

Monitoring on Illegal Logging operation in Jambi, Sumatera
Illegal timber delivery from Bukit Tigapuluh Forest Landscape
to PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp & Paper pulp mill
(Asia Pulp and Paper /APP) group

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This report document the finding of Forest Crime Unit of WWF-Indonesia Tesso Nilo Program in Bukit Tigapuluh Landscape in Jambi Province. The investigation was conducted in 26-30 November 2007.

1. Monitoring method and investigation locations

This activity is conducted by Forest Crime Unit by applying field survey and interview on the spot with several workers of companies located surrounding Bukit Tigapuluh National Park forest.

Data collecting in the locations is conducted with methods as follows:

- GPS of each logging operation site
- Name of group conducting logging operation
- Tools and equipment used
- Notifying plate number of transporting trucks
- Photos of plate number, permit letter and type of truck loading
- Schedule of truck leaving investigation locations
- Time and position where trucks stop and the final destination of loading
- Notes and photos of loading document or permit of transporting truck

2. Monitoring Result

On 26-30 November 2007, investigation was conducted in southern part of Bukit Tigapuluh Forest Landscape. Investigation found that PT Rimba Jaya Abadi (RJA), contractor of PT Wira Karya Sakti (WKS) --main timber supplier of Asia Pulp & Paper in Jambi-- has clear cut natural forest. The clearance on natural forest aimed at developing acacia plantation for PT WKS, an APP associated company in Jambi.

Based upon Concession Map of Industrial Timber Plantation (HTI) from the Ministry of Forestry, the clear cutting perpetrated by PT RJA is located outside the license granted (**Map 1**) .

The logging activity started in September 2007. It is estimated that the deforested area in this location is around 150 hectare. The team found equipment used by PT Rimba Jaya Abadi: 1 (one) excavator, 1 bulldozer, and 2 trucks with plate number of BH 8970 AU and BH 8965 AU.



Picture 1. Clearcutting site by PT Rimba Jaya Abadi, contractor of PT Wira Karya Sakti (APP subsidiary), in coordinate point S Latitude $01^{\circ} 22' 14.0''$ and E Longitude $102^{\circ} 42' 34.0''$



Picture 2. Clearcutting area by PT. Rimba Jaya Abadi, contractor of PT Wira Karya Sakti, in coordinate point S Latitude $01^{\circ} 22' 14.0''$ and E Longitude $102^{\circ} 42' 34.0''$

Evidence of natural forest clear cutting conducted by PT Rimba Jaya Abadi (the contractor of PT WKS) delivered to APP's pulp mill PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp & Paper.

1. Truck #BH 8970 AU

- 28 November 2007 on 11:10 AM, truck No. BH 8970 AU arrived at the logging site of PT Rimba Jaya Abadi, contractor of PT WKS, in coordinate point of S Latitude $01^{\circ} 22' 14.0''$ and E Longitude $102^{\circ} 42' 34.0''$
- 28 November 2007 on 11:30 AM, truck # BH 8970 AU loaded logs in Log pond of PT Rimba Jaya Abadi, contractor of PT WKS, in coordinate point of S Latitude $01^{\circ} 21' 59.1''$ and E Longitude $102^{\circ} 42' 26.8''$



- ***Pictures 3 and 4. Truck No. BH 8970 AU is loading logs in Log pond of PT Rimba Jaya Utama, the contractor of PT WKS in coordinate point S Latitude $01^{\circ} 21' 59.1''$ and E Longitude $102^{\circ} 42' 26.8''$***
- 28 November 2007 on 11:48 AM, truck No. BH 8970 AU departed from location to pulp mill of PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp & Paper in Tebing Tinggi.

- 28 November 2007 on 05:12 PM, truck No. BH 8970 AU stopped at Marno restaurant at Km 73 junction of PT Wira Karya Sakti in coordinate point S Latitude $01^{\circ} 18' 49.0''$ and E Longitude $103^{\circ} 14' 22.1''$
- 28 November 2007 on 07:55 PM, the truck entered pulp mill of PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper in coordinate point S Latitude $01^{\circ} 01' 04.2''$ and E Longitude $103^{\circ} 05' 32.0''$

