

TAMARAW
(Bubalus mindorensis)



The Tamaraw or dwarf water buffalo (*Bubalus mindorensis*) is the largest wild land mammal in the Philippines. It closely resembles the water buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*) in almost all aspects except that the Tamaraw is smaller in size and its horn grows straight upward into a "V" form. This precious heritage is now in the verge of extinction and considered as one of the most endangered mammals in the world. The Tamaraw is originally widespread in Mindoro and its population was estimated to be about 10, 000 in the early part of the 1900's. The remaining population of the Tamaraw at present can mostly be found in the upper elevations of Mts. Iglit-Baco National Park that is estimated at about two-hundred and sixty one (261). Remnants of the population may also be found in the Aruyan-Sablayan area and Mt. Calavite.

Protection of this precious heritage and its habitat is now being undertaken by the DENR -PAWB through its [Tamaraw Conservation Program \(TCP\)](#) together with the Protected Area Management Board of the Mts. Iglit-Baco National Park and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.