

Developing markets and products for the Papua New Guinea Canarium nut industry



Key details

Location

Papua New Guinea

Duration

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End Apr 2016

Budget

AUD 483,050

Commissioned organisation

University of the Sunshine Coast

Partners

National Agricultural Research Institute;
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Program

Forestry

Project code

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This project built on domestic markets while investigating value-adding and processing opportunities for both domestic and export markets. Research addressed problems in quantity and quality of supply, processing techniques, and in types of products and markets within and between the three countries.



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Overview

Canarium indicum is an indigenous tree throughout the South Pacific, producing edible nuts as well as timber. The nuts are little known in international markets, but there is strong domestic demand in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Processing and value adding to canarium nuts would open up world nut markets to Pacific Island countries.