



# Coconut for a Better Future

*Vanuatu Coconut Summit 2019*



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# The Coconut Farmer

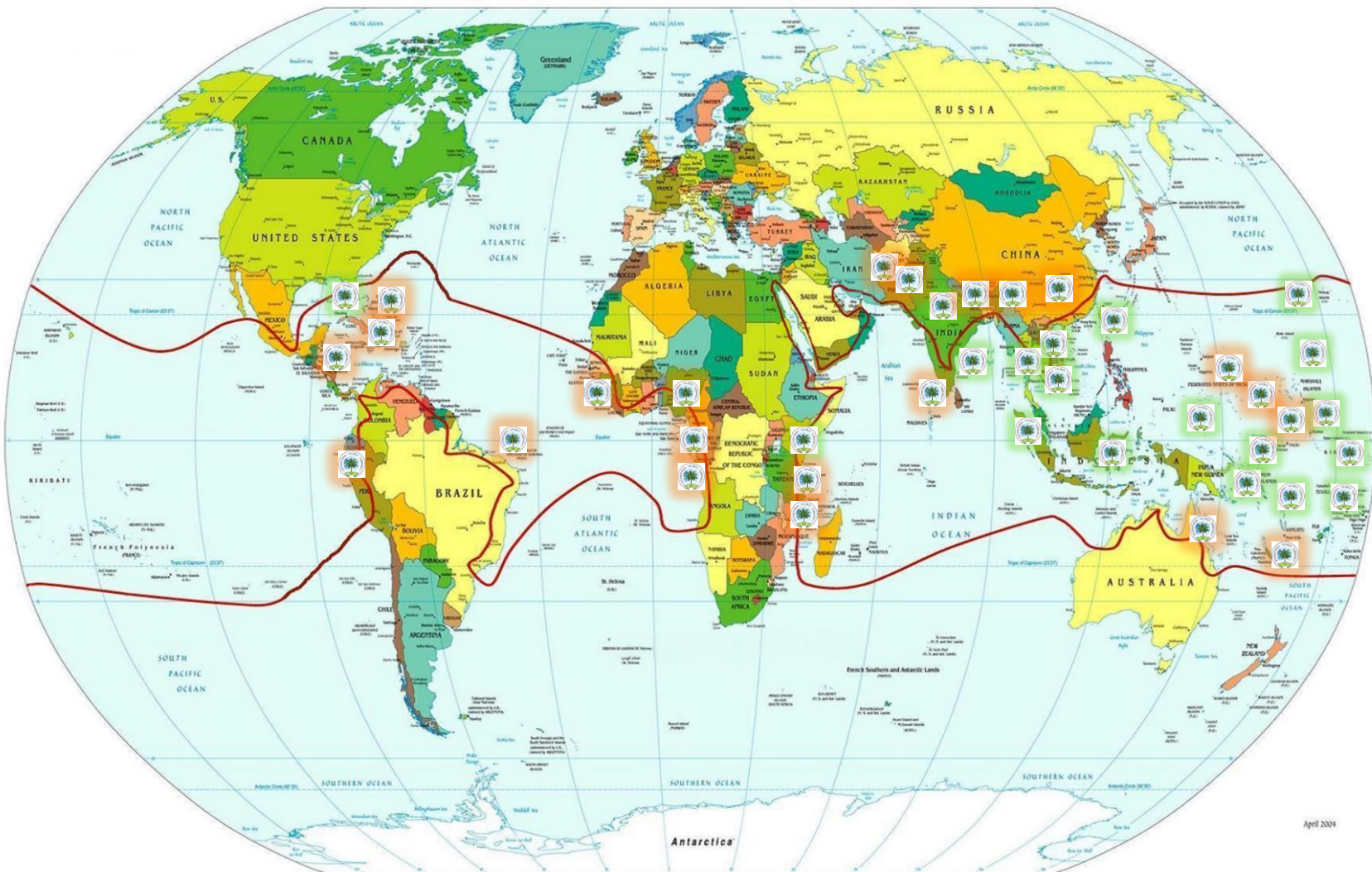




# The Coconut World



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# The Tree of Life

*responsible for social & economic wellbeing of families*



## Coconut Husk + Shell

- **Husk:** a pot for plants
- **Shells:** to create bowls, utensils, handicrafts, musical instruments, exfoliating products
- **Husks together with shell:** fuel, buff floors
- mosquito repellent

## Coconut Meat

- Coconut oil
- Coconut milk
- Nectar
- Copra
- Coconut sap (Which can be turned to palm wine, candy, syrup, coconut sugar or palm sugar)



