

Fact Sheet

Combating Illegal Logging

Supports Principles 1 and 8 of the UN Global Compact

APRIL actively prevents illegal logging within its operations in Riau, Sumatra, Indonesia and is committed to help eradicate the problem by taking specific steps against it and offering other viable solutions together with other stakeholders.

Operating Beyond Compliance

APRIL operates only on areas legally granted by the Indonesian Government as concessions. All our operations are covered by plans approved by, and for which all applicable forest charges are paid to, the Government. These are also subject to rigorous administrative control by relevant government agencies from the fiber plantations to the mill.

We conduct stringent checks to ensure that our supply and production chain is untainted with illegal material. We implement a robust Pulpwood Tracking System (since 2002) and an Acacia Chain of Custody (since 2004) that are independently audited yearly by SGS Malaysia with WWF Indonesia as active observer.

APRIL also continues to train local communities to gain more sustainable livelihood, through direct employment and our community empowerment programs, thereby shifting their reliance on illegal logging for subsistence.

APRIL is the first and currently the only company to achieve certification under the Lembaga Ekolabel Indonesia for Sustainable Plantation Forest Management with LEI No. 006/SPFM/001 issued in January 2006 (EPL).

Collaborating with Other Stakeholders

Furthermore APRIL actively cooperates with concerned stakeholders to stop illegal logging, even at the risk of sometimes incurring violent reaction from adversely affected parties. From 2003, we have joined with local government, NGO, communities, and private groups in various forest protection initiatives. These include conducting field patrols, setting up checkpoints, fighting forest and land fires, surveying and reporting cases of forest squatting and clearing, and communicating the importance of preserving national parks and conservation forests among the local villages.



April also utilizes its Fire and Safety Quick Response Teams and equipment, including helicopter and airboat for anti-illegal logging patrols.

Cooperating with Police and Legislative Action

Finally, APRIL fully supports the on-going investigation by Indonesian police and fact-finding missions of legislative commissions on alleged illegal logging in Riau. While the protracted investigation has caused disruption in our plantation and mill operations, we continue to cooperate and bear with the legal process.

Key Facts

- Of APRIL's own concessions, plus joint venture partners and community land, totaling about 700,000 ha, only about 53% is actually plantable. The rest are set aside as managed conservation reserves, community livelihood enclaves, and infrastructure areas.
- APRIL has so far generated over 103,000 jobs in developing and managing 296,059 hectares of fiber plantations in Riau. This does not include employment in the mill.
- APRIL invests about US\$ 4 million a year in its community empowerment programs.