

**Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Strategies
in the Philippines**

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**Multisectoral Forest
Protection Committees
(MFPC)**

MFPCs

Like-minded individuals and
organizations

- Media
- NGOS
- People's organizations
- Local police and military detachments
- Youth organizations
- Women's organizations
- Academe
- Other national and local government agencies

MFPCs

Like-minded individuals and
organizations

- Campaigning for effective protection of forests, particularly against illegal logging and related trade, including associated corruption
- Advocating greater public concern for forest conservation and forest protection
- Demanding government accountability in forest permitting and operations
- Committing their organization's resources to MFPC operations

MFPCs

- Originally, government-initiated, in 1996 as part of the WB-assisted Environment and Natural Resources Sectoral Adjustment Program
- Initial 16 MFPCs grew to more than 100 until mid-2000s
- Diverse paths taken since then; some faded away, others expanded to broader environment concerns, new ones evolved

MFPCs

-a few succumbed to influence of warring illegal logging patrons
-other self-styled "MFPCs" turned out to be doing illegal logging or trading themselves
- but in the main, many continued real MFPC work, and some members were killed or maimed
- ongoing spontaneous peoples' initiatives

Monitoring of transport of timber

Certificates of Timber Origin (CTO)
 Certificates of Lumber Origin (CLO)

CTO/CLO

- Computerized tracking of transport of timber and primary-processed wood



CTO/CLO

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CERTIFICATE OF TIMBER / LUMBER ORIGIN

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to Certify that _____ (Quantity unit of measure in words) _____ (Which is Blank) _____ (Types of Product) _____ (Place of Loading) _____ (Description of Conveyance) _____ (With the Load Level of _____ meters from floor to top most height) _____ (way cut, gathered and removed / processed from the forest area, said processing plant of _____ under _____

(SHIPPER'S COPY ONLY)

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PARTICULARS (TIMBER)

AAC: _____

Beginning Stock _____

Total Volume Manifested (TMB Date) _____

(1) Less: Not Shipped _____

(2) Total Shipment (TMB Date) _____

(3) Allowable Cut Balance (Previous AAC) _____

(4) Allowable Cut Balance _____

(5) Unshipped Balance (Previous AAC) _____

(6) Unshipped Balance (Previous AAC) _____

(7) Allowable Cut Balance _____

Note: Beginning Stock = AAC + Unshipped Balance

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Forest Stocks Monitoring System (FSMS)

RECENT COMPLIMENTARY APPROACHES AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Adoption & implementation of the Log Control and Monitoring Systems (LCMS) in 1996 to monitor movement of logs from the cutting areas to wood processing plants.

Replaced LCMS with the Forest Stocks and Monitoring Systems (FSMS) by including aspect of forest stocks and residual inventory of country's forest resources.

Creation & operationalization of Task Force Sagip Kalikasan (Save Nature-TFSK) in 2004-2005 to act with dispatch in all reported illegal logging hotspot in the country.

Creation & operationalization of the National Anti-Environmental Crime Task Force (NAECTAF) thru Executive Order No. 516 issued on 15 March 2006 by the President of the Philippines mainly to investigate and prosecute violations against environmental laws.

Starting January 2008, adopted the computer generated and issuance of Certificate of Timber Origin (CTO) & Certificate of Lumber Origin (CLO) as supporting documents in transporting timber and lumber.

The on-going rationalization plan of the government thru Executive Order No. 366 issued on October 4, 2004, will trim down the public sector employment by as much as 40% when fully implemented.

FSMS

- Also developed under WB-assisted SECAL program in 1998
- Originally, Log Control Monitoring System (LCMS)
- Now undergoing system improvement (3rd generation FSMS)

FSMS

- Computerized database that integrates data for Selective Logging System in each Forest Management Unit
- Tracks from individual standing tree, through transport to mill

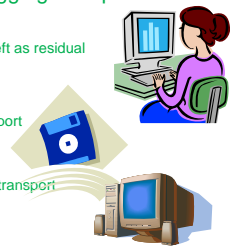
FSMS

Data from phases of Selective Logging System
Data on tree marking in logging set-ups

Report on trees cut and trees left as residual growing stock

Skidding and bucking report

Loading and log transport report



Other recent developments

Executive Order No. 516 dated 15 March 2006 created the **National Anti-Environment Crime Task Force (NAECTAF)**

* Mainly to investigate and prosecute violations against environmental laws. Operations under the direct supervision of the DENR Secretary.

* Apprehended and confiscated some 16,642 cubic meter of logs and lumber throughout the country, valued at PhP 53,902,591.00 or about USD 1,978,835, from 2006-2007.

* Filing of numerous criminal complaints in courts to suspected violators (2007, *NAECTAF Report*).

Task Force Sagip Kalikasan (Save Nature) created by DENR Special Order No. 2004-888 dated on December 2004 under the direct supervision of the DENR Secretary operating on a 24-hour basis and strikes anywhere throughout the country.

* Apprehended and confiscated of some 5,845 cubic meter of logs and lumber throughout the country, valued at PhP 57,965,353 or about USD1,449,133 from later part of 2004 to 2005. (2005, *Task Force Sagip Kalikasan Executive Report*).

* Million of pesos of chainsaws and conveyances confiscated and forfeited in favor of the government.

* Numerous criminal complaints were filed in courts for violation of forestry laws, rules and regulations.