Peru Receives $13.7 Million Loan For Irrigation Project From European Economic Community

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On April 21, European Economic Community chief Abel Matutes arrived in Lima to sign a $13.7 million loan agreement for an irrigation project in Tumbes province, located 1,300 km. north of the capital. The Tumbes project was originally designed as part of a joint Peruvian-Ecuadoran effort to exploit the water resources of the Ecuadoran Puyango River and the Peruvian Tumbes River for agriculture. Both governments requested the EEC to fund the twin projects. After research on the Ecuadoran side of the project trailed behind schedule, the two governments agreed to begin work on the Peruvian end of the irrigation plan. The $20 million Tumbes project, to be completed in three to four years, is aimed at opening 12,300 ha. for cultivation of soybeans, corn, bananas, citrus fruit and vegetables, benefiting about 4,000 households. The remainder of the financing is to be provided by the Peruvian government and local farmers. (Basic data from AFP, 04/21/91)

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