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Supply chain information:

Supply chain information included in Rapid Response reports is based on the latest public versions of mill disclosures, recent export data, and company grievance logs. Mighty Earth encourages companies to send updated versions of mill disclosures as soon as they become available and to share any decision to suspend relations with a given group/company listed in those mill disclosures with rapidresponse@mightyearth.org.

Mighty Earth is now including biofuel companies and other manufacturers in the supply chain tables of Rapid Response reports, as these companies have both direct and indirect trading relationships with groups highlighted in these reports and should be filing grievances on these cases. These companies are listed in the "Supply Chain Information" tables.

New Case

Group: Mentari Group

PT Alamsari Lestari

Concession location: (-0.463493, 102.543587)

Deforestation and/or peat development

Report	Forest Loss (ha)	Peat development (ha)	Peat forest development (ha)	Clearance prep/Stacking lines (ha)	Time period
Report 43	~162	~162	-	-	April 2022- May 2023

Satellite imagery (see below) shows that between April 2022 and May 2023 there was a total of ~162 ha of forest loss/peatland development in the PT Alamsari Lestari concession (Source: Planet Inc. 2022-2023)

Supply Chain Information

Company/Group	Trader	Biofuel / other manufacturers	Consumer Brand
PT Alamsari Lestari			
Mentari Group , through PT Risman Scham Palm Indonesia/PT Grahacipta Bangkojaya	AAK, ADM, Asian Agri, Bunge, COFCO Int, First Resources, Fuji Oil, IFFCO, KLK, Olam	BASF, Oleon/AVRIL	General Mills, Hersheys, Kelloggs, Mondelez, Nestle, Pepsico, Proctor&Gamble, Unilever, Upfield.

Background information on Ownership and the Concession

PT Alamsari Lestari is majority-owned (99%) by PT Mentari Agung Jaya Usaha (Mentari Group), which also is the majority shareholder (99%) of PT Risman Scham Palm Indonesia and 99% of PT Grahacipta Bangkojaya (both palm oil mills).

No HCV or HCS assessments for PT Alamsari Lestari could be identified on the HCSA and HCVRN websites.

Unresolved grievance by PT Alamsari Lestari/Mentari Group

PT Alamsari Lestari continued oil palm development in areas of forest and peatland is not a new NDPE grievance to the palm oil sector.

According to Permata Hijau Group (PHG) grievance [website](#):

April 5, 2022: 'Earthqualizer (EQ) reported that PT. Alamsari Lestari was allegedly found to have cleared 6 hectares of peat forest in January 2022 and developed a total of 45 hectares of peatland in the two months of Jan and Feb 2022.'

June 15, 2022: 'Mentari Group stated that the land clearing carried out was in fact a recovery / replanting of unproductive planting areas where the land had previously been cleared, developed and planted by the old owner but was not managed properly, resulting in the growth of natural plants.'

June 16, 2022: 'PHG asked Mentari Group to provide evidence regarding the period of the initial opening or development was first carried out (before the recovery / replanting which is currently being carried out by the Mentari Group) in the area that became the problem.'

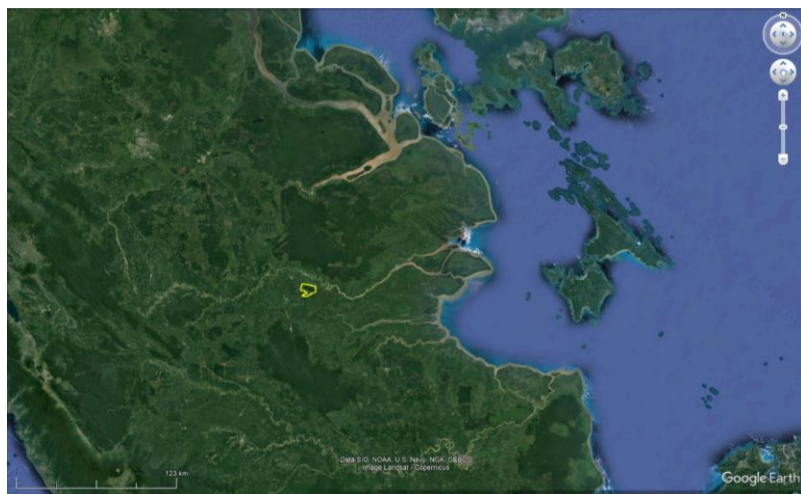
June 16, 2022: 'PHG has halted any purchases from PT. Risman Scham Palm Indonesia until further notice.'

AAK's [grievance log](#) claims that a moratorium was put in place as of February 2, 2022.

Fuji Oil [grievance log](#) only says: 'We have engaged our T1 supplier & are pending their response from further investigations.'

No grievance log for this company could be found on the websites of ADM, Bunge, Cofco Int, First Resources, IFFCO, KLK or Olam.