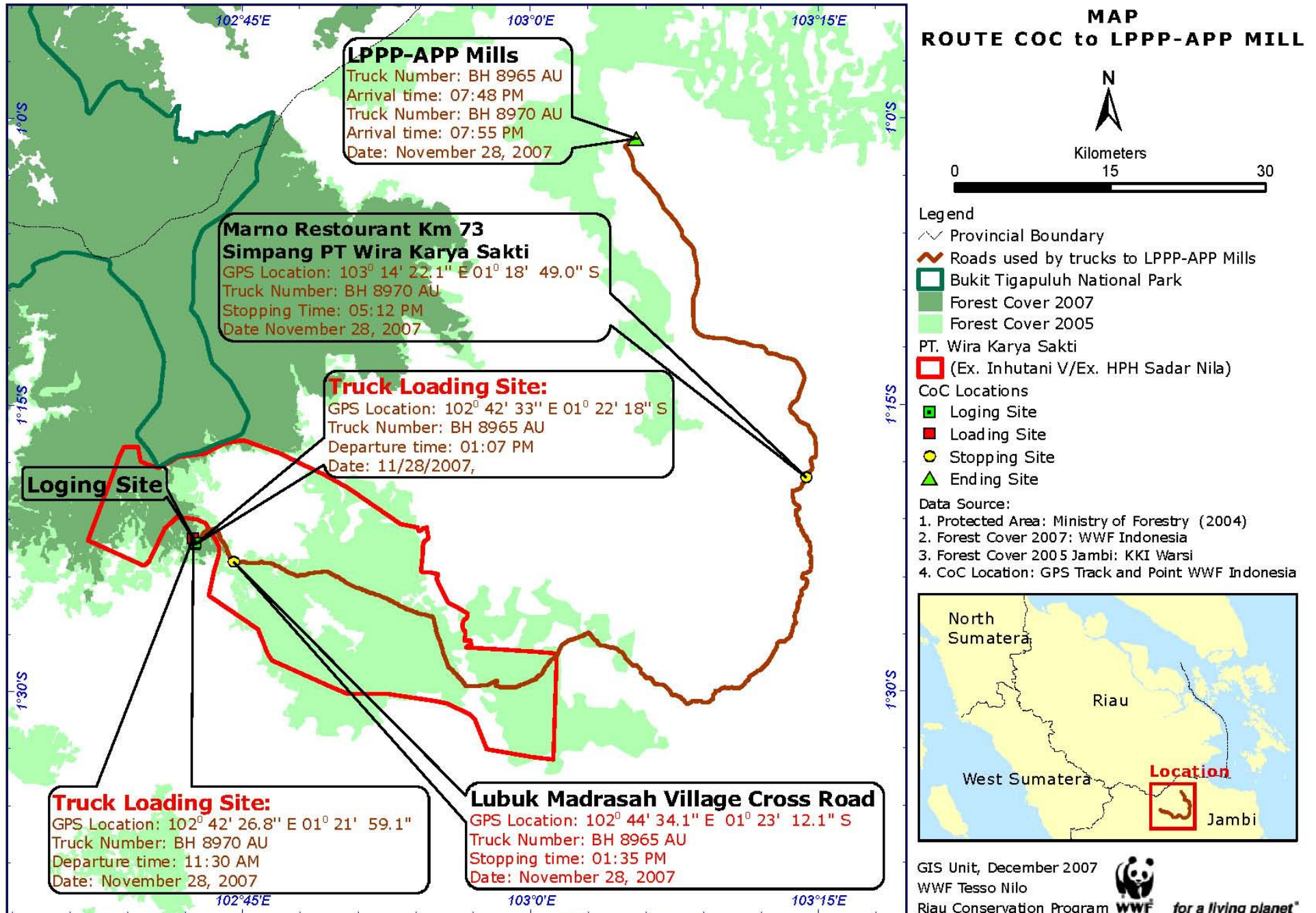
2. Truck No. BH 8965 AU

- 28 November 2007 on 12:20 PM, truck No. BH 8965 AU arrived at logging site of PT Rimba Jaya Abadi, the contractor of PT WKS in coordinate point S Latitude $01^{\circ} 22' 14.0''$ and E Longitude $102^{\circ} 42' 34.0''$
- 28 November 2007 on 12:31 PM, truk No. BH 8965 AU loaded logs in Log pond of PT Rimba Jaya Abadi, the contractor of WKS in coordinate point of S Lat $01^{\circ} 21' 59.1''$ and E Long $102^{\circ} 42' 26.8''$
- 28 November 2007 on 01:07 PM, truck No. BH 8965 AU departed from the loading site to pulp mill of PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp & Paper in Tebing Tinggi
- 28 November 2007 on 01:10 PM, truck No. BH 8965 AU entered logging road of PT WKS heading to pulp mill of PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp & Paper in Tebing Tinggi in coordinate point S Lat $01^{\circ} 22' 18.8''$ and E Long $102^{\circ} 42' 33.8''$



