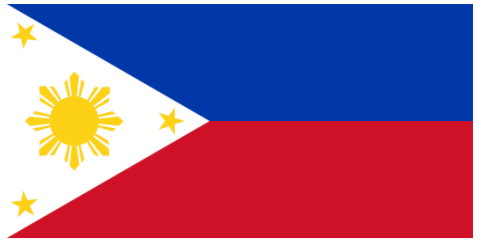




CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION OF FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



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PHILIPPINES

Current status and challenges

- Only 0.8 M ha of pristine forest remains; 7.2M ha (24%) are classified as forest lands.
- Included as one of megadiversity countries but also a biodiversity hotspot.
- 99 critically endangered and 187 endangered plant species.
- Upland population of >20M experiencing massive poverty.



National priorities

- A National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) with 6 major strategies and 17 thrusts.
- 206 conservation priority areas and species conservation priorities collectively known as the Philippine Biodiversity Conservation Priorities (PBCP)
- A total of 99 protected areas with an aggregate area of 2.9M ha have already been proclaimed under NIPAS

Policy and institutional support

- **Republic Act No. 7586** (National Integrated Protected Area System Law) - provides for the establishment and management of protected areas in the Philippines.
- **Republic Act No. 9147** (the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act)
- **Executive Order No. 578** (Policy of the State on Biological Diversity)



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