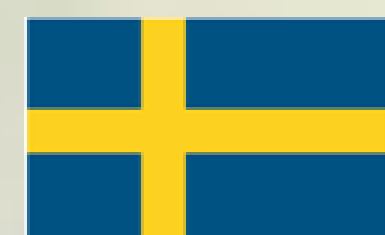


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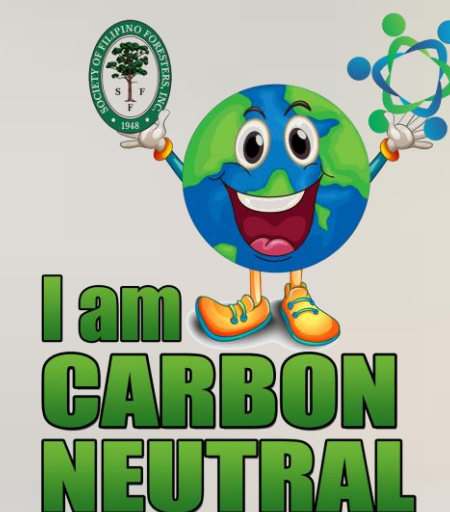
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9088

The **Sustainable Forest Management Act:**

*A Response to Forest Degradation, Upland Poverty,
Climate Change and National Development*

21 October 2019 | Sofitel Plaza, Manila

Outline



- **Ambisyon Natin 2040**
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Ambisyon Natin 2040



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Ambisyon Natin 2040 Goals



1. Trabaho at mas mataas na sahod
2. Mas kumikitang mga negosyo
3. Edukasyon at kalusugan para sa lahat
4. Pabahay at mas maayos na transportasyon
5. Kahandaan sa mga kalamidad
6. Kapayapaan at seguridad sa buong bansa
7. Tapat na pamahalaang tumatayo sa pangangailangan ng mga Pilipino

PDP 2022



Philippine
Development Plan
2017-2022

The Philippine
Development
Plan 2017-
2022.mp4

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Goals



- PDP --- medium term plans anchored on long-term vision (four 5-year plans leading to Ambisyon Natin 2040)
 1. Foundation for inclusive growth
 2. High-trust & resilient society
 3. Globally-competitive knowledge economy
- Three Pillars: Malasakit, Pagbabago, at Patuloy na Pag-unlad
- Ultimate Goal: Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na buhay

Question!



What do these plans say
about forestry and the
natural environment?

Sustainable Development Goals



[A Look at the Sustainable Development Goals.mp4](#)

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

Question!



SDG 15 says Life on Land,
does this connect to PDP and Ambisyon Natin
2040?

How does SDG 15 connects to
other SDGs in the
Philippine context ?

Sustainable Forest Management



Forest is Life
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An Audio-video Production of the SFFI and
Partner Stakeholders

Gist



SFM bridges the
natural with the urban
and rural
environments...

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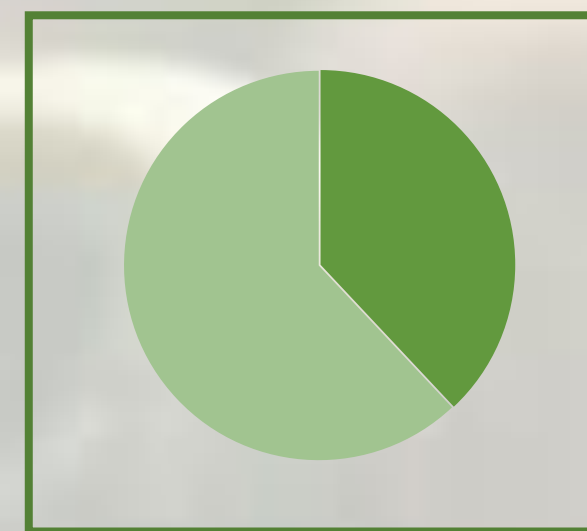


Sustainable Forest Management Act (SFMA)

