

The Philippine Forest Certification System

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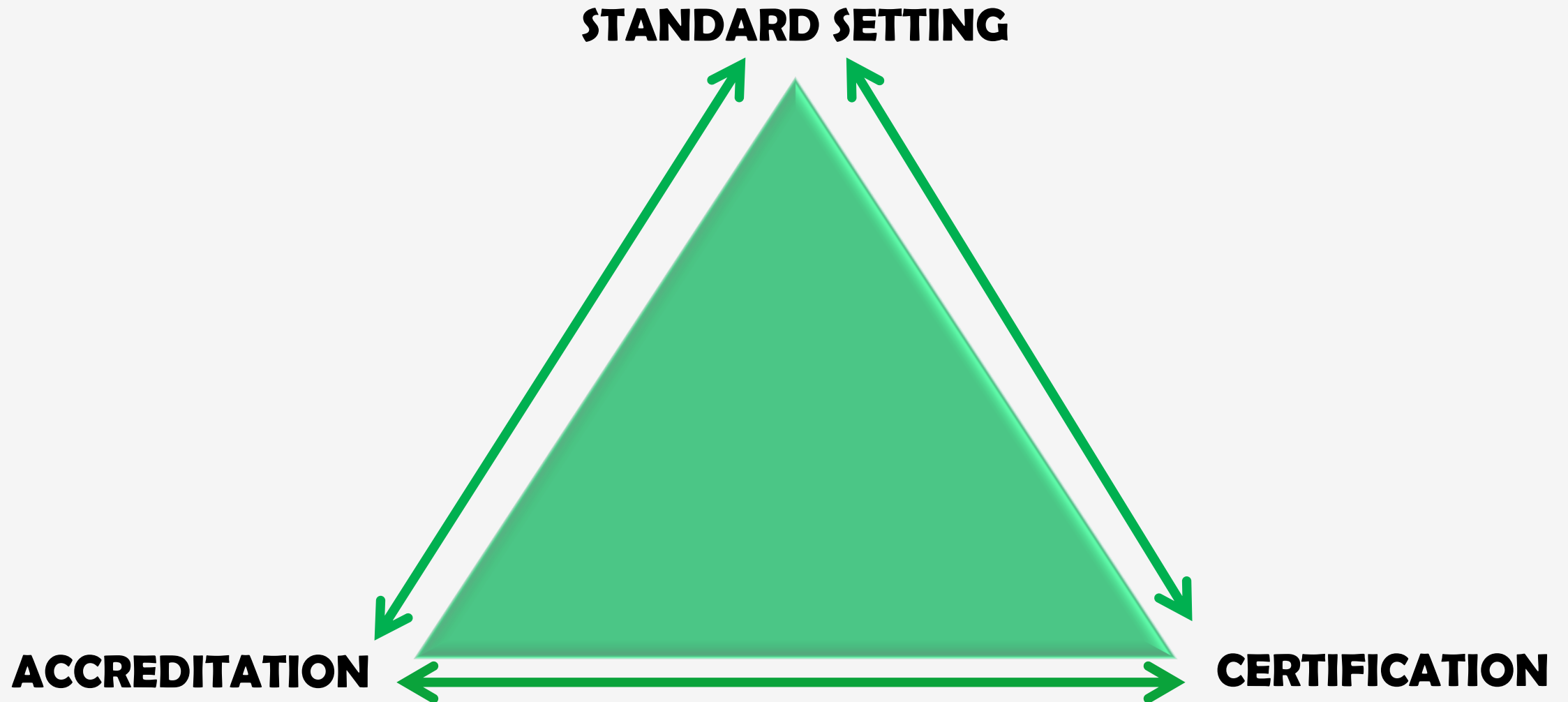
- Process by which a third party evaluates forest management practices based on a set of standards.
- Voluntary, Market-based, non-regulatory conservation and protection approach designed to recognize and promote environmentally responsible forestry and sustainability of forest resources
- It is carried out by accrediting organizations, for example Forest Stewarding Council (FSC), Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
- A forest management certificate is issued to show that the forest is managed in accordance with sustainability requirements



