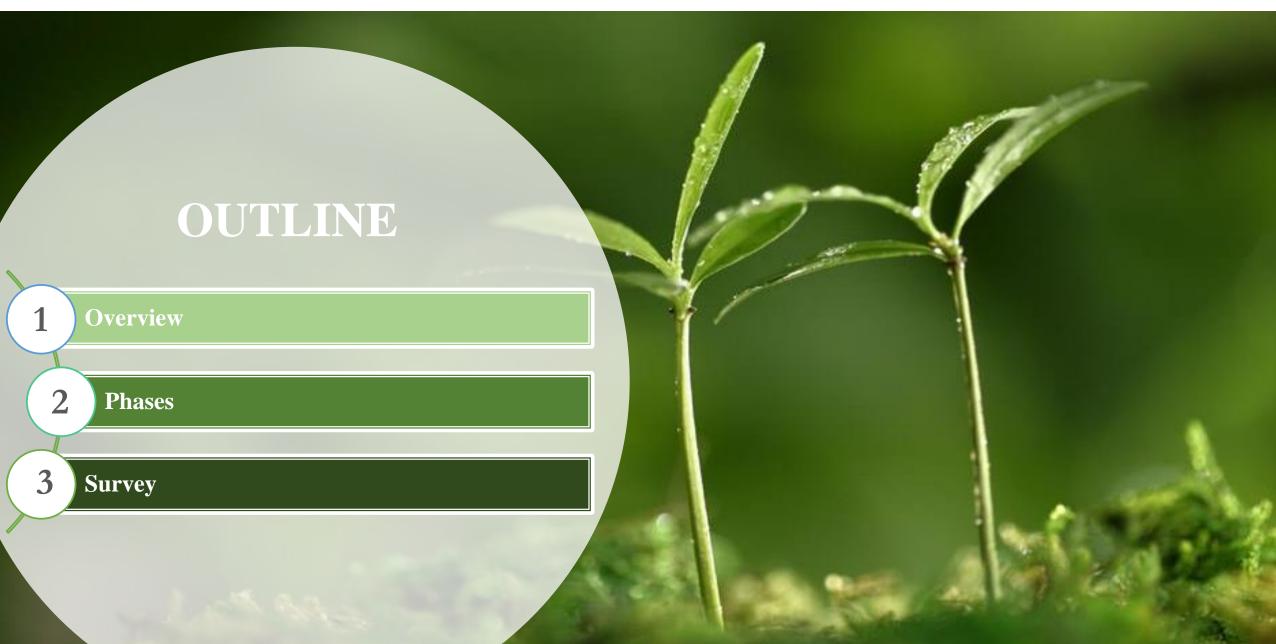
The Asian and Pacific
Network for Testing of
Agricultural Machinery
(ANTAM) Survey to Better
Meet the Needs of
Agricultural Machinery
Associations

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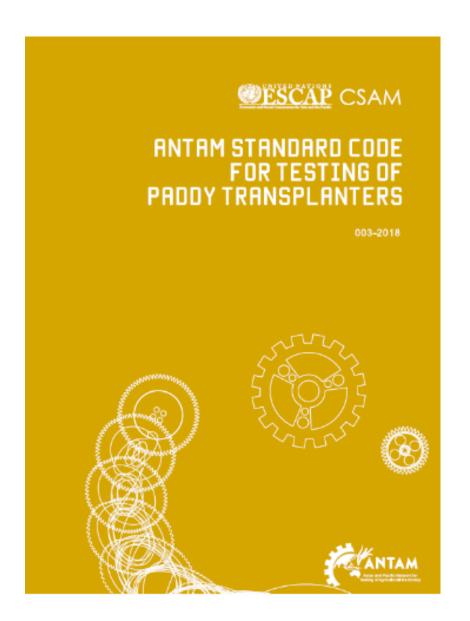
ANTAM Overview

- 19 Participating Countries (and one associate member of ESCAP)
- Promote mutual recognition of testing results through development and adoption of harmonized region-wide testing codes and procedures for machinery testing;
- Website: <u>www.antam-network.net</u>

Benefits and Objectives

- Forge a common definition and understanding of minimum standards for sustainable agricultural machinery among participating countries;
- Facilitate intraregional trade of sustainable agricultural machinery
- Reduce the social and economic cost of production and use of unsafe, inefficient and inappropriate agricultural machinery





Actions: Capacity Building and Normative Work

- Upgrade and improve existing testing facilities of participating countries [Training of Trainers; Field visits]
- Promote mutual recognition of testing results through development and adoption of harmonized region-wide testing Codes and procedures [TWGs, Annual Meeting]

ANTAM Phases

- Development of **region-wide agricultural standards** that reflect the agricultural and technological needs of 19 member countries [3 codes]
- Establishment of a network of testing stations able to perform the standardized ANTAM Codes and produce consistent test reports [Quality Manual]
- Establishment of a mutual recognition agreement for test results produced under the ANTAM umbrella.



Survey to Better Meet the Needs of Agricultural Machinery Associations

1. Relation with testing/certifying authorities (for domestic trade, import and export)

2. Compulsory/voluntary testing and their benefits (subsidies, etc.)

3. Benefits/negative implications of a regional certification to your business?

4. How can ANTAM certification be more beneficial? How to promote the future ANTAM certification among manufacturers and farmers in your country?



Thank you!