Issues & Concerns: A Rationale



**PD 705 became
irresponsive**



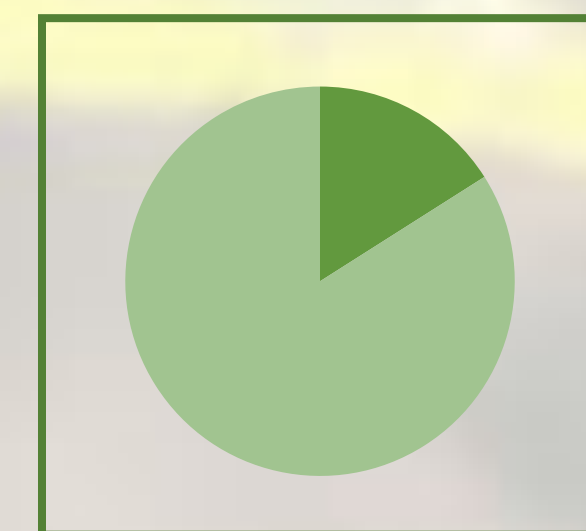
**Forest cover
reduced to 38%**



**25 M forestland
settlers**

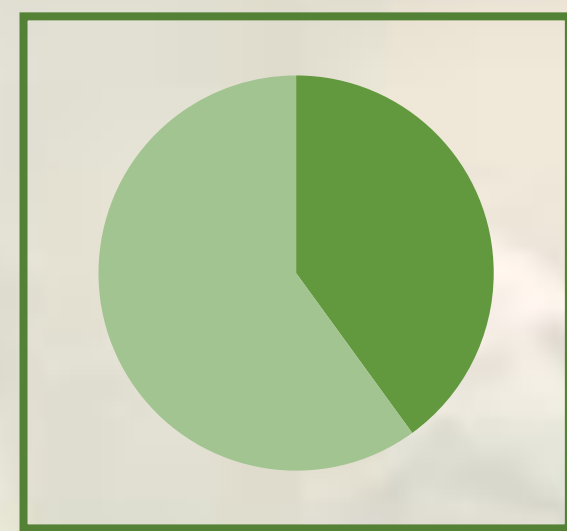


**Negative 26.7% GVA
of forestry**



**Only 16% of
National Wood
Demand being met**

Issues & Concerns: A Rationale



**40% fresh water
supply reduction by
2030**



**Agricultural lands
expanding at 9.67 M
hectares**



**Only 7% of original
habitats remaining
(biodiversity loss)**

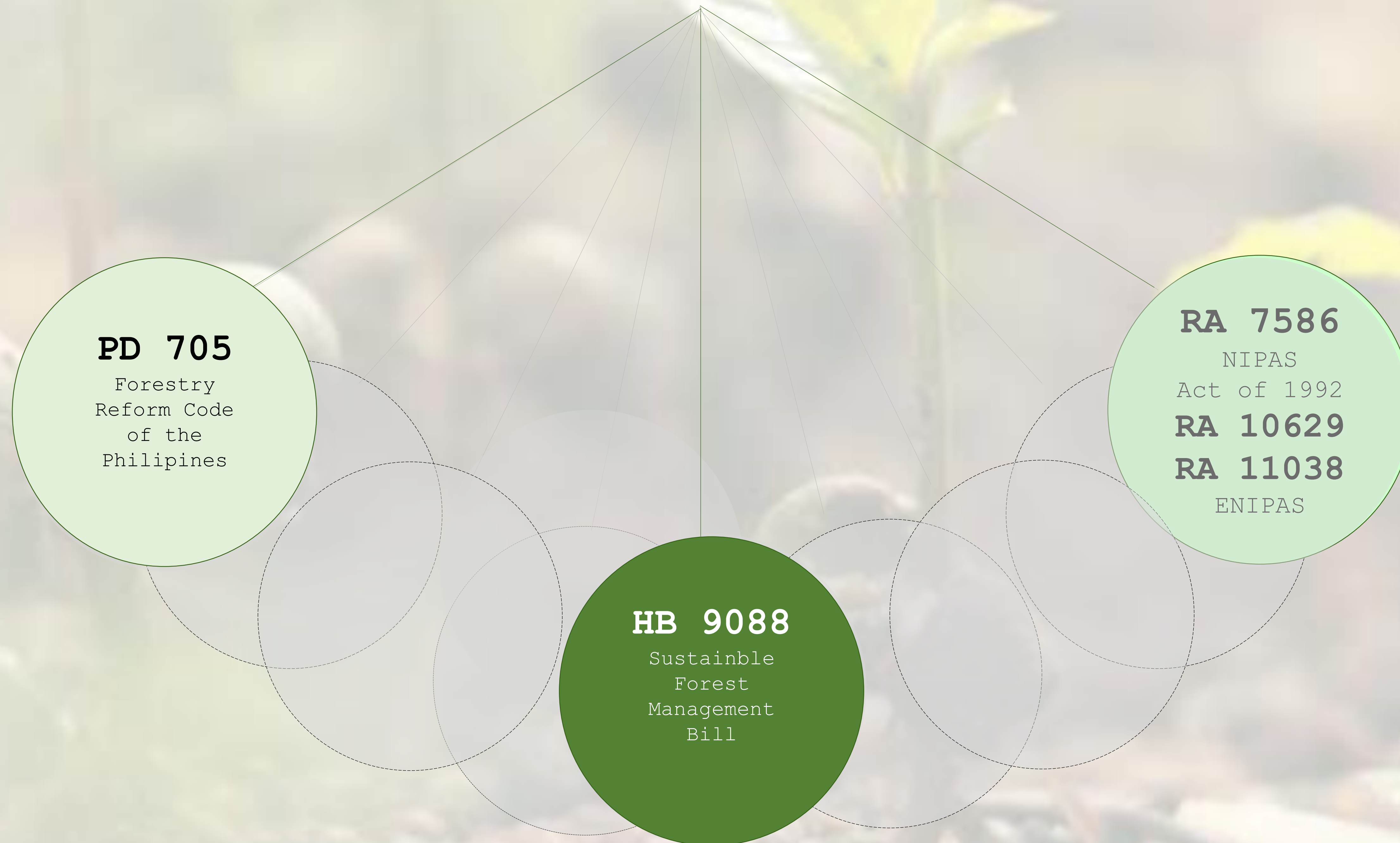


**Ranks 111th in terms
of Air Quality with
Carbon Emission of
128 MtCO₂
(37th Globally)**



**Energy demand
expected to double
by 2030**

Why the SFM Bill?



Background



HB 1213

Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu

HB 1171

Rep. Pia S. Cayetano

HB 1104

Rep. Teddy B. Baguilat

HB 907

Rep. Fredenil H. Castro

HB 50

Rep. Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun

HB 1893

Rep. Arthur R. Defensor, Jr.

HB 5194

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva

HB 9088



Sustainable Forest Management Bill

House Bill No. 9088

**“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT AND FOREST LANDS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

Authors:

Reps. Fortun (L), Castro (F.H.), Baguilat, Jr., Cayetano,
Yu (D.G.), Defensor, Villanueva, Escudero, Arenas,
Bravo (A.), Bolilia, Aquino-Magsaysay, Zubiri,
Abellanosa, and Suansing



Objectives



General Objective of the Bill

To optimize the utilization of forest resources to support sustainable development of the country by providing equitable access and benefit sharing to stakeholders.

Deregulate forest lands and resources management

Provide sustainable livelihood and enterprises

Strengthen institutional mechanism to respond to forest management concerns

Establish the sustainable forest development fund (SFDF)

Re-orient the FMB to proactively respond to SFM

Maintain forest cover to sustain ecological services

Key Provisions



1. Adopts the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Strategy as Policy Framework

SFM shall be the overarching policy framework, while utilizing watershed as the basic reference landscape in the development and management of reforestation, plantation development, biodiversity conservation, ecotourism, renewable energy and other related activity.

Key Provisions



2. Pursues community-based forest management approach

The challenge of managing forests for poverty alleviation and sustainability, and ensuring the participation of all sectors of society may be achieved thru the CBFM approach. It also creates a community-based forest law enforcement team from representatives of stakeholders in a particular watershed.

Key Provisions



3. Categorizes protection and production forest lands

Forest lands shall be clearly categorized into protection and production for purposes of management and planning. In effect, it shall prescribe the permissible interventions that may be done in these areas while contributing to their respective functions and required services for human well-being and security.

Key Provisions



4. Identifies the forest management units (FMU)

FMUs shall serve as the basic development and management unit under the Act. Further, it identifies the qualified managers of FMUs under the principle of equitable use.

