 2010. Therefore, the area size as per the decree is 8,030 hectares. The forest area and the area being certified cover 8,030 hectares.

PT Rimba Mutiara Permai is located between the coordinates 00°03'23" - 00°12'23" North and 102°22'40" - 102°25'88" East. The land is categorized as plantation forest situated on peat swamp or peatland soil types. Meanwhile, according to government administration, it falls under Pelalawan District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province. Based on the Forestry administration area, it is included in the KPH Sorek area of Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province Forestry Service. The topography of the work area is flat. The land is situated on peat swamp soils, and as such, the primary species cultivated is *Acacia crassicarpa*.

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

The communities surrounding the concession of PT Rimba Mutiara Permai are classified as local communities, with no customary law communities identified in the area. According to the Potential Mapping and Conflict Resolution Report, Semester II – 2024, the primary sources of livelihood for local residents include farming, gardening, fishing, civil service, roles in the military and police (TNI/POLRI), as well as employment in labor, trade, and other sectors.

The Organization has established a formal grievance mechanism to address concerns from both employees and the surrounding community. This system includes a designated complaint form (FM.ADM.023), which has been in place since June 5, 2017. As of the latest reporting period, no complaints have been submitted by employees.

The report also identifies two ongoing land-related cases: one involving community land control claims, and another related to overlapping land with an oil palm plantation company. These are currently classified under the “Alert” category in terms of conflict potential. Nevertheless, The Organization has taken active steps to ensure that community rights are acknowledged and fulfilled.

Among these steps is an agreement with a nearby village regarding the benefit-sharing of livelihood plant. The agreement, established under Notarial Deed No. 17 dated December 19, 2013, is valid for the duration of The Organization’s operating permit. It outlines benefit-sharing terms based on production volume, with a fixed contribution value per ton of harvested material provided to the community per harvest cycle. Evidence of this benefit-sharing implementation is documented in a Minutes of Handover dated December 17, 2024, confirming that The Organization formally transferred the agreed value to local village representatives. The process was carried out by authorized company personnel and accepted by local authorities.

To advance the local forest-based economy, the Organization has implemented various Community Development (CD) initiatives. According to the 2024 CD Program Report, the Organization has invested in several sectors, including education, health, religion, economic development, infrastructure, and socio-environmental programs. The Organization’s workforce includes 35 staff members and 33 workers employed through four contractor partners.

Interviews with local communities confirmed the Organization’s involvement at the local level. A village official noted that residents are employed by the Organization, and local contractors are engaged in services such as road watering. Furthermore, local job seekers are given priority for employment, provided they meet the qualifications required by the Organization. In a neighboring village, community leaders reported similar engagement, with local contractors successfully partnering with the Organization.

Description of the Ecological conditions of the concession

PT Rimba Mutiara Permai manages a peat forest ecosystem located within the of KPH Unit XXI Pelalawan, Gaung Production Forest Group. The area has a flat topography (0–8% slope) and lies 2–5 meters above sea level. The soil is classified as organosol, underlain by alluvium rock, and falls within climate type A (Schmidt & Ferguson), with rainfall ranging from 143 mm to 446 mm. It is part of the Kiyap–Kerumutan Peat Hydrological Unit and the Kerumutan Sub-Watershed of the Kampar River Basin.

To protect the environment, The Organization monitors for peat subsidence and over-drying and has implemented a canal system divided into five zones. Peat management complies with national regulations, supported by a Peat Ecosystem Recovery Plan. Groundwater levels are monitored at 24 designated points, with data submitted regularly to the Ministry of Environment and Forestry. The company’s long-term forest management plan (RKUPHHK-HTI) for 2017–2026 has undergone revisions to align with updated peatland governance requirements.

The company designates 1,682 hectares (20,95%) for conservation and protection, including riparian buffers, peat dome zones, and other ecological areas. These protected zones support biodiversity, preserve rare and native species, and contribute to carbon storage. Natural seedling enrichment is prioritized, and no genetically modified species are used. Fire is not used in forest operations, and fire prevention measures are fully implemented in line with government regulations.

The Organization also holds valid environmental permits and submits regular environmental monitoring reports. Key management documents include the AMDAL (RKL/RPL), the RKUPHHK-HTI, and the revised RKUPH, ensuring alignment with sustainability goals. The company maintains SOPs for forest protection, wildlife conservation, pest control, and protected area management to sustain forest health and resilience.

Waste management, including hazardous (B3) materials, follows documented procedures and emergency response protocols. Fertilizers are applied only when necessary to support regeneration. Through consistent monitoring, adherence to regulations, and operational best practices, The Organization demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainable peatland management and environmental stewardship.

Results of the Public Consultation

Prior to carrying out the Surveillance 2 Audit, PT ACube TIC International conducted a public consultation starting December 20, 2024, asking stakeholders to provide feedback and information about PT Rimba Mutiara Permai. 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 the stakeholders.

The audit team also collected information from the mass media about PT Rimba Mutiara Permai. 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 8,030 hectares.

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

The results of Transition to IFCC ST 1001:2021 + Surveillance 1 Transfer Audit is no non-conformity.

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

The results of the Surveillance 2 Audit was 1 (one) non-conformity. The Organization has made improvements.

No.	Non-Conformities	Corrective Action Performed	Category
1	Based on the Potential Mapping and Conflict Resolution Report for Semester II of 2024, no progress has been made in resolving land claims within PT Rimba Mutiara Permai's concession area. The claims include Case 1, involving land control by the local community, and Case 2, involving land control by an oil palm plantation company over another significant portion. Indicator 6.4.1.	The Organization plans to carry out boundary arrangements for land use by the community and the oil palm plantation companies as well as overlapping areas with HKM KTH Sungai Bobak. Since 2024, the Organization has been processing administrative settlements, including re-arranging boundaries. This process aims to resolve some of the claim areas and overlapping zones with HKM KTH Sungai Bobak, effectively removing certain disputed areas.	Minor

Conditions under which the certificate is issued



Certificate number AJA/IFCC-PEFC/FMC-HT/00061/I/2024 is valid until February 2, 2026, provided that PT Rimba Mutiara Permai 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 EUROPE SRL. is able to perform a closeout visit.