



Tropical rainforest clearcutting by PT Artelindo Wiratama, an affiliated company to Asia Pulp Paper (APP), in Bukit Tigapuluh landscape of Riau Province



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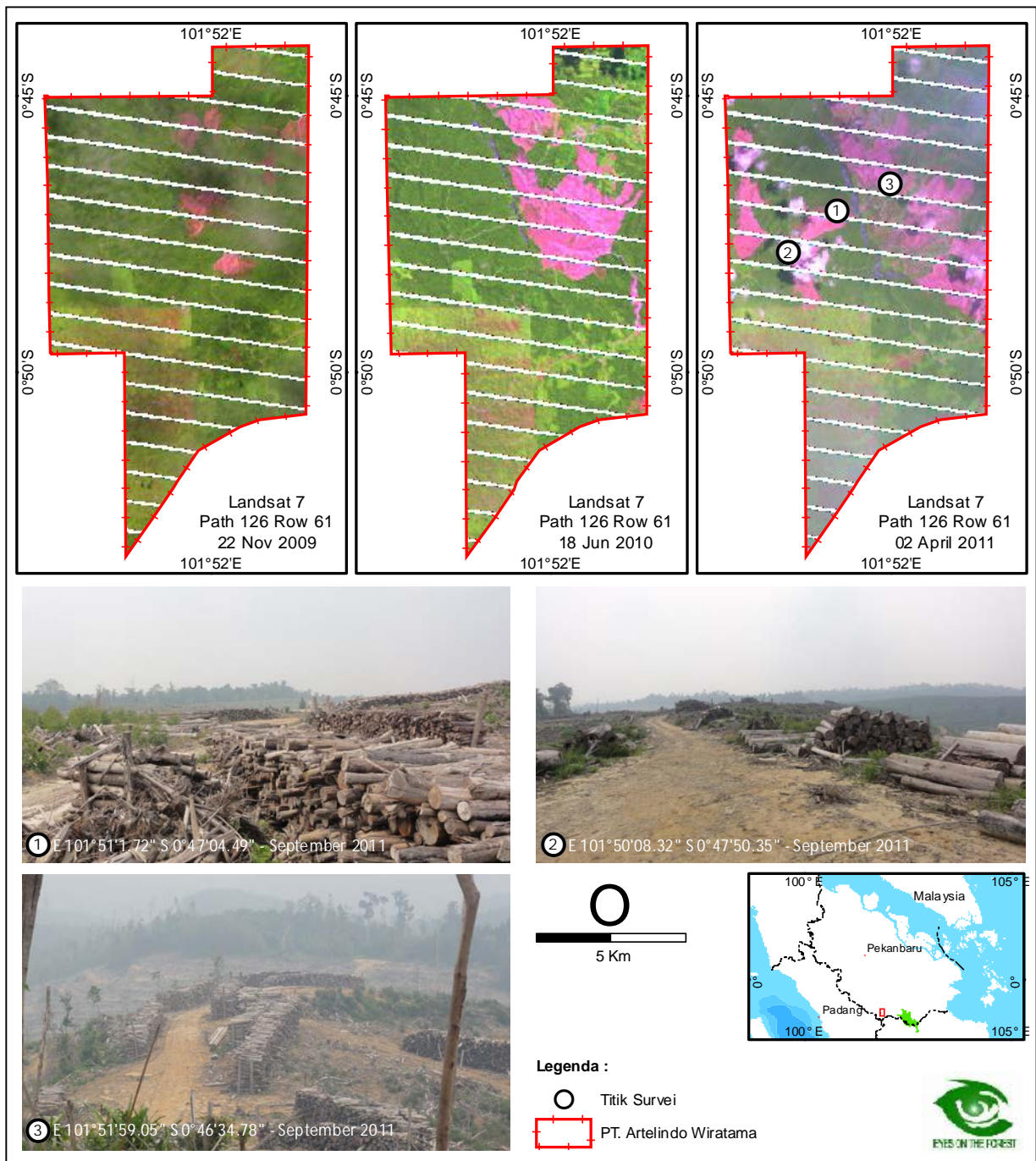
In May 2011 and September 2011 as Eyes on the Forest investigation conducted, PT Artelindo Wiratama is still clearcutting tropical rainforest in concession located in Bukit Tigapuluh landscape. Investigation in May 2011, EoF finds there is no logging activity, but piles of mixed tropical hardwood that ready to transport to Asia Pulp and Paper's pulp mill, in PT Indah Kiat Pulp & Paper (IKPP), Perawang, Riau province. As locals said mixed tropical hardwoods (MTH) that felled by PT Artelindo Wiratama as observed by EoF in May and September 2011 are not moved to APP pulp mill in Perawang.

