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October 26, 2011

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker, I Mina' Trenta Uno na Liheslaturan Guahan
155 Hesler Place
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Re: Citizen Centric Report

Dear Madame Speaker:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! In pursuant to P.L. 30-127, "Citizen Centric Report" enclosed is the Department of Agriculture's report for fiscal year 2010.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mariquita F. Taitague.

MARIQUITA F. TAITAGUE
Director of Agriculture

Enclosure



GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

A Report to the Citizens of Guam



Fiscal Year 2010

OUR MISSION

To protect and promote agricultural resources and economy of Guam by research, quarantine, control, conservation, and extension work as authorized/required by law.

OUR VISION

Develop a sustainable agriculture platform in light of changing economic trends, climate change, food security, bio-security and population growth.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To increase and improve level of services to farmers and land owners by providing cohesive implementation of programs to coordinate a more efficient communication of network of programs and market services and to encourage people to protect, nurture and conserve our natural resources.

OUR GOALS

- 1.) To restore and maintain a balance to our ecosystem.
- 2.) To work closely with local and federal stakeholders on natural resource stewardship and agricultural development.
- 3.) To provide a high level of services to the public in support of our programs.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The many challenges farmers face during these arduous times is a reflection of past trends in which availability of resources, demand and supply of farm products and services becomes an every day activity to ensure fresh fruits and vegetables available and affordable to consumers. It is now more vital to protect and conserve our land resources for the continuance of farming activity on the island and be able to sustain for future generations amidst climate change, food security, biosecurity and homeland security concerns.



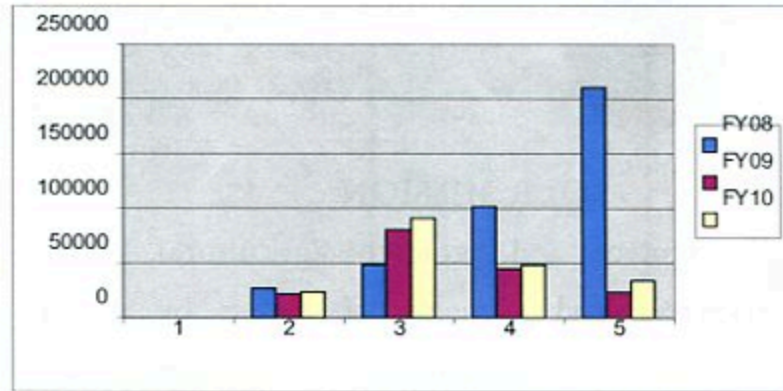
The Department of Agriculture is working towards sustainability by developing a tissue culture program for the recovery and introduction of certain banana and taro varieties. Such endeavors are made possible with close collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Secretariat of the Pacific.

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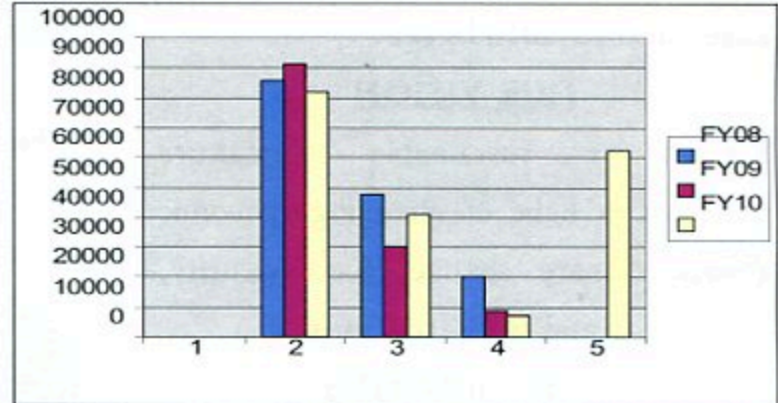
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Finances EXPENDITURES

Cost(s)	Fiscal Year	
	2009	2010
Personnel	2,328,990	2,225,456
Travel	4,175	6,588
Contractual	28,880	10,767
Supplies	26,848	28,128
Equipment	628	0
Workmen's Comp.	1,288	0
Drug Testing	38	38
Miscellaneous	2,088	0
Power	159,042	0
Water	88,496	0
Telephone	24,455	20,099
Capital	0	0
Total:	2,664,928	2,291,076



REVENUES



EXPENDITURES

Finances Accounts

[Revenues]

	FY08	FY09	FY10	Total
Plant Nursery	26,096	22,204	22,768	71,068
Plant Inspection Station	48,876	80,020	91,145	220,041
Rabies Prevention Fund	102,234	44,442	48,905	195,581
Wildlife Conservation Fund	210,464	24,012	34,685	269,161
Total:	387,670	170,678	197,503	755,851

[Expenditures]

	FY08	FY09	FY10	Total
Contractual	85,525	91,423	81,990	258,938
Supplies	47,334	30,309	41,180	118,823
Equipment	20,187	8,854	7,030	36,071
Capital	0	0	62,489	62,489
Total:	153,046	130,586	192,689	476,321

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Revenues in FY2008 reflect balances from previous fiscal years by indicating a wide margin in comparison to FY2009 collections. The budget increase is due to the increase in military personnel in pet permitting applications and the increase in plant and produce inspections for local vendors.

Expenditures had increased in 2009 due to the need of Conservation Officers for reliable vehicles to replace non-functioning vehicles. Expenses in prior years incurred for replenishment of nursery supplies and materials, office supplies, printing forms, vehicles, fuel and contractual obligations.

Since the creation of the Department in 1956, it had relied on the General Fund of the Government of Guam for support. Currently, the Division of Aquatic & Wildlife Resources is 100% federally funded and the Division of Forestry & Soil Resources is a combination of local/federal funds for its operation and personnel expenses.



Grantor Agency	Federal Project Title	Amount
US Dept. of Interior, F&WL Service	Fish & Wildlife Restoration	1,158,982
	Fish & Wildlife Coordination	155,000
	Guam Endangered Species	270,549
	Recreational Impact Coral Reef	100,000
	Connectivity Reef Fish	
	Poulat	199,235
	Access Lethrinus Harak GU Preserve	132,195
US Dept. of Interior US Forest Service	Guam State Wildlife Grant	243,887
	Brown Tree Snake Program	260,000
	Cooperative Fire Protection State & Private Forestry	185,000
APHIS/PPQ/PIF		270,600
	Biosecurity Task Force	272,808
	Total:	3,248,256

MOVING FORWARD



The Department continues to face challenges in the implementation of unfunded local mandates and unfunded vacancies due to funding shortages from the general fund in prior fiscal years and current. With the impending marines relocation, Agriculture is concerned with its ability to handle the increase of plants, animals, produce for inspection and quarantine with the shortage of manpower and budget constraints.



HAY STUDY

The current vacancies in the Department continue to remain a challenge due to budget constraints in the General Fund. It is noted that annual budget ceilings are only to fund personnel in place. The duties and responsibilities of various unfilled positions are absorbed by existing personnel, in addition to their regular workload. Employees, who vacated their positions, have either moved on to federal employment or are hired by autonomous government entities for higher salaries and better benefits.

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