



INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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1. National goal (for next 10 years: 2021 to 2030)

1-1. To have an effective plant variety protection system that is beneficial in attaining sustainable agriculture and achieving food security in 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.

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

	OBJECTIVES	CHALLENGES
2021	<p><i>Objective 1</i> Development and harmonization of DUS Test Guidelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign applications without existing DUS Test guidelines
2022	<p><i>Objective 2</i> Strengthen the implementation of the Plant Variety Protection (PVP) by establishing a DUS Testing Site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited personnel of the PVPO No established DUS Testing Site especially for foreign applications

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2023	Capacitate the PVP Examiners and PVPO staff through seminars and trainings in cooperation with local and international organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philippines is not a UPOV member ▪ Restricted face to face training due to pandemic e.g. Covid-19

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3. Planned Activities and Road Map (for next 3 years)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	
ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE 1	TARGET GROUP
Conduct workshop for the different Examination Groups to develop, update and harmonize DUS Test guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ PVP DUS Examiners▪ PVP applicants▪ Other stakeholders

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE 2	TARGET GROUP
Coordination and cooperation (local and international) for the establishment of the National Seed Technology Park (NSTP) as a possible DUS Testing Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Government agencies and private institutions involved in NSTP■ Breeders■ Farmers■ Other stakeholders
Approval of the proposed capacity building activities that will be implemented by the Dutch Government through the Naktuinbouw in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ PVP DUS Examiners■ PVPO Staff

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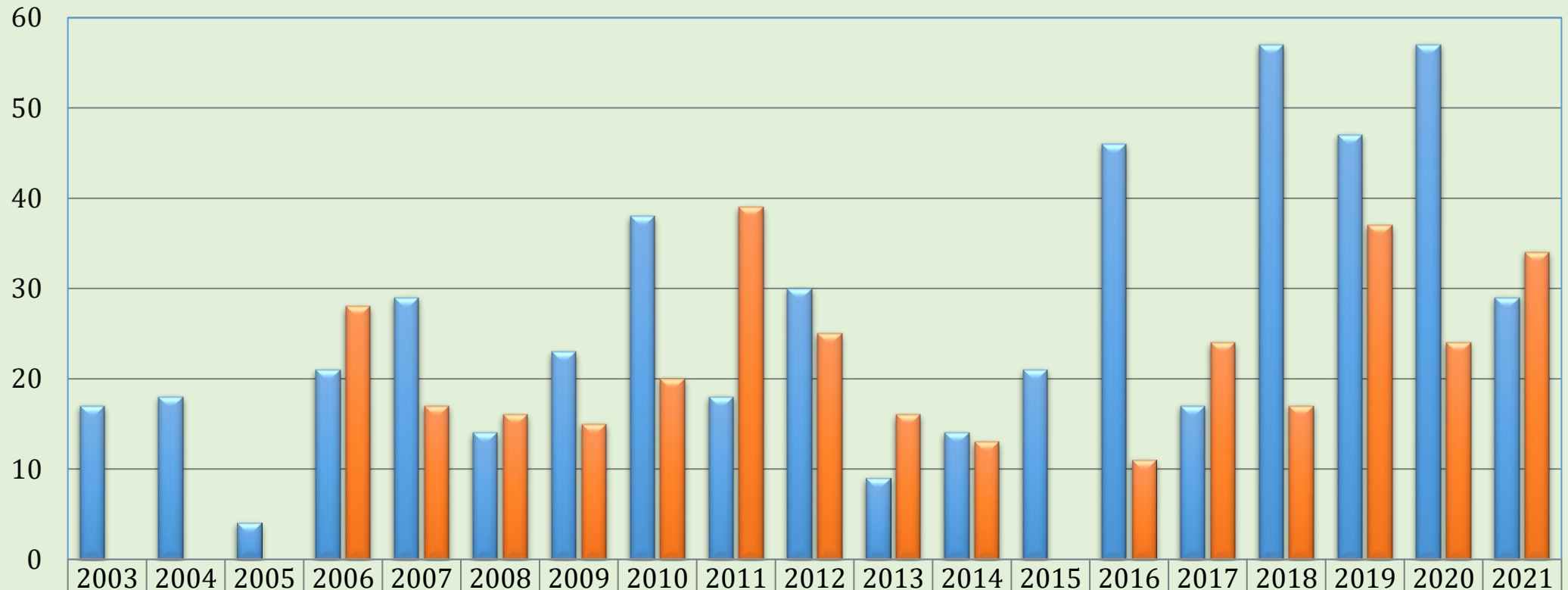
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- The Philippines enacted into law its plant breeder's rights through Republic Act 9168 otherwise known as the "Plant Variety Protection Act of 2002".
- The act shall protect and secure the exclusive rights of breeders with respect to their new plant variety.

