

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF FOREIGN ASSISTED PROJECTS

For the year 1996, the DENR Foreign Assisted Projects (FAPs) performed well in achieving their targets. The performance was not only measured by the physical accomplishment but on the effect of the various inputs/interventions of the projects on the lives of the direct beneficiaries of the projects.

Accomplishments of FAPs Per Key Result Area

Reforestation was one of the major activities of FAPs this year. Total area of targeted new plantations this year was 16,521 hectares. Of this total, 12,366 hectares were established and planted or an accomplishment of 75%. Major contributor to this accomplishment were: the Forestry Sector Project-ADB with an accomplishment of 5,107 hectares; Low Income Upland Communities Project (LIUCP) with 3,867 hectares; Environment and Natural Resources Sectoral Adjustment Loan (ENR_SECAL), with an area of 2,439 hectares. BIPP planted a total of 930 hectares of new tree plantation.

Agroforestry Development - Four Projects engaged in agroforestry development completing a plantation area of 2,292 hectares of the targeted hectareage of 4,930 or an accomplishment of roughly 46%. ENR-SECAL established a total of 1,285 hectares of plantation area, while LIUCP accomplished 941 hectares. RP-GERMAN Cebu Upland Project and the Community Forestry Project in Quirino (CFPQ) also contributed to this key result area.

Seedling Production - 7.7 million seedlings were raised these year to supply the plantation seedling requirements of the Projects and to supply private initiatives to reforest their lands. ENR-SECAL alone, produced a total of 5.7 million seedlings while BIPP produced 1.8 million seedlings, 230,000 of which were distributed to private individuals. These people were inspired by the apparent success of BIPP to plant on the seemingly unproductive cogonal lands.

Infrastructure Development - A total of 230 km. of new roads were constructed. by the projects. This made it easier for the beneficiaries to bring their products to the market. Better mobility of the community residents was also enhanced.

Information, Education and Communication - Various forms of media were used to convey environmental awareness/conciousness among the great number of the population. A total of 54,494 IEC materials were distributed this year. Contests with environmental theme or subject were undertaken. Radio programs, documentaries on environmental protection were aired to reach the masses.

Forest, Marine and Wildlife Protection - A total of 582,727 hectares of forest land were protected. while a total of 500 thousand hectares of marine and wetlands were also patrolled. As a result, illegal loggers and wildlife poachers were caught and cases were filed against them. The Conservation of Priority Protected Areas Project (CPPAP) spearheaded this activity.

Aside from directly improving the environment, the economic lot of the people was also

enhanced through the establishment of livelihood projects. The ENR_SECAL has assisted/helped various communities set up livelihood projects and cooperatives by training them the management of a cooperative and produce products which can be sold for additional income. Seed money was also made available to the communities. The LIUCP for its part empowered the communities, particularly the indigenous people by providing them employment and facilities such as roads, irrigation system, potable water system, schools and health facilities.

Issuance of Tenurial Instruments- Projects also issued various forms of tenurial instruments. Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claims were facilitated for distribution by ENR_SECAL, Natural Resources Management Program (NRMP), and by the Community Forestry Program in Quirino.. This is in recognition to the rights of the indigenous peoples to their ancestral domain and to preserve the diversity and integrity of their cultures thereby helping them pursue their dream for self determination . Certificates of Forest Management Agreements popularly known as CFMA were also issued by the ENR-SECAL, Forestry Sector Project (ADB) CFPQ and NRMP. The Second Palawan Integrated Area Development Project (SPIADP) on the other hand issued a total of 3,000 patents for the year under review.

On the brown environment, various Projects introduced various schemes to clean the environment. Projects under this sector were: Pasig River Rehabilitation Program-River Rehabilitation Secretariat (PRRP-RRS), Metropolitan Environmental Improvement Program, Industrial Environmental Management Project and the Industrial Pollution Control Project in Cebu.

On institutional strengthening, the Integrated Environmental Management and Sustainable Development project made significant contribution in the formulation of policies to achieve sustainable development in the country.