

AAA - International Agricultural Cooperation Program Administered Projects

Project	Country/ Region	Project details	2006-2007 Financial Year
Capacity building in the Eritrean through Australian Volunteer International placements	Eritrea	Aim - placement of two Australian volunteers for a year within the Hamelmalo Agricultural College and the National Agricultural Research Institute to assist with the strategic development of the institutions and advise on research and curriculum development.	\$64,846
Australia China Agricultural Cooperation Agreement (ACACA) is a longstanding bilateral agreement that provides funding for agriculture, fisheries and forestry-oriented exchange missions between Australia and China. Since its inception in 1984, over 180 exchange projects from both countries have been undertaken. The overall objective of ACACA is to promote bilateral cooperation in the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors. The cooperative relationship projects provide an opportunity to visit locations within China and make contacts that may not otherwise be possible.	China	<p>The project funded 6 missions from China and 6 missions from Australia to China.</p> <p><u>Visits to China:</u> Seafood Services Australia: Creating the platform for increasing trade (November 2006) Investigation of the potential for collaborative partnerships in cold chain logistics in China (September 2006) Australian citrus industry: Export arrangements to China (Apr/May 2007) Building strategic relationships with the Chinese wool textile industry to improve quality standards, information flows and facilitate wool trade (September 2006) Developing the market for fresh Australian mangoes to China (April 2007) Australian and Chinese forestry standard equivalence study (May 2007)</p> <p><u>Visits to Australia:</u> Fine wool and sheep breeding (October 2006) Investigating technical innovation in agribusiness industries (November 2006) Investigating capacity building on forestry certification (March/April 2007) Investigating malting barley production and agricultural aerial spraying operations (April 2007) Study Australia's aquatic farming technology and management (May/June 2007) Beef Cattle (March 07)</p>	\$282,422
Indonesian milk quality systems development project	Indonesia	The project built on an analysis of the Indonesian dairy industry commissioned by Dairy Australia in 2005 at the request of the Indonesian Directorate General of Livestock Services. The project aimed to increase the capacity of the Indonesian dairy industry to meet higher quality standards and increase the profitability of the industry.	\$28,299
Joint cooperation in goat breeding in Indonesia	Indonesia	The project was a pilot program to develop a model for sustainable goat production in rural Indonesia.	\$56,548

Support for Biological Collections for Agricultural Trade in Indonesia	Indonesia	Aim - to provide laboratory equipment the Indonesian Centre for Agricultural Biotechnology and Genetic Resources to assist in the rehabilitation and transfer of its pest collection to the Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Quarantine. Benefits to Australia include: helping to identify and contain possible quarantine risks offshore; ensuring Indonesia is capable of accurately identifying pests and diseases, reducing the likelihood of trade disruptions resulting from misidentifications of pests; and improving the reliability of pest lists provided by Indonesia when seeking to export agricultural products to Australia.	\$48,603
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AAA - International Agricultural Cooperation Program Departmental Projects

Project name	Country/Region	Project details	2006-07
Review of the AAA - IAC Program	N/A	Internal review of the Agriculture Advancing Australia (AAA) International Agricultural Cooperation Program as part of the refresh of the overall AAA program.	\$25,080
Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems seminar	Codex developing countries	Aim - to facilitate more effective participation of developing countries in the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems. The project provided funding for a seminar to promote the development and harmonisation of international standards relating to food import and export inspection and certification systems.	\$15,200
Joint Working Group on Forestry	China	The project provided funding for the meeting of the Australia-China Joint Working Group on Forestry meeting in Canberra in September 2006 and field visits in Canberra and Tasmania. The meeting provided an opportunity for high-level officials of Australian and Chinese forestry agencies to meet and discuss areas of potential forestry cooperation and market access issues.	\$19,183
Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture Delegation Visit, 2-8 December 2006	Indonesia	Aim - to facilitate a visit to Australia by senior Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture officials involved in market access negotiations involving horticulture and meat offal exports. The visit was part of an Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research funded activity which included visits to Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service mail and cargo quarantine facilities, fruit fly pest free areas and a pest and disease diagnostic facility.	\$7,715
Saudi Arabian Technical Delegation Visit, 28 January - 2 February 2007	Saudi Arabia	The department, in conjunction with Meat and Livestock Australia, hosted a Saudi Arabian technical delegation to discuss red meat export inspection and certification programs, the potential development of a Sanitary and Phytosanitary contact point in Saudi Arabia and resolving market access issues for pulse products.	\$9,000

