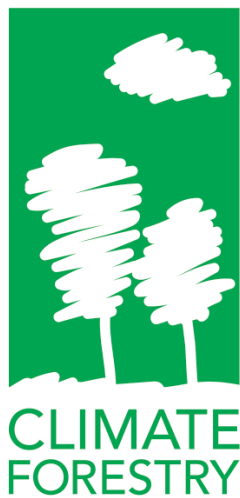


Corporate Brief:

Climate Forestry Limited



2021-2022

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**Who we are:**

We are a dedicated team of professional foresters! At Climate Forestry, our work is all about creating functional and creative solutions that help our client's businesses achieve their goals. In doing so, we aim to compliment, and in some cases, lead, best practice in the forest and climate industry, to implement sustainable solutions.



Dr Michael Galante  
Director

Dr Michael Galante is an expert in the fields of sustainable timber production from tropical forests, forest certification and timber legality assurance and climate change mitigation strategy and project development. Dr Galante has over 20 years of experience as a technical expert throughout Southeast Asia. He has written numerous forest management plans and supports companies to achieve certification through FSC, PEFC, and ISO 9001 Standards of practice. Dr Galante supports the development of innovative financial mechanisms and initiatives to ensure predictable, reliable and sustainable finance for responsible forest management activities as well as tracking International Conventions and Environmental Agreements to integrate requirements into responsible forest management. Michael obtained his PhD from the University of Edinburgh where he focused the development of a carbon accounting framework to support reduced-impact logging as a project-based activity in Sabah, Malaysia under the Climate Change Convention. Michael speaks fluent English and has professional working proficiency of Bahasa Indonesia and Melayu.

## Partners and associates:

Climate Forestry collaborates with leading professionals, to enhance the robustness and delivery of our professional services. While Climate Forestry is a new company, we have been in working in the forestry business for over 20-years, and in that time, we've developed a robust clientele base. Are you looking to expand in the world of international forestry, certification, finance and/or climate change? Climate Forestry is always looking for industry professionals, established organisations and governments, to collaborate on project activities, and develop industry-leading solutions, together! Please [drop us a line](#).



DoubleHelix secures global timber supply chains to safeguard them from illegal timber substitution of unknown species or origin. By implementing supply chain monitoring, using a combination of document verification, field assessments, and scientific testing, DoubleHelix provides assurance of product quality and consistency, as well as regulatory compliance. Established in 2008, DoubleHelix is headquartered in Singapore with offices in Washington D.C., and Indonesia, and maintains a global network of industry experts. They work with intergovernmental agencies, governments, forestry concessions, exporters, importers and retailers. <http://www.doublehelixtracking.com>.



FORLIANCE, together with its international clients, global partners, and multidisciplinary team of specialists strives to create intact forests and ecosystems that positively impact our climate, biodiversity and human well-being. FORLIANCE initiates, finances, creates and manages robust nature-based climate projects and integrate them into sustainability strategies with our clients to achieve their Net Zero Carbon targets. <https://staging.forliance.com>.



International Forest Management Consultants Sdn Bhd (IFMC) is a technical consulting company supporting forest operations achieve responsible forest management and sustainability. The company's long-term, practical experience in the field has developed a sound knowledge platform for project design, management and evaluation and technical backstopping services, including growth models for planning and investments into the forest sector. The head office of IFMC is located in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. <http://www.ifmconsult.com>.



OpenForests is a consulting company working in collaboration with an expert network that supports the implementation of social, ecologically diverse and profitable forestry projects. Amongst services like fund raising, project due-diligence and the establishment of entire Forest Information Systems (FIS), OpenForests is specialized in providing an innovative forest mapping with proven experience in the development of cost-effective and precise orthomaps and Digital Crown Surface Models (DSM), to support forest operations aiming to achieve environmental and social standards. The head office of Open Forests is in Krefeld, just north of Dusseldorf, Germany. <https://openforests.com>.



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The Tropical Forest Foundation (TFF) is an international, non-profit, educational institution committed to advancing environmental stewardship, economic prosperity, and social responsibility through sustainable forest management. The Foundation has become widely recognised for the establishment of demonstration models and training schools to teach Reduced Impact Logging (RIL), timber legality and forest certification, and other practices that encourage the sustainable management of forests. <http://www.tff-indonesia.org>.



## **Dr Bernd Hann-Shilling, PhD – Germany**

Dr Bernd Hann-Shilling is a professional forester with over 28 years of working experience in tropical forest research and operational tropical forest management, forest certification, capacity building, and human resource development. Dr Bernd has supported numerous forest companies across Southeast Asia to achieve forest certification and he has supported the

development of the Malaysian Forest Certification Standard. He was the Team lead and Technical Advisor in Forest Resource Assessment and Forest Management for the Malaysian-German Technical Cooperation Project Sarawak, Malaysia (1995-2001), supported by the German International Organisation (GIZ). Dr Bernd obtained his Doctorate in Tropical Forestry from University of Göttingen, Germany where he focused on structural analysis, biodiversity assessment, growth development, silviculture, management options in degraded peat swamp forest. Dr Bernd is a founder of International Forest Management Consultants (IFMC) registered in Mainz, Germany, consulting the public and private forestry and environmental sectors in the Southeast Asian region, and facilitating forest technology transfer and trade development of certified forest products. Dr Bernd speaks fluent English and German.



