



By Presidential Decree 1506, Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) was given the 665-hectare Calao Forest Reserve. It spans the picturesque neighborhoods of Barangay Maasin in San Clemente and Barangay San Jose in Mayantoc, and it functions as a research site that supports ecological conservation and sustainable development in addition to providing BS Forestry students with a hands-on learning environment. The reserve has a variety of natural features, such as verdant pathways, the serene Calao Falls, and areas to unwind among local fauna.

This reserve has been incorporated into TAU's community-building and teaching programs. In order to boost the economic development of nearby communities, the site supports initiatives including bamboo replanting and the building of facilities for Forest Product Development and Bamboo Initial Processing. The Civil Service Commission honored the Calao Forest Reserve with the Pagasa Award in 2011 as a model of agroforestation and sustainability, bolstered by buildings like the TAU Bamboo Palace and a planned Bamboo Forest Park. In addition to being a sanctuary for biodiversity, this reserve is a great place to hike, camp, and explore; it's a rewarding place for both nature lovers and eco-tourists.