

Fact Sheet

Managing our Plantation Forests in a Sustainable Manner

Supports Principles 7, 8 and 9 of the UN Global Compact

APRIL is committed to sustainable forest management to ensure the steady supply of renewable fiber in balance with environmental and social imperatives, and without compromising the needs of, and opportunities for future generations.

APRIL rigorously pursues this rational approach, in direct opposition to the unfortunate but incontrovertible trajectory of forest loss and often-unmanaged social development in Indonesia. We believe that leaving the forests without active management and protection is not a wise option amidst constant threats from illegal logging, forest fires, shifting agriculture, and poor forestry practices.

APRIL reforests degraded lands that are legally designated for development into industrial tree plantations. For those areas with some residual natural forest cover, APRIL applies the Mosaic Plantation principles, which are designed to identify, delineate, and protect all High Conservation Values (HCV) in the landscape – comprehensively covering biodiversity, ecosystem, community and cultural criteria.

APRIL is one of only two companies in the world with a policy of protecting HCVs which enables responsible companies to proactively exceed legal conservation requirements.

In Riau, (Sumatra) Indonesia, the outcome of this is a contribution of 190,000 hectares of conservation areas, voluntarily set-aside within APRIL-managed plantation concessions. On a provincial scale this places APRIL as the 2nd largest conservation "body".

Yearly we plant about 50,000 hectares and grow around 100 million seedlings. Independent assessment of the carbon balance of this reforestation work shows sequestration of approximately 3 million tonnes CO₂e per year.

APRIL is the first to attain the Sustainable Forest Plantation Management certification from the Lembaga Ekolabel Indonesia (Indonesian Ecolabelling Institute), which was created to promote fair and just forest management in Indonesia. It is also the only Indonesian member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.



Milestones

- Plantation Forest Management Certification (LEI, 2006)
- No-burn plantation development policy (since 1994)
- Sustainability Report based on Global Reporting Initiative (2002, 2004, 2006)
- ISO 14001 Environmental Management & OHSAS 18001 Health and Safety Certifications
- High Conservation Value Forests Protection Policy (since 2005)
- Third-party audited Pulpwood Tracking System (since 2002)
- Signatory to the UN Global Compact (2006)
- Member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (2007)

Key Facts:

- Of the total concessions area of 314,232 ha, about 53% is developed into fiber plantations; 20% to 25% for protected conservation areas; 10% to 15% for community enclaves and infrastructural support purposes.
- Following land preparation (without burning), the area is replanted with acacia, a tropical pulpwood species that matures in 6 years.
- Average plantation growth rate is 30 m³ per hectare per year.
- APRIL grows over 100 million seedlings and plants more than 50,000 hectares annually.