## Coconut Leaves

- Broom
- Baskets + mats
- Cooking skewers
- Kindling
- Roofing

## Coconut Trunk

- Furniture
- Houses
- Drums
- Containers
- Canoes

## Coconut Roots

- Dye
- Mouthwash
- Frayed pieces can be used as a toothbrush

## Coconut Water

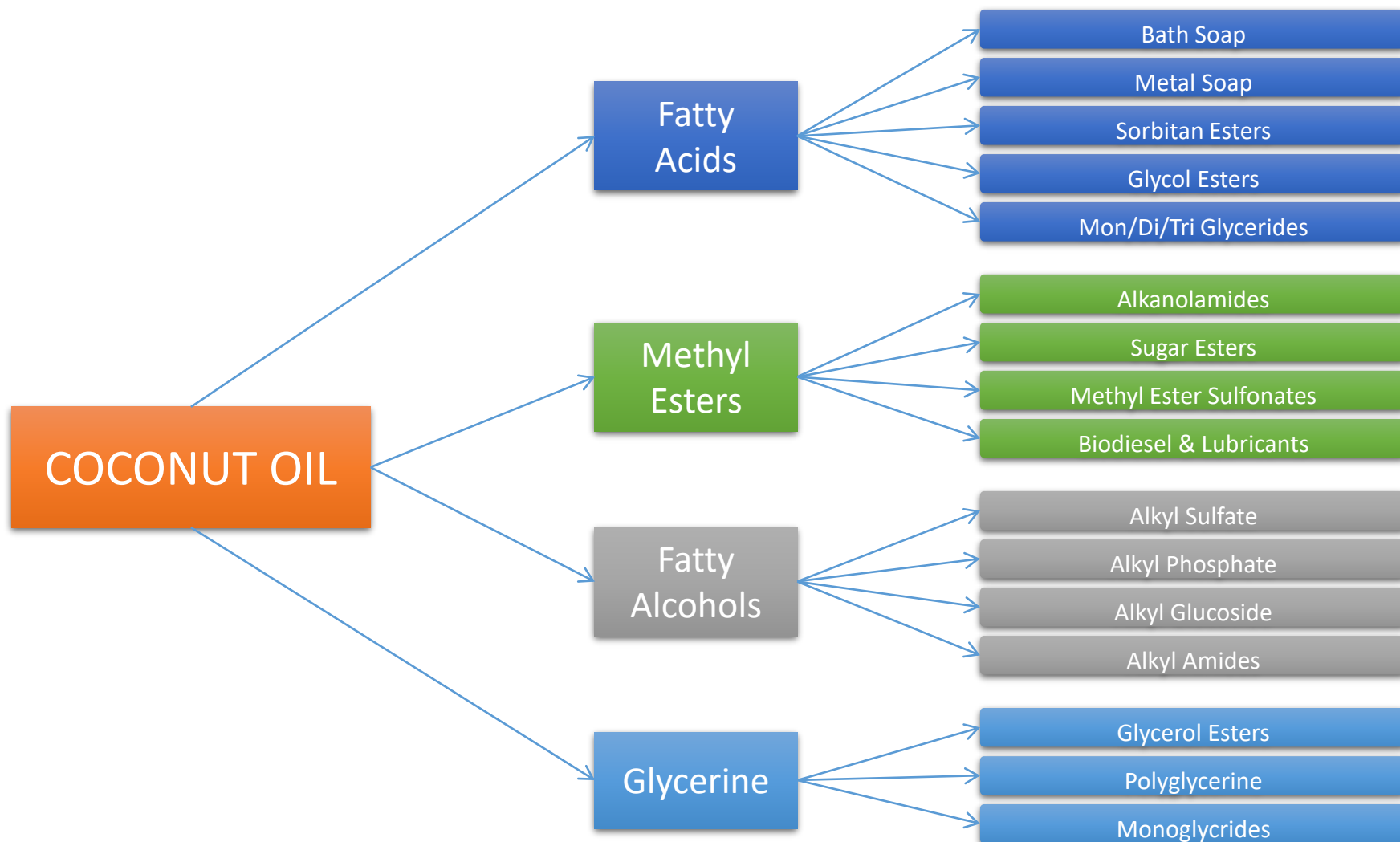
Consumed as a refreshing drink and for hydration in athletes and illness. Also used for skin + hair care.

## Coir

A natural elastic fiber extracted from coconut husks; used for floor mats, brushes, ropes + strings, mattress stuffing, caulking for boats and fishing nets



# Traditional Use of Coconut Oil Oleo Chemical Industry



Source: ASEAN Oleochemicals Manufacturers Group & Philippines Oleochemicals Manufacturers Association



