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INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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1. National goal (for next 10 years: 2020 to 2029)

- 1-1. To have an effective plant variety protection system that is beneficial in attaining sustainable agriculture and achieving food security for the country.
- 1-2. To strengthen the cooperation endeavors within neighboring countries with PVP system that aims to contribute in the nourishment of plant breeding activities in the Philippines for the benefit of plant breeders and farmers.

2. Objectives with analysis of challenges (for next 3 years)

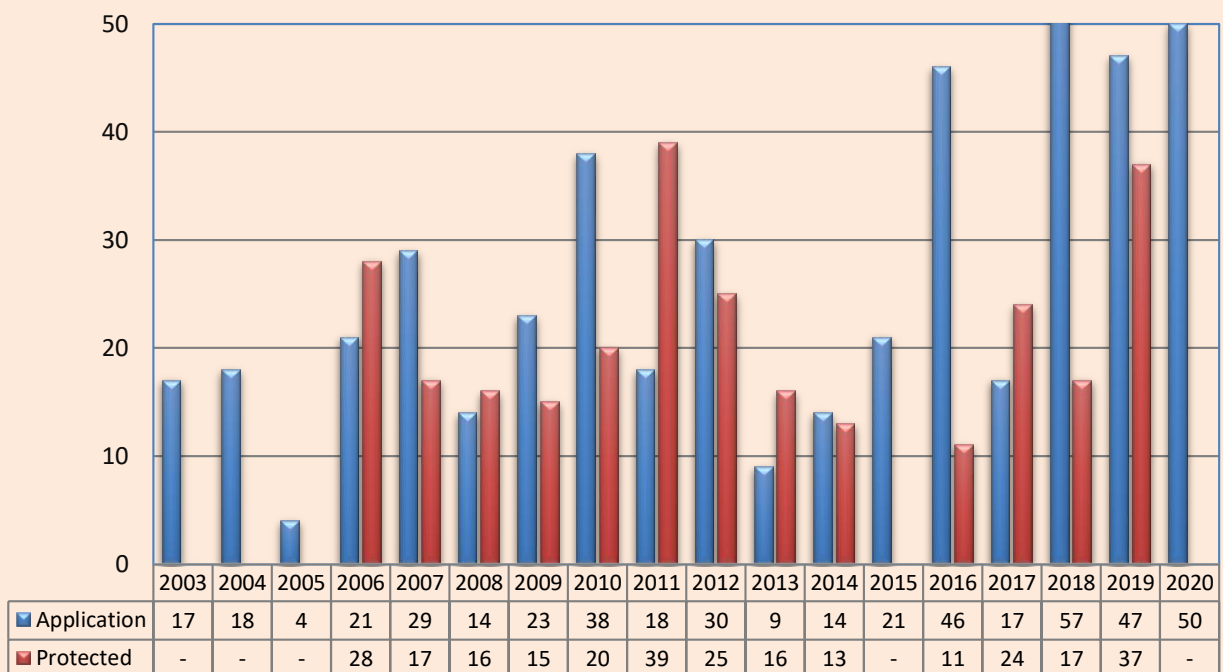
	OBJECTIVES	CHALLENGES
2020	Objective 1 Strengthen the implementation of the PVP system in the country through cooperation with different government agencies, non-government institutions and neighboring countries that implement PVP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philippines is not a UPOV member ▪ Restricted on-site DUS evaluation due to Covid-19 crisis
2021	Development and harmonization of DUS Test guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foreign applications without existing DUS Test guidelines
2022	Objective 2 Enhance the capacity of the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO) by establishing a DUS Testing Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limited personnel of the PVPO ▪ No established DUS Testing Site especially for foreign applications

3. Planned activities and Road map (for next 3 years)

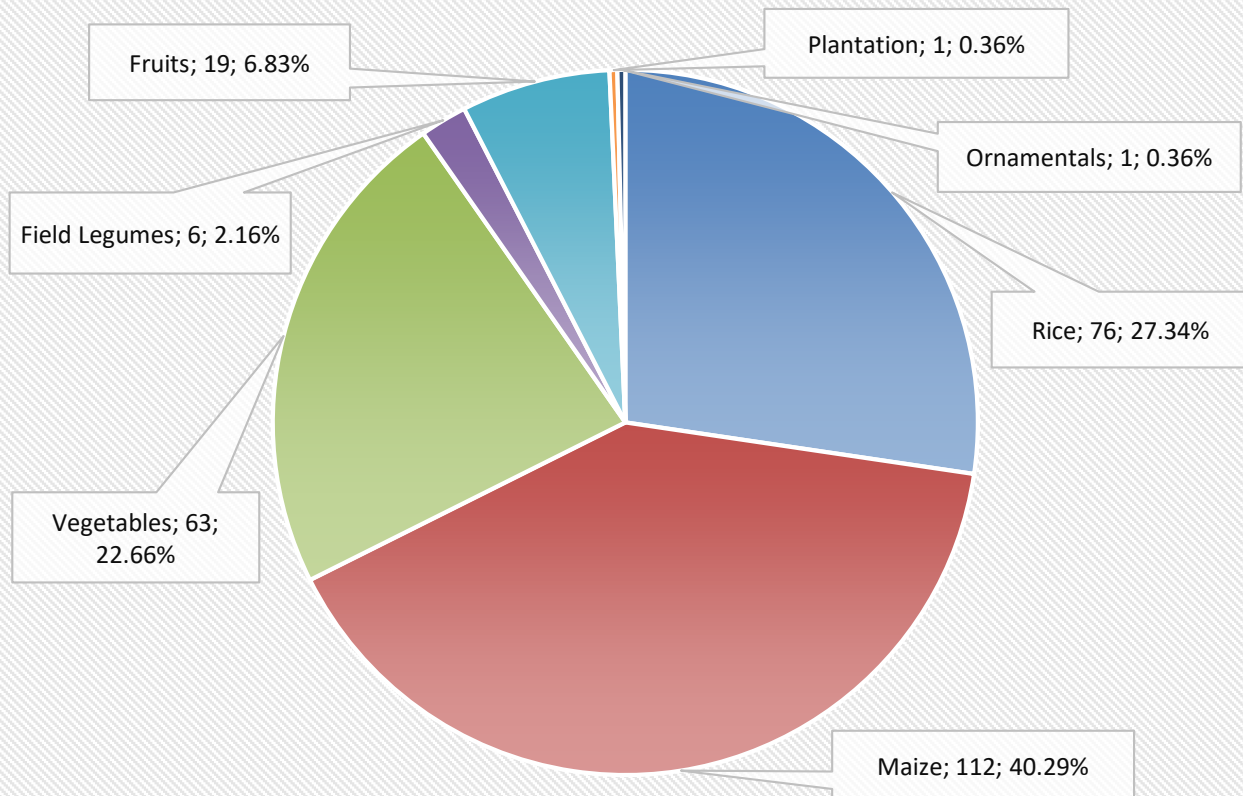
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	
ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE 1	TARGET GROUP
Conduct technical trainings and workshop through online platform and/or face to face meetings; Harmonization of DUS Test guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PVP DUS Examiners ▪ PVP applicants ▪ Other stakeholders
ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE 2	TARGET GROUP
Coordination and cooperation (local and international) for the establishment of the National Seed Technology Park as a possible DUS Testing Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Government agencies and private institutions involved in NSTP ▪ Dutch Cooperators and Naktuinbouw officials