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- 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, 336 crop varieties have been granted with Certificate of Plant Variety Protection out of 509 applications filed since the start of the PVP in the country.

PVP Statistics as of July 2021



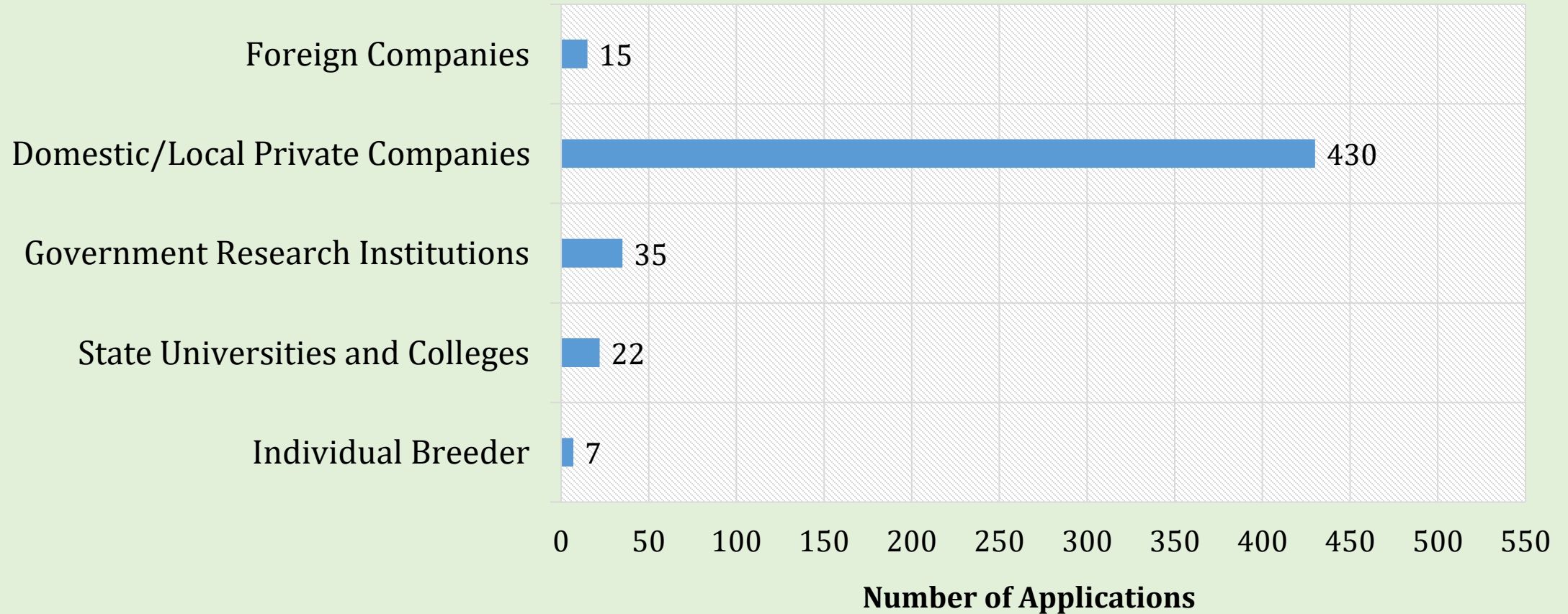
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Grants: 336