- **Picture 5. Truck No. BH 8965 AU entered logging road of PT WKS heading to pulp mill of PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp & Paper in Tebing Tinggi in coordinate point S Lat $01^{\circ} 22' 18.8''$ and E Long $102^{\circ} 42' 33.8''$**
- 28 November 2007, on 01:35 PM, truck # BH 8965 AU passed by junction at Lubuk Madrasah village in S Lat $01^{\circ} 23' 12.1''$ and E Long $102^{\circ} 44' 34.1''$
- 28 November 2007 on 07:48 PM, truck # BH 8965 AU entered pulp mill of PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper in Tebing Tinggi in S Lat $01^{\circ} 01' 04.2''$ and E Long $103^{\circ} 05' 32.0''$

Map 1: Evidence of logs from clearcutting operation by PT Rimba Jaya Abadi, the contractor of PT WKS which delivered to APP's pulp mill of PT. Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper.



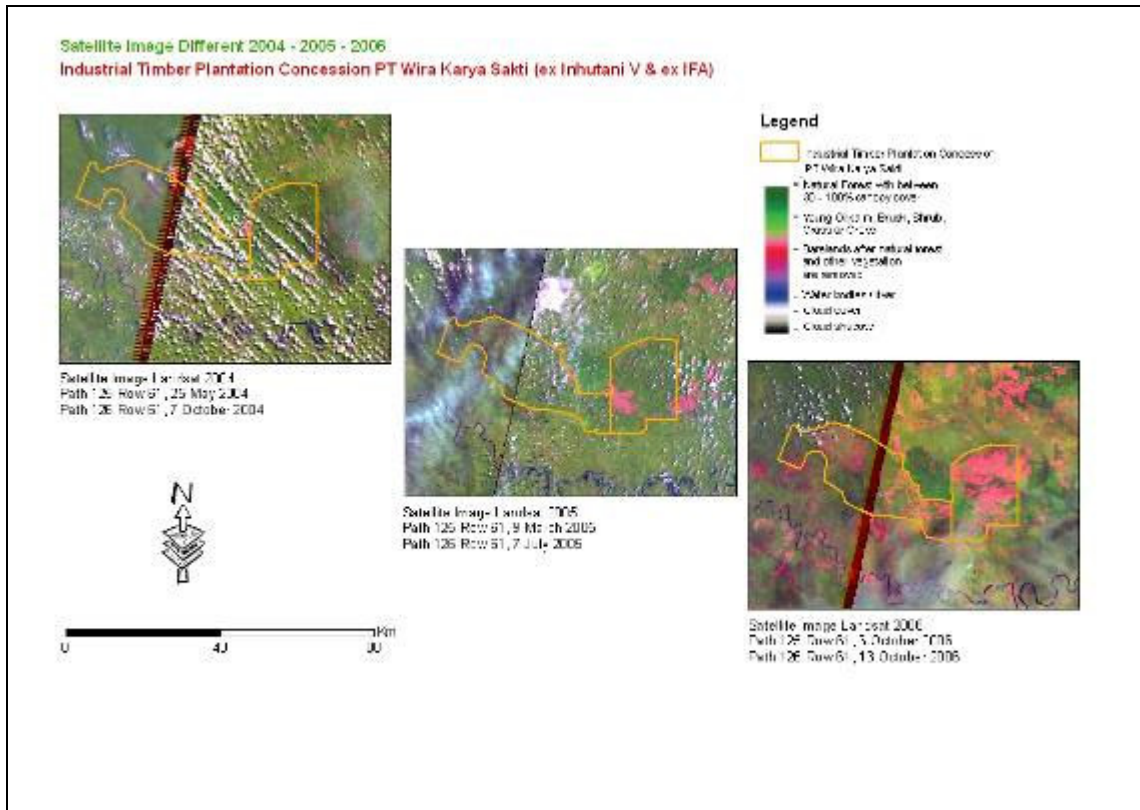
PT Wira Karya Sakti's natural forest conversion

PT Wira Karya Sakti is one of suppliers of raw materials to pulp mill of PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp & Paper, associated company of Asia Pulp and Paper (APP) in Jambi province.

