

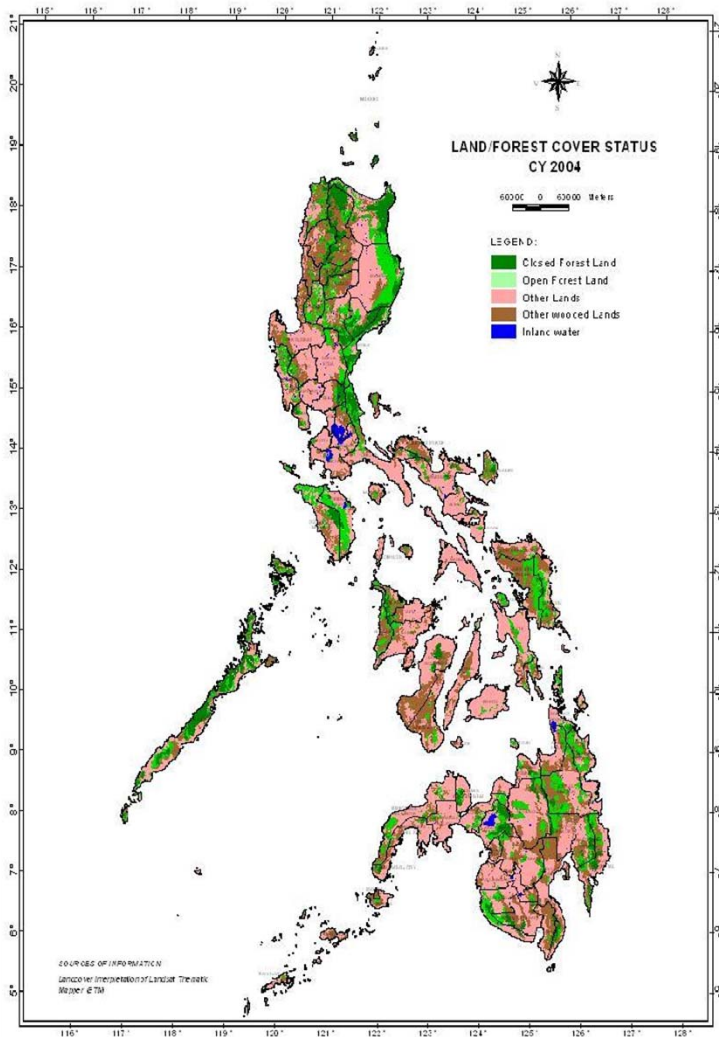


# **UPDATES ON TIMBER LEGALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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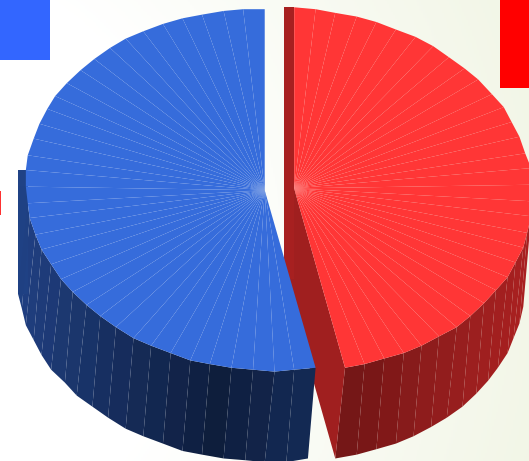
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# BASIC FORESTRY DATA – Land Classification