Master Class on agricultural trade policy	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan and Thailand	The project funded the attendance of participants from seven countries to the June 2007 Master Class in Agricultural Trade Policy and Biosecurity. Funding covered international travel, accommodation and meals, internal transportation including a field trip to Brisbane, functions and all other costs associated with the Master Class.	\$110,717
Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme training for China	China	Aim - to deliver training in fumigation to 160 Chinese quarantine officers during 2006-07 to ensure that fumigations are performed effectively. The United States Department of Agriculture contributed \$409,000 to this project.	\$198,557
Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme 2007 Symposium in Jakarta	Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka	The project provided funding for participants from Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka to attend the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme 2007 Symposium.	\$7,502
APEC Exercise Management Project	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) countries	Aim - to conduct an Exercise Management Workshop for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation countries in Bangkok to conduct and evaluate emergency management simulation exercises involving health and agricultural agencies. The workshop was conducted by the department in cooperation with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre.	\$12,683
ABARE Indonesian Agricultural Market Review	Indonesia	Aim - to conduct a review of Indonesian agricultural market access. The project provided funding for ABARE (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics) to analyse underlying factors contributing to growth in the international trade relationship and assessed developments in export opportunities for Australia.	\$35,000
Joint Feasibility Study on Vegetable Chains in Eastern Indonesia	Indonesia	Aim - conduct a feasibility study on ways to improve vegetable value chains in Eastern Indonesia and to enhance collaboration between Australia and Indonesia. The project was jointly funded by the department and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research with involvement from the Victorian Department of Primary Industries.	\$21,000
APEC 2007 - Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group (ATCWG) meeting	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) countries	The project provided funding for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Agricultural and Technical Cooperation Working Group meeting in Brisbane in April/May 2007.	\$50,965

Domestic Trade Advocacy	Australia	Aim - deliver trade advocacy messages at ABARE (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics) Regional Outlook Conferences in 2007. This project allowed the department to promote an understanding of the current issues facing Australia's agricultural export industries; take a greater role in working with industry to further Australia's agricultural export interests in international markets; highlight the importance of trade for portfolio industries; and help promote a more balanced view of the benefits of trade reform.	\$6,846
UPT Scoping Study	Indonesia	Aim - to conduct a scoping study on the <i>Implementation of Strategic Planning and Commercialisation of Technical Production Units (UPT's)</i> project in Indonesia. The scoping study clarified UPT objectives with senior officials of the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture.	\$11,868
Philippines International Food Exhibition	Philippines	Aim - to facilitate an increased understanding between Australia and the Philippines on Australia's approach to food safety and quarantine. An Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service officer presented information at the Philippines International Food Exhibition. The Philippine Government contributed to the cost of the visit.	\$11,316
Taiwan: Bovine Tuberculosis - visit by specialist	Taiwan	Aim - to facilitate a visit by Dr Lee Yueh-yi, a specialist at the Taiwanese Bureau of Animal and Plant Health, Inspection and Quarantine in May/June 2007 to resolve access issues relating to Australian livestock. Livecorp, Australian Dairy Farmers and Elders agreed to contribute to the costs of Dr Lee's visit.	\$3,247
Malaysian Agricultural Quarantine And Inspection Service Study Visit	Malaysia	The project provided funding for a Malaysian Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Service study visit held in June 2007 in Canberra and Melbourne. The visit was a cooperative activity under the <i>Memorandum of Understanding between Australia and Malaysia for the Enhancement of Agricultural Cooperation</i> .	\$2,587

