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Panel 4.2: Ecological and Social Patterns of Consumption

Climatic Difference in Agricultural Ways between the Okinawa Islands and the Philippines

The Okinawa Islands (Okis) has in general a mild weather all throughout the year except during typhoon season. The Philippines (Phis) has also a similar climatic structure but with a longer duration of the typhoon season. This slight difference in climate and weather between Phis and Okis regions makes farmers apply a different way for agricultural processes. Taking an example of the growing of sugar canes, one knows that farmers in the Phis can grow them in half of a year while those in the Okis need two years. We need an innovative agricultural way in the Okis. We are now facing various issues caused by global warming, where climatic features at any local point are changing.