

DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Sustainable Forest Management,
Poverty Alleviation and Food Security
in Upland Communities in the Philippines
(Project PHI/01/010)

(The Revised Master Plan for Forestry Development)

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PREFACE

The review and revision of the 1990 Master Plan for Forestry Development was conducted primarily to reassess the situation of the forestry sector in consideration of the observed need to strengthen the institutions and the sector's policy environment and refocus its thrusts and directions in view of the current realities and emerging trends in the field of forestry and environment, both locally and internationally. The product of this review is the Revised Master Plan for Forestry Development which is envisioned to guide the long term development of the forestry sector in the Philippines. The planning process has been carried out through participatory consultations and workshops with the relevant stakeholders of the sector particularly the DENR central and regional offices, representatives from local government units, other government agencies, donor agencies, people's organizations, private sector, non-governmental organizations, and respected professionals in the fields of forestry, environment, natural resource economics and related fields.

The Revised Master Plan focuses on four strategic programs namely: programs on policy and institutions development, programs on watershed and forest management, programs on livelihood and poverty eradication, and programs on forest-based industries development. Among the subprograms identified, attention is centered on ten (10) priority subprograms as follows: a) policy reforms and institutions development, b) prioritization of watersheds together with integrated land use planning and forest boundary delineation, c) enhancement of management information system; information, education and communication; and research and development, d) sustainable management of residual forests and other natural forests and forest protection, e) forest area expansion through plantation development, assisted natural regenerations, and other means, f) protected area and biodiversity conservation, g) forest industries rationalization and development, h) sustainable management of grazing lands, i) full development of monitoring and evaluation system and the criteria and indicators for all forest types and management systems, and j) community-based forest management as a cross cutting strategy in all forest management systems.

The Revised Master Plan has been prepared through a funding support from the United Nations Development Program. The planning work was carried out by a team organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and coordinated by the Forest Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

On behalf of the DENR, I would like to express my appreciation to all organizations and individuals who have provided and shared their experiences, cooperation and support in the formulation of this Plan

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