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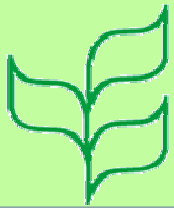
Philippine Experience in REDD-plus Actions – Biodiversity and Indigenous and Local Community

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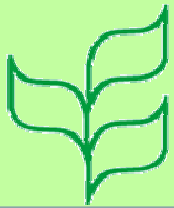


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National experience with REDD-plus

- **The DENR-Forest Management Bureau (DENR-FMB) and the CoDe REDD spearheaded the formulation of the Philippine National REDD-Plus Strategy (PNRPS)**
 - DENR-FMB – the government agency responsible for the management of the country's forest resources
 - CoDe-REDD is a nongovernment organization composed of forest-based communities and civil society organizations that are involved in livelihood, conservation, and community development projects in Philippine forests and are working towards pro-community and pro-conservation REDD thru REDD plus advocacy.



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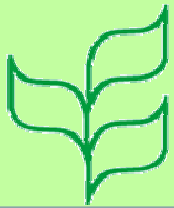


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National experience with REDD-plus

- ❖ **Republic Act 9729 Re: Climate Change Act of 2009**
 - Creation of the Climate Change Commission (CCC)
- ❖ **National Framework Strategy for Climate Change (2010)**
 - To build the adaptive capacity of communities and increase the **resilience of natural ecosystems** to climate change, and optimize mitigation opportunities towards sustainable development
- ❖ **Executive Order 881 issued in April 2010**
 - CCC to coordinate existing climate change initiatives, REDD-Plus, and other similar mechanisms
 - Designates DENR as the operational implementer of REDD-Plus



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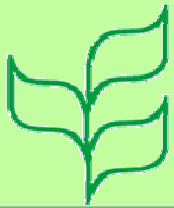
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National experience with REDD-plus

🌿 **Philippine National REDD-plus Strategy (PNRPS)**

- Approved by the DENR and endorsed to the Climate Change Commission for issuance of appropriate Order
- Articulates a common vision among the stakeholders regarding the ways in which the REDD+ agenda should be pursued in the Philippines



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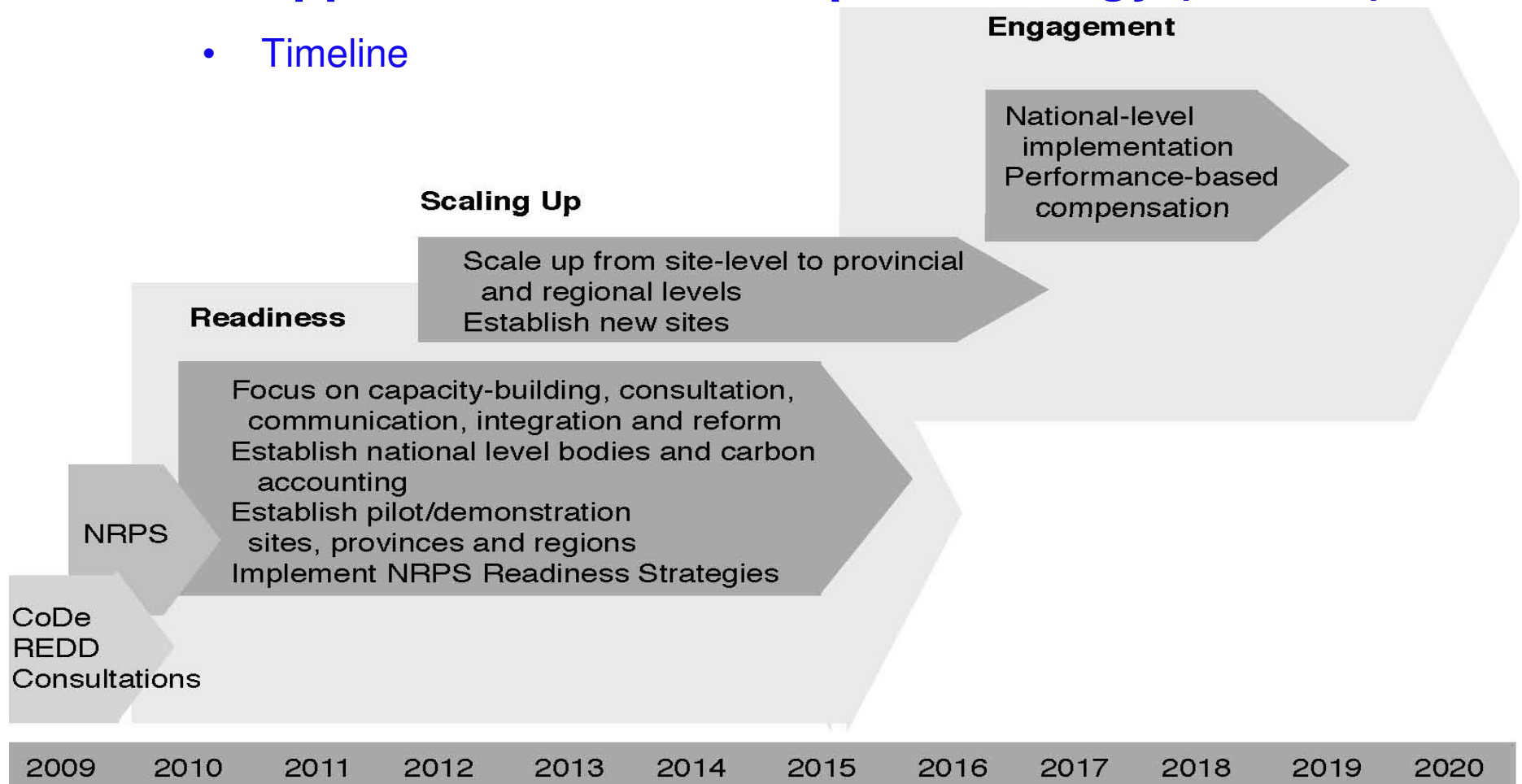
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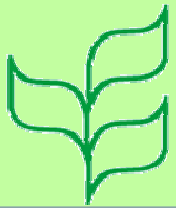


