



Forest Management Certification Reassessment of PT Gunung Gajah Abadi in East Kalimantan, Indonesia 20 July 2022

Introduction - Preferred by Nature is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification reassessment of the PT Gunung Gajah Abadi located in East Kalimantan, Indonesia. The reassessment will be implemented from 24 to 27 August 2022.

Scope of the Certification Reassessment – The forest management certification Reassessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forest managed by PT Gunung Gajah Abadi, using the FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Indonesia (FSC-STD-IDN-02.1-2020). To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact Preferred by Nature by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. Please note that the standard may be modified to take account of stakeholder comments. Preferred by Nature is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®). and this reassessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

The forest under evaluation contains areas either identified as High Conservation Value Forests or where high conservation values, as defined by the FSC, are likely found. Preferred by Nature evaluates the identification, management and protection of these High Conservation Values and solicits related comments from stakeholders.

Reassessment Team Composition – The reassessment team will be led by Titiek Setyawati. The team members will be I Gusti Ngurah Agus Eka Putera, & Rahmad Nanda.

Reassessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ Reassessment organization – Preferred by Nature’s Audit Team Leader will assemble in Samarinda on 22 August 2022.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by PT Gunung Gajah Abadi from 24 to 27 August 2022.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding PT Gunung Gajah Abadi Forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ◆ Public stakeholder meetings – Due to pandemic situation and prevent the spreading of Covid-19, the public stakeholder meeting will be held in person at Samarinda or remotely.
- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with the managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The reassessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to PT Gunung Gajah Abadi. This should occur 60 days after completion of the reassessment.
- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from PT Gunung Gajah Abadi Forest managers and other general stakeholder comments, Preferred by Nature will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur before November 2022.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification reassessment process, we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on PT Gunung Gajah Abadi Forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced



above as well as comments on the FME's management and protection of High Conservation Values within the forest under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the reassessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the reassessment, during the reassessment, so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a recertification decision. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a Preferred by Nature reassessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Rahmad Nanda, Preferred by Nature staff person responsible for coordinating this certification reassessment. If He is not in the office, please give your comments to either Ho Van Cu.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to rnanda@preferredbynature.org. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing PT Gunung Gajah Abadi.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only to FSC and Preferred by Nature staff. Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access Preferred by Nature's Dispute Resolution Policy at <https://preferredbynature.org/>

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