



PHILIPPINES

Management

Advancing the application of assisted natural regeneration for effective low-cost forest restoration [TCP/PHI/3101 (A)]

Scope

- To promote assisted natural regeneration (ANR) as a practical, cost-effective approach to rehabilitating *Imperata* grasslands and degraded forest sites
- To develop the technical skills required for effective application of ANR



Approach

- Promoting low-cost methods of forest restoration by accelerating natural succession
- Restoration costs significantly reduced as a result of reduced expenses for site preparation, nurseries and planting operations
- *Imperata* grass pressing, and protection against fire and grazing, as key approaches for promoting growth of existing saplings, trees and bushes, leading to early canopy closure and shading of *Imperata*

Weaving knowledge into development

- Conducting “hands-on” training in ANR
- Creating incentives for community participations to replicate ANR methods in their land-use activities
- Conducting field visits and briefing for local decision makers and media practitioners to enlist high-level support for ANR

