

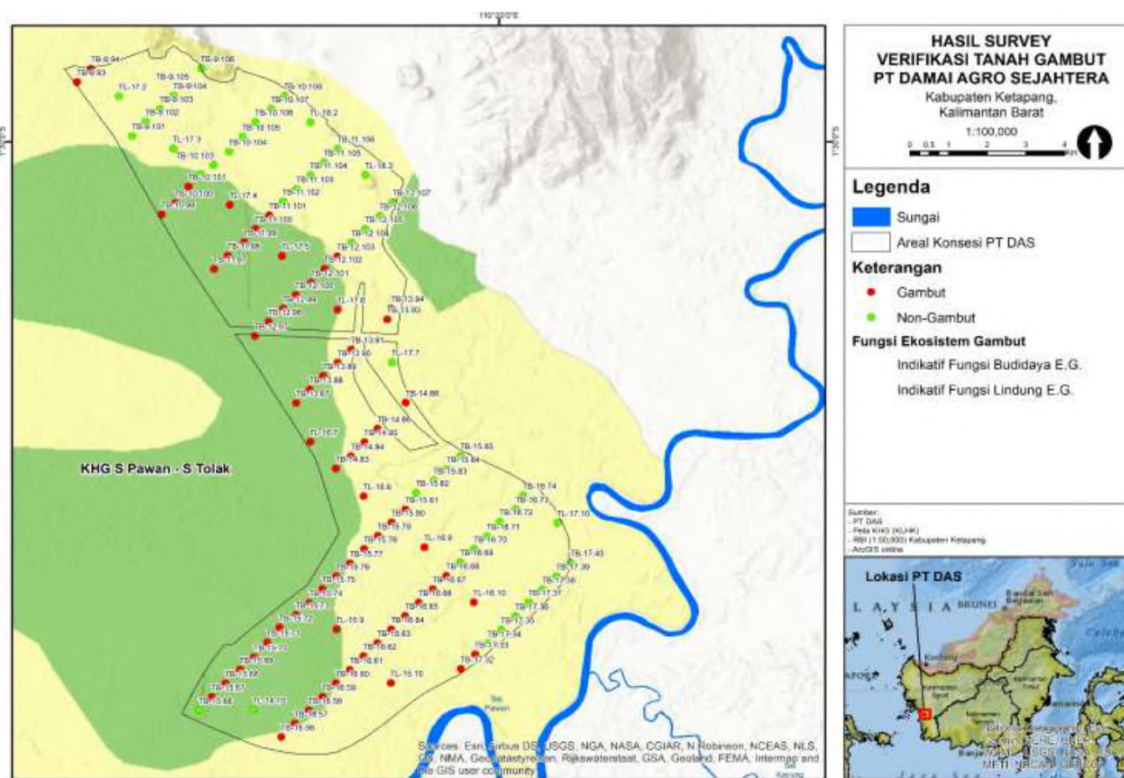
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BUMITAMA CLARIFIES ON NEW PLANTING IN PT DAS

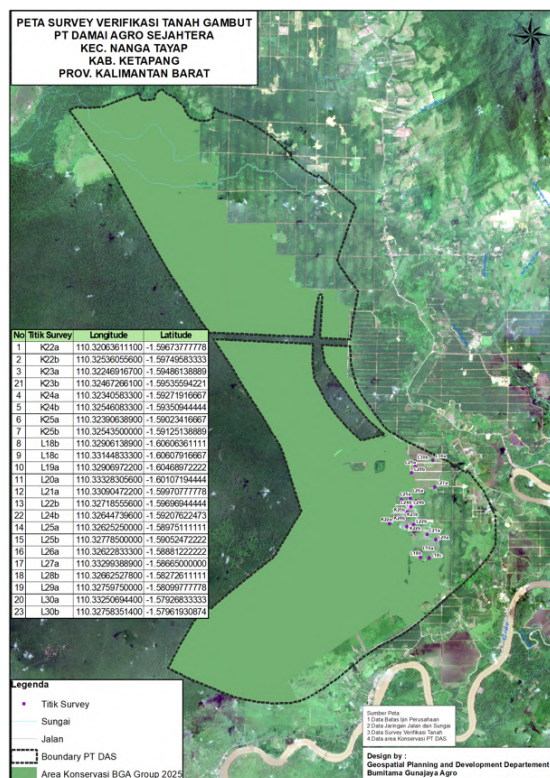
Jakarta, 8 August 2025 – Bumitama upholds a strict commitment to its No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE) policy and adheres to the RSPO Principles & Criteria (P&C) in all land development activities. This includes the comprehensive process under the RSPO New Planting Procedure (NPP), designed to ensure that any new planting does not occur on peatland, regardless of depth.

