

# PT Multipersada Gatramegah



**Location:** Bordering area of districts Laung Tuhup, Lahei Barat and Teweh Tengah; Central Kalimantan (Indonesia)

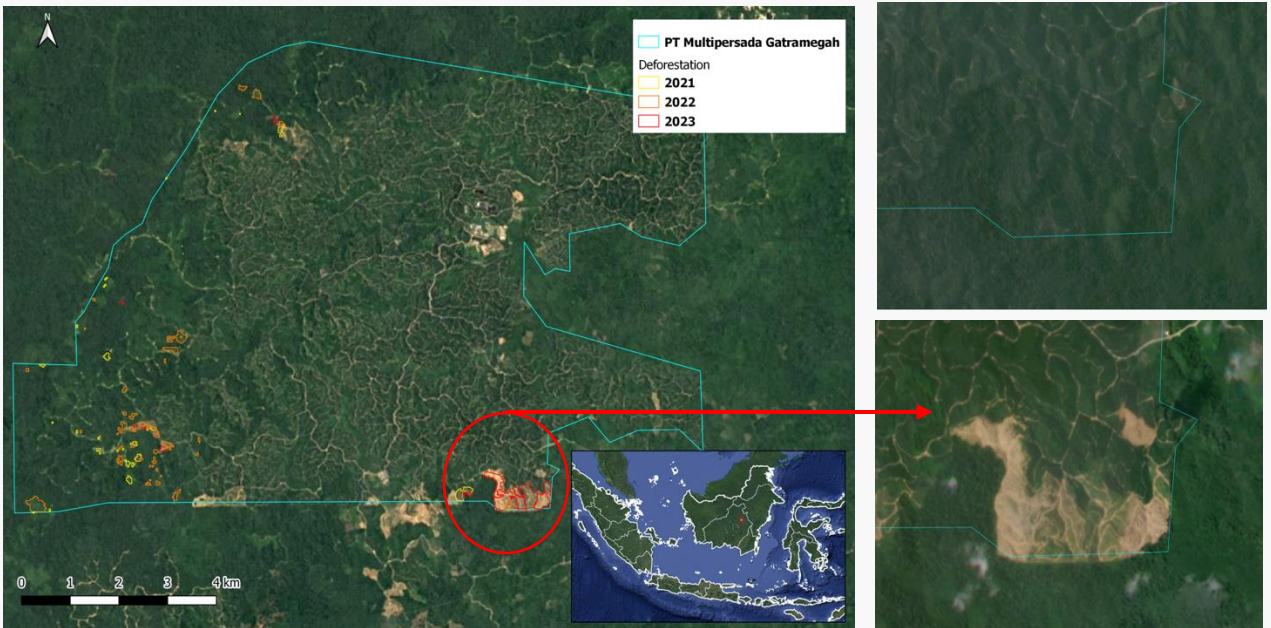
**Biome:** Borneo Tropical Forests & Sundaland Heath Forests (Indonesia)

