"Tamaraw ng Mindoro: Pagdami mo'y inaasam ko, gubat na tahanan mo'y pangangalagaan ko! This is the theme for this year's celebration of the Tamaraw Month. It reflects the aspiration of the Filipino people for the Tamaraw and the commitment to conserve, in behalf of humanity, this unique world heritage. The Tamaraw ***(Bubalus mindorensis)*** is the largest land animal native to the Philippines, categorized as critically endangered species.

Presidential Proclamation No. 273 of 2002 declares October of every year as a **"Special Month for the Conservation and Protection of the Tamaraw in Mindoro"**. The Proclamation urged all government offices, agencies and instrumentalities in the whole Island of Mindoro to implement activities geared toward the conservation of the Tamaraw and its habitats.

All non-government organizations, private companies or corporations, people's organizations, academic and scientific institutions, and all other interest groups, within or outside Mindoro are enjoined to support and participate in the yearly celebration of the Special Month for the Tamaraw.

The DENR, through the Tamaraw Conservation Project (TCP) and the Provincial Governments of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro, in cooperation with partner organizations lined up the

following activities for this year's Tamaraw Month celebration:

DATE	ACTIVITIES	VENUE
October 1	**Kick-off activities**	
- Hanging of streamers	All DENR Regional Offices, and all municipalities in Mindoro Provinces	
- Radio Plugging/Fun Run/Bike Tour	San Jose, Occidental Mindoro	
- Tri-media promotion (radio plugging/	Oriental Mindoro	(cable TV announcements)
October 2	Tamaraw Video Showing at the Capitol and in cable TV stations and at ship	Oriental Mindoro
Announcement of the Tamaraw Month celebration in all Government Offices and schools		
October 7, 9, 14-15, 17, 21, 23, 26, 28-29	Biodiversity Day Camp for Students	Tamaraw Gene Pool Farm, Manoot, Rizal, Occide
October 11	Teachers' Training on Biodiversity	Oriental Mindoro
October 18-19	Basic Ecology and ENR Governance	Bayview Hotel, Manila
October 22	Bio-Quiz and Poster-making Contest	Calapan, Oriental Mindoro
October 25-26	BIO-CAMP for Science Teachers	Tamaraw Gene Pool Farm, Manoot, Rizal, Occide

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