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## Buffalo Research and Development in the Philippines

Strengthening of the Philippines Carabao Research and Development Center UNDP/FAO/RP Project PHI/78/017

The project was approved in June 1980 and implementation was started in February 1981 on the arrival of the Project Manager. The project has two main stations namely: (1) University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB) for research and development for backyard carabao production systems and (2) Central Luzon State University (CLSU) for research and development for ranch type carabao production systems. The Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (PCARRD) serves as the coordinating agency. In addition to these two main stations, there are three cooperating stations namely (1) Cagayan State University (CSU), Central Mindanao University (CMU) and Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) at Ubay and La Granja Experiment Station at La Carlota, Negros Occidental. There are many farmer cooperators also with the project.

The project is mainly an institution building and secondly as a research and development project with its long term objective of accelerating the development and improvement of the carabao as an important component of Philippine agriculture (as a source of animal power, meat and milk). The immediate

objective is to assist the Government in the implementation of its buffalo development programme through the strengthening of its carabao research and training facilities in UPLB and CLSU. More specifically the project is expected to (1) develop feeding systems for carabaos based on locally available crop residues and use of the country's extensive marginal grazing lands for ranch type operations; (2) elucidate the major factors influencing net reproductive rate in carabaos both under backyard and ranch type management; (3) develop a breeding programme suited to the two major production systems.

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