Key Provisions



SFM Bill

Forest
Management
Agreements
(FMA)

Forest Management
Agreements (FMAs) on:

- Agroforestry plantation
- Forest plantation with processing plant
- Ecotourism development
- Special uses

5. Introduces the Forest Management Agreement as contract

The Forest Management Agreement (FMA) shall serve as a contract by and between the State and qualified persons, for the exploration, development, and utilization of forest lands and forest resources. The same shall be valid for 25 years renewable for the same number of years subject to achievement of objectives.

Key Provisions



SFM
Bill

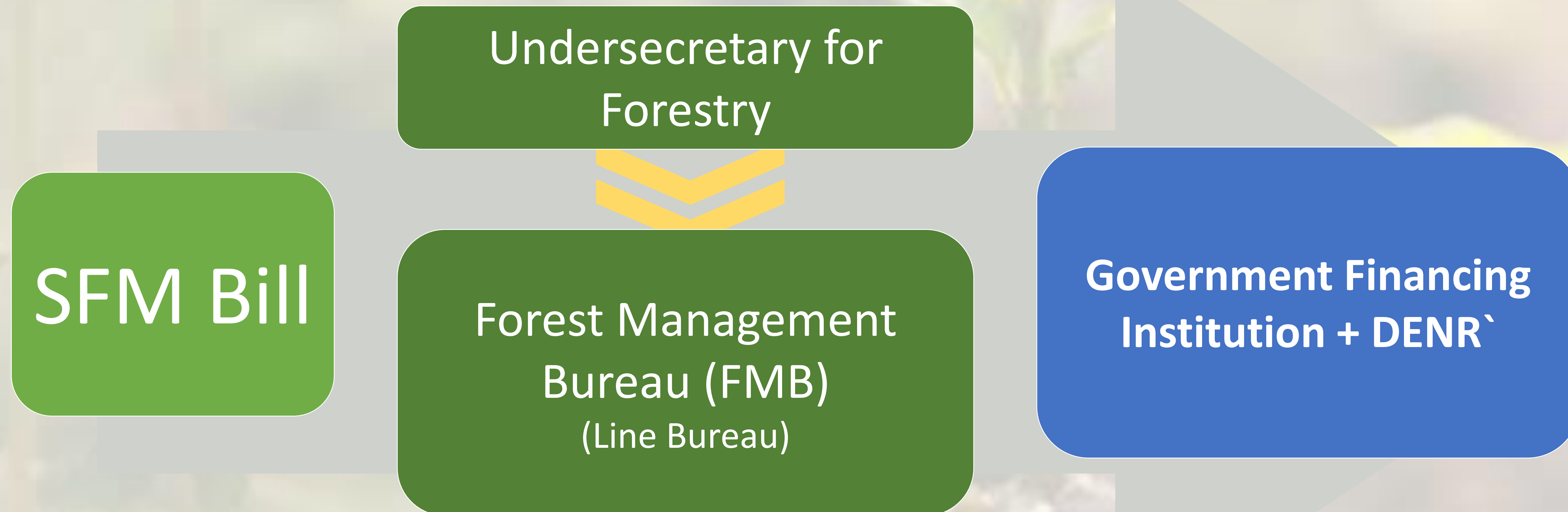
Sustainable Forest
Development Fund
(SFDF)

Government Financing
Institution + DENR

6. Establishes the Sustainable Forest Development Fund (SFDF)

Implementation of forest development projects proposed by qualified managers of FMUs is expected to generate a huge demand for financing therefore the SFDF. It shall be concessional but productively managed by a competent government financing institution together with the DENR.

Key Provisions



7. Reconstitutes the Forest Management Bureau into a line bureau under the DENR

Implementing the SFM shall need a direct hand. FMB being the appropriate government body can be re-focused and mobilized to do the job. However, there should be a shift from being a "staff" to a "line" bureau for this to happen.

Key Provisions



SFM Bill

Forest Development
incentives

Agroforestry economic
zones, BOI, existing statutes,
etc.

