

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

# **MASTER PLAN FOR FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Master Plan for Forestry Development has been prepared to guide the long-term development of the forestry sector in the Philippines. In developing the Plan the participative strategy was adopted to ensure that it is not simply the product of a few people but of people and institutions concerned with forestry and environment. The planning process was carried out through extensive consultations with DENR's central and regional offices, lawmakers, farmer organizations, representatives from non-government organizations and the industry, conservation groups and respected professionals in forestry, resources management and related fields. All the while, the planning process was emphasized since it was sought to be institutionalized within DENR and other concerned agencies. The draft report was then subjected to a multi-sectoral review, as well as to a review by DENR's top executives from the central and regional headquarters.

The analytical work was carried out over a period of 18 months starting in January 1989. Based on updated land use and other data, the past and current state of the country's forestry sector were analyzed; alternative futures were projected; the Master Plan scenario covering forest products requirement and supply, amelioration of the environment, and conservation of bio-diversity was developed; and programs to attain the desired scenario were formulated.

The Master Plan programs cover the concerns on man and his environment; the management and utilization of forest resources to meet the needs of the Filipino people for products, employment, and economic development; and institutional development concerns to ensure that forest development proceeds in a planned and well-prepared manner. A major focus has been the provision of opportunities for people's participation in forestry development, management, and utilization so that they will firmly become agents of forest conservation, rather than of forest destruction.

The Master Plan was prepared through a technical assistance from the Asian Development Bank and the Finnish International Development Agency. The master-planning work was carried out jointly by DENR and a team of specialists managed by the Jaakko Poyry Oy of Finland and MADECOR of the Philippines. The Plan will also be reviewed by FAO. Comments for final incorporation in the final version of the Master Plan report from the donor community and other organizations concerned with forestry will be highly appreciated.

On behalf of DENR, I would like to express my appreciation to all organizations and individuals whose cooperation and support made possible the successful formulation of the Master Plan.

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