PT Wira Karya Sakti in Jambi Province today has concession with size of 293,812 ha issued by the Minister of Forestry, with Decree Number 346/Menhut-II/2004. In the beginning, in 1996, PT WKS had only concession of 78,240 ha. The additional concession for PT WKS is obtained in several addenda. The first time was in 2001, when it was expanded into 191,130 ha. In 2004 the company's concession expanded by approximately 37,743,67 ha, into the total size of 228,873 ha. In 2004, Minister fo Forestry again expanded the concession size for PT WKS into 293,812 ha.

Location of WWF Indonesia's investigation was in PT WKS' expanded concession in 2004. Before the concession converted into acacia plantation of PT WKS, this area formerly belong to HPH (selective logging) concession of PT Inhutani V, where previously it is former HPH concession of PT Sadar Nila.

In this area, forest cover condition is still good as shown by Landsat satellite image for the area in July 2004 when clear cut had not yet happened. Landsat Image of October 2006 shows that remaining natural forest in this concession is worsening due to the conversion into HTI pulpwood plantation.



Map 2: Difference of forest cover in HTI concession of PT Wira Karya Sakti in 2004-2005-2006. Forest cover in 2004 is still good and gets worsening in 2006 after being converted into HTI

Several forestry regulations that issued by the Government have stipulated clearly the criteria for land allowed to develop Industrial Timber Plantation concession (IUPHHKHT or HTI), that is not on natural forest, but on barren land, grassland, and or shrubs in production forest (**Government Regulation 34/2002, article 30 point 3**), or on vegetation cover such as non-forest or on former logged area which depleted with log potential of 10 cm diameter for all types of wood with quantity of not more than 5 m³ per hectare (**Minister of Forestry Decree 10.1/2000, Article 3**). The same criteria is also stipulated by **MoF decree 21/2001**, point (b) regarding vegetation condition that no longer contain natural forest or ex logged area and forest area that turned out to be barren land/open, etc; MoF decree 33/2003, article 5 point (2) item c); MoD decree 32/2003, article 4 point (2) item a); and MoF regulation 05/2004, article 5 point (1).

PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper belongs to APP is allegedly purchasing timber from this concession and PT Wira Karya Sakti has breached existing regulation on criteria of pulpwood

plantation by destroying natural forest. PT Wira Karya Sakti should respect the existing laws in Indonesia and should halt logging operation immediately. WWF also calls on PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper as well as APP to stop sourcing timber from operation that violates the laws.

PT. Wira Karya Sakti clear cuts forest beyond the permit granted

Based upon Concession Map of Industrial Timber Plantation (HTI) by the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry, logging operation by PT WKS along with PT BMP and PT RJA, its partners, is situated outside the license granted by the government.

Forestry Law Number 41 Year 1999, article 50 point (3) item e *"prohibit anybody to receive, buy or sell, receive as an exchange, receive as an entrusted goods, keep or possess any forest products which were allegedly harvested from a forest area through an illegal way."*

According to Government Regulation Number 45 year 2004, Article 14 point (2) *" Activity that can be catagorized as forest utilization without permit is: to utilize or take benefit of forest outside area that has been granted license"*.

Based upon President of Republic of Indonesia's Directives Number Nomor 4 Year 2005 on Illegal Logging Eradication in Forest Area and Its Distribution Throughout Indonesia Territory, illegal logging activity includes *"Cut trees and harvest or keep forest products which come from forest area without possessing rights or permit from authorized officials."*

Therefore natural forest clearcutting by PT WKS outside the license granted is considered illegal logging activity and PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper that receives logs from PT WKS logging is also a company that uses timber from illegal logging activity.

Keeping logs by PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper that source from PT WKS' operation is against the Forestry Law Number 41 Year 1999 article 50 point (3) item f says *"to receive, buy or sell, receive as an exchange, receive as an entrusted goods, keep or possess any forest products which were allegedly harvested from a forest area through an illegal way."*

PT WKS and PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper based upon the Forestry Law Number 41 Year 1999 article 78 point (4) could be sanctioned to prisonment sentence to a maximum of 10 (ten) years or a fine amount maximum of Rp 5,000,000,000 (five billion rupiah).

PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper belongs to APP is allegedly purchasing logs from this concession and PT Wira Karya Sakti has perpetrated illegal logging practice. WWF calls PT Wira Karya Sakti to respect the existing law in Indonesia and should halt illegal logging activity immediately. WWF also calls on PT Lontar Papyrus Pulp and Paper as well as APP to stop sourcing timber from operation that violates the law.

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