

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3774



Introduced by: REP. RODOLFO G. VALENCIA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Tamaraw (Scientific Name: Babalus Mindorensis) as the National Mammal of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Tamaraw can only be found in the Philippines unlike the carabao which can also be found in several Asian countries. If there should be a national symbol which would represent a country's distinct characteristic, it would be prudent to choose an icon that is naturally occurring in that country.

The Tamaraw is also symbolic of the Philippines' good qualities, as it evokes strength, courage and independence. Tamaraws are also known for their speed and agility and intense love for freedom. Their dynamism and tenacity to live are similar to the lion and the tiger, both national symbols of other countries.

With the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE BABALUS MINDORENSIS, COMMONLY
KNOWN AS THE TAMARAW, AS THE NATIONAL MAMMAL AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in
Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Babalus Mindorensis, commonly known as
the Tamaraw, is hereby declared as the National Mammal.

SECTION 2. Any laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations
and issuances, or parts thereof, contrary or inconsistent with the
provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its publication
in the Official Gazette.

Approved,