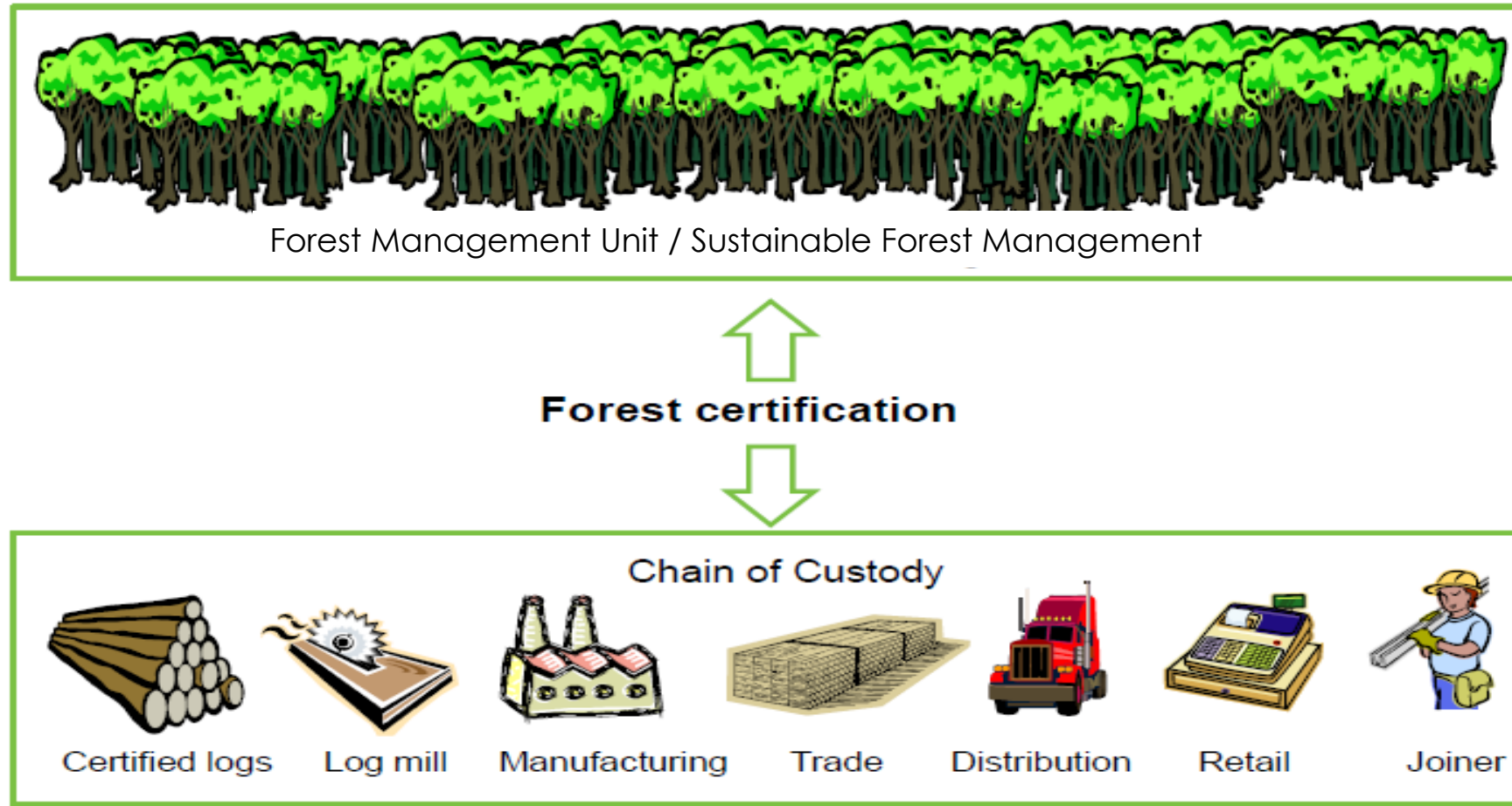
Forest Certification System

- Outlines the rules, procedures and management for carrying out certification
- Establishes specific requirements for a product, process, system or body and uses a third party to ensure that the fulfillment of specified requirements has been demonstrated
- Three separate functions are all present and operate independently within a national forest certification system

Forest Certification System



Elements of Forest Certification



Two kinds of Certification

1. Forest Management Certificate

- This is a process of third party audit of the forest management practices in a Forest Management Unit (FMU) to assess compliance with the requirements of a prescribe standard, leading to an award of a certificate for forest management.
- These requirements are based on standards developed following processes acceptable to stakeholders.