# The Sea Change



**Coconut Milk**



**Coconut Water**



**Virgin Coconut Oil**



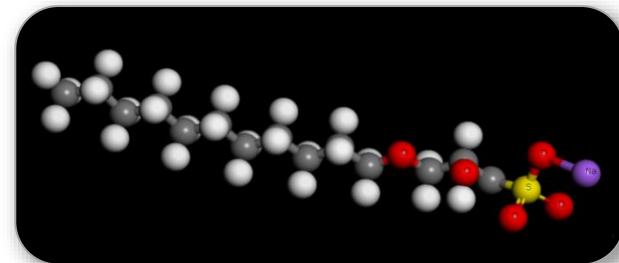
**Coconut Sugar**



**Auto Parts**



**Coconut Diesel**



**Coco- & Oleo Chemicals**

# The Come-Back



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1. Oleo chemicals
2. Glycerine
3. Fresh coconuts
4. Matured coconuts
5. Coconut seedlings
6. Bukayo
7. Coco Cream Powder
8. Coconut Milk
9. Frozen coco meat
10. Kopyor/Makapuno
11. Coconut vinegar
12. Nata de coco
13. Ubod
14. Coco acid oil
15. Alkanolamide
16. Paring oil
17. Coco coir waste
18. Coco coir fiber
19. Coconut water
20. Coco husk
21. Coco husk chips
22. Coco chips
23. Coco lumber
24. Coconut shell
25. Coconut shell charcoal powder
26. Toilet/Bath soaps
27. Husk nuts
28. Laundry soap
29. Shortening

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Oleo chemicals        | 30. Coco furniture         |                            |
| 2. Glycerine             | 31. Coco cutlery           | 55. Coconut flour products |
| 3. Fresh coconuts        | 32. Coir bullet proof vest | 56. Coco Hostorium juice   |
| 4. Matured coconuts      | 33. Coco Jam               | 57. Coco Mats              |
| 5. Coconut seedlings     | 34. Spec Creamed Coconut   | 58. Coco Belt              |
| 6. Bukayo                | 35. Coco Hydro Water       | 59. Coco Vest              |
| 7. Coco Cream Powder     | 36. Coco Soy Sauce         | 60. Coconut wines          |
| 8. Coconut Milk          | 37. Coco Fiber Dust        | 61. Coir Twine             |
| 9. Frozen Coco Meat      | 38. Coco Shell Powder      | 62. Coir Pads & Liner      |
| 10. Kopyor/Makapuno      | 39. Coco Shampoo           | 63. Coir Doormats          |
| 11. Coconut Vinegar      | 40. Coco Wood Pallet       | 64. Coco Husk Cubes        |
| 12. Nata De Coco         | 41. Margarine              | 66. Hydrogenated C/Oil     |
| 13. Ubod                 | 42. Coconut Flour          | 67. Coconut Syrup          |
| 14. Coco Acid Oil        | 43. Coconut Milk Powder    | 68. Charcoal briquette     |
| 15. Alkanolamide         | 44. Coconut Liquor         | 69. Coconut shell oil      |
| 16. Paring Oil           | 45. Coco Handicrafts       | 70. Coconut water blends   |
| 17. Coco Coir Waste      | 46. Grated Coconut Meat    | 71. Coconut milk blends    |
| 18. Coco Coir Fiber      | 47. Coconut Honey          | 72. Bio Fuel products      |
| 19. Coconut Water        | 48. Coir Net               | 73. Coco pith products     |
| 20. Coco Husk            | 49. Soap Chips             | 74. Coconut sugar          |
| 21. Coco Husk Chips      | 50. Virgin Coconut Oil     | 75. Coco sugar 3-1 Coffee  |
| 22. Coco Chips           | 51. Coconut sugar          | 76. Coco artifacts         |
| 23. Coco Lumber          | 52. Neera fresh            | 77. Coco Art & Craft       |
| 24. Coco Shell           | 53. Neera products         | 78. Coco Fibre Shoes       |
| 25. Coco Charcoal Powder | 54. Coco Culture           |                            |
| 26. Toilet/Bath Soaps    |                            |                            |
| 27. Husk Nuts            |                            |                            |
| 28. Laundry Soap         |                            |                            |
| 29. Shortening           |                            |                            |

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**+ many more each year**



# Country Status

Country	Estimated households	Coconut Area (Ha.)	Productivity (Nuts/Ha)	Estimated no. of trees (120/ha)	Estimated senile palms (50%)
Fed. Stat. Micronesia	18,000	18,000	2,197	2,160,000	1,080,000
Fiji	120,000	62,000	2,387	7,440,000	3,720,000
India	12,000,000	2,141,000	10,119	256,920,000	128,460,000
Indonesia	5,900,000	3,610,000	4,530	433,200,000	216,600,000
Kiribati	20,000	20,000	2,730	2,400,000	1,200,000
Malaysia	200,000	88,000	7,464	10,560,000	5,280,000
Marshall Islands	15,000	8,000	4,375	960,000	480,000
Papua New Guinea	300,000	221,000	6,710	26,520,000	13,260,000
Philippines	3,500,000	3,502,000	4,196	420,240,000	210,120,000
Samoa	40,000	99,000	2,697	11,880,000	5,940,000
Solomon Islands	50,000	38,000	2,631	4,560,000	2,280,000
Sri Lanka	50,000	440,000	6,623	52,800,000	26,400,000
Thailand	290,000	206,000	4,859	24,720,000	12,360,000
Tonga	25,000	31,000	2,423	3,720,000	1,860,000
Vanuatu	50,000	92,000	4,512	11,040,000	5,520,000
Vietnam	60,000	159,000	7,834	19,080,000	9,540,000
Jamaica	10,000	16,000	6,156	1,920,000	960,000
Kenya	90,000	177,000	1,462	21,240,000	10,620,000
	<b>22,738,000</b>	<b>10,928,000</b>	<b>Av. 4,661</b>	<b>1,311,360,000</b>	<b>655,680,000</b>



