

# Progress Report on Lumbering in Lanao Province

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The commercial forest in Lanao province covers an aggregate area of approximately 316,865 hectares. It contains an average stand of 129 cubic meters per hectare of merchantable timber which represents such principal species, arranged according to their abundance, as mayapis, white lauan, bagtican, tangile, apitong, red lauan, mangasinoro, lumbayau, nato, malugai, batikuling, narig, guiyo, manggachapui, makaasim, pagsahiñgin, malabatino, kato, luktob, binggas, sakat, molave, kayatau, dungon, liusin, narra and tindalo. There was available for commercial exploitation after the last world war timbers, or 17,331,248,404 board feet of logs, for trees having attained forty (40) centimeters and over in diameter.

In the postwar period, the activities of the lumber industry in Lanao may be said to have commenced operations when the Misamis Lumber Company, Inc. put into use its first sawmill (second-hand) which was installed in Kapatagan in the early part of 1947. This was followed by the Iligan

Lumber Company, Inc. by operating its old sawmill at Larapan in 1947, and by the Kiwalan Lumber Company, Inc. in the following year by operating the old sawmill of Mr. Marcos Paderanga at Kiwalan, Iligan City. From this humble beginning, lumbering in this province has made considerable progress in terms of logging and sawmill output as can be seen in the figures below.

With the installation of machinery and sawmills being made by the Findlay Millar Timber Company in Kolambugan, Lanao, which is expected to operate in full swing by the middle of this year, lumbering in this province may reach its highest development in 1956 hand-in-hand with the progressive development of agriculture as well as of the hydro-electrical power to be generated from the famous Maria Cristina Falls in Iligan City. There is really a rosy future for the development of lumbering and of lumber industries in Lanao Province.

Year (Fiscal)	Number of saw- logs	Net volume in cubic meter	Total Volume mill cut in bd. ft.	Total Volume of all logs cut in Cu.M.
February to June, 1947 .....	1,498	3,079.10	501,217	3,079.10
1947-1948 .....	19,498	31,764.48	5,922,360	46,403.86
1948-1949 .....	23,076	39,116.45	7,367,877	64,409.19
1949-1950 .....	21,801	39,824.68	7,436,705	79,853.89
1950-1951 .....	30,169	51,742.92	7,901,384	84,255.78
Totals .....	94,544	162,448.53	28,628,326	278,001.82