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# ABOUT AFoCO

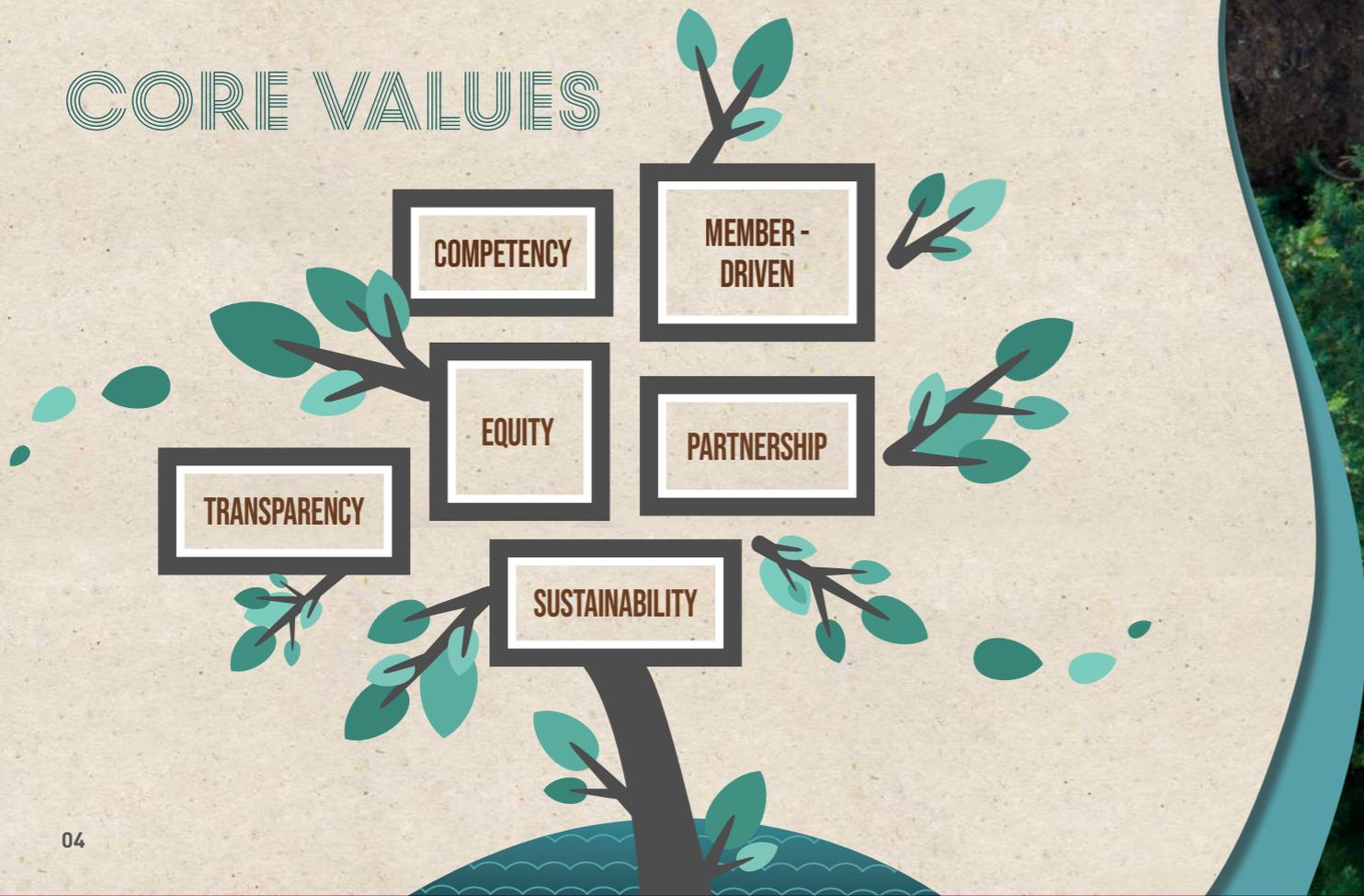
## Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)

is an intergovernmental organization that aims to strengthen forest cooperation by transforming proven technology and policies into concrete actions in the context of sustainable forest management to address the impacts of climate change.

Headquartered in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, AFoCO consists of 15 Member Countries in Asia, as Parties and Observers: Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam.



# CORE VALUES



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2019 – 2023

## INITIATING CUSTOMIZED RESTORATION & REFORESTATION MODELS

Establishment of locally customized restoration and reforestation models in target communities and adoption and application of such techniques in other areas



## SUPPORTING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION APPROACHES

Implementation of scientific studies on forestry adaptation approaches and policy adoption of vulnerable member countries to apply relevant adaptation methodologies and approaches



## INTRODUCING SYSTEMATIC MANAGEMENT OF FOREST RELATED DISASTERS

Establishment of demonstration sites for control and management of forest-related disasters and extensive application of such technology-based techniques where appropriate



## LOCAL LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT & COMMUNITY-BASED ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Identification and implementation of best practices on payments for ecosystem services, ecotourism, and community-based enterprise development in target areas and policy adoption in target countries