Live Animal Trade Program

Project name	Country/Region	Project details	2006-07
China Animal Welfare Husbandry - Phase II Dairy Heifer Exports to China	China	Aim - to deliver animal welfare and husbandry training to Chinese cattle producers, Ministry of Agriculture officials and importers. The project was developed in response to Chinese Ministry of Agriculture concerns about the performance of imported Australian dairy cattle in Chinese dairies.	\$122,991
Quarantine Enhancement Project - plants	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Aim - to develop plant and animal quarantine management systems to underpin the UAE's capacity to meet <i>Plant and Veterinary Quarantine Law</i> for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf. The project was formalised by the Quarantine Enhancement Project signed between Australia and UAE in December 2004.	\$33,791
Provision and installation of restraining boxes in Indonesian abattoirs	Indonesia	The project provided restraining boxes to abattoirs in Indonesia handling Australian cattle, to reduce stress and ensure humane handling and slaughter of cattle.	\$225,000
Middle East stocktake on animal welfare legislation	Middle East	Aim - review animal welfare legislation and legislative instruments in World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) countries in the Middle East region.	\$15,000
Middle East stocktake on feedlot/ animal handling facilities	Middle East	Aim - to evaluate feedlot and animal handling facilities (including port of discharge, transportation network, feedlots and livestock markets) in the Middle East region and identify areas for improvement.	\$22,539
Improve stunning practices in the Philippines	Philippines	Aim - to improve stunning practices in abattoirs to ensure humane slaughter of cattle.	\$50,000
Implementation of Strategic Planning and Commercialisation of Technical Production Units	Indonesia	Aim - to foster a more commercial focus in Indonesian breeding centres by improving animal welfare outcomes, the development of business plans and the introduction of accountability and records systems to better evaluate breeding outcomes.	\$58,707
Training in Livestock Nutrition	Eritrea	Aim - to provide training and advice in livestock nutrition to staff at the National Agriculture Research Institute and regional extension staff on how to maximise the nutritional benefit of different forage species to increase livestock productivity. The project was managed by the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries.	\$14,750
Forage Options for Livestock	Eritrea	Aim - to introduce to Eritrea new forage species and varieties from tropical, sub-tropical and temperate regions of Australia, together with the adaptation of their management packages to suit Eritrean conditions.	\$100,562

Education and Training in Livestock Husbandry in the Middle East	Middle East	Aim - to provide targeted training and accreditation in areas of livestock husbandry in key livestock export markets in the Middle East region. The training focussed on livestock discharge, transportation, feedlot management, livestock nutrition, abattoir development, and animal welfare training and awareness. The project was managed by Meat and Livestock Australia.	\$121,255
Amman Abattoir Livestock Handling Improvement Scheme	Jordan	Aim - upgrade livestock delivery races in the Greater Amman Municipal Abattoir and install a slaughter control box for cattle to ensure humane slaughter. A training and accreditation program for livestock handlers was provided following the upgrade. The project was managed by Meat and Livestock Australia.	\$100,074
Follow-up activities at the Hamelmalo Agricultural College	Eritrea	Aim - building on earlier work at the Hamelmalo Agricultural College, provide capacity building in teaching and library resources; advice regarding the management of laboratory training facilities; and assist with the development of a practical training and extension service for use by the Hamelmalo district. The project was managed by Rural Solutions SA.	\$55,818
Middle East Heat Stress Management Workshops	Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait	Aim - develop and deliver a series of workshops to Middle East importers of Australian livestock to raise awareness of the importance of managing heat stress in sheep. The project provided training in recognising heat stress in sheep and identified interventions to prevent it occurring. Managing heat stress in sheep has tangible and positive animal welfare outcomes. The project was managed by Meat and Livestock Australia.	\$36,675
Translation of Arabic texts for Libyan Memorandum of Understanding	Libya	Aim - translate the Memorandum of Understanding in the Trade in Live Animals between Australia and Libya into Arabic to facilitate its agreement and to allow the trade in live animals to Libya to commence.	\$3,904