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On April 3, 2017 PT Sumalindo Lestari Jaya unit IV (PT. SLJ IV) achieved certification according to the FSC® Controlled Wood standard for its forest concession of 63,550 ha. PT SLJ IV is strategically located along the border of the Heart of Borneo, forming one link towards the future green belt of interconnected certified concessions that The Borneo Initiative is aiming to establish.

Controlled Wood is an intermediary certificate that guarantees that wood is harvested legally, in respect of social rights of local communities, without conversion of natural forest and without damage to high conservation values. PT SLJ intends to achieve full FSC certification by November 2017.

PT SLJ IV received support from WWF's GFTN program and The Borneo initiative in combination. It is the 5th forest concession to achieve Controlled Wood certification with assistance from The Borneo Initiative. Funding was received from various donors, including IDH The Sustainable Trade Initiative.

Combining this 5th Controlled Wood certificate with the 20 other full FSC-certificates supported by The Borneo Initiative, a total certified area results of 2,358,250 ha. As a country, Indonesia now has 35 FSC certificate holders with 2,874,011 ha (2,392,902 ha natural forest), and 7 controlled wood certificate holders with 2,837,012 ha (of which 242,820 ha natural forest).

PT SLJ IV harbors a range of rare, threatened and endangered species including *Bos javanicus* (Banteng), *Nasalis larvatus* (Proboscis Monkey), *Neofelis nebulosa* (Clouded leopard), *Hylobates muelleri* (Borneo gibbon), *Buceros rhinoceros* (Rhinoceros hornbill), etc.

PT SLJ IV produces around 50.092 cu.m. annually, mostly Dipterocarp timber species. Three-quarters of the timber produced by this concession is transported to a company-integrated plywood mill in Loa Janan, East Kalimantan. This industry manufactures plywood, floor base, laminated veneer lumber, laminated veneer board, film faced plywood, paper overlay plywood, finger joined laminated board, sawn timber and moulding, for export.

Apart from this concession, SLJ Global also manages two other concessions in East Kalimantan that are proceeding toward FSC certification, i.e. SLJ Unit 2 (267,600 Ha) and SLJ Unit 5 (61,465 Ha). In total the Sumalindo group can supply approx. 190.000 cu.m. of logs from these three forest concessions.

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