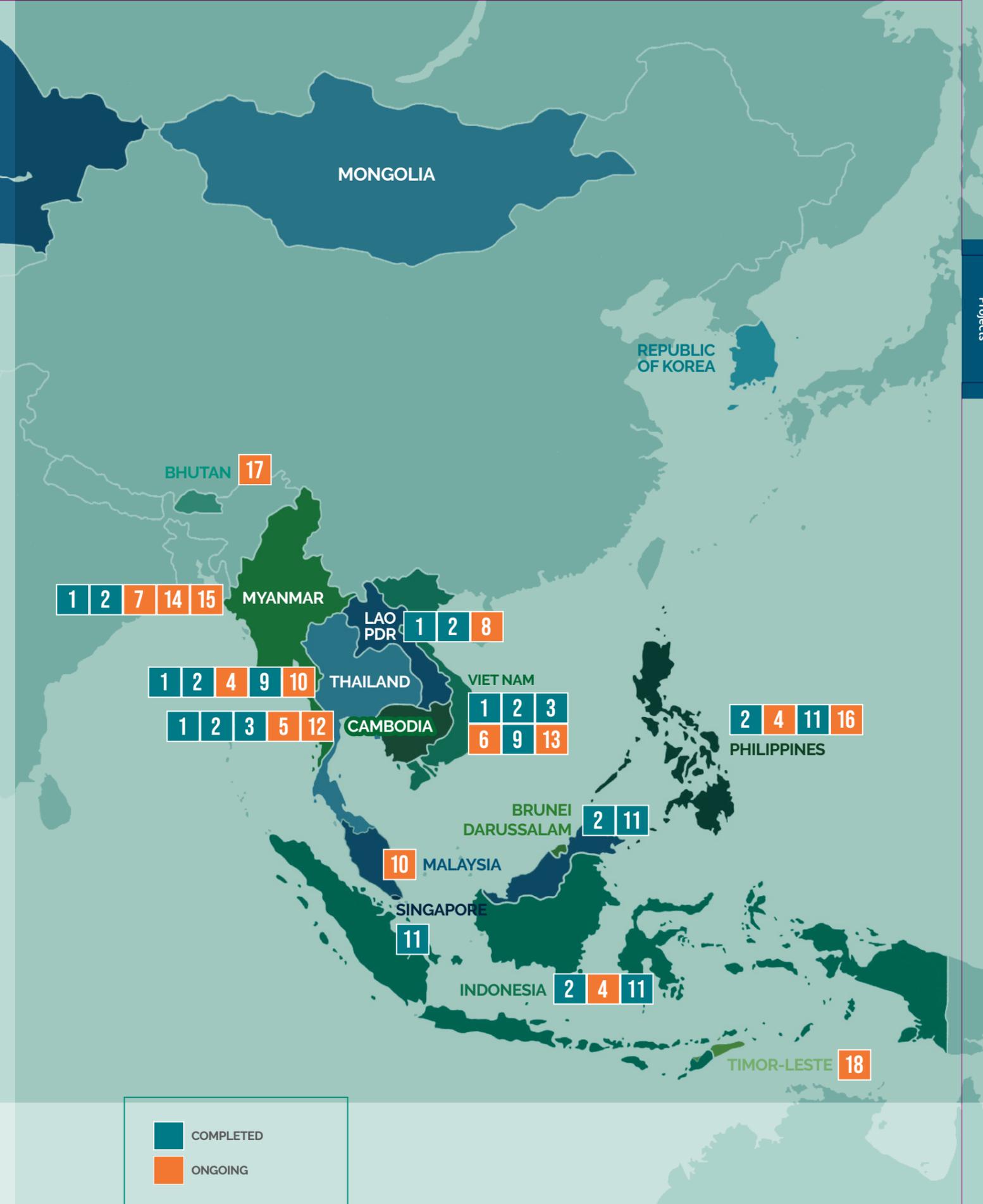
## STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPABILITIES, DIVERSIFYING RESOURCES & PROMOTING REGIONAL ACTIONS

Development into a credible and accountable organization that takes action to deal with regional and international issues