8. Provides incentives for those engaged in forest investment and management

Forest investment, before it can generate substantial gains, would require longer gestation periods. Therefore, the government must be able to reinforce FMUs being they achieve productivity and contribution. Incentives in terms of tax exemptions and grace period for fees are imperative.

Key Provisions



9. Promotes professionalization in the forestry service

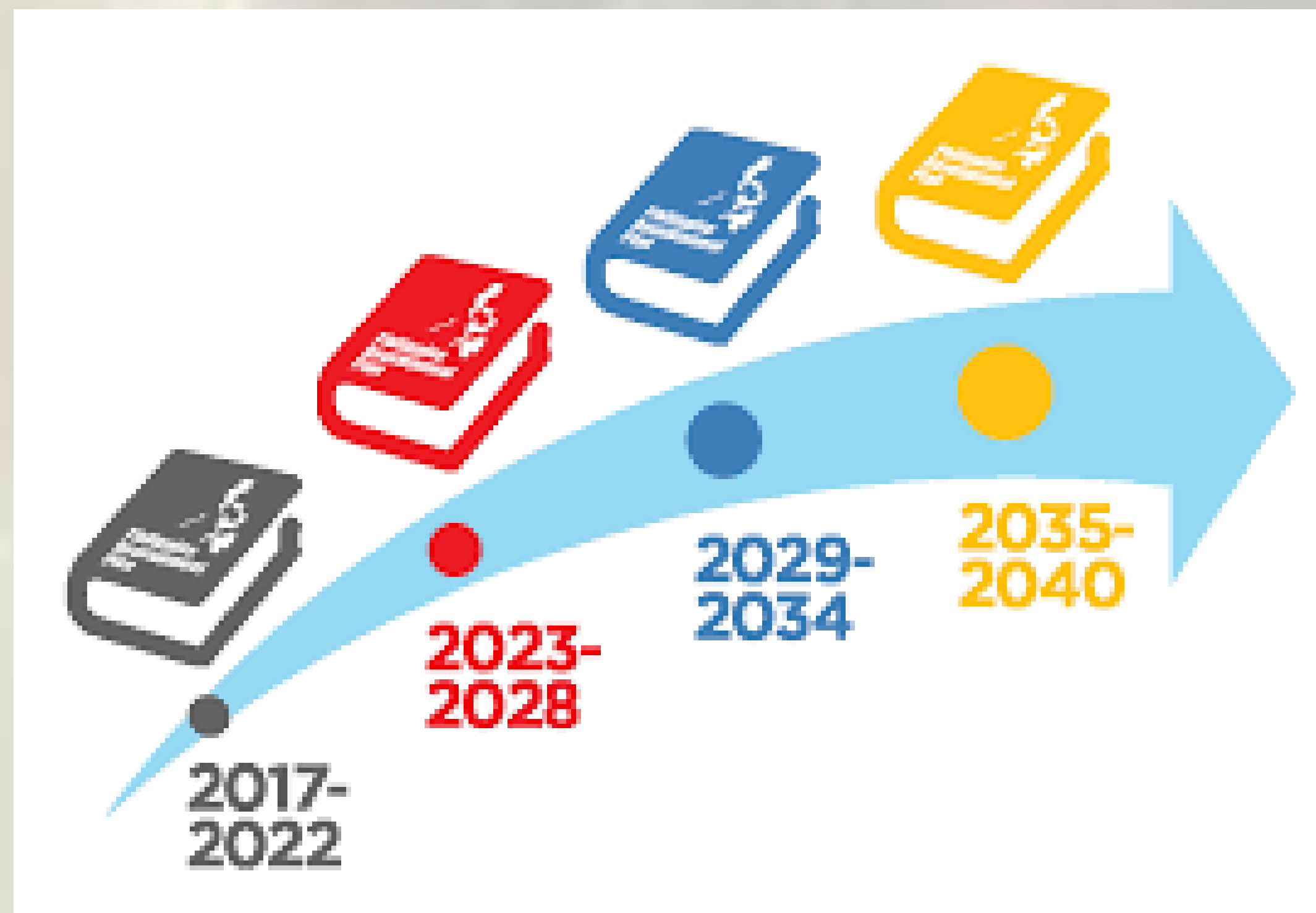
Throughout the FMU development and management process, Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) will be authorized to render professional service to FMU Holders. All FMUs, whether for protection, production or their mix purposes, will have to undergo the appropriate and sustainable forestland management process. This is consistent with Republic Act 10690 or the "Forestry Profession Act" that regulates the practice of the profession and promotes CPD. All RPFs shall obtain a seal of a design and make authorized by the Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) for Foresters.