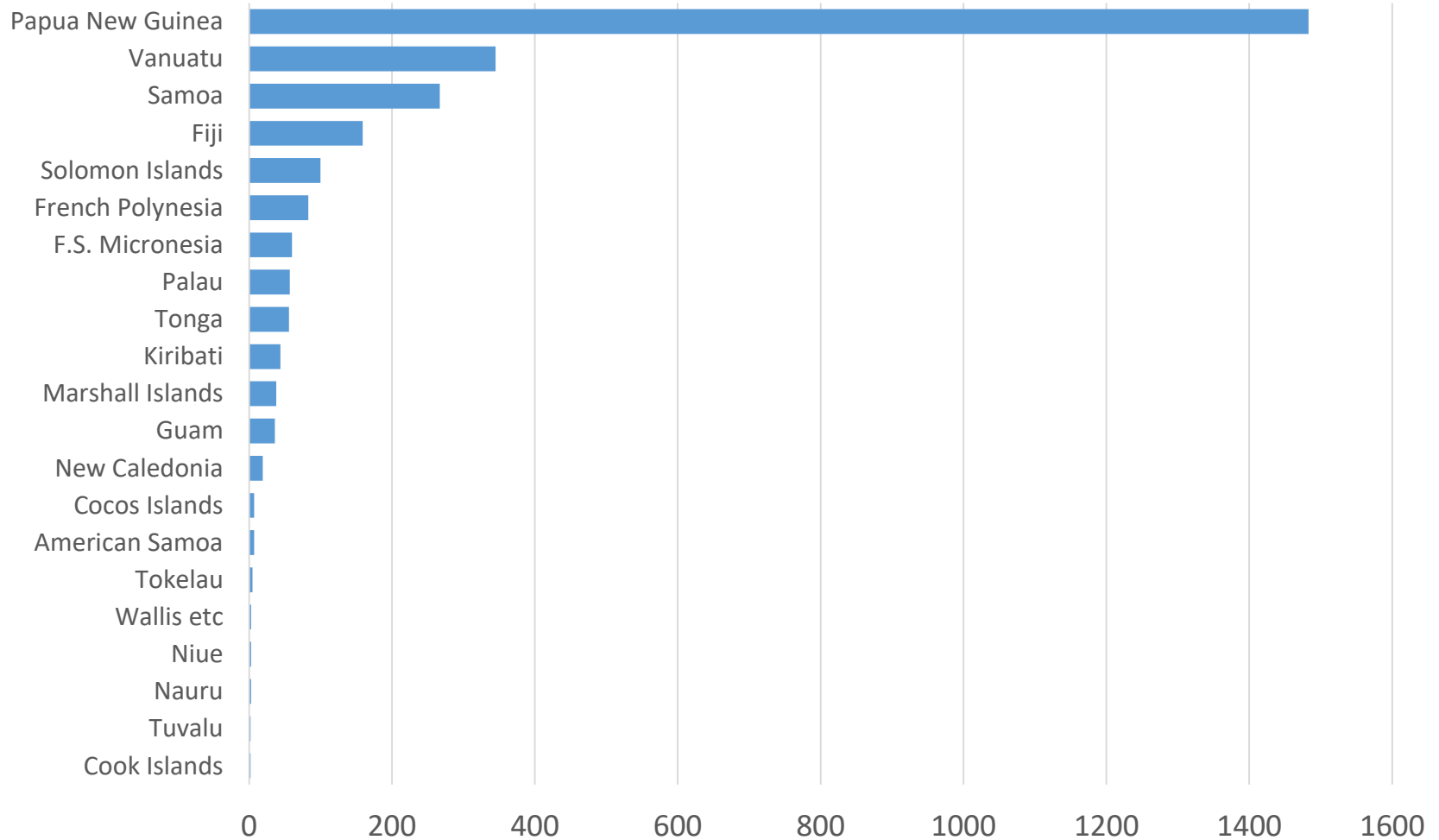
# ICC Pacific Country Status



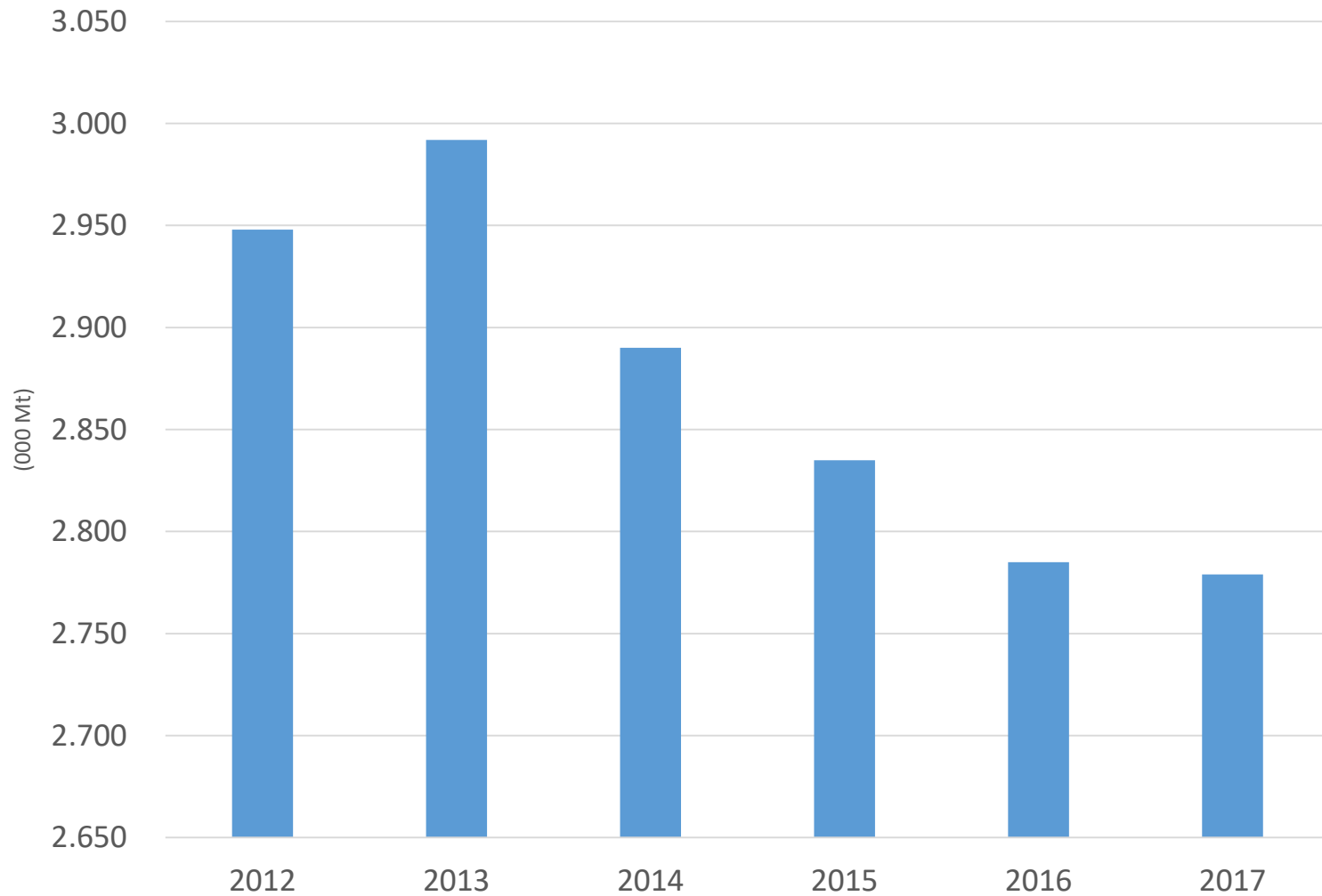
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Pacific total	634,000	589,000	3,406	70,680,000	35,340,000
<i>Pacific % contribution</i>	2.8%	5.4%	n/a	5.4%	5.4%
Global total	22,738,000	10,928,000	Av. 4,661	1,311,360,000	655,680,000

# Pacific Coconut Production

## 2017 (000 Mt)



## Pacific Coconut Production 2012-2017 (000 Mt)





# Pacific Exports



## EXPORT OF COCONUT OIL, 2012-2017 (MT)

Countries	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fiji	3,794	1,494	1,630	1,794	1,779	1,955
Marshall Islands	3,956	3,330	124	-	1,239	809
Papua New Guinea	19,847	13,466	11,068	18,467	17,081	15,740
Samoa	3,961	1,428	1,452	1,020	491	1,098
Solomon Islands	172	196	238	1,163	1,487	5,515
Tonga	3,961	1,428	1,452	1,020	-	-
Vanuatu	10,010	5,534	9,209	6,569	6,056	2,543

## EXPORT OF COPRA {MT}

Countries	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
F.S Micronesia	301	333	70	57	7	-
Fiji	3	3	-	-	1	-
Kiribati	3,182	417	1,332	1,807	7,294	9,967
Marshall Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	34,725	15,673	48,228	38,311	38,259	46,600
Samoa	-	-	66,911	75,417	67,403	160
Solomon Islands	28,582	9,200	15,856	17,467	n.a.	18,985
Tonga	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	16,337	12,508	25,194	12,584	27,932	20,394

