

SMALL SCALE PROCESSING OF COCONUT PRODUCTS IN SOLOMON ISLANDS

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

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| 1. Capital | : Honiara |
| 2. Climate | : Tropical, 6-120 South of the Equator. |
| 3. Total Area | : 2,845,000 Ha. |
| 4. Population | : 320,000 (1990 Est.) |
| 5. Gross Domestic Product | : SI\$243,600,000 |
| 6. Currency Unit | : SI Dollar |
| 7. Exchange rate
to 1 M\$ (average) | : S12.5284 |

B. COCONUT INDUSTRY

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| 1. Estimated Area Under Coconut | : 58,938 Ha. (Coconut
Development Project 1985) |
| 2. Estimated Coconut Production | |
| 2.1 - In Nuts Equivalent | : 191 Million Nuts |
| 2.2 - In Copra Equivalent | : 42,413 Metric Tons |
| 3. <u>Estimated domestic consumption</u> | |
| 3.1 - In Nuts Equivalent | : 33 Million Nuts |
| 3.2 - In Copra Equivalent | : 7,322 Metric Tons |
| 4. <u>Export Volume</u> | |
| 4.1 - Copra | : 31,941 Metric Tons
(3,150 MT) Balance |
| 4.2 - Coconut Oil | : 3,027 Metric Tons |
| 4.3 - Copra Meal | : None |
| 4.4 - Desiccated Coconut | : None |
| 4.5 - Shell & Shell Products | : None |
| 4.6 - Fibre & Fibre Products | : None |
| 4.7 - Others | : None |

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5. Total Value by Export Commodity

5.1 - Copra	:	SI\$ 10,936,000
5.2 - Coconut Oil	:	SI\$ 2,467,000

		\$13,403,000
5.3 - Palm Oil and Kernel	:	SI\$ 19,300,000
5.4 - Cocoa	:	SI\$ 11,100,000
5.5 - Fish	:	SI\$ 53,200,000
5-6 - Logs and Timber	:	SI\$ 60,800,000
5.7 - Others	:	SI\$ 20,300,000

		SI\$178,103,000

6. Contribution to export earning : 7.5%

7. New Coconut Developments

7.1 - Plantation/Estate

Levers Solomons Ltd: Refer Paper "Setting up a 10,000 M Capacity
Copra Oil Mill - "Solomon Islands Experience"

7.2 - Smallholders

CEMA and Related

Agencies: Fact Finding and Tour Investigation Visits (to Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Federated States of Micronesia) were conducted by CEMA and related agencies in April and May 1991.

Final Report will be available in October 1991.

This document will recommend development strategies to be pursued into coconut-based products and activities over the next 10 years.

7.3 - General : Current national programmes (to boost production, improve research and development, improve training and Agriculture Extension Services) are progressing well.

A National Information Centre (following, from the APCC/IDRC Programme) Project is being planned.