

Finally the article offers some suggestions that might help in the development of the camel sector in the Arab World, thereby raising the living standards, livelihood and welfare of the camel owners and breeders.

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Improving camels productivity for sustainable development in the Mediterranean South Basin countries (Egypt and Tunisia):

The ENPI-CBC-MED project "PROCAMED"

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Abstract

With global warming now an established reality, the world's deserts are advancing. Only camels can survive as the best livestock for projects of sustainable agriculture and animal production under these harsh conditions. Camels can be in times of ecological crisis the proper animals that can be farmed in those dry land areas. Currently, due to global changes of environmental conditions, camels nature, characteristics, species, productivity and breeding systems have become of concern to several countries. The low quality and low value of camel's products (milk, meat, leather, hair), are attributed to lack of innovation in the production systems and poor research on products innovation. In the framework of the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) of the "Mediterranean Sea Basin Program" that aims to enhance cooperation between the European Union (EU) and partner countries from the south basin of the Mediterranean Sea. Four countries, Tunisia, through the Institut des Régions Arides - Laboratoire d'élevage et de la faune sauvage (IRA) and Egypt, through the Desert Research Center (DRC), representing the south Mediterranean basin and Italy, through the D.E.T.O. (University of Bari) and France, through the CIRAD (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement), representing the Northern basin of the Mediterranean, started a collaborative project, PROCAMED, for improvement of camel production as a tool for sustainable development. The project is contributing to the targets of the program according to the following priority and measure: 1. Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories 11. Supporting innovation and research for promoting the local development processes of the Mediterranean Basin Countries.

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