Role of wood certification to support community forestry: experience from Indonesia

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Introduction

Community forest certification have been proven to play a role in forestry development, especially in terms of economic, ecological and social benefit

Community forest management and the resulting processing of their industry is a choice of forest cultivation (silviculture) technology and industry that is appropriate for the regions marginal land with existing social conditions traditional culture

KOSTAJASA

Community Forest Certification in Central Java Province, Indonesia

Introduction

Taman Wijaya Rasa Cooperative (KOSTAJASA) - forest farmer group was formed in August 2007.

The process of community forest certification: the socialization of community forest development programs, especially Mahogany plants management.

The community has known that is certification program aims to help communities on increasing their capacity and welfare through apropriate manage their land (forest) and utilize forest resources towards sustainable forest management.

FSC (2009) and PEFC (2023) certification schemes

FSC FSC

The Forest Stewardship Council Started by 2009

General Description

Kostajasa manages around 363.589 ha of community forest with a membership of 2,177 forest farmers located in Kebumen, Central Java.

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FCS Wood Selling

Until the end of 2019, Kostajasa only sold wood in log form, sold directly to factories that require FSC certified wood in Jepara, Semarang, Cirebon, Ponorogo, Surabaya, Kudus, Batang and also Solo.

Log Sale Capacity

Log sales capacity is an industry reference in meeting sustainable raw material needs and also ensuring stock.



Type of Wood Prodcution of Kostajasa

No	Wood type	Capacity (m3/month)	
1	Small leaf mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni),	300	
2	Teak (Tectona grandis),	200	
3	Albasia (Albizia chinensis),	300	
4	Sengon (Paraserianthes falcataria),	200	
5	Sungkai/Jati Sabrang (Peronema canescens),	30	
6	Acacia (Acacia mangium & A, auriculiformis)	100	
7	Jenitri (Elaeocarpus ganitrus)	50	

Activities Monitoring

Several monitoring related to environmental, forestry and social aspects are carried out by Kostajasa every year.

- Internal Audit of Member and KTH compliance with FSC
- Monitoring River Discharge
- Monitoring Erosion Levels
- Monitoring PUP (Permanent Measuring Plot)
- Monitoring Springs
- Monitoring HCV (High Conservation Value)
- Monitoring SIA (Social Impact Assessment)





Documentation : Monitoring the quality of springs in the Kostajasa work area.

Member's Refreshing & Training

The training carried out at KTH is prioritized on training in making organic fertilizer and fermented animal feed (member request), waste management, logging training, CoC (Chain of Custody) and public health.

the **"refreshing knowledge"** of the FSC Principles and Criteria in managing community forests is always carried out in stages



Documentation : First Aid Training for Felling Teams from PMI Kebumen officer

Management Plan under FSC

Program

RKPHR (Community Forest Management Work Plan) is Kostajasa's **5-year work plan**. The 2020 – 2025 RKPHR document is in line with the FSC certification periodization/timeframe.

This RKPHR is a guide in preparing the RKT **(Annual Work Plan)**, so as not to deviate from Kostajasa's vision and mission as well as the projections given by members to the Management which is entrusted to Kostajasa Management.

The RKT (Annual Work Plan) **as a reference for management which is prepared at the end of the year**. The RKT draft was discussed together with KTH representatives **at regular meetings (quarterly)** between the Management, Management and KTH representatives.

Financing

Since 2018 Kostajasa no longer receives funding assistance from any institution

Kostajasa must move with a spirit of togetherness to be independent in financing

Financing in the field of activities and FSC certification can be carried out by Kostajasa independently

All financing is obtained from profits from FSC log sales

FSC LOG SALES

Sales of FSC logs started in 2009 when they first received a 100% FSC certificate,

only up to 2018 they were still under the assistance of TFT (The Forest Trust). The 1st certificate period (2009-2013) and 2nd period (2014-2019) FSC log sales were still below 500m3 per year.

Exception in 2016 and 2017 above 500m3/year but the largest percentage is **the Albasia** type which has a small margin.

Sales of FSC logs have experienced up and down,

but since 2019 or FSC Re-Certification for the 3rd Period there has been a fairly good increase when compared to sales before 2019.

The highest in 2013

FSC Log Sales (2020 - 2023)

					AVERAGE
Wood type	2020	2021	2022	Oct-23	
Mahoni	266.86	1,841.88	1,401.33	1,570.59	1,270.17
Jati	750.88	1,015.29	290.15	643.75	675.02
Albasia	0.00	202.52	302.11	196.09	175.18
Sungkai	0.00	0.00	20,20	0.00	5.05
Acacia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount	1,017.74	3,059.69	2,013.79	2,410.43	2,125.41

FCC IFCC

Indonesian Forestry Certification Cooperation

Challenges for Kostajasa Forest Management Started by 2023

IFCC/PEFC Visit to Kostajasa

- Standards Team, Management, and Experts from Australia visited Kostajasa in November 2021
- A visit to see the Trees Outside Forest (TOF) in the community forest and how Kostajasa's community forest is managed.
- The result of the visit offered Kostajasa to become a pilot project for IFCC/PEFC certified community forests.

Certification Facilitator Training

Training for facilitators with IFCC/PEFC standards for both FM and CoC was conducted by the IFCC Board on 20 - 23 December 2022.



- Kostajasa management is willing to use IFCC/PEFC certification standards in its community forests.
- Having FSC and IFCC/PEFC Certification Standards for Kostajasa Management is both an opportunity and a challenge.

IFCC/PEFC Standar Training for KTH

IFCC/PEFC standard training for administrators and representatives of all Forest Farmer Groups was conducted by Kostajasa Management on 2022, May 21-st



Main Assessment IFCC Standard

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Main audit of IFCC standards finally takes place in September 2022 3-day audit with document checks and visits to Forest Farmer Groups and selected sites



CoC & Production Aspect Audit

Head of National Standardization Agency witnesses Forest Management audit process at Kostajasa

Ecological Aspect Audit

- Springs
- Underground river
- Karst area

Social Aspect Audit





- member commitment,
- complaints and grievances
 - social impact

Closing Meeting



NOTIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION BODY FOR IFCC SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

Hereby IFCC notify that since 3 November 2023, **PT Intishar Sadira Eshan** has been able to perform Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) certification audit against IFCC ST 1001:2021 standard in Indonesia.

We wish that a trust built by this notification will be used properly and implemented in a responsible manner.

Best Regards,

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- Kostajasa's FM IFCC Audit Closing Meeting results were declared a pass and entitled to receive Forest Management IFCC Certification.
- On 3 November 2023, ISE as a Certification Body has been able to perform Sustainable Forest Management Audit.
- Kostajasa is waiting for the process at ISE as the IFCC certification body to receive the IFCC/PEFC
 standard Sustainable Community Forest Management certificate.

In 2023 KOSTAJASA started with 2 Certification Schmes

Documentation of KOSTAJASA

Independent Nursery at KTH





Productive Plant Nursery



Conservation Plant & Fruit Nursery

Centralized Nursery 2022









Socialization & Training on Protected Animals & Fire Management for KTH Representatives and KTH members



Installation of Posters for Protected Animals and Handling Land Fires at Village Halls and strategic places







Voluntary Certification Audit



Fsc Fm 2022 Audit Surveillance





Main Assessment Coc PEFC (4 Primary Industries)

Main Assessment CoC FSC 2022 (2 Primary Industries)



Assistance for sawmill MSMEs towards SVLK



Thank You!!