INSTITUTE of AGROFORESTRY

intensifying agroforestry towards sustainable natural resources management

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About agroforestry

As a land use management system, agroforestry has gained worldwide recognition through the years. Many have learned about its multifunctionality from practitioners who have long been combining the production of trees with food crops, animals and other resources in their farms. Its potentials of ensuring food security, improving socio–economic productivity, and maintaining ecological stability have been recognized.

More importantly, the capabilities of agroforestry as a strategy for climate change mitigation and adaptation have been realized.

The Institute of Agroforestry (IAF)

The Institute envisions forming progressive and productive communities where farming is harmonized with environmental conservation principles for sustained production of food, wood and provision of services through the use of sound agroforestry practices.

Facilitating Agroforestry Education Development strengthening and safeguarding the quality of agroforestry education to respond to the challenging needs in the country. Agroforestry education researches are likewise being carried out to ensure the relevance and effectiveness of formal and non–formal agroforestry education programs.

Developing Responsive Agroforestry Research

IAF develops and evaluates different agroforestry models and technologies for sustainable natural resources management by implementing comprehensive research programs to advance the science of agroforestry and improve the practice of agroforestry among farming communities.

Enhancing Rural Development Services and Policy Advocacy

Organizes capability–building programs in agroforestry to strengthen the technical capacities of development workers who are engaged in promoting sustainable natural resources management.

Forging Linkages with Development Organizations

For over two decades of existence, IAF has developed partnership with various institutions such as social development NGOs, government agencies, people's organizations, local government units and academic institutions. IAF also serves as the National Secretariat of the Philippine Agroforestry Education and Research Network (PAFERN)

Learning Laboratory for Agroforestry (LLA)

IAF also maintains a 8.1 hectare Learning Laboratory for Agroforestry (LLA). Showcasing different agroforestry systems and technologies, the LLA serves as the learning laboratory of agriculture, forestry and agroforestry classes at UPLB; research area of UPLB staff and graduate students; and, practicum area of training courses being organized by the Institute, other UPLB units, and organizations outside UPLB.

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