

# PHILIPPINES

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## Country Report

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# Progress in the Establishment of a National Forest Certification System and Related Initiatives

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- The draft guidelines to establish a national certification system in the country was presented to different stakeholders for a new round of policy consultation
- While waiting for its approval and issuance, a series of information and awareness activities on forest certification is being done to a wide range of stakeholders including consumers

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- The Interim National Governing Board (INGB) established in 2016 started its work waiting for the issuance of the guidelines for the establishment of forest certification in the country
- INGB members undergone Capacity building on Forest Certification
- The road map for the establishment of forest certification system was drafted and being finalized this year creating different technical working groups and a secretariat to administer its work.

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- For standard setting, a Technical Committee organized by the Bureau of Philippine Standards started to work on the draft standards for forest and forest products
- Currently the Committee is working on the standards for Chain of Custody

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## Related Initiatives:

- We are on the completion stage in developing an electronic timber tracking system with 100% back to the stump traceability
- Pilot testing to different types of Forest Management Unit (FMU) was planned for wider application and improvement of the system

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