# Pacific Exports



EXPORT OF <b>FRESH COCONUT</b> (m Mt)						
Countries	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fiji	267	236	74	64	48	28
Samoa	330	79	381	266	421	866
Others	6	2	47	10	38	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>900</b>

EXPORT OF <b>COPRA MEAL</b> , 2012-2017 (Mt)						
Countries	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fiji	209	0	75	30	31	28
Kiribati	314	74	216	-	-	-
Marshall Islands	906	940	482	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	10,195	5,084	5,250	8,471	9,381	9,762
Samoa	3,908	1,121	2,094	6,531	1,555	397
<b>Vanuatu</b>	<b>6,082</b>	<b>7,692</b>	<b>4,786</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>3,409</b>
French Polynesia	313	372	453	832	-	-
Others	52	58	50	43	30	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,979</b>	<b>15,341</b>	<b>13,406</b>	<b>20,918</b>	<b>13,738</b>	<b>13,625</b>

# Food Chains



## Mature Coconut

- Home consumption | Copra | White copra | Edible copra (ball copra) | Coconut oil from Copra | RBD oil from CNO | Coconut oil from White Copra | Desiccated Coconut | Coconut Milk (Liquid/Cream/Powder) | Virgin Coconut Oil | Coconut Water | Nata de coco from mature nut water |

## Coconut Oil (Extracted from Copra)

- Farmer Copra Buyer [Oil Miller] Processor Trader/Importer Market Consumer

## Desiccated Coconut

- Farmer Buyer [Equipment] Processor [Certifier] Market Consumers

## Coconut Milk (Liquid/Cream/Powder)

- Farmer Buyer [Equipment] Processor [Certifier] Market Consumers

## Virgin Coconut Oil

- Farmer Buyer [Equipment] Processor [Certifier] Market Consumers

## Young Fresh Coconut (6-9 months)

- Home consumption | Packaged Coconut Water Market | Beverages Blend Market

## Coconut Inflorescence Sap

- Fresh Neera drink | Coconut sugar | Coconut honey | Coconut vinegar | Alcohol



# Non-Food Chains



## Mature Coconut

- Husk | Raw Fiber | Mattress Fiber | Coir products | Shell Charcoal | Activate Carbon | Artifacts

## Husk Utilization

- Farmer Husk sale Primary process Raw fiber sale Process/End Products Market Consumer

## Shell Utilization

- Farmer Shell sale Make/Sell Charcoal Process/End Products Market Consumer

## Industrial Oil Utilization

- Farmer Copra sale Process/Sell Oil Trader/Buyer Process/End Products Market Consumer

## Coconut Trunk (Log)

- Coco log | Coco timber | Coco furniture | Coco artifacts | Household utensils

## Coconut Leaves & Fronds

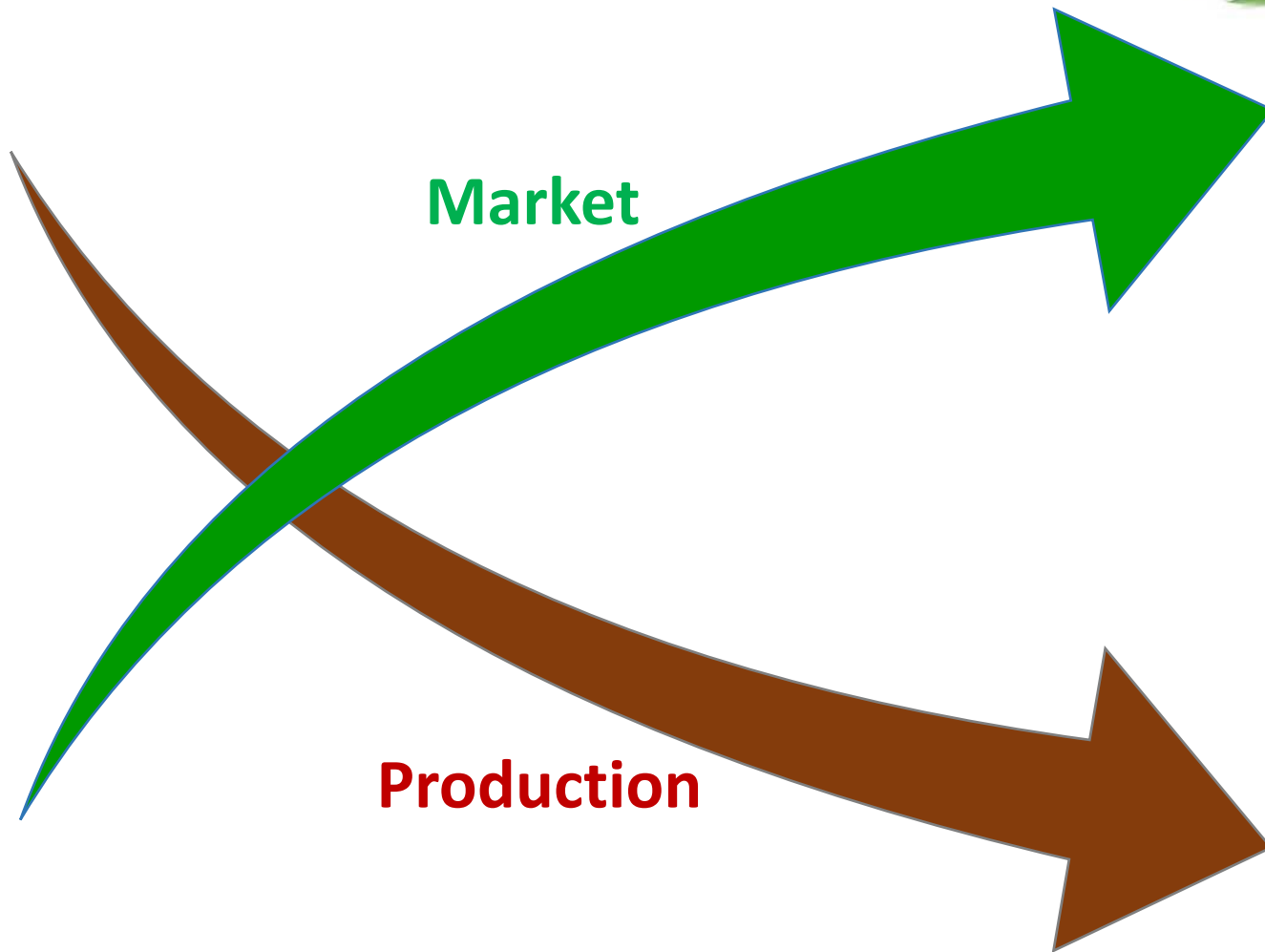
- Artifacts | Household implements (brooms) |