Two kinds of Certification

2. Chain of Custody (Product Certificate)

- This is a process of a third party audit of timber products of manufacturers or exporters to ascertain that the timber products manufactured or exported are sourced from forest which have been awarded the certificate for Chain of Custody (CoC).

Chain of Custody

Certification of **Chain of Custody**
guarantees the origin of forest raw material



NATIONAL POLICIES SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE FOREST CERTIFICATION

- 2003 Philippine Forestry Master Plan
- DENR Memorandum Order on the Development of C & I and audit system was adopted in 2007
- Executive Order No. 23, Declaring a Moratorium on the Cutting and Harvesting of Timber in the Natural and Residual Forests and Creating the Anti-illegal Logging Tasks Force issued in February 2011
- 2016 Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry



Draft Policies on Philippine Forest Certification System

Draft Executive Order No. 2016- ____:

Establishing a Philippine Forest Certification System for Sustainable Forest Management and other Purposes

Draft DENR Administrative Order No. 2016- ____:

Establishing a Philippine Forest Certification System (PFCS) for Sustainable Forest Management and Providing Guidelines in the Implementation Thereof

Draft Joint DENR-DTI Administrative Order No. 2016- ____:

Establishing a Philippine Forest Certification System for Sustainable Forest Management and for Other Purposes

Draft Executive Order No. 2016-_____

Title: *Establishing a Philippine Forest Certification System for Sustainable Forest Management and for other Purposes*

- Establishment of the Philippine Forest Certification Council (PFCC)
- Creation of the National Governing Body (NGB)
- Establishment of the Accreditation Body under the Philippine Accreditation Bureau of the Department of Trade and Industry
- Accreditation of Certification Bodies

Creation of the Philippine Forest Certification Council (PFCC)

- Will serve as the advisory council to the sole National Governing Body (NGB) for forest certification, composed of:

- a) DENR Secretary or authorized representative
- b) DTI Secretary or authorized representative
- c) Professional Forestry Organization Representative
- d) Wood Industry Representative
- e) Forestry Academe Representative

National Governing Body (NGB)

- Chief governing body of the Philippine Forest Certification System

Functions:

- Implementation of the PFCS
- Formulate policies and standards
- Facilitate accreditation and certification processes, and
- Provide oversight and appellate functions over the PFCS

Accreditation Body (AB) under the PAB of DTI

- Independent from the NGB
- Responsible for evaluating application of individuals or organizations for accreditation as forest certification bodies
- Assess competence of applicants in conducting forest certification
- Conduct regular monitoring of accredited certification bodies
- Re-asses renewal of accreditation

Certification Bodies (CB)

- An Accredited Certification Body (ACB) shall undertake the certification of Forest Management Units and Chain of Custody (CoC) in conformity with forest certification standards.

Philippine Initiatives on Forest Certification

Standard Setting

- Developed by FDC in 2014 to 2016 which undergo a series of stakeholders consultations and field testing.
- Serves as a basis for evaluating the forest management units planning and forestry practices
- Includes set of Principles, Criteria and Indicators which is designed to audit, monitor, verify or certify forest management unit



Figure 1. *Philippine Forest Certification Standards*

Formation of the Interim National Governing Body

1. Society of the Filipino Foresters, Inc.,
2. DENR/ Forest Management Bureau,
3. Philippine Wood Producers Association,
4. Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines,
5. Integrated Forest Management Association of the Philippines,
6. National CBFMA PO Federation Philippines, Inc.,
7. National Commission for Indigenous People,
8. Forestry Development Center, UPLB-CFNR,
9. Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc.

Chain of Custody Standards

- Development of the Philippine Chain of Custody Standards by the Technical Committee (TC 78) on Forest and Forest Products of DTI.
- Draft CoC standards for inputs of other stakeholders
- Capacity building for the implementation of the CoC standards

Importance of Forest Certification

- Raising the competitiveness of Phil. Wood based products in the national, ASEAN and world markets
- Closely linked to sustainable forest management
- Tool for our managers to control, evaluate, monitor and to properly manage forest areas.
- Will help in achieving improve forest management by incorporating environmental, social and economic goals

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