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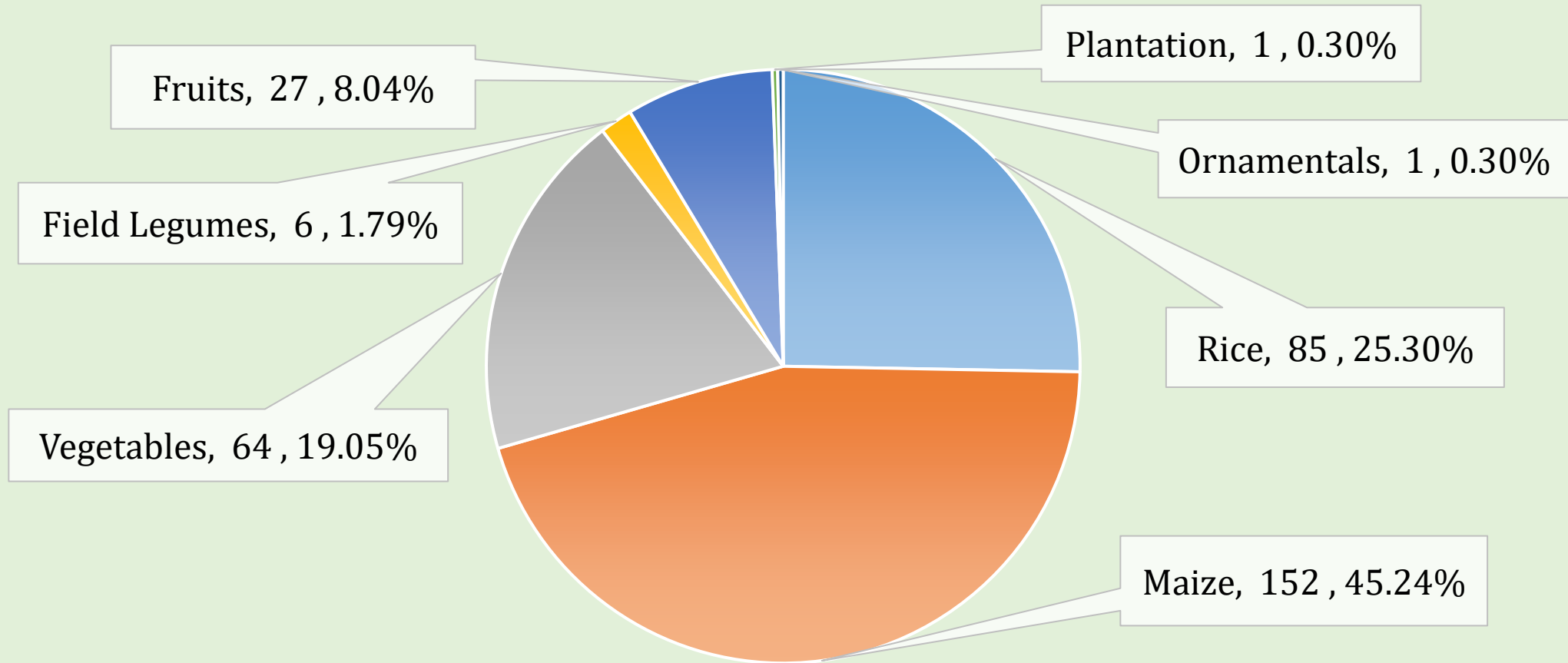
Breakdown of Applications by Type of Applicant



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Breakdown of Protected Plant Varieties



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Problems in Plant Variety Protection System in the Philippines	Possible Solution	Expected Output	Responsible Agencies	Timeline
Fallacious impression of some farmers with regard to Plant Variety Protection (Importance, royalty, procedures, benefits, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intensify awareness campaign re: plant variety protection 	<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	Continuing program / activity of the PVP Office
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"> ▪ 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. (data gathered by the applicant are still subject for validation by the PVP Examiners) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accurate characterization data ▪ Unhampered delivery of service of the PVP Office 	Bureau of Plant Industry – Plant Variety Protection Office	2021



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Absence of accredited DUS testing site, especially for foreign applications with no counterpart in the Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of the National Seed Technology Park (NSTP) as a possible DUS Testing Site ▪ BPI Centers as DUS testing site ▪ Purchase of DUS test results in other countries where the applied variety is already protected ▪ Capacity building for potential DUS Examiners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No delays in the issuance of Plant Variety Protection Certificate ▪ Enhanced capability of the DUS Examiners 	Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry – Plant Variety Protection Office, private institutions, The Netherlands and Naktuinbouw	2022-2024

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