

Background

Ata Marie Group is a consulting and advisory firm based in Indonesia servicing the forestry, agri-business and bio-energy sectors. Ata Marie was formed in 2007 by a group of professional foresters and natural resource management specialists from New Zealand. Ata Marie directors have decades of operational and consultancy experience and continue to combine these into successful project implementation.

Ata Marie's directors have been developing IT systems for the forestry and agriculture sector for over 20 years. Ata Marie is a global leader in the development of real time traceability and legality systems. Over the last two years Ata Marie and its IT partners have developed and rolled out the Ghana Wood Tracking System (GWTS). The GWTS is a comprehensive tool for forest planning, forest inventory, harvesting and transport chain of custody, mill chain of custody and export monitoring. It is a fully functional national level integrated wood traceability and legality assurance system that tracks timber from forest to finished product including integrated administration of FLEGT export documentation.

Ata Marie has been heavily involved in the development of no deforestation (NDPE) toolkits and policies, including the High Carbon Stock Approach (HCS-A) Toolkit, the integrated HCV/HCS Assessment Manual, and private sector partner sustainability policies and roadmaps. Ata Marie has carried out numerous carbon stock and carbon emissions assessments for clients throughout Asia and Africa and has supported HCS-A as a training provider, peer reviewer, and presenter at workshops and forums.

Interest in bio-energy crops, biomass-based electricity generation and biomass pellet production is increasing in the region as the demand for green energy continues to grow throughout Asia. Ata Marie is working with clients to develop cost efficient raw material plantations and supply chains to prepare for entry into this growing business sector.

Since its establishment, Ata Marie has regularly provided investment support services to clients looking to establish or take over existing forestry and agriculture industry assets. Our services include resource inventory, due diligence, feasibility studies, valuations, technical audits and benchmarking.

Ata Marie prides itself on its dedicated, multi-disciplinary team of experts. Our team of permanent staff include remote sensing and IT technicians, field foresters, ecologists, community engagement experts as well as project co-ordination and administrative support staff. In addition, Ata Marie co-operates with an extensive pool of associates to provide functional teams tailored to the unique requirements of each client.

Where Do We Work?

Ata Marie has worked in over 30 countries across Asia, the Pacific and Africa. We have offices in Indonesia (Jakarta), Hong Kong and Ghana (Accra).

Our Clients

Ata Marie's clients include a broad range of private sector companies, international donor agencies, non-profits, banks and Governments.

Ata Marie supports clients to grow sustainably and profitably through implementation of best management practices and world leading technologies.

Contact Us:

Contact our team to discuss how we can work together:

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Meet Ata Marie

George Kuru – Founding President Director



Professional forester and biometrician specializing in IT application development, growth & yield modelling and climate change services.

Over the last two years George has been in charge of the development and roll out of the Ghana Wood Tracking System (GWTS), a fully functional national level integrated wood traceability and legality assurance system.

George is also active in greenhouse gas emissions, carbon footprint and other climate change related services.

Alex Thorp – Founding Director

Professional forester specialising in sustainability services, remote sensing, forest inventory, due diligence and forest valuation.

Alex has over 30 years of experience in South East Asia and Africa working in the natural forest, plantation forests and oil palm sectors. He is fluent in Bahasa Indonesia, has a strong understanding of the resource base, also operational and regulatory environments in Indonesia.

Since 2013 Alex has been developing Ata Marie’s sustainability related services.



Tony Wood – Director



Tony brings unrivalled operations experience to our team. Tony has 15 years of senior management experience in large scale pulpwood plantation companies in Indonesia, 3 years of successfully developing a green field sustainable harvesting project in Central America, and 7 years of senior level consulting in Asia, Africa and South America. His skills including plantation development, harvesting and transport, research and development, recruitment and training.

Since 2016 Tony has been heavily involved in developing Ata Marie’s bio-energy capabilities as well as providing visiting agent services to forestry companies.

Achille Djeagou – West Africa Representative

Achille has 15 years of international experience in environmental and social compliance systems specification, assessment and implementation.

He is part of the multidisciplinary team that designed and deployed the Ghana Wood Tracking System powered with the capabilities to issue FLEGT license.

Achille is based in Yaoundé, Cameroon. He is a native French speaker and acts as Ata Marie’s Africa representative.



Indri Amrita Saraswati– Liaison Management



Indri is a social expert from a development background. Indri has a psychology degree and has over 18 years of experience as a program manager with various International and local NGO’s working with communities and civil society groups in the fields of education, social, mental health and disaster response.

Indri manages Ata Marie’s liaison with civil society groups, government and clients throughout the forestry and palm oil sectors.

Our Services

Sustainability Services

- High Carbon Stock (HCS) & High Conservation Value (HCV) Assessments
- Assessment of greenhouse gas emissions arising from land use, land use change and forestry.
- Community engagement and participatory mapping
- Audits and gap analyses against global sustainability standards (e.g. RSPO, FSC, IFC)
- NDPE Policy and sustainability roadmap development

Forest and Plantation Resource Assessment

- Remote sensing, resource mapping and land use planning
- Forest inventory and standing stock assessment in planted and natural forests
- Growth and yield modelling, estate modelling and raw material supply planning

IT Systems Development for Forest Management and Downstream Processing

- Real time traceability and legality tracking solutions
- Forest and crop asset registers
- Environmental and social management and monitoring systems
- Operations planning, production and control systems
- Mill MIS systems including on-line sales and marketing

Forestry and Agriculture Asset Investment Services

- Feasibility studies and Due Diligence
- Asset Valuation
- Benchmarking

Management Services

- Visiting agent, operations audit and management review
- Training and capacity building
- Management of forests and plantation crops.



Plantation forest inventory in Indonesia, 2019.



GWTS forest inventory application in use by Ghanaian Government foresters, 2016.