

UPDATES ON TIMBER LEGALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES

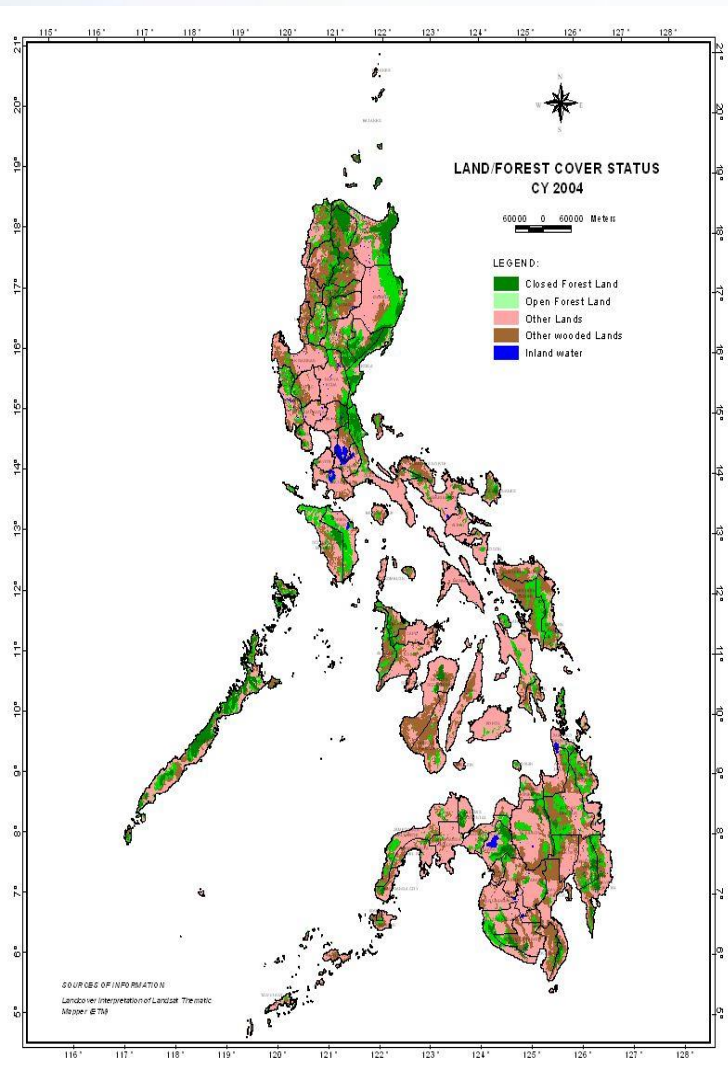


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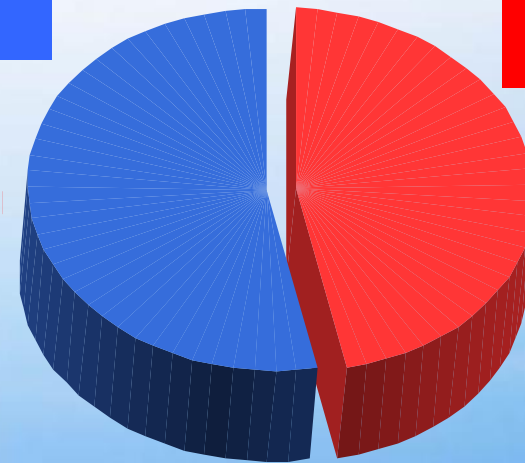


BASIC FORESTRY DATA - Land Classification



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



LEGAL TIMBER

Cutting, harvesting, gathering, transport, disposition, processing, trading & mere possession of timber & other forest products must be covered by an authorities issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as required by law.
(Presidential Decree No 705 & Executive Order 277).

Absence of the required authority, a crime of qualified theft is being committed.



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 by 2015, approved in April 2008.

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 (some call it *Royalties*)

DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-21 (*Payment of forest charges for natural grown trees*);
DAO 1999-53 (*Government share*);
DAO-2000-63 (*Administrative fees; etc*);
Republic Act No. 7161 (*re Forest charges*)

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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 <i>Agathis Philippinensis</i> , all mangrove species, etc
4. Implementation of a system that <u>allowing the tracking of logs to the forest of origin;</u>	DAO 2007-31 (<i>Computer generated Certificate of Transport Origin /Certificate of Lumber Origin</i>); DAO 1997-04 (<i>Transport Certificate for Certificate of Minor Forest Products</i>) DAO 1996-06 & 1996-11 (<i>Log Control Monitoring System-LCMS</i>)

