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THE PHILIPPINES EXPERIENCE

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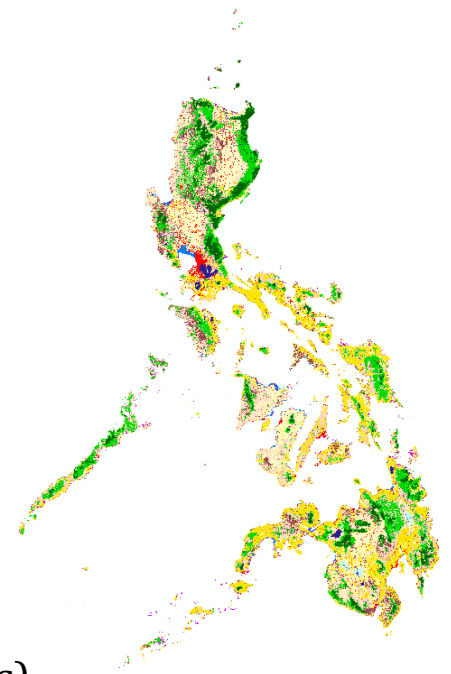
CONTENT

- ❑ Pilot testing of reporting format (for reporting progress towards the implementation of the UN-SPF 2017-2030)
- ❑ Processes of gathering quantitative data for GFG No. 2
- ❑ Challenges and Suggested Solutions



OVERVIEW OF THE PHILIPPINES

- ❑ 7,000+ islands divided into three major island groups and 18 regions.
- ❑ Area of 30 million hectares, of which, 7.014 million hectares (23.38%) are covered with forests
- ❑ Population of 100.98 Million (based on the August 2015 Census)
- ❑ The Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is the main government agency tasked for the effective protection, development, and conservation of forestlands and watersheds.



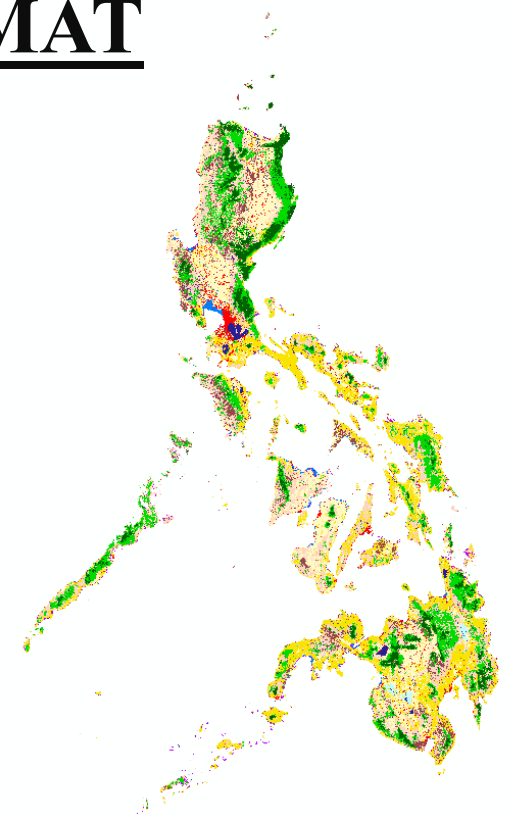
PILOT TESTING OF REPORTING FORMAT

(For Reporting Progress Towards the Implementation of the UN-SPF 2017-2030)



PILOT TESTING OF REPORTING FORMAT

- ❑ The Philippines is one of the countries that pilot tested the format for reporting progress towards the implementation of the United Nations (UN) Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, the UN Forest Instrument and voluntary national contributions
- ❑ The format is largely narrative, reflecting the qualitative information about the six (6) Global Forest Goals and its Associated Targets
- ❑ **FOREST GOAL 2 AND ASSOCIATED TARGETS** “Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people”



THE PROCESSES AND STRATEGIES

Creation of
Technical
Working
Group

Conducted
In-House
Workshop

Conducted
National
Workshop

Finalization &
submission of
the Report to
UNFF
Secretariat



STRATEGIES IN ACCOMPLISHING THE REPORTING FORMAT



- ❑ The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) thru the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) **created a Technical Working Group (TWG)** composed of personnel of different Divisions* of the Bureau

*Forest Resources Management Division (FRMD), Forest Resources Conservation Division (FRCD), Forest Investment and Development Division (FIDD), and Forest Policy, Planning, and Knowledge Management Division (FPPKMD)