Situating Forestry in PDP



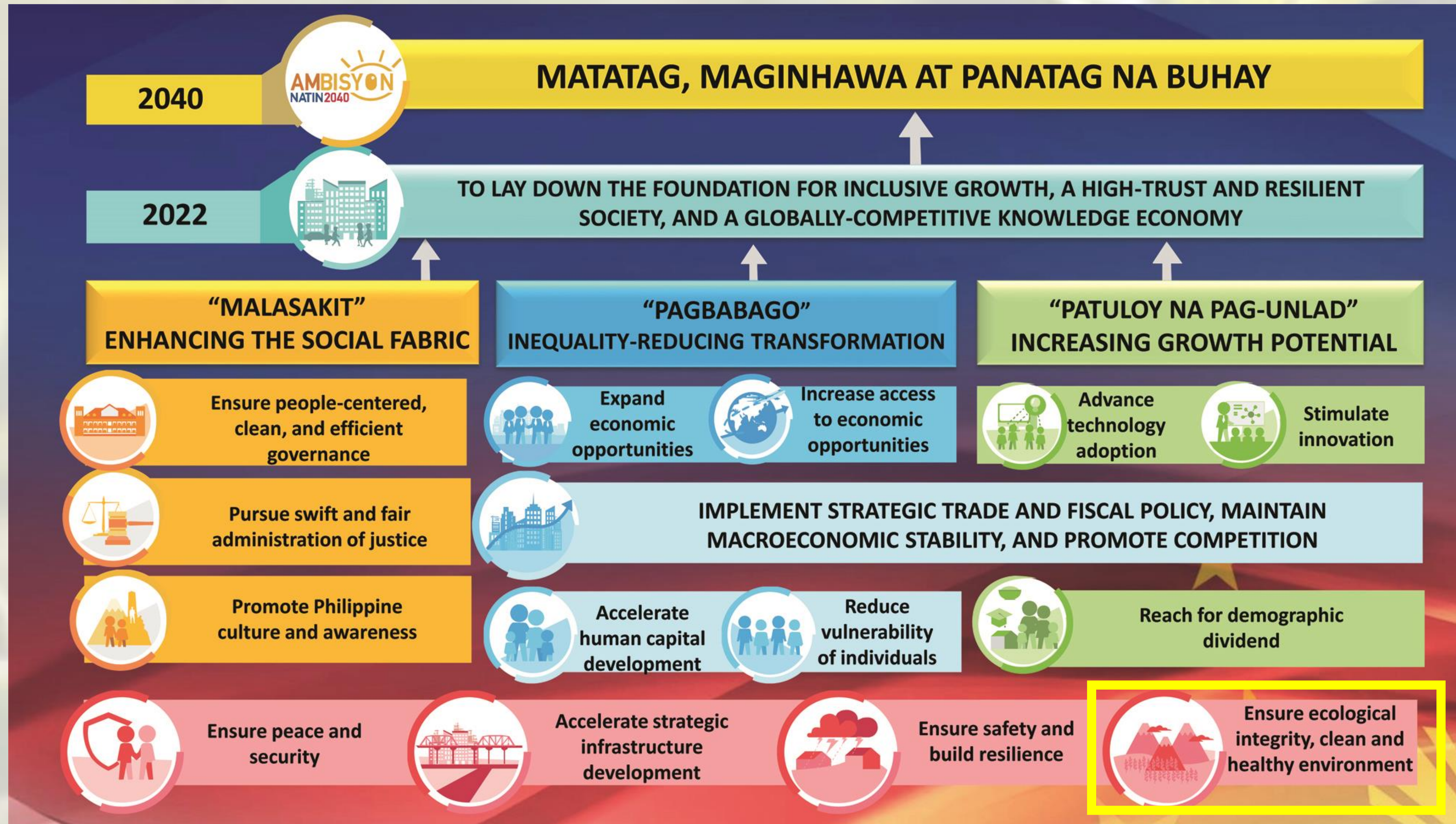
Going back, where do we situate FORESTRY AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN THESE PLANS?