**15,792,333  
hectares  
(53%)**

**14,194,675  
hectares  
(47%)**

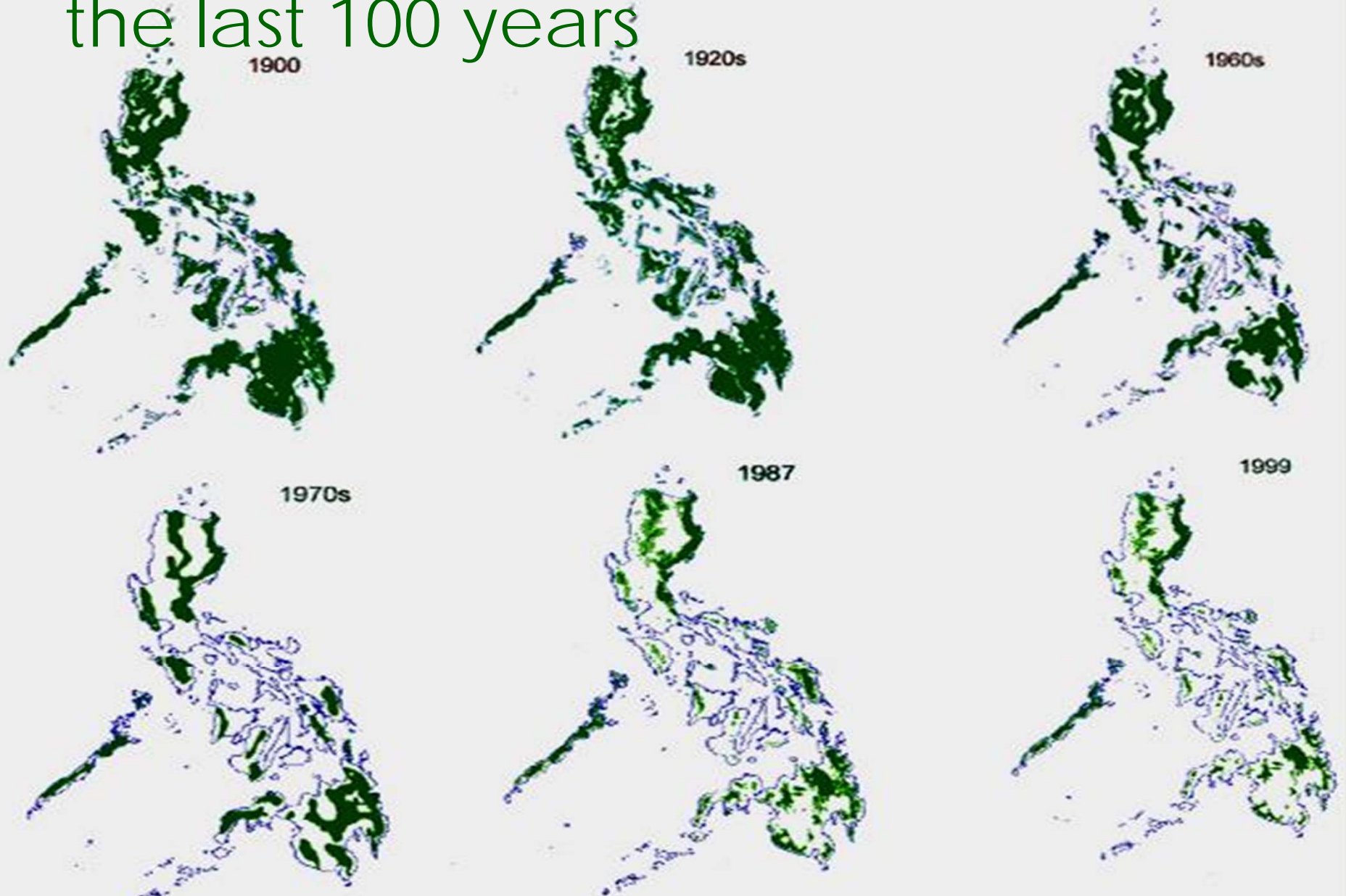


**Forestland/Timberland**  
**Alienable & Disposable Land**

**Total Land Area - 29,987,008 ha**

Source: NAMRIA as presented in the DENR Execom, 2014

# Extent of Natural Forest Cover Loss in the last 100 years



*ASEAN Economic Blueprint* outlined the key criteria & indicators for SFM ensuring MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO VERIFY LEGAL ORIGIN OF TIMBER.

ASEAN developed & approved 6 Elements of the *ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for Legality of Timber within the Phased - Approach to Forest Certification*

1. Compliance with all relevant forestry laws & regulations
2. Payment of statutory charges
3. CITES compliance
4. Implementation of a system that allows tracking of logs to the forest of origin (*back-to-the-stump*)
5. Timber harvested by parties who have legal rights
6. Comply with social & environmental aspects laws



ASEAN TIMBER  
LEGALITY  
ASSURANCE  
CRITERIA

PHILIPPINE LEGAL COMPLIANCE  
(documentary compliance)

1. Compliance with all relevant forestry laws & regulations	All entities that harvest timber are in possession of valid permit or license issued by appropriate authorities (Presidential Decree No. 705 - Basic Forestry Law in the Philippines.)
2. Payment of statutory fees & charges	DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-21 (Payment of forest charges for natural grown trees); DAO 1999-53 (Government share); DAO 2004-16 (Administrative fees; etc); Republic Act No. 7161 (re Forest charges) DAO 2004-30 (Annual Rental Fee)



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3. CITES  
compliance

DENR Administrative Order No. 2007-01 (list of threatened species), Except specific provisions of the agreement or licenses. Bans cutting of *Agathis Philippinensis*, all mangrove species, etc

4. Implementation  
of a system  
allowing the  
tracking of  
logs to the  
forest of  
origin;

DAO 2007-31 (Computer generated Certificate of Transport Origin /Certificate of Lumber Origin); DAO 1997-04 (Transport Certificate for Certificate of Minor Forest Products)  
DAO 1996-06 & 1996-11 (Log Control Monitoring System-LCMS)

