

# DBP FOREST

**D**BP believes that key to protecting and improving the environment is helping establish forests, thereby preventing soil erosion, conserving water, providing habitat to wildlife, and creating rural livelihood opportunities.

## What is the DBP Forest Program?

The DBP Forest Program is an initiative of the Development Bank of the Philippines to protect the country's watershed areas. Its long-term vision is to develop downstream industries in the rural areas by supporting and encouraging the forestation of open areas through the planting of high value fruit trees and other useful species like bamboo and ilang-ilang.

Other similar undertakings include coastal rehabilitation through planting of mangroves.

Secondary considerations resulting from the tree planting projects are improvement in spawning grounds for terrestrial and marine life.

## Selecting Priority Forest Project Areas

1. Disaster prone areas with critical watershed/river basin that are within disaster prone areas.
2. Areas where watersheds for restoration under the General Program of Action are located.
3. Areas covering critical watersheds that support irrigation systems as identified by the National Irrigation Administration (NIA).

Further screening of the priority areas shall be linked with other related programs of the Bank such as:

1. DBP Water Resources and other Related Programs
2. Forest-Based Manufacturing Projects
3. DBP Forest Fund Contributors

Specific DBP Forest project sites and Forest Partners shall be identified in coordination with Regional Marketing Centers, Business Assistance Centers, LGU, DENR Regional Offices and other concerned agencies.

## Location of Forest Project

Specific project sites must consider the following:

- Areas with slope of 18% and above
- Not to be subjected to land-use change
- Areas proven to be compatible with certain high value fruit trees
- Accessible to allow easy bringing in of planting stocks and facilitate monitoring and bringing of produce to the market.
- High poverty incidence

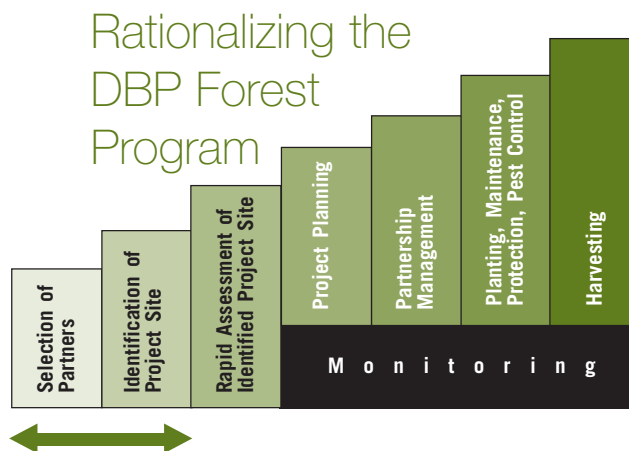
## Qualified Forest Partners

- State Universities & Colleges (SUCs)
- People's Organization (POs) that have been awarded Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) by DENR
- Local Government Units (LGUs)
- Other Government Agencies which have large forest areas under their management.

The Forest Partner needs to establish the following:

- Tenurial control over the vast track of land
- Legality and relevance of entity (registration with Securities and Exchange Commission and/or the Cooperative Development Authority)
- Activeness and capability of the organization and members
- Basic skills and resources in venturing into a forest project
- Planting and maintenance plan

## Work/Process Flow of DBP Forest



## Classification and Size of a DBP Forest Project Site

Upland and Coastal DBP Forest projects will be classified into revenue-generating and non-revenue generating. For a forest project to have ecological impact in terms of soil and water conservation and significant economic yield, the desirable size for each type of forest is as follows:

Classification/Type	Desirable Size
1. Revenue Generating	
• Fruit Tree Forest	50 – 500 ha
• Nipa Plantation	10 – 100 ha
• Other economically useful species	50 – 100 ha
2. Non-Revenue Generating	
• Mangrove Forest (except nipa)	10 – 100 ha
• Forest Trees not for Cutting	50 – 100 ha

## What are the eligible plant species?

- High-value fruit trees (mango, durian, mangosteen, rambutan, pomelo, nangka, lanzones, oranges & pili, etc.)
- Mangroves of various species
- Fast growing and indigenous forest trees
- Bamboo
- Ilang-ilang and other essence-producing trees
- Others e.g. bignay, tannin-producing species & mulberry

## Planting scheme

- Except for fruit tree species that are normally not asexually propagated (e.g. mangosteen), the project will avoid planting stocks from seeds.
- Planting scheme (e.g., spacing) will follow prescribed or commonly adopted standards for each crop.
- Mix planting may be considered. The idea is to ensure year-round revenue, considering the seasonality of the orchard crops. Also, certain pests can annihilate an entire monocrop plantation.
- Interplanting of other economic crops will be encouraged. The interplanted crops will likewise serve as intermediate source of income while awaiting fruiting stage of the major crop.

## Where to source \*planting stocks?

- BPI-accredited commercial nurseries nationwide
- State Universities and Colleges
- DA-Bureau of Plant Industry
- DENR-Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (e.g. bamboo)

\* suppliers should be accredited by DBP

## What type of assistance can DBP extend to Partners?

- Cost of planting stocks
- Allowance for mortality, up to 10% of cost of planting stocks
- 1<sup>st</sup> year support for operating expenses, up to 40% of cost of planting stocks

## Sharing in harvest (based on net yield) for revenue generating projects

- 70% for the Partner
- 30% for DBP

## How can an organization participate?

DBP shall select Forest Partners based on the following:

- Letter of Intent and Application Form
- Development Plan / Planting and Maintenance Plan
- Monitoring Plan
- Baseline data/Rapid appraisal



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