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

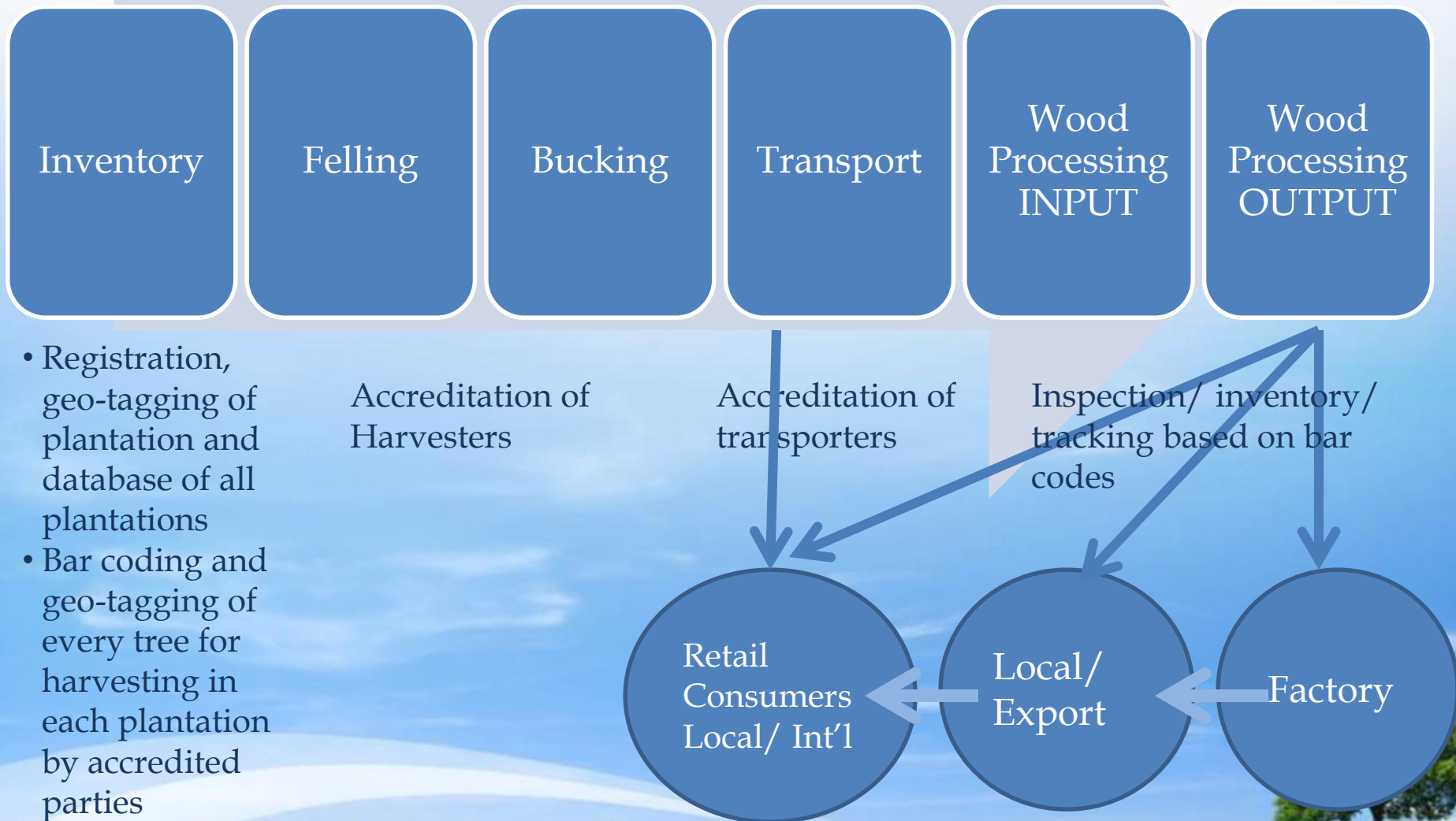
Based on approved Comprehensive Development Management Plans, Five-Year Indicative Operations Plan, Multi-Year Indicative Operations Plan
(pursuant to numerous existing guidelines on the matter)

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*)

RELIABLE TIMBER TRACKING SYSTEM

(Back-to-the-stump traceability & ensures legal of source of timber)



•Eliminate markets for illegal logs/forest products

PROJECT : Development and Testing of a National Forest Stocks System (NFSMS) with Improved Governance Capabilities at All Levels of Forest Governance

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1. 100% “Back to Stump” traceability for wood production;*
- 2. Verification of Legal Origin (VLO) features thru automated royalty/ taxes calculations based on CLO/CTO documentation;*
- 3. Improved system environment including field data entry capabilities and online, configurable, multi-tiered access.*



ONE of our PRIORITIES is pursue the development of *Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) for Philippines*

- DRAFT TLAS for Philippines will be based on the ASEAN Criteria & Indicators for SFM within the Phased - Approach to Forest Certification to comply with the Minimum Requirements to Verify Legal Origin of Timber.*
- Will be subjected to a multi-stakeholders consultation nationwide*
- Complimented with reliable timber tracking or TRACEABILITY system compliant with the back-to-the-stump requirement (considering the use of RFID, passive, color coded, use of handheld RFID readers, storage capable, retrievable)*
- Intends to have a working TLAS where verification procedures is fully operational*



THANK YOU

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