National experience with REDD-plus

Philippine National REDD-plus Strategy (PNRPS)

- Timeline





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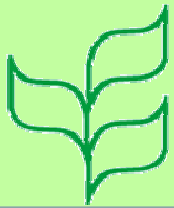


National experience with REDD-plus

❖ Involvement of biodiversity experts and traditional knowledge

- Experts from academe as well as tribal leaders/representatives are regular participants in all the planning and capacity building initiatives as well as in the implementation of pilot sites in the local level





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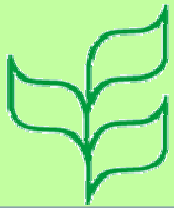


National experience with REDD-plus



Experience on voluntary carbon market

- Upcoming workshops (March 21-25 & March 29-30, 2011) on forest carbon market, forest carbon financing, internal readiness on forest carbon accounting, registry, structures and mechanisms



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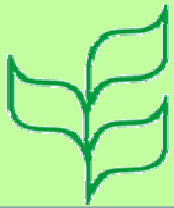


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National experience with biodiversity safeguards

- ❖ **There is an increasing level of political support and capacity for including biodiversity safeguards**
 - R.A. No. 7586. National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS)
 - ❖ Strict nature reserve, Wildlife sanctuary, Natural biotic areas, etc
 - R.A. No. 9147. Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001.
 - E.O. 247. To regulate bio-prospecting (1995)
 - 128 key biodiversity Areas (KBAs) identified covering 6,008,813 hectares, etc...
- ❖ **Main obstacles for including biodiversity safeguards**
 - Not well-defined institutional arrangements – currently being worked out
 - Conflicting policies – for harmonization



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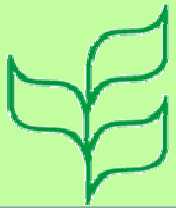


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National experience with biodiversity safeguards

- ❖ **Capacity building needs for biodiversity safeguards at the levels of: government, civil society, local communities, and IPs are:**
 - Key Biodiversity Area identification and profiling;
 - Establishment, protection of critical habitat;
 - Biodiversity assessment and monitoring.
- ❖ **Lessons learned regarding biodiversity safeguards:**
 - participation of LGUs, dealing with local and IP communities, tools and procedures



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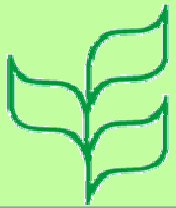


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National experience with safeguards for indigenous and local communities

- ❖ **Structures of civil society organizations representing indigenous and local community views:**
 - Primary organizations;
 - Federation level;
 - Alliances; and
 - Loose networks
- ❖ **Civil society views are often incoherent specially when dealing with critical engagements**



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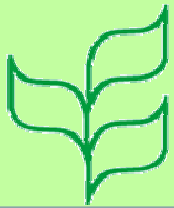


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National experience with safeguards for indigenous and local communities

- ❖ **Mechanisms through which the views of indigenous and local communities are considered:**
 - E.O. 263 of 1995 recognizes that community based forest management would be the strategy for achieving sustainable forest management
 - R.A. 8371 “The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997”
 - ❖ Promotion and Recognition of the rights of Indigenous Peoples (issuance of FPIC)
 - ❖ Engagement/Involvement of IPs and local communities in planning and management)
 - R.A. 7586 “The NIPAS Act” recognizes the participation of IPs and local communities in protected area management;
 - Active participation of the local communities and indigenous peoples in the PNRPS development process



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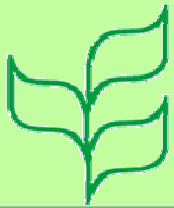


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National experience with safeguards for indigenous and local communities

- **Philippine National REDD-plus Strategy (PNRPS) is driven by the following principles, among others:**
 - Recognize the peoples' right to free and prior informed consent (FPIC) regarding REDD-plus projects, notably of Indigenous Peoples on ancestral domains; and
 - Generate and develop knowledge management systems and intensify information sharing of both academic and indigenous knowledge. Knowledge must be in the service of protecting forest lands and communities



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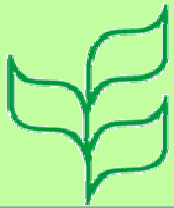


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National experience with assessing/monitoring impacts of REDD-plus

- Based on national circumstances, work on criteria and indicators for the baseline and monitoring of REDD-plus including biodiversity and local livelihood is on-going
- A case study on MRV on biodiversity within the REDD-plus pilot site has just been completed. Results will be presented on March 31, 2011
- Two case study sites being scaled up to REDD-plus are early action (with Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards gold certification for biodiversity)



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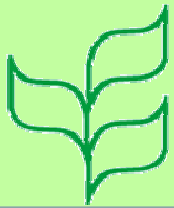


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National experience with assessing/monitoring impacts of REDD-plus

- **National Ecological Gap analysis (work in progress as inter-agency effort)**



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Regional collaboration regarding safeguards and impact assessment

- ❖ **Philippines is active participant of exchanges within REDD-plus Partnership, UN-REDD-plus, NLBI, ITTO and others**
- ❖ **Philippines is part of the ASEAN discussions and position on REDD-plus**
- ❖ **Useful support to Philippine initiatives on REDD-plus include:**
 - ❖ Capacity building
 - ❖ Research and development,
 - ❖ Protection and conservation of biodiversity, and
 - ❖ Development and rehabilitation of forest lands



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