Mapping analysis



Alert Imagery (before and after satellite images)

As shown below the land clearing (162ha) that took place between April 2022 and May 2023 is within areas:

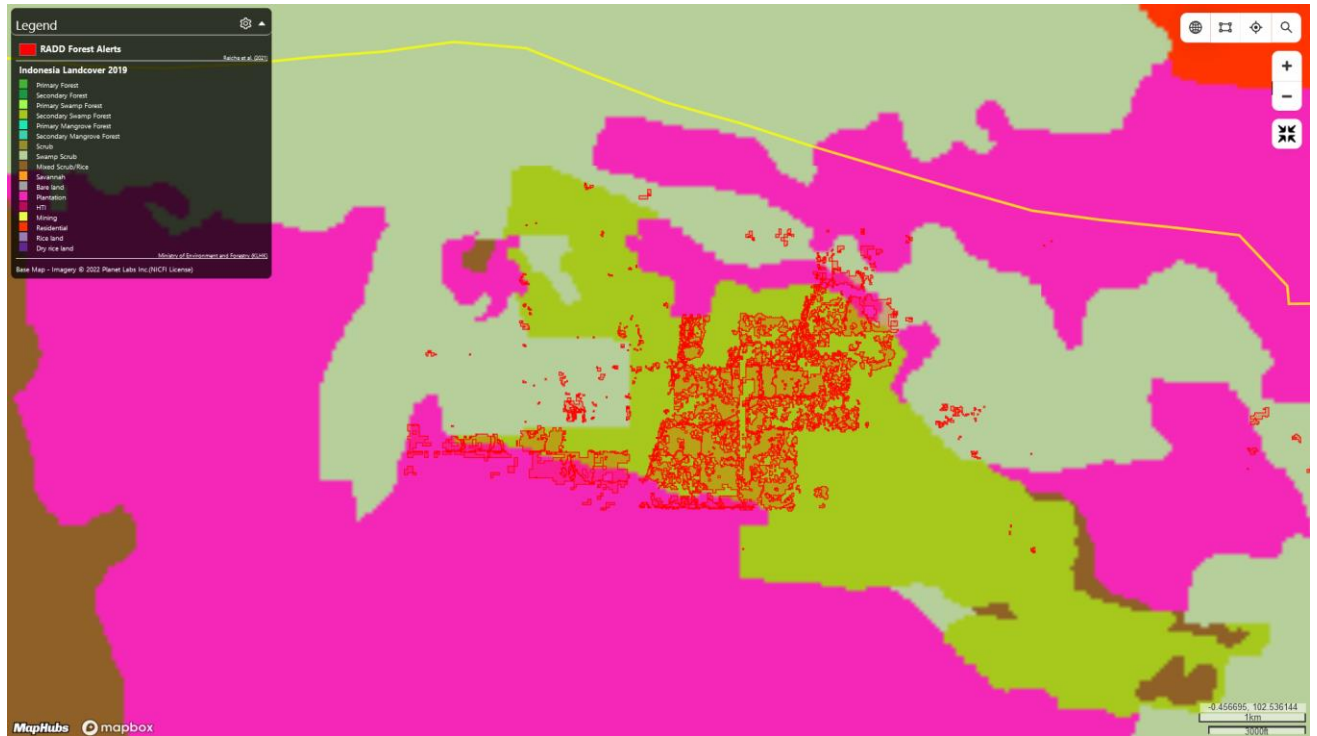
a) classified as 'Secondary Swamp Forest' by the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry (as of 2019).

b) With minimal Tree Cover Loss during the period 2000-2021 (ie showing no significant clearing took place during this period)

In the eastern part of the 162 ha recently cleared area, the Planet images below show that new plantation infrastructure (ie peatland development) has been developed between April 2022 and May 2023. Any form of peatland development is a violation of an NDPE.