Situationer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Philippines enacted into law its plant breeder's rights through Republic Act 9168 otherwise known as the "Plant Variety Protection Act of 2002". ▪ The act shall protect and secure the exclusive rights of breeders with respect to their new plant variety. ▪ The PVP office shall receive and conduct examination of applications for plant variety protection; receive petitions for compulsory license for transmittal to the Board; and maintain a systematic record of all Certificates of Plant Variety Protection. ▪ To date, 278 crop varieties have been granted with Certificate of Plant Variety Protection out of 473 applications filed for the last 18 years.

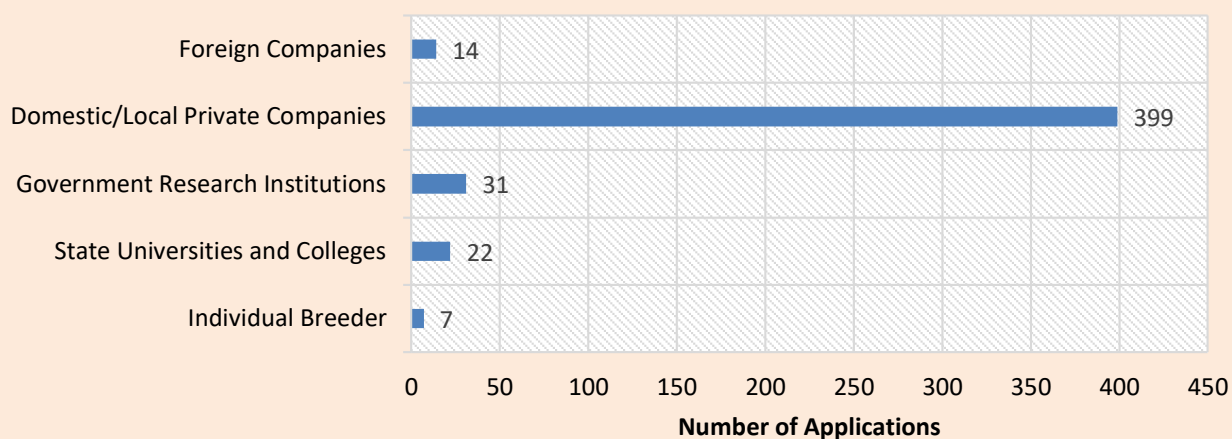
PVP Statistics



Breakdown of Protected Plant Varieties



PVP APPLICATIONS 2003-2020



Problems in Plant Variety Protection System in the Philippines	Possible Solution	Expected Output	Responsible Agencies	Timeline
Fallacious impression of some farmers with regards to Plant Variety Protection System (Importance, royalty, procedures, benefits, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensify awareness campaign re: plant variety protection Communication plan for PVP / dissemination program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good reputation of the PVP system in the country Gain farmer's trust about the PVP system Beneficial breeder-farmer relationship 	Bureau of Plant Industry – Plant Variety Protection Office, & other Agriculture- related Government agencies and NGOs	2020-2021

Decreasing number of protected plant varieties for the last 5 years (2011-2016 PVP statistics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reward, incentives, subsidy or recognition for the plant breeders • Intensify awareness campaign re: plant variety protection • Linkage between different government agencies and NGO's that specializes in information-dissemination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensified awareness and information dissemination • Increased number of protected crops • Increased variety choices for farmers (secondary to plant breeders right) 	Bureau of Plant Industry – Plant Variety Protection Office, & other Agriculture- related Government agencies and NGOs	2020-2022
Restricted on-site DUS Evaluation due to Covid-19 crisis and existing quarantine protocols in different areas of the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct online trainings and seminars to equip the applicants with technical knowledge on how to conduct morphological characterization based on the crop-specific DUS Test Guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate characterization data • Unhampered delivery of services of the PVP Office 	Bureau of Plant Industry – Plant Variety Protection Office	2020-2021

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