## Coconut Roots & Stump

- Traditional medicines | household utensils | household furniture

# Coconut Market vs Production

Oropeza chart



ICC data indicate >50% of trees are senile with declining yield

# Aging & Senile Palms



- Aging palms at over 60 years old with decline in yield by over 40% in most instances
- Global average at 50% of palm population are senile
- Pacific region senile palm population is over 70%
- Very little effort to replenish plantings
- A major constraint would be access to adequate supply of good quality planting material
- Biotechnology is best way forward for mass production of seedlings

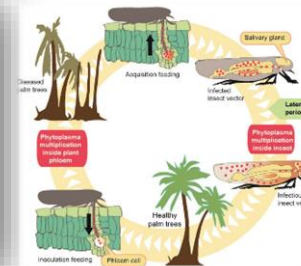




# Lethal Yellowing



Global Scenario of Coconut Sector





# Rhinoceros Beetle



Global Scenario of Coconut Sector

Lets get serious

# WANTED: COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE

## DAMAGE:

Beetles feed on palm hearts and emerging fronds, creating V-cuts or boreholes. Extensive CRB damage results in the death of the palm. CRB are also a pest to crops such as sugarcane, banana, taro, papaya and agave.



V-cut



Borehole

## IDENTIFICATION:



## BREEDING SITES:



Includes green waste piles, decomposing plant matter, dead standing palms and planting material.

## What You Can Do To Help:



**REPORT** CRB sightings, damage, capture, and infested material



If you **FIND** a beetle, use gloves to place it into a sealed hard plastic or glass container and **CALL** 643-PEST (7378)



## LOWER THE RISK of breeding sites:

- check periodically for CRB life stages
- spread mulch 2 inches deep or less
- cover green waste piles with netting
- do not leave planting media exposed
- remove unnecessary decomposing plant matter

**REPORT** fallen traps and do not tamper with hanging traps

The Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) is native to Southeast Asia and has since spread through parts of the Pacific. It was detected on Oahu at the Honolulu Airport in December 2013. Following this find, an emergency response program was created.

## TRAPPING:

Traps serve to identify CRB population densities, boundaries, movement and possible breeding sites.



The beetle is attracted to a UV light and a lure attached to the trap.

## IMPACT

Palms are synonymous with Hawaii's landscape. Infestation would have a direct impact on tourism and result in economic losses to replace trees, conduct surveys and mitigate breeding sites.

## LIFE STAGES:



## Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Program:

BeetleBustersHI@gmail.com

643-PEST (643-7378)

For additional information visit [www.hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/crb/](http://www.hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/crb/)

# Urgent Need to Establish Reliable Sources of Planting Material



- Conventional hybrid coconut seed garden production must still continue
- Coconut micropropagation through tissue culture should be proceed to commercial scale production as quickly as possible
- Conservation efforts must continue with increased prospecting within countries for new varieties
- Coconut breeding programs need collaboration amongst countries (it avoids duplication of efforts & expedites results timeline)
- Quality plant material desired by farmers re varieties that are Early-bearing, High-yielding and Disease/Pest resistant.



