

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments, Fiji

1. Capacity building				
<i>a) Technical assistance provided by experts to Fiji</i>				
Expert	Date	Purpose		
M Hazelman G Santos	Jul – Aug 1994	Assess R & D capability, assist national programme identify common problems, opportunities and projects for network collaboration		
Gerardo Santos	May – Jun 1997	To evaluate progress of ADB Phase 1 projects and identify projects for ADB Phase 2 and IFAD funding		
CIRAD (R. Bourdeix)	Jan – Mar 2001	Documentation of conserved coconut germplasm and varieties		
Engr Carlos dela Cruz	22 Mar – 01 Apr 2004	To assist the fabrication and installation of the machineries and equipment for the production of high-value coconut products and train project participants in the production of Coconut Virgin		
<i>b) In-country training courses conducted with Fiji research participants</i>				
Schedule	Course/Training Activities	Venue/Host	No. Trainees/ Countries	Funding Agency
24-28 Mar 1998	Farmer participatory Research on Coconut Diversity (South Pacific)	Taveuni Coconut Centre, Fiji	14/5	IFAD
22 Mar – 01 Apr 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut Virgin Oil and Coconut Fiber-based Products	Fiji	19/1	ADB

06 – 08 Apr 2004	Training Course on Coconut based Candy Making	Fiji	19/1	ADB
<i>c) Local researchers trained in other countries</i>				
Name	Dates, Country	Training Course		
Vijendra Kumar	5 – 14 Aug 1996, Vanuatu	Regional STANTECH Course for South Pacific		
Tevita Naulu Kete	Ditto	Ditto		
Tevita Naulu Kete	1 – 12 Sep 1997, Philippines	Coconut Collecting and Conservation Course		
Tevita Naulu Kete	24-28 Mar 1998, Fiji	Farmer Participatory Research on Coconut Diversity (South Pacific)		
Vijendra Kumar	-do-	-do-		
Susana YALIKANACEA	-do-	-do-		
Arvind KUMAR	-do-	-do-		
Semiti KAISAU	-do-	-do-		
Anare MACEDRU	-do-	-do-		
Semi MOCECIRI	-do-	-do-		
Maria Mua LEDUA	-do-	-do-		
Tevita Naulu Kete	3 – 7 Aug 1998, Fiji	Computer use, Documentation and Data Analysis Course for South Pacific		
Vijendra Kumar	-do-	-do-		
Dalip Kumar	-do-	-do-		
Tevita Naulu Kete	Jun 1999 – Jun 2001	MSc PGR scholarship		
Sharmila Chand	26 – 28 Feb 2001	Coconut Embryo Culture Workshop (South Pacific)		
Gijan Chand	-do-	-do-		

Rajesh Sant	-do-	-do-	
Eliki Lesione	-do-	-do-	
Rohini Prasad	-do-	-do-	
Raghani Prasad	-do-	-do-	
Tevita Kete	18 – 20 Aug 2003	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based Food Products Products (Bokayo, Buko Pie, Sugar, Candies)	
<i>d) BIOVERSITY-COGENT meetings/workshops held in Fiji</i>			
Date	Activity	Location	
None	-	-	
2. BIOVERSITY-COGENT projects in Fiji			
Project Title	Host Institute	Budget/ Funding Agency (US\$)	Budget/ National Funding (US\$)
a) Evaluation of coconut germplasm collection and hybrids in Fiji	Min. of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests	13,798/ADB	53,606
b) Collection of coconut genetic resources in Fiji	Ditto	13,000/ADB	21,600
c) Supply of Computer, Printer, Softwares and Peripherals	Ditto	2,200/ADB	-
d) Tender nut variety characterization and evaluation and market survey and promotion to generate additional income for coconut farmers	Ditto	30,000/IFAD	41,500
e) Assessment of performance of coconut hybrids and farmers' varietal preferences	Ditto	2,000/APCC	1,000
f) Establishing a framework and selecting project sites for a nationwide deployment of coconut-based poverty reduction interventions in coconut growing communities using COGENT's 3-pronged strategy in Fiji	Ditto	2,000/DFID	1,000

g) Farmer Participatory Characterization of Coconut Varieties in 3 Poverty Reduction Project Sites in Fiji	Ditto	1,000/DFID	500
h) Developing Sustainable Coconut Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Fiji	Ditto	17,500/ADB	9,600
i) Developing Sustainable Coconut Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Fiji (Year 3)	Ditto	5,527	2,300
j) Case study and documentation of achievements and resource enhancement of Belego Multiracial Farmers Association (BMFA): “Best coconut community within country (Fiji)”	Belego Multiracial Farmers Association (BMFA)	1,000/ADB	-
k) Documentation of best coconut community achievements and success stories: Belego Multiracial Farmers Association (BMFA)	Mr Vijendra Kumar Community Coordinator	500/ADB	-
l) Documentation of success story: Intercropping (Fiji)	Ms Saras Wati Belego Multiracial Farmers Association (BMFA)	250/ADB	-
TOTAL		88,785	131,106

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