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It is hoped that the information in this publication series on the issues and concerns of indigenous peoples/ethnic minorities will help guide national governments and development partners in improving future interventions to recognize, promote, and protect the rights of these peoples.



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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	–	Asian Development Bank
ARMM	–	Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
CADC	–	Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim
CADT	–	Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title
CALT	–	Certificate of Ancestral Land Title
CAR	–	Cordillera Administrative Region
CBFM	–	community-based forestry management
CHARM	–	Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resource Management
DENR	–	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DMC	–	developing member country (ADB)
FPIC	–	free and prior informed consent
FVCTLDC	–	Father Vincent Cullen Tulugan Learning Development Center
ICC	–	indigenous cultural community
IFAD	–	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	–	International Labour Organization
INDISCO	–	Inter-Regional Programme to Support Self-Reliance of Indigenous and Tribal Communities through Cooperatives and Self-Help Organizations (ILO)
IPO	–	indigenous peoples' organization
IPRA	–	Indigenous Peoples Rights Act
IPs	–	indigenous peoples
IRR	–	Implementing Rules and Regulations (IPRA)
MILF	–	Moro Islamic Liberation Front
MNLF	–	Moro National Liberation Front
NAMRIA	–	National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
NCIP	–	National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
NEDA	–	National Economic Development Authority
NGO	–	nongovernment organization
NIPAS	–	National Integrated Protected Areas System
ONCC	–	Office for Northern Cultural Communities
OPAIPA	–	Office of the Presidential Advisor for Indigenous Peoples' Affairs
OSCC	–	Office for Southern Cultural Communities
PAFID	–	Philippine Association for Intercultural Development
PANLIPI	–	Tanggapang Panligal Alay sa Katutubo
UNDP	–	United Nations Development Programme