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

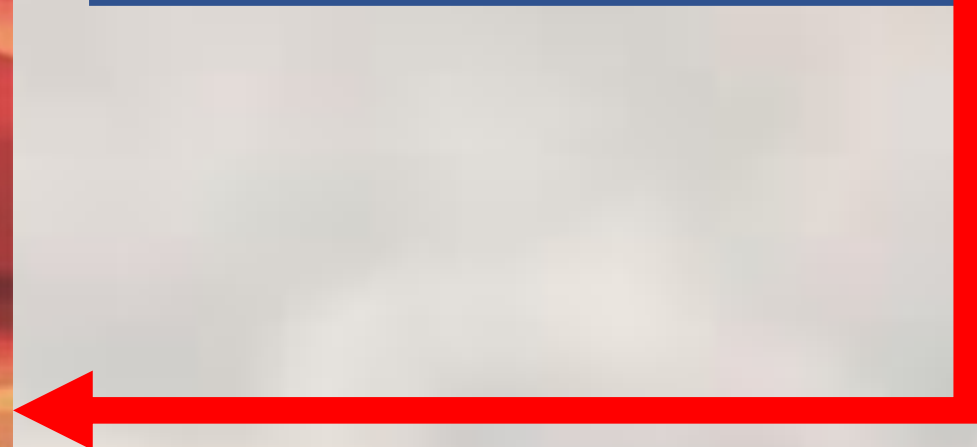


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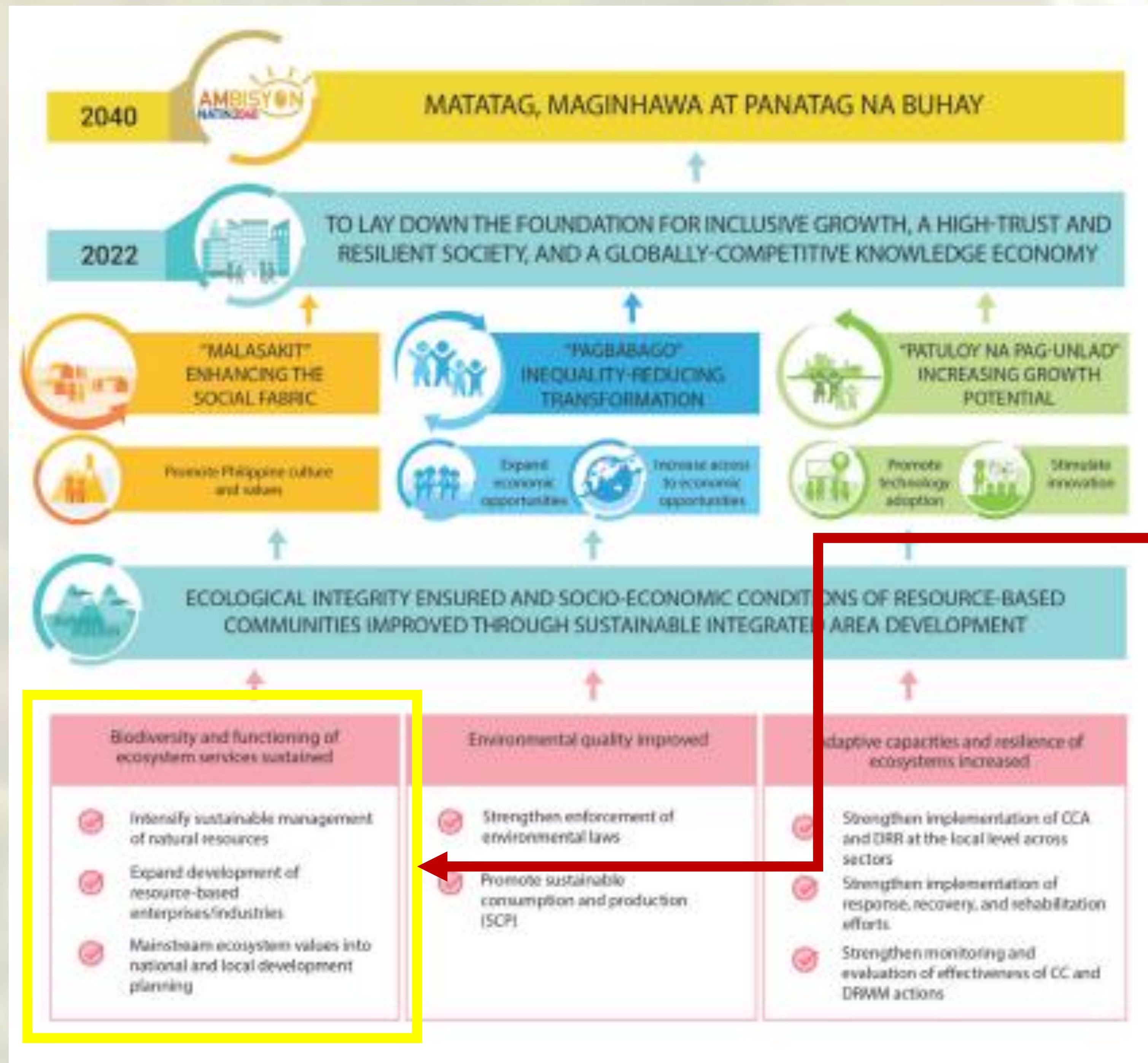
Situating Forestry in PDP