The TWG conducted the following:

- ❑ Orientation and familiarization with the reporting format
- ❑ Stock-taking and identification of relevant data sources (agency and documents)
- ❑ Discussion on how to solicit the inputs from other data sources
- ❑ Preparation of workshop design of the two (2) levels of workshops i.e. the in-house and the national workshops



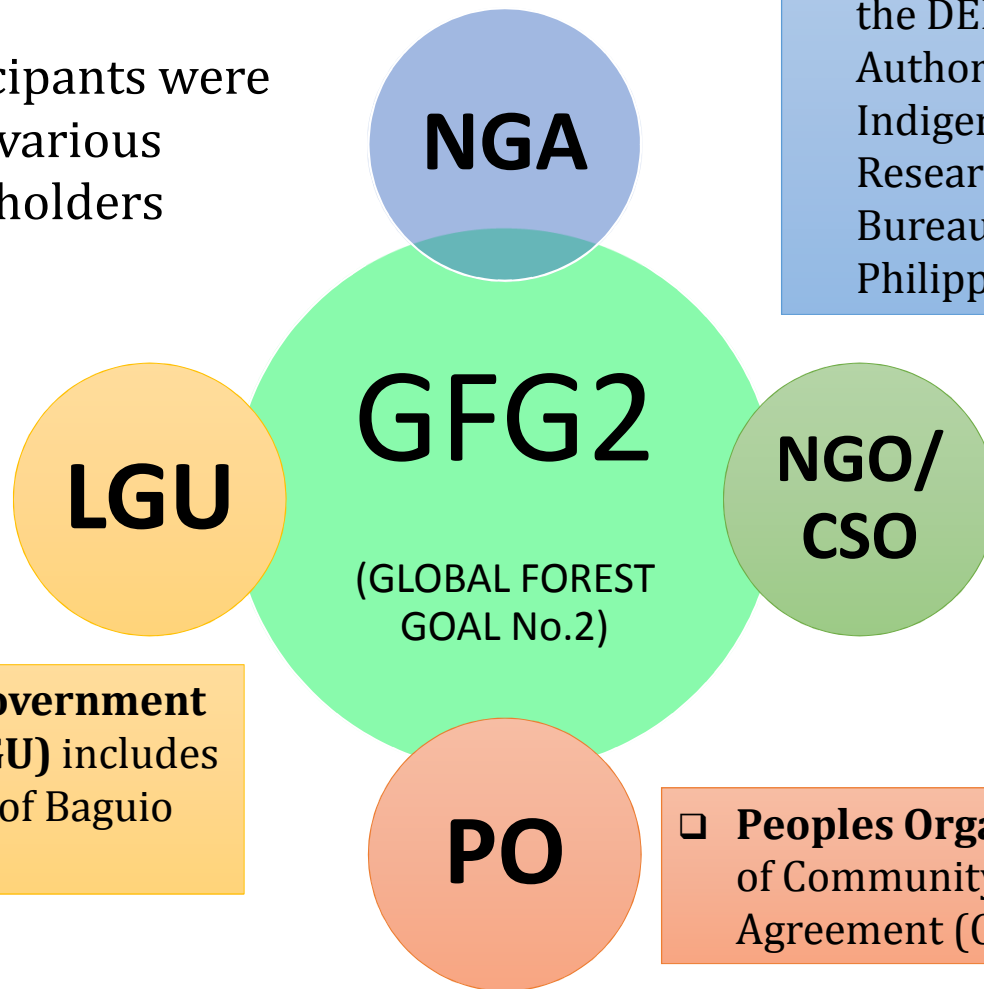
THE IN-HOUSE WORKSHOP

- ❑ Participants were from DENR-FMB
- ❑ The TWG presented the rationale and the reporting format including the data requirement
- ❑ Break-out sessions conducted based on the expertise of the participants. For GFG No. 2, the participants were tech. personnel from the Community Forestry Section, Forest Policy Section & the FRA National Correspondent.
- ❑ Filled-up the qualitative information requested under each GFG and its associated targets which was reviewed, and commented during the National Workshop



THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP

- ❑ Participants were from various stakeholders



- ❑ **National Government Agencies (NGA)** include the DENR-FMB, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Forest Products Research and Development Institute (FPRDI), Bureau of Soil and Water Management (BSWM), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

