

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING REPORT

Part 1 (To be prepared by the participant)

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Training Title:	SFFI@75:Advocating Wood and Non-timber Forest Products sufficiency for Climate Resiliency.
Learning Providers:	Society of the Filipino foresters
Inclusive Dates:	November 8-12, 2023
Venue:	Subic Exhibition and Convention Center, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Olongapo City

I. EVALUATION OF THE COURSE:

- **Technical Content:**

Below are the topics discussed and what I learned during the 2 Days Plenary Session.

1. Plenary Session I- How can the country attain self-sufficiency in wood and non-timber forest products.

- The country is heavily reliant on wood imports, amounting to around PHP. 40 billion, with the wood sector making up less than 1% of the GDP (GDP).
- To achieve self-sufficiency, effective environmental management planning, forest and landscape restoration are essential measures that require passion and commitment.

Proposals have also been made for projects such as harmonizing regulations, procedures, and requirements for the issuance of forest tenure instruments. Stakeholder convergence and interest, the identification and categorization of forest producing forests, private tree-farming investments, the deregulation of the harvesting and transportation of wood products, the availability of carbon market facilities, and the adoption of payment methods.

2. Plenary Session 2- Forging partnership with the international forestry professionals

- In order to revive the forestry industry, it is crucial that the conference forge partnerships and strengthen ties with peers, especially when it comes to forestry issues that need to be addressed and implemented by foresters.
- Expanding connections and gaining knowledge from other countries' experiences and best practices, such as Malaysia and Lao PDR
- In accordance with the Global Forest Goals (GFG)
- Connections among 3Fs (Forests, Foresters and Forestland)

3. Plenary Session 3. Rekindling the pride in the forestry Profession: The need for professionals to strengthen their ranks.

- The significance of fortifying the forestry industry, pursuing excellence, and leveraging technology while perpetually acquiring knowledge and enhancement
- Promote the idea that "generals change the world while specialists perfect it."
- Emphasized that the forestry industry is required by law and that professional licenses must be renewed.
- A resolution to enhance and govern the forestry industry by permitting only license holders and SFFI members to carry out relevant tasks and evaluate policies for additional enhancements was proposed.
- Talked about how to become a world-class forester.
- Comparable experiences as a forester turned entrepreneur

• **Impression/Comments:**

The Conference serves as a platform to strengthen relationships and redefine the job of a forester, while also serving as a reminder of the vital role that foresters play in ensuring the nation has an adequate supply of wood and non-timber forest products.

II. RELEVANCE OF THE LEARNING EVENT TO PARTICIPANT'S WORK/FUNCTION:

In order to revive the forestry industry and restore the pride in the forestry profession, the conference is extremely important to the foresters in terms of building and solidifying relationships with counterparts, particularly regarding forestry concerns that must be addressed and put into action.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS:

To become proficient foresters and leaders, we need to enhance our technical abilities, social skills, and optimistic outlook. Additionally, we need to expand our network of fellow foresters and professionals.

IV. POST LEARNING ACTION PLAN/PROPOSAL:

Proposed Plan/Activity/Output	Time Frame
Attend SFFI, Inc. National conferences and other forestry related training and seminars.	CY 2024

Part 2 (To be prepared by the (SUPERVISOR))

How will you support the post Learning Action/Proposal?

Have you discussed any concerns/resources needed by your subordinate so that he/she can effectively transfer the skills and knowledge gained from the training?

Would you be willing to send him/her again to other training/seminar/conference?

Yes _____ No _____ Others _____

If yes, please specify courses.

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