Sources that found by EoF investigators team informed that the logs are not transported to the pulp mill due to there is no permit from Forestry Service of Province and District level. There is no confirmation yet from the Forestry Service of Riau Province nor Indragiri Hulu District on piles of woods that exist in concession of PT Artelindo Wiratama.

Local sources also said that clearcutting by PT Artelindo Wiratama have resented villagers of Pesajian and Sungai Besar as they demand compensation fee, but there is response from the company until this report is prepared.

EoF has published an investigative report in PT Artelindo Wiratama concession in Maret 2011 based on investigation in 2010 that the company affiliated to APP clearcut the natural forest in 2009. The forest clearance is based on Annual Cutting Plan (RKT) issued by the Ministry of Forestry through a Decree by Timber Plantation Development Director number No SK. 15/BPHT-3/2009, dated 15 April 2009. RKT's logging size is around 4,940 hectares which has potential of mixed tropical hardwoods (MTHs) by 365,500 cubic meter. In 2010, PT Artelindo Wiratama gets more logging permit by 3,456 hectares or potential 378,910 cubic meter MTHs. Within these two years this APP timber supplier has clearcut 8,396 hectares of tropical rainforest in Bukit Tigapuluh landscape.

MTHs that found by EoF in PT Artelindo Wiratama's concession started to decayed and get rotten. Several maps and photos related to investigation by EoF in concession of PT Artelindo Wiratama, APP affiliated company and timber supplier in September 2011 as below:



Map 1. PT Artelindo Wiratama's concession, an affiliated company to Asia Pulp & Paper in Riau Province where Landsat satellite image in April 2011 shows that natural forest clearcutting occurred in this concession (pink color) and EoF Investigation by a ground check in September 2011 confirmed this (see photos and survey points).



Photo 1. Logyard of PT. Artelindo Wiratama shows the timber supplier of APP clearcut tropical rainforest for raw material that would be sent to pulp mill of PT Indah Kiat Pulp & Paper (IKPP). This forest clearcutting occurs in good natural forest that should be protected as it is habitat of Sumatran tiger. GPS location at S 0° 47' 4.49" E 101° 51' 1.73". EoF, 30 September 2011



Photo 2. Logyard of PT. Artelindo Wiratama shows the timber supplier of APP clearcut tropical rainforest for raw material that would be sent to pulp mill of PT Indah Kiat Pulp & Paper (IKPP). This forest clearcutting occurs in good natural forest that should be protected as it is habitat of Sumatran tiger. Photo in location S 0° 47' 4.39" E 101° 51' 1.84". EoF, 30 September 2011



Photo 3. Logyard of PT. Artelindo Wiratama where the timber supplier of APP clearcuts tropical rainforest for raw material that would be sent to pulp mill of PT Indah Kiat Pulp & Paper (IKPP). This forest clearcutting occurs in good natural forest that should be protected as it is habitat of Sumatran tiger. Photo in GPS location S 0° 47'50.90" E 101° 50'8.63". EoF, 30 September 2011



Photo 4. Logyard of PT. Artelindo Wiratama where the timber supplier of APP clearcuts tropical rainforest for raw material that would be sent to pulp mill of PT Indah Kiat Pulp & Paper (IKPP). This forest clearcutting occurs in good natural forest that should be protected as it is habitat of Sumatran tiger. Photo in GPS location S 0° 47'50.74" E 101° 50'9.05". EoF, 30 September 2011



Gambar 5. . Logyard of PT. Artelindo Wiratama where the timber supplier of APP clearcuts tropical rainforest for raw material that would be sent to pulp mill of PT Indah Kiat Pulp & Paper (IKPP). This forest clearcutting occurs in good natural forest that should be protected as it is habitat of Sumatran tiger. These MTHs are decayed and rotten as they are stranded in the location for a long time. Photo location S 0° 46'34.78" E 101° 51'59.05". EoF, 30 September 2011.

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