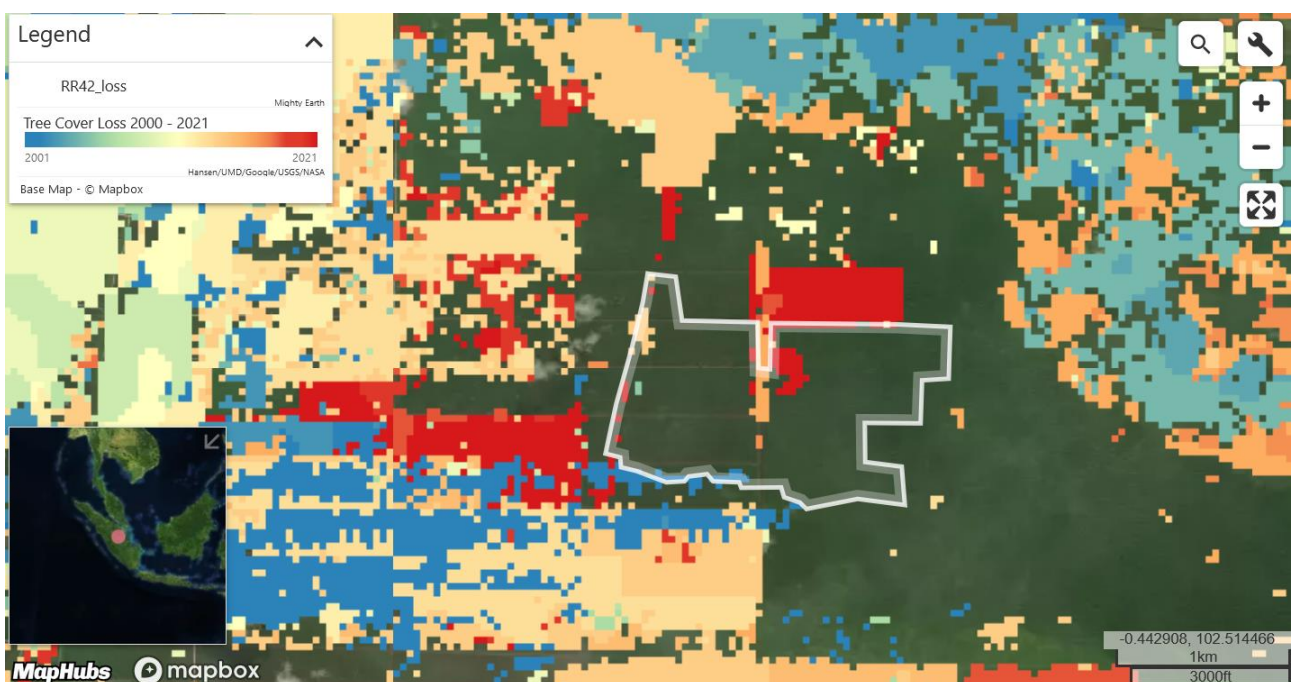
Mapping analysis (continued)

The map below shows 2022/23 RADD alerts within areas classified as 'Secondary Swamp Forest' by the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry in 2019.



The map below shows Tree Cover Loss data for the period 2000-2021.

It shows that the vast majority of the 162 ha of land clearing between April 2022 and May 2023, was in areas without Tree Cover Loss during the period 2000-2021.

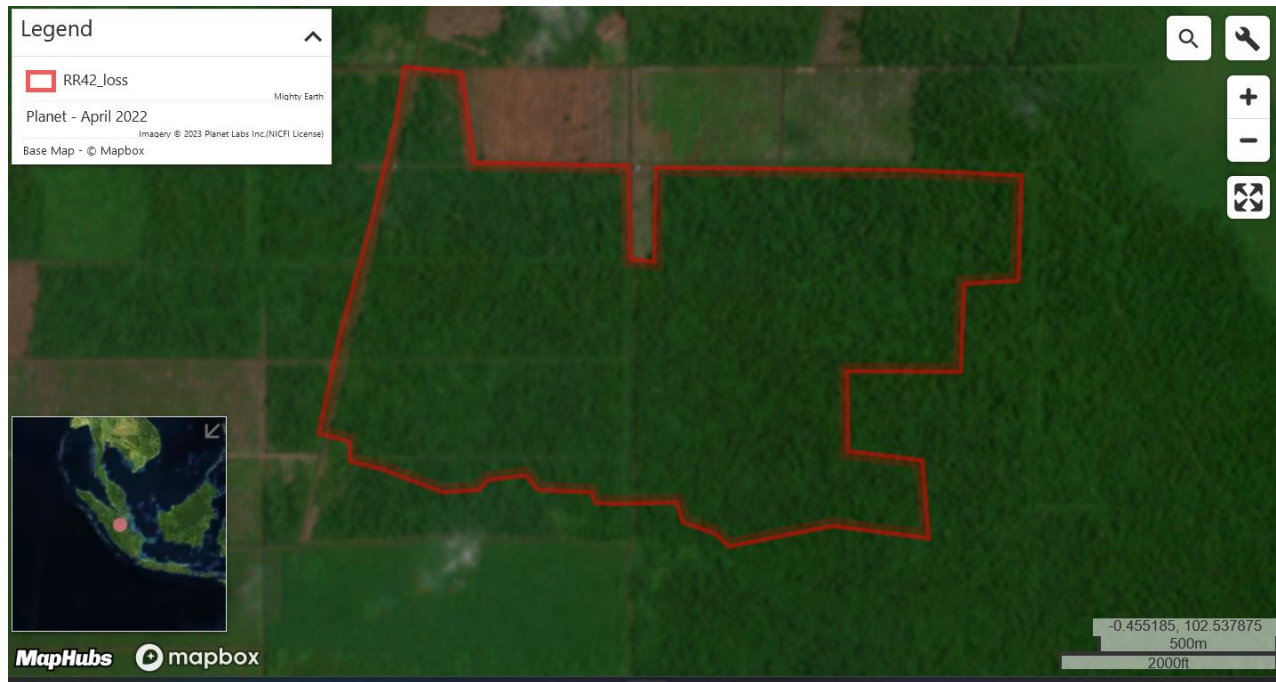


Mapping analysis (cont.)

Alert Imagery (before and after satellite images)

Clearance location: (-0.463493, 102.543587)

Date: April 2022



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