



A Study on the Existing Benefit-Sharing Mechanisms in the Philippine Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM)

COUNTRY

Philippines

PROPONENT

Forest Resources Management Division (FRMD), Forest Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

BACKGROUND

The provision of socioeconomic benefits to community members is a key component in the design and implementation of Community-based Forest Management (CBFM) initiatives in the Philippines. It is based on the underlying principles of social equity, sustainability, and community participation in forest management and biodiversity conservation. CBFM often involves the devolution of natural resources management to community and relies on them to facilitate transparency, accountability, and participation. However, literature suggests that benefits from CBFM rarely reach community members in equitable manner. It is also well noted that benefits rarely flow to community members involved in CBFM projects, and if it does, these benefits only reach a few well-placed community members.

The project will examine the relationship between local government institutions, communities, and benefit-sharing systems in CBFM programs, particularly on how the CBFM-People's Organizations (CBFM-POs) manage the distribution of benefits.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this project is to document, through case study, the successful benefit-sharing mechanisms/systems of CBFM-POs to develop a policy recommendation. Specifically, it aims to:

1. Document and understand different forms of benefit-sharing arrangements in communities that provide success of CBFM and equitable development among its members, including factors for its success such as maturity of the organization, financial and other related socio-economic status, and cultural inclination, among others;
2. Identify the gaps in benefit-sharing policy and research; and
3. Generate empirical information on how different types of benefit-sharing in natural resources management arise.

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EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1. Case study of successful benefit-sharing mechanisms/systems of CBFM-POs; and
2. Policy recommendations on benefit-sharing mechanisms that may be adopted by CBFM-POs.

METHODOLOGY

The study will implement the following research methods:

1. Documentation through case study of successful-benefit sharing mechanisms; and
2. Consultation workshops with stakeholders.

PROJECT AREA

Selected CBFM-POs in selected regions nationwide

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DURATION

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APPROVED BUDGET

25,000 US Dollars