# Importance of Biotechnology for Adequate Supply of Planting Material

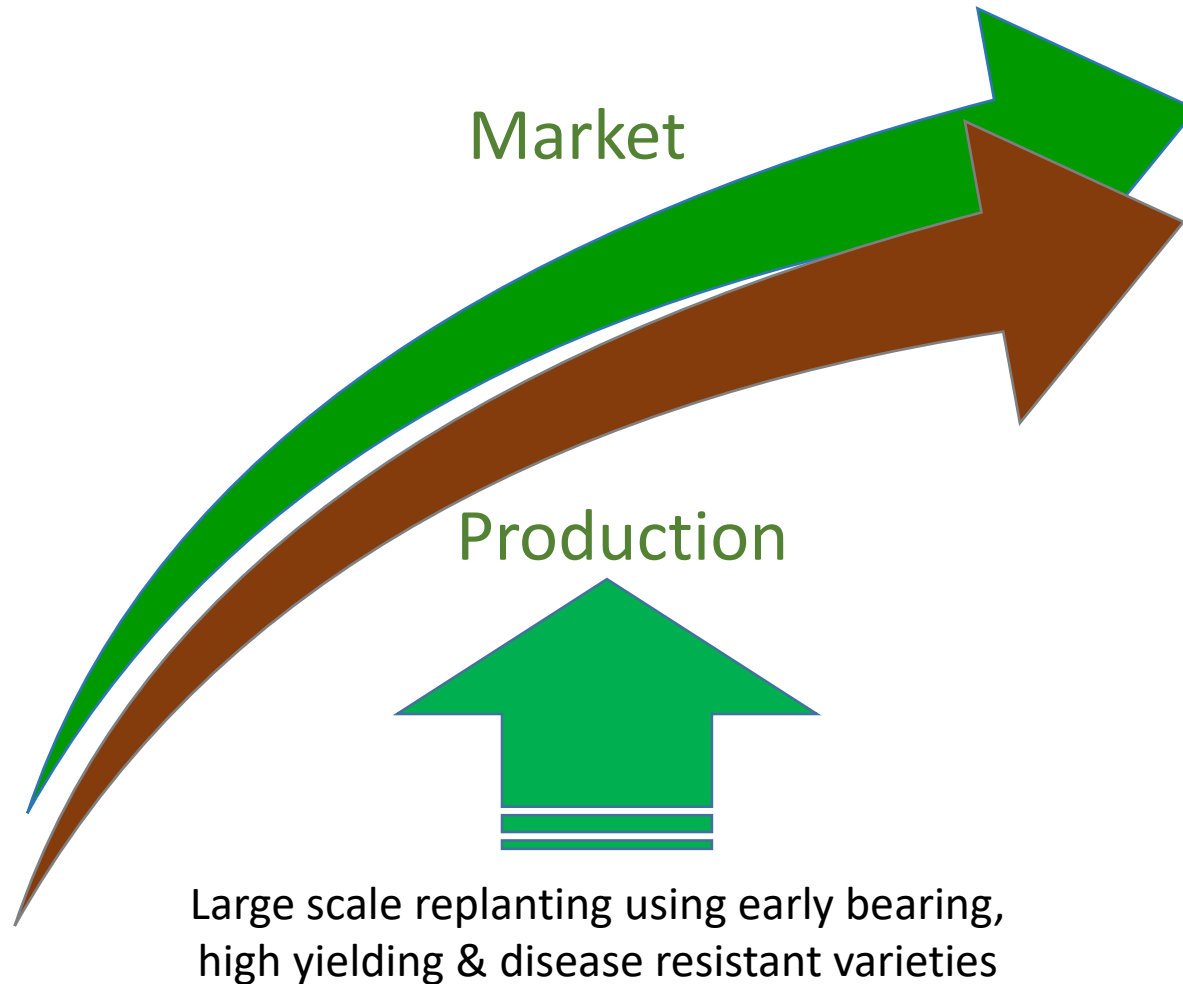


- Serious requirement to address replanting to replace aging palms
- Many countries need to pursue new development based on high value products
- Current hybrid seed garden capacities are not able to meet the demand for seedlings
- Biotechnology is best way forward with potential for mass production of seedlings through micropropagation.



# Coconut Market vs Production

Oropeza chart



# Suggestions & Recommendations



- Replenishing Coconut palm population that are dead, senile and unproductive through replanting of improved varieties
- New land development with improved varieties of Coconut
- Aggressive measures to counter current CRB invasion and related damages with transfer of necessary knowledge, skill and technology to farmers to sustain
- Incentives needed to promote value addition and as much as possible at point of origin of raw material
- Trade and marketing initiatives
- Maintain high quality standards for all processed products for both domestic and external markets
- Training for aspects of the Coconut value chain to develop local expertise for long term sustainability of the industry

..any task too difficult for one needs everyone (all of us)..



The global Coconut community unites toward inclusive growth and sustainable development of Coconut to support rural families.



*I thank you all  
for your time*