# 18 PROJECTS

1	Reclamation, Rehabilitation & Restoration of Degraded Forest Ecosystems (RRR-DFE) in Mekong Basin Countries	2013-15	KH, LA, MM, TH, VN
2	Capacity Building on Improving Forest Resources Assessment & Enhancing the Involvement of the Local Communities to Address the Impact of Climate Change	2013-16	BN, KH, ID, LA, MM, PH, TH, VN
3	Promotion of Forest Rehabilitation in Cambodia & Viet Nam through Demonstration Models & Improvement of Seed Supply System	2014-19	KH, VN
4	Facilitating the Participatory Planning of Community-based Forest Management Using GIS & RS Technologies in Forest Resources Management in the Philippines, Indonesia & Thailand	2014-20	PH, ID, TH
5	Establishment of Forest Genetics Research Center for Restoration of Major Timber Species in Cambodia	2016-25	KH
6	Rehabilitation & Development of Mangrove Forest Ecosystem in Thai Binh Province, Viet Nam	2015-23	VN
7	Establishment of Regional Education and Training Center in Myanmar	2014-23	MM
8	Village-based Forest Rehabilitation in Lao PDR	2016-25	LA
9	Developing High Valuable Species in Viet Nam & Thailand as a Mechanism for Sustainable Forest Management & Livelihood Improvement for Local Communities	2015-18	VN, TH
10	Domestication of Endangered, Endemic & Threatened Plant Species in Disturbed Terrestrial Ecosystems in Malaysia & Thailand	2016-22	MY, TH
11	Capacity Building for Landscape Approach to Support the Sustainable Natural Resources Management in Brunei, Indonesia, Philippines & Singapore	2016-19	BN, ID, PH, SG
12	The Registration of Small-scale Private Forest Plantations in Cambodia	2020-22	KH
13	Improving <i>Pinus caribaea</i> Morelet for Plantation on Degraded Land in Viet Nam's Northern Mountainous Region	2020-23	VN
14	Integrated Pest & Disease Management in Teak Plantations in Bago Region, Myanmar	2020-25	MM
15	Model Forest for Livelihood Improvement of Forest-dependent Communities through Development of Community-based Enterprise & Forest Conservation	2020-23	MM
16	Promotion of Vertical Integration in Wood Processing through People's Organizations in Community-based Forest Management Areas in the Philippines	2020-25	PH
17	Sustainable Community-based Enterprise Development for Improved Rural Livelihood in Bhutan	2020-25	BT
18	Development of Agroforestry Models for Promotion of Reforestation in the Different Zones in Timor-Leste	2020-25	TL



# PROJECTS

AFoCO tackles a variety of issues pertinent in forestry through sustained cooperation with our Member Countries.

Since 2012, AFoCO has been carrying out regional and country-specific projects designed to complement and enhance forest-related national policies and programs; facilitate knowledge exchange and technology transfer; and promote the sustainable management of forests and forest resources to curb forest degradation and address the impacts of climate change. Our action-oriented approaches also contribute towards achieving global forestry objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Establishment of

**23** REFORESTATION SITES

Fostering participatory management in

**42** COMMUNITY FORESTS

Promotion of ecosystem services in

**8** MODEL FORESTS

Implementation of improvements to

**4** NATIONAL FOREST POLICIES & LAWS

Livelihood improvements through forest-based activities in

**46** VILLAGES



PROJECT MAP



# CAPACITY BUILDING

AFoCO places a strong focus on developing the capacities of Member Countries to deal with pressing forestry and environmental issues such as deforestation, forest degradation and climate change.

Our capacity building initiatives are designed to meet the demands of national forest-related policies as well as regional and global forestry objectives, and have benefitted forestry stakeholders at the national and local levels. The AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center (RETC), a specialized subsidiary organ of AFoCO, was established in 2018 to serve as a platform for capacity development, knowledge transfer, and information sharing.



**5** RESEARCHERS  
from the Science & Technology Exchange Partnership (STEP) Program

**19** SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS  
13 MSc & 6 PhD Scholars

**6,305** PARTICIPANTS  
in 63 Technical Training Courses & Workshops



**14** FELLOWSHIP OFFICIALS  
from 9 countries



**1,532** STUDENTS  
in Global Forest Camps



Establishment of the **AFoCO RETC**  
Regional Education & Training Center  
in Yangon, Myanmar

# TIMELINE

2012

Aug

Entry into force of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation

Special ASEAN-ROK Ministerial Meeting on Forestry

2013

Feb

Opening of the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation Secretariat

Jun

Launch of Regional Cooperation Projects

2014

Mar

Launch of AFoCO Landmark Program (Restoration Projects, Scholarship Program & Training Courses)

Launch AFoCO Fellowship Program

Oct

Release of 'AFoCo Exhibition Photobook: Efforts Against Forest Disasters'

Special ASEAN-ROK Ministerial Meeting on Forestry

Supporting Partner of Forests Asia Summit in Indonesia

2015

Oct

AFoCo Forest Week: 'Mobilizing Forest and People together for Greener Asia'

Nov

Groundbreaking for the AFoCO RETC

2016

Oct

Release of Special Report: 'Four-year Partnership of ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation'

Stream Leader at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016 in the Philippines

2017

Jul

1<sup>st</sup> Technical Meeting for AFoCO

Dec

2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Meeting for AFoCO

Participation at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Forest Congress in South Africa

2018

May

Inauguration Ceremony for AFoCO in the Republic of Korea

Jul

Opening of the AFoCO RETC in Myanmar

Nov

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Assembly

2019

Apr

2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly International Workshop on Achievements and the Way Forward of AFoCO

Sep

Launch of AFoCO Science & Technology Exchange Partnership (STEP) Program

Oct

3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Assembly, AFoCO Ministerial Meeting

Dec

Release of Photobook: 'Glimpses of Our Cooperation (2009-2019)'

ASEAN-ROK High-Level Meeting on Forestry

Stream Leader at the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2019 in the Republic of Korea