DOMESTIC ANIMAL DIVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM
A CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM

The Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS) developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a multilingual, dynamic database driven Web-based communication and information tool based at http://www.fao.org/dad-is. Since the mid 1990s, DAD-IS has been recognized as a clearing house mechanism and early warning tool for animal genetic resources for food and agriculture (AnGR) by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). DAD-IS has for many years facilitated global and regional analysis of the status and trends of livestock diversity.

WHY DAD-IS?
DAD-IS provides countries' National Coordinators with a means to manage and disseminate data on their animal genetic resources. It is the centre of an expandable global network of national and regional information systems.

WHAT DOES DAD-IS OFFER?
• Information on 14,000 breeds, representing 37 species and 181 countries
• Information on a wide range of breed characteristics, performance-related statistics, and population size, structure and trends, illustrated by more than 4,000 images
• Extensive library of full text publications and links to other Web resources
• Searchable database and user-definable report generator
• Multilingual interface and content
• National Coordinators have full responsibility for maintaining data quality and quantity

WHO CAN BENEFIT?
• Governments
• International agencies
• Non Governmental Organizations, universities and research organizations
DAD-IS provides stakeholders with the opportunity to strengthen their activities in the field of animal genetic resources management.

[Diagram of network of national and regional information systems (NANR sys)]

[Links to DAD-IS]
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