**Area property (ha):** 9,339

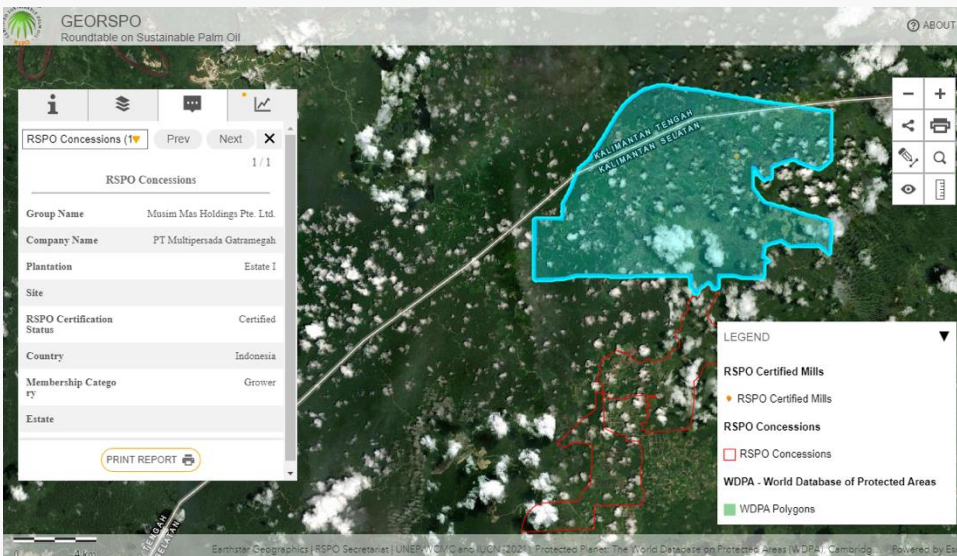
**Coordinates:** -0.7841, 114.72

Cleared Area			
99	hectares	Period clearance: 30 December 2020 – 30 September 2024	Type of vegetation: Secondary Dryland Forest
	tons of CO <sub>2</sub>		

**Imagery:** The light blue lines show the concession area of PT Multipersada Gatramegah. The top image demonstrates deforestation of 99 ha between 2021-2024, with different colours for a breakdown of deforestation per year. The image on the bottom left shows a zoom on how the situation was in October 2021, while the picture on the bottom right demonstrates the situation in August 2023.

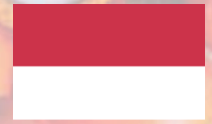


Source: AidEnvironment, based on Google satellite imagery, Hansen/UMD/Google/USGS/NASA, accessed through Global Forest Watch and AidEnvironment oil palm concession data.



Picture: Screenshot (15-10-2024) shows the concession area of plantation company PT Multipersada Gatramegah, that is a subsidiary of Musim Mas Holdings. Source: GEO RSPO, website assessed in October 2024.

# PT Multipersada Gatramegah



## Ownership & Business relationship

<p><b>Owner:</b></p> <p>Musim Mas</p>	<p><b>Company responses:</b></p> <p><b>Cargill</b> (6 December 2024): “PT MPG has verified through external assessments that the alleged deforestation of 99 ha was not High Conservation Value (HCV) or High Carbon Stock (HCS). PT MPG is not operating in forest area, as PT MPG is operating in the area categorized as Areal Penggunaan Lain (APL/Other Land-Use Purposes) based on their permit; therefore, this is not a case of deforestation. Furthermore, PT MPG confirms (11) it has obtained and complied with the legal permits in conducting its operational activities, including the nationally applicable regulations regarding environmental and social impact assessment (AMDAL) and waste management. In addition, PT MPG has clarified that they never prohibit community/employee/seller from bringing mobile phones in their transportation during the selling of their FFBS to their mill.”</p>
---------------------------------------	---

## Environmental fines, embargoes, and suspensions

<p><b>Embargoes and environmental fines:</b></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>Suspensions</b></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>-</p>

## Case description

AidEnvironment detected 99 hectares of native vegetation clearing in the concession of an oil palm plantation operated by company PT Multipersada Gatramegah (PT MPG), which is a subsidiary of Musim Mas Holding (1). The cleared area of 99 ha is classified as ‘forest vegetation’ according to MapBiomias (2) and the EU Forest Observatory map (3), while the Indonesian government’s forest zoning system (KLHK layer) further specifies the cleared area as a ‘Secondary Dryland Forest’ (4). Therefore, contrary to statements of PT MPG/Cargill saying this “is not a case of deforestation”, the cleared area covers forest vegetation, and would be noncompliant under the EUDR. Of the total of 99 hectares, 14 ha were cleared in 2021, 54 ha in 2022, and 31 ha in 2023. PT MPG is an RSPO-certified grower, with licences valid till March 2025 (5). A 2023 news article of the Kalsel Pos media (6) refers to several allegations of social impacts linked to PT MPG, including disregarding the impact of its activities and actions on local communities, the lack of an environmental management plan, and suspicion of violating the rules that apply to the mandatory Environmental Impact Analysis (AMDAL) activity program. PT MPG is also suspected of “*having made it difficult for residents to enter the factory environment to sell palm oil from their plantations, by limiting and prohibiting employees or laborers and residents from bringing mobile phones in the transportation, this is because they are afraid that they will take documentation of the situation around the factory that does not comply with the management standards for its waste*” [translated from Bahasa in English, ed.]. On the positive side, a March 2024 news article indicates that the company has repaired four connecting bridges in Karamuan Village (7), while a November 2023 article reports that PT MPG distributed rewards to four villages around the company concession that succeeded in preventing forest and land fires (8). There are no RSPO complaints recorded linked to PT MPG specifically. However, historically five RSPO complaints have been filed against Musim Mas Holding since 2017 (status: all closed) (9). Cargill is a confirmed buyer of the PT MPG palm oil mill in Kalimantan Tengah (10).