## **James Leitch, MSc – New Zealand**

James Leitch has over 30 years of experience in the technical management of timber plantations, forest certification, and biomass and carbon accounting. James concentrates on the sustainability and strategic management of tropical agro-forestry assets through asset valuations and resource modelling for corporate strategic and production supply-chain value adding forecasting and implements best practice through the application of principles and criteria of

timber certification. James has co-authored published research on various topics including tree taper functions to increase the accuracy in the estimation of forest volume and biomass. James obtained his Master of Forestry from Canterbury University (1976) and speaks fluent English and is proficient in Bahasa Indonesia, Bahasa Malayu and Fijian.





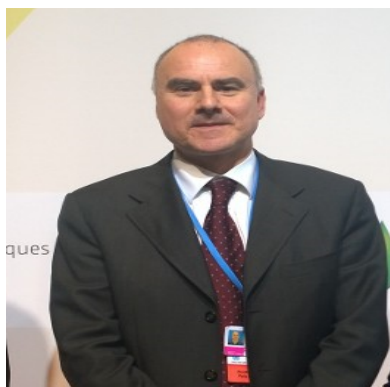
**Joseph Gasis, BSc – Malaysia**

Joseph has over 30 years of experience working on responsible forest management in commercial forestry operations in Sabah. Joseph was the previous manager of Yayasan Sabah Foundation Group and established the Danum Valley Field Centre in Sabah, a centre of excellent dedicated to forest research and training based in the Ulu Segama Forest Reserve, Sabah, Malaysia. Joseph has advised FMUs in the commercial forest restoration, the establishment of responsible plantation estates, and he is familiar with field assessments involving high-conservation value forest, community assessments and biodiversity surveys. Currently, Joseph is a freelance consultant living in Keningau, Sabah. He received his BSc from University Kebangsaan Malaysia and speaks fluent English, Kadazan-Dusun and Malay.



**Le Thien Duc, PhD – Viet Nam**

Dr Le Thien Duc has over 20 years of experience working on forest management, forest certification and timber legality for responsible timber trade, and REDD-plus interventions in Viet Nam. Formally, he was the Forest Programme Coordinator for WWF Viet Nam where he acted as the link between Country Practice Leader and the core team to ensure strategic embedding of Practice Goals strategic plan. Currently, he is a consultant and the acting Vice-Director for the newly formed Centre for Conservation and Development Viet Nam. Duc received his doctorate degree from Technische Universität Dresden focusing on Sustainable Natural Forest Management in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam (2015) and speaks fluent English, German and Vietnamese.



## **Sandro Federici, PhD - Italy**

Dr Sandro Federici is an expert in the fields of forestry, climate change mitigation, and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventories in the agriculture, forestry and other land-use sector. Sandro has over 15 years expertise as a technical expert in reporting and accounting for GHG emissions and removals in the land-use sector, and he is an expert in forest modalities and mechanisms under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). He has extensive experience as a consultant to the negotiations on Climate Change under the UNFCCC, for the delegations of Italy, the European Community, Papua New Guinea and Panama, including international organisations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Sandro holds a PhD. in Forest Management from the University of Tuscia, Italy (2000), speaks fluent English, Italian and Spanish, and is proficient in French.



## **Shizuka Yasui, Msc - Japan**

Shizuka has over 15 years of experience in responsible forest management and timber supply chains, particularly with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. In addition to working for the FSC national and international secretariat for nine years, she has auditor and trainer experience. She has worked with broader sectors around forest certification, illegal logging and REDD-plus, focusing on researching, advocacy and lecturing. Shizuka holds a BSc and an MSc (2007) in Agriculture, focusing on Biological Resources – Forest Policy from Ehime University, Japan. She speaks fluent Japanese and English, is professionally proficient in Bahasa Indonesia and has reading comprehension in Chinese (Traditional/Simplified).



## **Our Expertise:**

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## **Our Approach:**

Our work is implemented using a step-wise approach to meet the needs of the client, while ensuring the work meets national, and international environmental, social, and regulatory standards.

### **Understanding the Problem:**

We listen to our client's to understand and analyse the situation underpinning the problem. We develop a methodological, step-wise approach to implement the best solution, in-line with the needs of the client, and of course, domestic and international legal and environmental regulatory frameworks.

### **Strategy Formulation:**

Streamlined, efficient, and client-focused, successful projects begin with a clear strategy. We provide professional, value-added, result-oriented services, and strategic project development is at the very heart of successful implementation.

### **Implementation:**

Whether the project is dirty-boots on the ground, or global policy-based negotiations, our work integrates results-oriented approaches to ensure implementation is in-line with the requirements needs, and critically, within the agreed timeframe, of our clients needs.

### **Reporting and Communication:**

Climate Forestry understands the value of good communication. Perhaps the most important component to the project cycle is communication and reporting, as without it, lessons-learned cannot be passed-on. Identifying the target audience at the inception of a project provides the basis for accurate and precise reporting.

### **Monitoring:**

Maintaining success requires monitoring. At Climate Forestry, we understand the value of continual project monitoring. Integrating long-term, result-oriented services can help to reduce the risk of future project failure, and better communicate the lessons-learned, such that, substantive progress can be made to achieve long-term, sustainable solutions.

## **Contact:**

We would love to hear from you! To learn more about our programmes of work and technical capacities, please get in touch with us.

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