

KOPERASI BERINGIN JAYA

Sustainable Heroes on Peatland



About Koperasi Beringin Jaya: Koperasi Beringin Jaya is **the first cooperative in the world to receive RSPO certification on peatlands**. With assistance from WRI Indonesia, they received **RSPO Certification since 2021**. **Smallholder Members: 197 Land Area: 372.8 hectares Group Location:** Jalan Hang Jebat, Dusun Sungai Pinang, Desa Koto Ringin, Mempura Sub-District, Siak District, Riau Province, Indonesia



“Thanks to RSPO certification, we can ***manage our plantations on peatlands well*** and can increase our production, but not damaging the environment”

Sawalmi - Group Manager of Koperasi Beringin Jaya

In Siak District, more than half of the area is peatland which is prone to fires, especially during the dry season. As the first cooperative in the world to receive RSPO certification on peatland, Koperasi Beringin Jaya needs to do its best to meet RSPO sustainability standards and prevent fires. To that end, Koperasi Beringin Jaya works closely with the Manggala Agni team (the Ministry of Environment and Forestry's forest and land fire control brigade) to prevent fires on peatlands in the area, including through water management, maintaining water levels at 40-60 cm, and conducting regular monitoring.

Koperasi Beringin Jaya uses 15% of the incentive fund for direct peatland management such as canal blocking in smallholders' plantations, but beyond that, the certification benefits are also used to maintain smallholders' access roads to the plantations. Certification has helped cooperative members to understand the importance of good peatland management. With good practices, FFB production increases without harming the environment.

Thanks to the good management of oil palm plantations on peatlands by Koperasi Beringin Jaya, many parties are also interested in visiting and learning about sustainable peatland management.