- (1) RSPO members and Geo RSPO, online: <https://rspo.my.salesforce-sites.com/membership/RSPOCertSearchPDF?auditType=Assessment+type...&cb=Certification+Body...&country=Country...&keywords=Multipersada+Gatramegah&SCModel=Supply+Chain+Model...&startDate=Start+Date...&status=Active>, viewed in October 2024; <https://rspo.org/as-an-organisation/tools/georspo>, viewed Oct. 2024.
- (2) Mapbiomas Indonesia, online: <https://mapbiomas.nusantara.earth/>, viewed in October 2024
- (3) EU Observatory Forest map, online: <https://forest-observatory.ec.europa.eu/forest/gfc2020>, viewed in October 2024.
- (4) Kementerian Lingkungan Hidup dan Kehutanan, online: <https://www.menlhk.go.id/>, viewed in October 2024.
- (5) RSPO certified members, online: <https://rspo.my.salesforce-sites.com/membership/RSPOCertSearchPDF?auditType=Assessment+type...&cb=Certification+Body...&country=Country...&keywords=Multipersada+Gatramegah&SCModel=Supply+Chain+Model...&startDate=Start+Date...&status=Active>, viewed in October 2024.
- (6) South Kalimantan Post, 24 June 2023, online: <https://kalselpos.com/2023/06/23/diduga-ada-kekutan-besar-di-balik-kegiatan-pt-multi-persada-gatramegah/>, viewed in October 2024.
- (7) Expos Kalteng (6 March 2024), online: <https://exposkalteng.com/pt-mpg-perbaiki-empat-jembatan-penghubung-di-desa-karamuan/>, viewed in October 2024.
- (8) Gemakalteng (12 November 2023), online: <https://gemakalteng.co.id/pt-mpg-berikan-reward-ke-empat-desa-yang-berhasil-cegah-karhutla-di-wilayah-hgu-nya/>, viewed in October 2024.
- (9) RSPO-cases tracker, online: <https://rspo.my.site.com/Complaint/s/casetracker>, viewed in October 2024.
- (10) <https://www.cargill.com/doc/1432132443976/cargill-palm-mill-list.pdf>
- (11) [https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_https://kalselpos.com/2023/07/06/pt-mpg-klarifikasi-limbah-sawit-tak-cemari-anak-sungai-di-desa-karamuan/\\_!1ETL5SZvLnAIGB63CXRK2ZGLeclUK5t1iXnw-gPK-U2nUElfeeN9eBOJG3SHJbgQ0WWM2eizKbA5DEERBS09-j6JLfJNjmI\\_fyZPdkQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://kalselpos.com/2023/07/06/pt-mpg-klarifikasi-limbah-sawit-tak-cemari-anak-sungai-di-desa-karamuan/_!1ETL5SZvLnAIGB63CXRK2ZGLeclUK5t1iXnw-gPK-U2nUElfeeN9eBOJG3SHJbgQ0WWM2eizKbA5DEERBS09-j6JLfJNjmI_fyZPdkQ$)