Mighty Earth's Rapid Response Report 50 includes claims that PT Damai Agro Sejahtera (PT DAS), a Bumitama subsidiary, carried out oil palm expansion on peatlands between 2022 and 2024. These claims are drawn from satellite imagery and national-scale indicative peat maps (*Peta Kawasan Hidrologi Gambut*). Field assessments and the RSPO NPP process undertaken for the area provide additional context to the on-the-ground conditions and development approach.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide context on the development approach in PT DAS and the steps taken to align with RSPO and NDPE requirements. Since adopting our NDPE commitments in 2015, Bumitama has applied these principles consistently through our Sustainability Policy, mandatory assessments, and adherence to the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Following the acquisition of PT DAS in 2016, a stop-work order was implemented to allow for a series of assessments, including Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA/AMDAL), Social Impact Assessment (SIA), High Conservation Value (HCV) identification, High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessment, Land Use Change Analysis (LUCA), and peat soil delineation, ensuring that areas of environmental or social significance were identified.



A full peat survey was conducted across the PT DAS concession in December 2021 by a certified team using standard methodologies, including augering to a depth of 300 cm. The results (displayed in the map on page 1) confirmed that no peat, regardless of depth, was present within the proposed new planting blocks. Soils were identified as mineral, predominantly sandy and clay types.



To complement these findings and address recent concerns, the new planting area was revisited for additional sampling. Using the same standardised methodology, soil samples were taken across the site, confirming the absence of peat. Photographs of each sampling location, with corresponding GPS references, are provided in the annex and linked to the map below for clarity. At the same time, the team reviewed the site's water management systems, noting that the water management channels in the PT DAS area were not built to drain peat, but designed to mitigate flooding from the Pawan River in low-lying sections of the concession. Their width also serves as a physical buffer between planted areas and adjacent conservation zones, helping to protect these from encroachment and maintain their ecological integrity.

Beyond meeting all compliance requirements, Bumitama has invested in long-term positive impact through the Bumitama Biodiversity and Conservation

Project (BBCP). Since taking over PT DAS in late 2016, this programme has safeguarded nearly 7,000 hectares for conservation, including significant peat protection and restoration areas. These landscapes are actively managed through collaboration with local communities and experts, supporting our biodiversity monitoring and forest rehabilitation efforts.

Today, more than 72% of the PT DAS concession is maintained as conservation land, with 18% planted by previous owners and 3% by local communities. The 288 hectares planted by Bumitama, following an extensive RSPO NPP process to support community plasma schemes, represent only 2.4% of the total concession, underscoring our focus on balancing production, with protection and community inclusion.














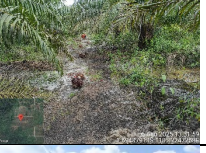


























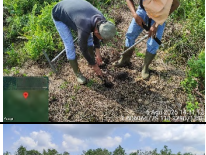














Bumitama is committed to continue integrating biodiversity, forest, and peat conservation within a responsibly managed plantation landscape. We will continue to apply RSPO standards and NDPE principles in all activities, while working with partners to strengthen conservation outcomes and community benefits, focusing on maintaining transparency, upholding compliance and pursuing improvements that contribute to the long-term sustainability of the palm oil sector.







































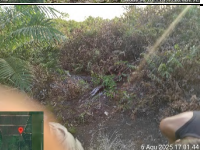




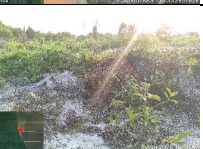











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Annex: Georeferenced photos from PT DAS soil verification on 6th August 2025

Survey Point	North	South	East	West	Ground
K22a					
K22b					
K23a					
K23b					
K24a					
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