REFORM IN THE FORESTRY SECTOR IN DEVOLUTION OF POWERS, EQUITY PARTICIPATION AND GOVERNANCE WITH PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL LEVEL GOVERNMENTS

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Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- PNGFA Organizational Structure
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- Forest Policy Documents
The Papua New Guinea Forest Authority (PNGFA) was established by an Act of Parliament under the *Forestry Act*, 1991 which came into effect in 1992. Its Objectives, which are in line with the National Forest Policy 1991 are:

- Management, development and protection of the nation’s forest resources and environment in such a way as to conserve and renew them as an asset for the succeeding generations;

- Maximization of Papua New Guinea participation in the wise use and development of the forest resources as a renewable asset;

- Utilization of the nation’s forest resources to achieve an economic growth, employment creation and industrial and increased ‘down-stream’ processing of the forest resources;

- Encouragement of scientific study and research into forest resources so as to contribute towards a sound ecological balance, consistent with the National development objectives;

- Increased acquisition and dissemination of skills, knowledge and information in forestry through education and training;

- Pursuit of effective strategies, including improved administrative and legal machinery, for managing forest resources and the management of National, provincial and local interests;

- 34 Key Steps to Issuing Timber Permit
PNGFA - Organizational Structure

Source: PNGFA Corporate Plan, 2021
Forest Management and Development

- **Customary Resource Ownership**
The rights of the customary owners of a forest resource shall be fully recognized and respected in all transactions affecting the resource.

- **National Forest Plan**
The Authority shall cause to be drawn up a National Forest Plan to provide a detailed statement of how the national and provincial governments intend to manage and utilize the country’s forest resources.

- **National Forest Plan To Be Presented To Parliament**
As soon as practicable after the National Forest Plan has been drawn up, the Chairman shall send a copy to the Minister who shall table it in the Parliament.

- **Provincial Forest Plans**
Each provincial government shall, as soon as practicable after the coming into operation of this Act in consultation with the Provincial Forest Management Committee, and in conformity with the National Forestry Development Guidelines, draw up a Provincial Forest Plan.

- **Provincial Forest Plans To Be Submitted To Board, etc.,**
The Provincial Minister shall, on completion of the Provincial Forest Plan, submit a copy to the Board.

- **Provincial Forest Plan To Be Sent To Minister, etc.,**
Where the Board considers that a Provincial Forest Plan submitted under Section 50 (1) or resubmitted under Section 50 (3) is consistent with the National Forestry Development Guidelines
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