**ASEAN TIMBER LEGALITY  
ASSURANCE CRITERIA**

**PHILIPPINE COMPLIANCE  
(documentary compliance)**

5. Timber harvested by parties who have legal rights to carry out the logging at designated forest based on an approved plans	Based on approved Comprehensive Development Management Plans, Five-Year Indicative Operations Plan, Indicative Plans, Community Resource Management Framework (pursuant to numerous existing guidelines on the matter)
6. Party who harvest the timber shall comply with the laws governing social and environmental aspects.	Presidential Decree 1586 (Philippine Environmental Impact Assessment System), Republic Act 8371 (Indigenous Peoples Rights Act Law for Free & Prior Informed Consent or FPIC)

*INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN  
IN PREPARATION FOR  
TIMBER LEGALITY  
ASSURANCE SYSTEM*



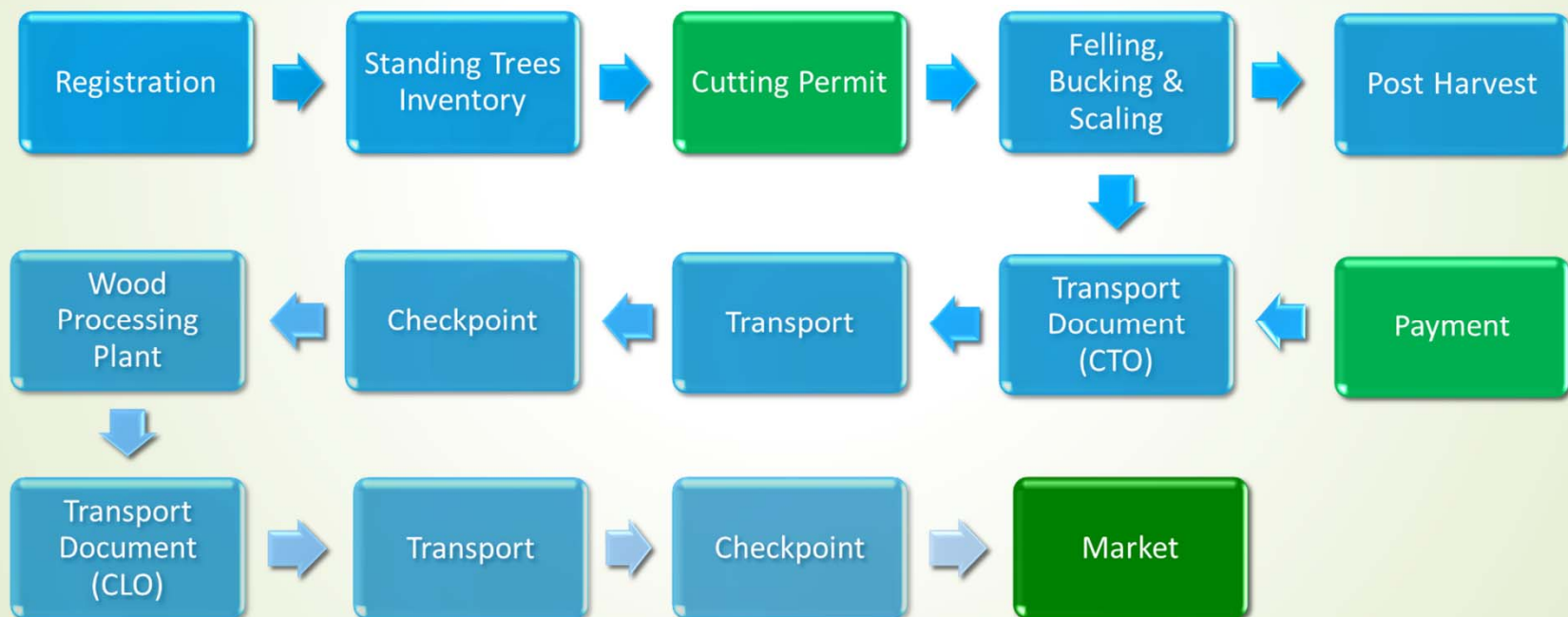
1. *Formulation of a national guideline on national certification scheme*  
*-in-progress*

*-- Review of the Phil. Criteria & Indicators for SFM*

*-- Aligned it with international Certification standards for accreditation purposes*

*-- Includes forest certification for FMUs & Chain-of-Custody for wood traders*

## *2. Development and Testing of a National Forest Stock Monitoring System (NFSMS) with Improved Governance Capabilities at All Levels of Forest Governance*



3. Formulated & implemented the Five-Year National Forest Protection Program of the country

-- Use & application of state of the-art technology in forest protection & law enforcement

-- Provision of logistical support by the government for effective FLE

-- Neutralize identified illegal logging hotspots by 2016

-- Equip & capacitate forest officers for improved FLE works

#### *4. Promoting Tree Plantation Development and Liberalizing Harvesting and Transport of Planted Trees*

*--there shall be a Forest Certifier accredited by DENR FMB to certify veracity and correctness of harvested and transported logs and derivatives*

**THANK YOU**  
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