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national strategy for forest and biodiversity protection through Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 2018-21<sup>6</sup>.

The National Forest Protection Program (2015-2019) is a forest protection and law enforcement approach which aims to effectively and efficiently protect the country's



which include forests, upland farms, grassland and degraded areas, coastal zone and







the issuance of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines in 1975, and unless and until otherwise directed by Congress, there is a need to provide guidance to national agencies and instrumentalities on how to best harmonize these policy reforms and make the forestry sector responsive to external changes and eventually attain sustainable forest management in the Philippines. Executive Order No. 318 provided for six guiding principles, and two of which are directly relevant to Global Forest Goal No. 2. These are community-based forest conservation and development and incentives for enhancing private investments, economic contribution and global competitiveness of forest-based industries.

out by the field officer and the Forest Management Bureau. CBFM-CARP continually receives funding from Government up to present.

A number of development programs targeted to forest communities were also implemented through convergence initiatives of different national government agencies. *Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Project* aims to provide livelihood support and assistance to former rebels through NGP, forest protection and other forestry-related activities and to ultimately improve the socio-economic condition and reinforce the governance in pursuing development plans of isolated, hard-to-reach, conflict-affected areas in various regions in the country. *Balik Probinsya Program* aims to relocate Informal Settler Families (ISFs) to nearby provinces, create new sustainable and productive communities through securing tenure and livelihood of existing forest occupants and informal settlers, and to provide safe and decent housing through the promotion of sustainable management of resources. *Sajahatra Bangsamoro Program* is a joint undertaking of the government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) that aims to uplift and develop the health, education, and livelihood of Bangsamoro communities.

Program on Forests (PROFOR). The overall objective of the program is to strengthen the capacity of national forest programs and other forest-related processes to better address poverty alleviation, sustainable development and forest conservation needs. The program will generate and disseminate cutting-edge knowledge on critical sectoral and cross-sectoral issues related to the management, conservation and sustainable development of forests.<sup>5</sup>

sed manual on Ecosystem Services (ES) Accounting which will be used in enhancement of Forest Land Use Planning Process (incorporating ES modelling and valuation).

The DENR published a guidebook on forest-related enterprise development and disseminated the same among forest dependent communities engaged in the Community-Based Forest Management Program.

The Forest Products Research and Development Institute of the Department of Science and Technology conduct researches on the development of wood and non-wood forest products including technology transfer, provision of technical services and trainings. They maintain depository of technical information and researches (fprdi@dost.gov.ph). One of which is Senile and Unproductive Rubberwood (*Hevea brasiliensis*) Trees for the Production of - FPRDI recently published training manuals on rubberwood sawmilling, protection and preservation, lumber drying, and furniture making.



- < Limited infrastructure: farm to market road, common processing centers, etc.;
- < Institutionalized framework for valuing forest resources not yet in place;
- < Lack of institution providing crop insurance for forest tree species/forest plantations; and
- < Limited/few financial institutions providing financial services to forest-based industries

The Philippine government has not announced any voluntary national contribution in relation to GFG2.



The Philippines also designates certain areas as critical habitats to protect the habitats and populations of threatened species of wild flora and fauna pursuant to Republic Act No. 9147





Species-site suitability assessment is conducted to determine appropriate forest tree species that is suitable to a given area. This addresses low survival and poor growth of plantations due to inappropriate species planted/species site incompatibility, and inadequate information on the requirements of forest tree species for planting

The DENR also created Biosafety Committee to review application/proposal for field trial, commercial propagation and direct use for food, feed or for processing of genetically-modified crops.

The Philippines also received funding from the International Timber Trade Organization (ITTO) to develop the National Forest Stock Monitoring System (NFSMS). It aims to track timber from harvesting, transport and secondary processing to ensure timber products sold in the market are from legal and sustainable sources. NFSMS has been pilot-tested in several provinces and awaiting institutionalization at the national level.

- < Finding balance between forest protection and development
- < Limited forest protection officers managing forests and protected areas
- < Weak market linkages for forest-based goods and services
- < Lack of national forest certification system

The Philippines has not announced any voluntary contributions in relation to GFG3.





financing through Official Development Assistance is done through the submission of project proposals related to natural resources management and conservation.

The Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) has also provided financing window through the Landbank of the Philippines for organized forest dependent communities awarded with Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) for the development of their CBFMA areas.

The Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) ushered the provision of credit facility for tenure holders in forestlands. The loan to be provided

Technical aspects that conceptualize sustainable financing such as frameworks, guidelines, and mechanisms is being drafted in order to provide the knowledge and









Forest law enforcement improved through Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 2018-21 which adopted the Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System<sup>4</sup>. The Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System integrated a science-based assessment and the use of innovative technology in the monitoring of forest status in the Philippines. It allows the communities and environment authorities to alleviate the status of natural forests and protect it from degradation and illegal forest activities.<sup>5</sup> Technical Bulletin and Manuals were issued to guide field officers and volunteers in implementation.

The Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System use smartphones and web-





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< Multi-sector representation in governing bodies

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The Forest Management Bureau (FMB) spearheads various information education and communication (IEC) activities to promote forest conservation and widen the network of forestry champions to include students, academe, private sector, hobbyists (bikers and photographers) and local government units, among others. These activities are conducted throughout the year. Various events are conducted to reach out to more sectors and individuals:

- ◁ International Day of Forests Photo Contest (2016 & 2017)
- ◁ International Day of Forests Symposium on Sustainable Cities (2018)
- ◁ International Day of Forests Paydro Online Quiz Contest (2019)
- ◁ Bike Hike Plant in celebration of Philippine Forestry Service Anniversary and Arbor Day (2016, 2017 & 2019)

- ◁ Intayon Agmula Tree Planting in celebration of Philippine Forestry Service Anniversary and Arbor Day (2018)
- ◁ ForeSTAR Parol Making Competition for High School Students (2017)
- ◁ ForeSTAR Banig Painting Competition for High School Students (2018)
- ◁ ForeSTAR Bamboo Belen Competition for College Students (2019)

Information materials were also published to better communicate sustainable forest management to the public. Foremost is the popularized version of the Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development dubbed as *Forest Tayo*. It was published

major languages in the norther and southern region of







## **Annex A. Institutions Involved in the Preparation of Voluntary National Report to the United Nations Forum on Forests**

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