

## THE FIRST IN INDONESIA, INDEPENDENT SMALLHOLDERS SUPPLY FFB RSPO CERTIFIED TO MILL IDENTIFY PRESERVED



A significant achievement was received by independent smallholders who participated in the physical trading scheme for RSPO certified Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB).

After obtaining Roundtable certificate on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certification in 2023, Perkumpulan Petani Mitra Harapan (PPMH) in Ketapang Regency, West Kalimantan Province, was awarded the RSPO premium.

The RSPO premium proves that independent smallholders are able to comply with regulatory standards with the right support and opportunities. Not only this trading model provides direct benefits to farmers, but also strengthens sustainable supply chains and builds long-term partnerships.

The symbolic handover of the premium was carried out on October 15, 2024 by Azlan Adnan, Managing Director, Tropical Oils Business Cargill, in Ketapang to PPMH.

In his explanation, Azlan Adnan said, "This is an important step towards creating a more inclusive and sustainable palm oil industry, and we are proud to be able to support independent smallholders like PPMH in achieving their sustainability goals."



Yunita Widiastuti, Sustainability Lead for Cargill's Tropical Oils Business, added, "Cargill is honoured to be able to help independent smallholders meeting global standards while providing tangible benefits and this is a real form of Cargill's commitment to sustainable palm oil farming practices and improving farmer welfare."



The RSPO premium was awarded based on FFB production from one of PPMH's member groups, namely the Koperasi Sinar Beraduk Jaya (SBJ), located in Air Upas Village, Air Upas District.

SBJ sent around 1,650 tons of certified FFB to Cargill's RSPO IP-certified Paku Juang and River View Mills from February to August 2024, and managed to obtain a premium of IDR 82,855,000.

Sandi Priana, PPMH Group Manager, emphasized that this award opens up the potential for more sustainable cooperation with a physical sales system for Certified FFB, which can provide welfare for independent oil palm farmers.

"This grant allows independent oil palm farmers to continue to feel the positive impact of RSPO implementation," he explained.

"We express our high appreciation to PPMH and Cargill, where this collaboration proves that independent farmers and companies that have an IP (Identify Preserved) trading model can collaborate to support a traceable supply chain. Hopefully this will be a good way, and a model for the involvement of independent farmers in a traceable supply chain that comes from no deforestation." Said Rukaiyah Rafik, Head of the FORTASBI Secretariat.

## THE INDEPENDENT SMALLHOLDERS GROUP, CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE REHABILITATION OF ORANGUTANS IN SUNGAI SALAT, CENTRAL KALIMANTAN



Steps to support conservation efforts continue to be taken by independent oil palm farmers under Asosiasi Petani Kelapa Sawit Mandiri (APKSM) of Kadipi Atas Village and Sungai Rangit Jaya, Pangkalan Lada District, West Kotawaringin Regency, Central Kalimantan Province, Indonesia.

In 2024, precisely on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, APKSM again participated in protecting and preserving orangutans in the Salat Island Conservation Area. In 2023, APKSM also contributed to the rehabilitation and conservation of Orangutans in Sungai Salat.

The contribution of independent oil palm farmers who have been certified by RSPO, aims to ensure that the existence of orangutans is not threatened and is protected from extinction.

The Salat Island Cluster is an area located in the Kahayan River delta which is used as an orangutan conservation area in Central Kalimantan with an area of more than 2,000 hectares.

The Salat Island Group was chosen because it has a forest ecosystem that resembles the natural habitat of orangutans, with sufficient natural food sources in it. Salat Island is a conservation reserve managed by the Borneo Orangutan Rescue Foundation (BOSF) and PT Sawit Sumbermas Sarana (PT. SSMS), which is a member of the RSPO Grower.

"This is the second year of our involvement in supporting the rehabilitation and conservation of Orangutans in the Salat River, and this program will continue to be an APKSM priority program.

This is an effort to provide education to all farmers in Indonesia, that farmers can be important parties in the rehabilitation and conservation, not only for Orangutans, but also for forests, rivers and other areas that have high conservation value." said Widodo, Manager of APKSM Group.

In 2022, 362,000 hectares of forests and areas deemed necessary for conservation have been protected globally through RSPO standards, systems and procedures, which is an area almost six times the size of DKI Jakarta.

Indonesia is a conservation area with the largest proportion, which is 150,000 hectares or 40 percent of the total RSPO conservation area.

"The release of orangutans on Salat Island is a powerful reminder that with the right approach, we can protect endangered species while promoting responsible palm oil practices," said RSPO Head of Smallholder Guntur Cahyo Prabowo.

"So far, conservation and rehabilitation initiatives have been very exclusive, only companies and environmental NGOs have opportunity to involved. The model initiated by PT SSMS, BOSF and APKSM can be a lesson that conservation and rehabilitation must be inclusive, and independent farmers can also learn from this collaborative process, that independent farmers are also an important part of forest and wildlife sustainability." Rukaiyah Rafik, Head of the FORTASBI Secretariat.

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