- ❑ **Non-Government Organization (NGO)/Civil Society Organization (CSO)** includes Forest Foundation Philippines

- ❑ **Local Government Unit (LGU)** includes the LGU of Baguio City

- ❑ **Peoples Organization (PO)** includes Holders of Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA)

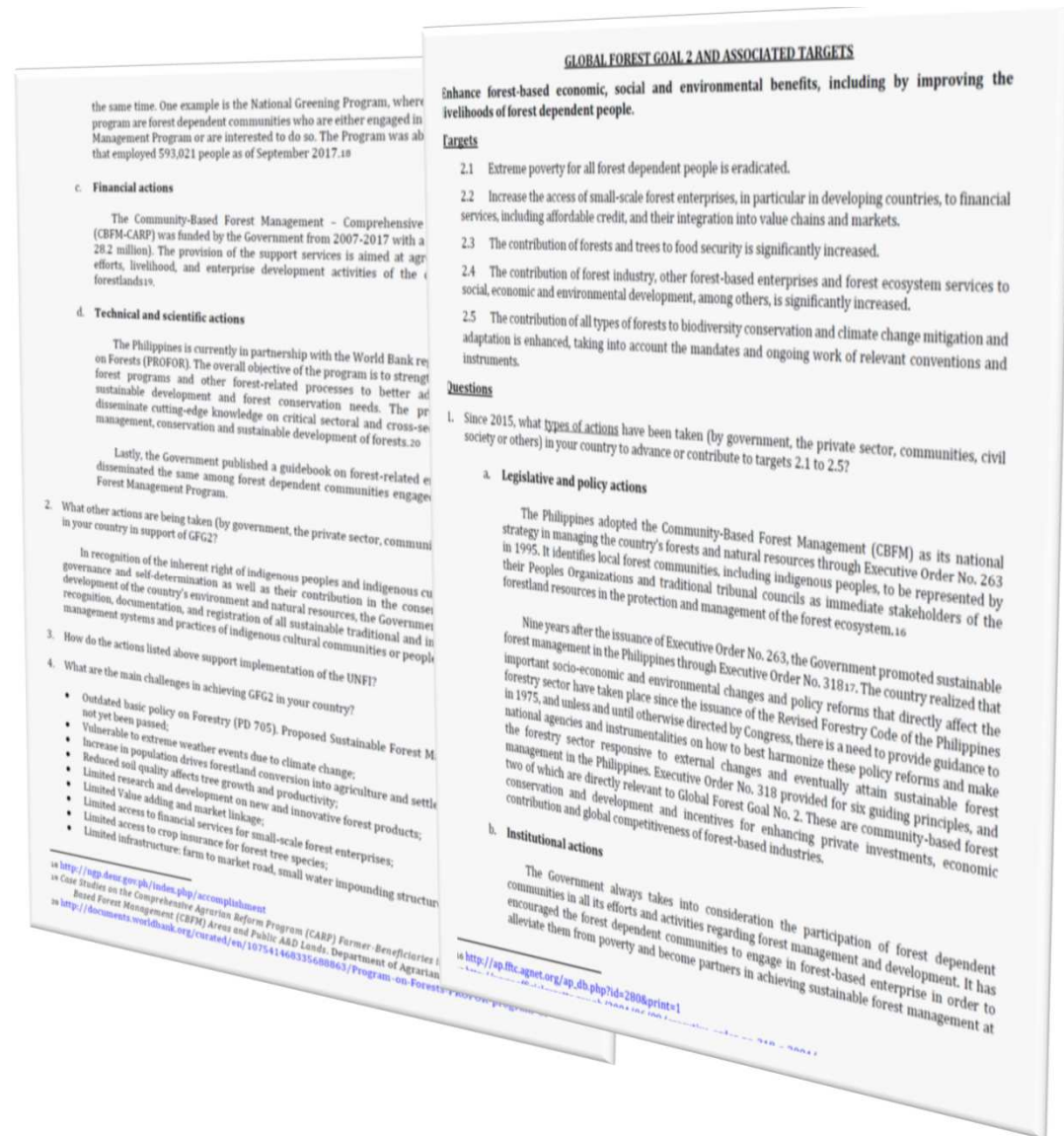
THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP

- ❑ The workshop was facilitated by the FMB-TWG and the UNFF Secretariat (Mr. Tomasz Juszcak)
- ❑ The participants took part in the review and updating of the data elements, policies, and actions that support the six (6) Global Forest Goals and associated Targets



