



Almaciga Resin

*The Non-Timber Forest Products
Community Livelihoods of the Palawan
(Palaw'ano) Indigenous Peoples
The Philippines*

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Almaciga

Agathis philippinensis

“Dagta ng Almaciga,
Karugtong ng Aking
Hininga”

“Almaciga resin is part of our breaths”

“Almaciga is used in manufacturing varnish and paint”

Pag-iipon at pagdadala ng dagta ng almaciga

Collecting and transporting harvested resin



“From the mountain the collector comes down and brings a *kiba*-full of resin about 50kg then loads it to a tricycle to bring to the collection center”

Pag-classify ng Dagta sa Bodega ng Samahan

Resin classification at the Cooperative's Collection Center



“There are 3 classes of resin based on quality and these are sorted manually”

Napagkasunduan ng Samahan at ng Buyer

Classification Standard



Tipak - Large White



Tipak - Smaller White



Class A - Medium White

“The 3 classes have been agreed upon by the community and the buyer. This second class is also tipak that was broken.”

Dami ng naaani at benta; base sa allowable quota na 30,000 kilograms kada taon

Amount of resin harvested and sold; based on the allowable quota of 30,000 kilograms per year

Year/Period Covered	June 2013- Sept 2014 (16 months)	Oct 2014- Dec 2015 (14months)	Jan-Dec 2016 (12 months)
Total Sales (PhP50 = US\$1)	109,816	666,582	986,118
Volume (Kgs)	3,256	20,618	23,570
Cost - purchases/directly paid to individual tappers	80,723	538,998	745,059
<i># Tappers</i>	43	164	164
<i>PhP/Tapper</i>	1,877	3,287	4,543
Gross Income CBNE	29,093	127,584	241,059
Less: CBNE Expenses	11,185		
<i>adminsitration/operation</i>	-	39,637	148,178
<i>permits/audit-paid to former trader</i>	-	42,500	
<i>advance payment for Inventory-CENRO</i>	-	3,000	16,810
<i>Total Expense</i>	11,185	85,137	164,988
Net Income CBNE	17,908	42,447	76,071
<i>Estimated sales from inventory as of April 2017:</i>			
PhP250,000 for 5,000kg at PhP50 per kg			

“We sell the lowest class of resin at PhP30-35/kg and the *tipak* at PhP50/kg. By late 2014 we had fully taken over management of our trade and this encouraged more tappers to harvest better quality resin. But we are still waiting for our permit for 2017.”

Pagsusubaybay ng kalusugan ng mga puno ng almaciga

Participatory Resource Monitoring



“Monitoring almaciga trees in the forest is done yearly by the indigenous youth.”

Pagpaparami ng Puno ng Almaciga

Regenerating almaciga trees



“This is our chairman collecting seedlings to plant. This is where we plant them.”

Functional Organization



“We hold meetings to discuss our indigenous political structure and our indigenous peoples organization (IPO). Our cooperative has a bookkeeper, treasurer, purchaser, classifier, secretary and manager.”

Mga Hamon

Challenges

- Mabagal na pag-proseso ng permit ng almaciga: Nag-apply ang samahan Noong February 2016, nailabas ang permit October 2017 (halos 20 buwan-malapit sa 2 taon ang tagal bago ma-renew)
- Slow processing of almaciga permits: SPABP applied in February 2016, permit was issued October 2017 (almost two years of renewal process)



Mga Hamon

Challenges

- Maliit ang Allowable Quota na ibinibigay ng DENR, 1,701 hectares ang area, kumuha lang ng samples sa halos 10 hectares na 5% na puno ng almaciga
- The Allowable Quota set by the government was small: among the total 1,701 hectares, samples were collected at 10 hectares only (just 5% of almaciga trees)





Mekasi Dimyu!

**Maraming
Salamat!**

**Thank you
very much!**