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* Livestock research * regulations in offing

THE Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) is finalising a process to introduce a special regulation seeking to monitor conduction of livestock research within the country.

Under the envisaged rule, all researchers who are not under the shadow of TALIRI will not be allowed to perform any research without getting permission from the state-owned institute.

TALIRI's Principle Researcher, Dr Jonas Kizima, said during an interview with the Daily News that the development was targeted to help improve performance of livestock researches within the country.

"Livestock research is a very sensitive exercise, and that's why we want to ensure all researches being conducted are meeting the required standards, but also, they reflect the set regulations," he explained.

For his part, the Institute's Director General (DG), Prof Erick Komba, said his institution was planning to continue implementing a number of useful researches with a goal to improve productivity of beef breeds through strategic cross-breeding.

He informed that the focus was also to improve livelihoods among the livestock farmers by heightening income and food security through breeding suitable beef cattle that fit pastoral and agro-pastoral production environments.

"We're working round the clock to ensure the impressive development of the livestock sector within the country, not only through research, but also through encouraging the rural smallholder pastoralists to embrace hybrid cattle as well as adhering to recommended live-

stock keeping practices," Prof Komba insisted.

Apart from that, the Institute's boss explained that the institute would continue to conduct thorough research and disseminate key technologies for the betterment of the livestock keepers.

"There are several strategies and options that need to be embraced so as to have a bouncing and mushrooming livestock industry that is bound to contribute more to the household and national economies. Briefly, orientation of physical, financial and intellectual resources has to do with increase in levels of investment that is over and above the current levels," he observed.

With its headquarters in Dodoma, TALIRI is an institute responsible for the development and dissemination of appropriate technologies for the improvement of the livestock industry in Tanzania.

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The country has a total area of 945,000km², whereby 62,000km² of the surface area is covered with water, and 61 million hectares is rangeland that is suitable for livestock production.

Ulega aiagiza Tafiri kufanya utafiti kusaidia wavuvi

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Dar es Salaam. Naibu Waziri wa Mifugo na Uvuvi, Abdallah Ulega ameitaka Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Mifugo Tanzania (Tafiri), kufanya tafiti zitakazojibu changamoto za wavuvi wadogo ili kuleta ufanisi kwenye sekta hiyo.

Ulega alieleza hayo juzi, wakati akizungumza na viongozi na wafanyakazi wa Tafiri baada ya

kutembelea taasisi hiyo kwa lengo la kujionea utendaji kazi wao na changamoto zinazowakabili.

Alisema wavuvi wadogo wana changamoto mbalimbali, ikiwemo zana za uvuvi na lazima tafiti zifanyike, hasa wakati huu ambao teknolojia inakua na mabadiliko ya tabia ya nchi yanayojitokeza mara kwa mara. Aliwataka Tafiri kutoona aibu kukaa meza moja na wavuvi hao kuchukua mawazo yao.

Ulega alisema hivi sasa mambo yamebadilika, wavuvi na zana zilizotumika katika miaka ya 90 ni tofauti na sasa, hivyo lazima Tafiri ikimbizane na teknolojia kwenye sekta kwa manufaa ya Taifa.

"Wavuvi hawa wadogo wapo mbele kuliko sisi, wamekuwa wajanja kubuni teknolojia ya zana, sasa kaeni nao ili mpate mawazo mbadala katika utendaji kazi wenu. Ingawa wanabuni zana, lakini baa-

dhi zinakuwa hazina viwango vya uvuvi na kusababisha uharabifu wa mazingira," alisema Ulega.

Alisema ni wakati muafaka kwa Tafiri kuwa mbele zaidi ya wavuvi kwa kubuni teknolojia ya zana bora za uvuvi, hatua itakayosaidia kuondokana na sintofahamu ya Serikali kukimbizana na wavuvi wanaodaiwa kutumia zana haramu. "Msiache kuwashirikisha na kuwasikiliza wavuvi ambao

muda mrefu wanashinda baharini," alisema Ulega.

Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa Tafiri, Dk Ismail Kimirei alisema taasisi hiyo ina vituo vinne vinavyotoa huduma za utafiti katika maeneo mbalimbali nchini.

Pia, alisema bado wanakabiliwa na changamoto ya kifedha, hali inayosababisha kushindwa kutekeleza majukumu yao kwa ufanisi.

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