



The Philippines: **Some Way to Go**

On April 15, 2021, the Philippines submitted its updated NDC.

The 2020 NDC advances by establishing an unconditional target that, although small, was not included in the previous version. The NDC also emphasizes public-private sector collaboration and social issues.

According to the Checklist for the NDCs We Want and taking into account that the Philippines is a vulnerable country with a lower-middle economy and represents around 0.35% of global emissions, we consider that the 2020 NDC has **Some Way to Go** to become the NDC We Want.

Highlights









Mitigation: The Philippines has enhanced its mitigation targets from reducing GHG emissions by 70% in the previous NDC to 75% by 2030 against a projected business-as-usual (BAU) emissions scenario of 3,340.3 MtCO₂e and the endeavor to peak emissions by 2030. Although the transparency of the target has improved with the emissions scenario, the rationale and calculations of its conditional and unconditional parts was not presented. According to the Carbon Action Tracker, the 2015 Philippines' conditional target was "2°C compatible". It could be rated "1.5°C Paris Agreement compatible," if it were unconditional. The 2020 NDC is probably in the same range.

Inclusiveness and Participation: The updated NDC describes an inclusive process to invite inputs from institutions and citizens in the NDC design. It also provides information on legal and domestic, financial and policy frameworks but does not present participatory governance structures to make sure it will be progressively informed by the people's aspirations across generations.

Nature-based Solutions: The NDC mentions ensuring ecosystems integrity as a principle and mentions that adaptation measures shall be undertaken in the sectors of, among others, agriculture, forestry, coastal and marine ecosystems and biodiversity. Philippines shall pursue forest protection, forest restoration and reforestation, and access to results-based finance in forest conservation.

Loss and Damage: The NDC is one of the few to mention loss and damage and presents estimates for 2013 (4% of the GDP) and 2020 (around USD 900 million). However, it doesn't present concrete measures to address them.

| WWF's NDC rating grades | |
|---|-------------------|
|  | NDC We Want |
|  | Short Way to Go |
|  | Some Way to Go |
|  | Long Way to Go |
|  | NDC We Don't Want |

| WWF checklist for the Philippines' 2020 NDC assessment | |
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|  | Mitigation |
|  | Adaptation |
|  | Finance |
|  | Fostering system change |
|  | Inclusiveness and Participation |
|  | Contribution to Sustainable Development |
|  | Tracking progress |
| Philippines' rating grade after assessment:  Some Way to Go | |

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