The PDP Framework mentions of **“ENSURING ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY, CLEAN, AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT”**



Situating Forestry in PDP



"ENSURING ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY, CLEAN, AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT"

Was elaborated into three areas including:

"Biodiversity and functioning ecosystem services sustained"

1. Intensify sustainable management of natural resources;
2. Expand development of resource-based enterprises/industries; &
3. Mainstream ecosystem values in national and local development planning.

Conclusion



1. Term FORESTRY was not mentioned but impliedly captured under the PDP Framework
2. LIMITED forestry valuation
3. Forestry role critical as FOUNDATION for AMBISYON NATIN 2040
4. Opportunity for EMPHASIZING forestry in the succeeding PDPs
5. PMPCRFD of FMB highlights Forestry's intrinsic value

Our Advocacy



Ang Kabundukan ay
ang Pangkabuhayan
(AKAP)



Thank you

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Bill Comparison



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Forestry an element of Development



Forestry a foundation of Sustainable Development



Forestry a Key to Economic Development



Forestry a Key to Human Well-Being & Security



Production-focused Forestry



Balanced protection & production Forestry



Bill Comparison



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Forests as sources of priced wood and non-wood products



Forests as sources of invaluable ecosystem goods and services



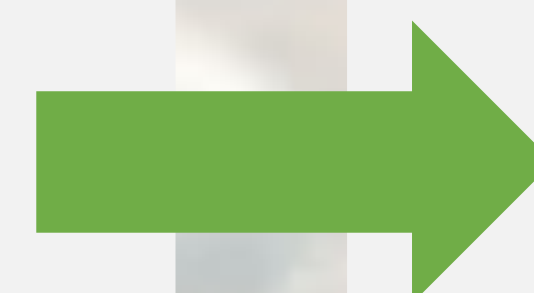
State-driven



Multi-stakeholder-driven



Limited role of LGUs, OGAs, & CSOs



Enhanced role of LGUs, OGAs & CSOs



Bill Comparison



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Forests largely without formal management



Forests subdivided into FMUs



Forestry a Corporate Enterprise



Forestry an Inclusive Business Enterprise



Unstable Climate for Forestry Investments



Enhanced Climate for Responsible Private Investments



Bill Comparison



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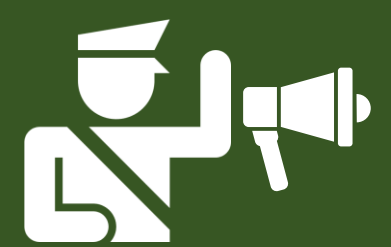
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DENR as police, regulator & developer



DENR as Empowered Law Enforcer & Facilitator of Inclusive Forestry



FMB as Staff Bureau



FMB as Line Bureau



Limited Role of Academe & Research



Enhanced Role of Academe & Research