REPORT PREPARATION

□ The result of the National Workshop was finalized and packaged by the members of the TWG, and eventually submitted to UNFF Secretariat



PROCESS OF GATHERING QUANTITATIVE DATA

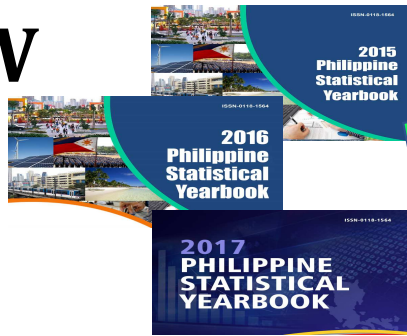
GFG No. 2 “ENHANCE FOREST-BASED ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, INCLUDING BY IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF FOREST DEPENDENT PEOPLE”



PROCESS FLOW



- ❑ Beneficiaries of all government programs and projects in the upland
- ❑ POs with the assistance of extension officer submit report to DENR Field offices



PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL YEARBOOK

PUBLISHED



Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Kagawaran ng Kapaligiran at Likas Yaman

CENTRAL Office



DENR Field Offices

- ❑ Forest Extension officers prepare and submit report
- ❑ DENR Field offices submit report to DENR Central office



PHILIPPINE FORESTRY STATISTICS

PUBLISHED



SOURCES OF DATA AND INFORMATION

- ❑ Reports submitted by the Peoples Organizations
- ❑ Reports submitted by the DENR Field Offices
- ❑ Philippine Forestry Statistics being published by the DENR-Forest Management Bureau
- ❑ Philippine Statistical Yearbook being published by the Philippine Statistics Authority



SOURCES OF DATA AND INFORMATION

- Annual Reports of ENR*
Projects e.g. The
National Greening
Program

NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM



BEYOND REFORESTATION

- Poverty Reduction
- Food Security
- Environmental Stability
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation



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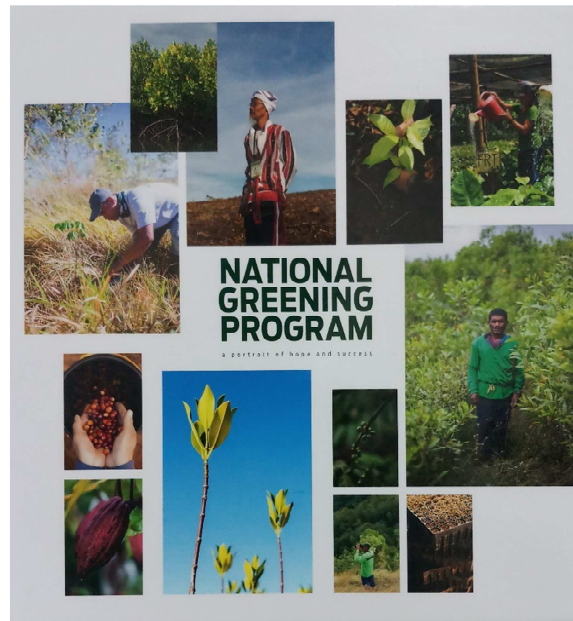
Planted 1.37
Billion Seedlings
of various species



*Environment and Natural Resources

SOURCES OF DATA AND INFORMATION

- ❑ Documentation of good practices of various ENR programs and projects i.e. NGP Coffee Table Book



NGP Coffee Table Book was launched on October 3, 2018

CHALLENGES AND SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS



CHALLENGES

- ❑ Weak baseline information on the socio-economic information of the upland communities and/or “forest-dependent people”
- ❑ No regular documentation and/or report submission on socio-economic data from DENR Field Offices
- ❑ Coordination with some data sources (other Offices)
- ❑ Socio-economic impacts of ENR programs and projects take time to be realized by the people due to long gestation/development period, thus documentation is quite challenging



SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

- ❑ The National Census should include information on the number and the socio-economic information of forest-dependent communities
- ❑ Establish and/or strengthen Institutional Arrangement with other data sources
- ❑ Improve capability in data and information gathering and management i.e. collection, archiving and/or databasing
- ❑ Conduct of assessment/documentation of various ENR Programs and projects highlighting socio-economic impacts
- ❑ Mainstream the collection of socio-economic data of forest-dependent people



THANK YOU!



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