

FORESTER NONITO

MANILA TAMAYO

NONITO MANILA TAMAYO is from Sto. Tomas, Batangas. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry in 1986 at the University of the Philippines, Los Banos, College Laguna, as a scholar of the then Bureau of Forest Development (BFD). He



obtained his Master of Science (MS) degree in Forestry at the UPLB Graduate School, as a DENR Scholar too, in 2002. His major was Social Forestry with Forest Resources Management, as cognate.

Forester Tamayo rose from the ranks. He was casual Forester when he immediately entered the government service in 1986 at the then Bureau of Forest Development. He was immediately promoted to Senior Forest Management Specialist, just after a year as casual employee. Alongside the promotion was the task of heading the Upland community Management Unit of the Social Forestry Division of the Bureau. After completing his Master Degree in 2002, he was assigned as Program Director of the USAID-assisted Natural Resources Management Program. Then, as Project Leader of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) –assister project on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management and as Project Director of the Southern Philippines Irrigation Sector Project – Watershed Management Component. After the completion of the project, he was again designated as Officer-in-charge of the

Natural Forest Management Division, then, Forest Land Uses Division of the FMB. Finally, on June 6, 2011, he was assigned as OIC, Assistant Director of Bureau.

On June 13, 2012, he was appointed by then President Aquino as Director III (Regional Technical Director for Forestry) of DENR Caraga Region. After four months, he became the Officer in Charge of DENR Caraga, when then Assistant Secretary Marlo D. Mendoza, Regional Executive Director, decided to go back to his previous commitment as a College Professor of the University of the Philippines, Los Banos, Laguna, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, on November 30, 2012.

On March 4, 2016, he took his oath as a full-fledged Regional Executive Director, (Director IV), DENR Caraga Region, before then Secretary Ramon J.P. Paje. He served Caraga Region until January 22, 2017, when he was assigned as Director of the Forest Management Bureau from March 6, 2017 to December 26, 2019. From the FMB, he transferred as Director of the Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau, the research arm on the DENR, for 6 months, then as Regional Executive Director of Region 4A (CALABARZON) for 8 months. On March 1, 2021 he was again reassigned to DENR Caraga.

RED Tamayo has vast experiences in forest management not only in the local settings but internationally as well. He represented the country in various international forestry Organizations of which the country is a signatory/member such as International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC), Yokohama, Japan; ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF), ASEAN Secretariat, Indonesia, where he became the Chairperson in 2018; ASIA Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), Seoul, South Korea; United Nations Forum on Forest (UNFF), New York, USA; Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Minister on

Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF) and the ASEAN-GIZ Regional cooperation Programme.

Among the trainings, conferences and seminars that he attended included the following: Special SQM-40th AMAF & Special SOM-AMAF+3 Meeting in Vietnam (August 2019); 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sessions of the Assembly of AFoCo in Seoul, South Korea (2019); Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF) Meeting in Putra Jaya, Malaysia (July 27-28, 2017); 20th ASEAN Technical Meeting for Asian Forest Cooperation (AFoCo) in Bangkok, Thailand (July 3-7, 2017); United Nations Forum on Forests, UNFF12, New York (May 1-5, 2017); 51st Session of the International Tropical Timber Council and Associated Sessions of the Committees in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (November 2015); Special Technical Trainings of ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation (April 2012); First APEC Forestry Ministerial Meeting in Beijing, China (September 2011); 2nd APF Net Focal Points Annual meeting in Beijing, China (June 2-3, 2011); Workshop on Strengthening ASEAN-Korean Cooperation Towards Sustainable Forest Management, Siam Rep. Cambodia (April 2011); AFP-Net Focal Points with APEC Region, Beijing, China (June 2010); 9th Meeting of the Working Group on PAN-ASEAN Timber Certification Initiative in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (June 2010); ASEAN Conference on Forests, Forest Governance and Forest Products Trade: Scenarios and Challenges for Europe and Asia in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (June 2010); Regional Training Workshop on the Application of Offline Monitoring and Assessment on Reporting (MAR) Format for SFM in Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (February 2010); Asia Pacific Regional Training Workshop on Revised ITTO Manual on Project Formulation in Chiang Mai, Thailand (March 2009); ASEAN High Level Executive Seminar on REDD and ASES Peer Consultation Framework (ACF) Plenary Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia (November 2008). He also attended the Advance Development

Planning Course in Michigan State University, USA and Forest Certification Training in Uppsala, Sweden and Tanzania.

Director Tamayo was recognized by the UPLB-CFNR and Alumni Association for having a distinctive career achievement and significant contribution to forest governance as Assistant Director in 2013. He was cited by the UPLB Alumni Association as Most Distinguished Alumni for Public Service in 2007.

Likewise, the Career Executive Service Board (CESB) has awarded him a Certificate of Eligibility on August 16, 2007. On August 23, 2013, the CESB has conferred to him the Career Executive Service Officer (CESO) Rank IV and in July 2021, he was promoted to Rank III.