



HORTIN II Co Innovation Programme

Towards cost effective, high quality value chains

Strengthening fresh and processed rambutan value chains

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The purpose of the HORTIN II programme is to contribute to the development of cost effective high quality value chains for vegetables and fruits. Among others this can be achieved when technology development takes place in close collaboration between public institutions, farmers and private companies.

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Executive summary

Processing for new Product Market Combinations Rambutan

- All potential parties involved in rambutan production and marketing underlined the importance of developing new Product Market Combinations for Rambutan.
- Currently Thailand exports 10 times more processed (mainly canned) rambutan as compared with fresh rambutan. Lessons learnt from the Thai processing industry and the fruit sector as a whole could be valuable for developing the Indonesian fruit sector.
- Canning and making juice / pulp and concentrate seem to be the most feasible processing options for rambutan. Researchers propose to systematically evaluate various processing routes for rambutan.
- Consultants could not visit the company in Bogor that cans some rambutan already: this visit will be organized after completion of the mission.
- It was strongly suggested by stakeholders to conduct market and consumer research before producing any products on a pilot scale.
- Tentatively the major bottleneck for processing rambutan into juice, pulp or concentrate is its low efficiency of less than 20 %. (E.g. for mangosteen the processing efficiency was estimated at 16 % (for making 1 kg of juice 5 kg mangosteen is required)
- The Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies (IPB) Bogor was identified as counterpart institute of WUR AFSG in the field of consumers' research
- For the evaluation of processing opportunities on an experimental scale the Institute for Post Harvest Research in Bogor has the facilities and expertise to cooperate in the proposed HORTIN project on rambutan.
- Following the principles of co innovation private parties will be involved in the development of technology as well as the evaluation of the feasibility of processing opportunities.
- For certain activities, in particular marketing and consumers' research it will be considered to involve students of IPB Bogor and Wageningen UR.

2008 2009 **Activity** N Literature survey 2. Simulation and desk research Χ 3. Reporting Χ 4. Selections of counterpart institute 5. Development proposal & protocols 6. Consumers' preferences (Asia, EU and Indonesia) 7. Market survey (Asia, EU and Indonesia) 8. Processing under experimental conditions (1) 9. Processing under experimental conditions (2) 10. Evaluation (go / no go) 11. Finalize arrangements with processing company 12. Pilot processing unit (1) 13. Pilot processing unit (2) 14. Evaluation and reporting

Table 1 Indonesian & Dutch researchers propose the following activities in 2008/09:

Modified Atmosphere Packaging for prolonged shelf life and better quality

- The relevance of this topic was underlined by staff of the Directorate General Horticultural Production in Indonesia and the Indonesian IAARD research institutes on post harvest research as well as staff of the Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies in Bogor. Private companies also recognize potential benefits for rambutan when using MAP technology.
- The domestic and export market that can be serviced with high qualitative fresh rambutan is relatively small but can be extended by means of modified atmosphere packaging and transport.

- MAP is a proven technology that has extended the transportability and storage and marketing opportunities for many fruits already.
- As a matter of fact the absence of a cold chain approach for rambutan is a bottle neck and reduces the full potential of MAP packaging concepts. However exporters and transporters have good reasons to work with ambient temperatures rather than deploying pre cooling equipment,
- The exact description and analysis of the export and packaging operation of PT Masindo is yet to be done by one of the Indonesian researchers and / or Iskandar Zulkarnain and / or AFSG visiting staff. The current Masindo operational procedures are leading.
- Researchers in Bogor and Wageningen have agreed upon kick starting the project because of the upcoming rambutan season and in order not to loose a season.
- An initial screening of pre selected MAP PE films in combination with Rambutan is planned in December. A pre condition is indeed that the exploratory experiments under controlled and experimental conditions in the laboratory have produced tangible results for rambutan.
- A comprehensive test of the MAP concept under real life supply chain conditions is planned in January / February 2009 in cooperation with an Indonesian exporter and a Dutch importer. The remaining shelf life and qualitative of these rambutans will be measured in Indonesia and in the Netherlands.
- The Institute of Post Harvest Research in Bogor was identified as a suitable potential counterpart institute to cooperate with WUR AFSG in the HORTIN project on rambutan.

Table 2 Indonesian & Dutch researchers propose the following activities in 2008/09:

		08						20	09					
Activity	N	D	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D
Literature survey														
2. Reporting		Χ												
3. Selections of counterpart institute	Χ													
Development proposal & protocols	Χ													
5. Experimental screening of PE films for rambutan 1														
Experimental screening of PE films for rambutan 2														
7. Evaluation and selection of material for export			X											
8. Finalize arrangements with exporter & importer			Χ											
9. Supply chain test 1	9. Supply chain test 1													
10. Supply chain test 2														
11. Evaluation and reporting						Χ								

General

- The Wageningen UR HORTIN coordinator needs to discus the availability of manpower within IPB and the IAARD Research Institutes with the ICHORD director. The ICHORD director in coopeatai8on with the IAARD institutes will decide whether it is possible to avail manpower for the proposed experiments on rambutan in 2008 and 2009.
- All research parties involved have indicated to do the utmost to get MAP packaging experiments stated
 on a short notice and to make research capacity available. However under these special conditions
 HORTIN II should pay for necessary facilities such as transport, materials, plastic films, data loggers (if
 required) according to the final project proposals. Before any decision can be taken on cooperation and
 joint experiments detailed project proposals and protocols are needed.
- The following organisational structure is proposed for effective coordination of the various HORTIN activities (fruits, vegetables and supply chain development)



Figure 1 Organisational structure HORTIN II

1. Introduction

1.1. Context and purpose of mission

A quick scan of selected domestic and export oriented supply chains Rambutan and avocado was conducted by a team consisting of staff of Wageningen UR, Fresh Studio Innovations, HPSP-INA and Directorate General Horticulture in July 2008. A summary of the recommendations and conclusions of this mission is attached (see also HORTIN II report no 16). During this survey Indonesian research Institutes were not involved yet and the team interviewed mainly growers, traders, staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, owners of packaging centres and they visited market places including retail outlets.

Although innovative results of Research and Development (R&D) programs will play an important role for strengthening supply chains the mission started with the market and commercial and public parties first. Based on this survey cum stakeholders' consultation bottle necks and opportunities for supply chain development were systematically identified.

The purpose of the current mission is – among others - to identify partners for reaping these opportunities and / or solving the bottle necks for supply chain development rambutan. For this purpose a one week program was put together as attached (Annex 1). During this mission researchers were consulted and their contribution was discussed at length. By the end of 2008 it is envisaged that co innovation activities on rambutan will be geared up in collaboration with Indonesian and Netherlands' researchers and private parties such as producers, packers and exporters as well a processing companies.

A summary of the Terms of Reference of this mission is presented below and these excerpts were also used as official introduction of the mission team with Indonesian partners.

Three tracks for strengthening rambutan supply chains were jointly identified and are to be discussed and its feasibility evaluated with Indonesian counterparts during this mission;

- 1. Processing routes for preservation of rambutan for the development of alternative product market combinations and to create new and off season markets for processed rambutan.
- 2. Development of Modified Atmosphere packaging methods for improved quality of rambutan and prolonged shelf life at export and high end domestic markets.
- 3. Screening of opportunities to influence the flowering and harvest period of rambutan

1.2. Terms of reference mission

The objectives of the mission are the following:

- To discuss research institutes' activities on rambutan in general and supply chain innovations fruit in particular in 2008 and 2009;
- Explanation and exploratory discussion on the HORTIN II program fruit; proposed activities 2008 and 2009 on rambutan and the mode of cooperation Wageningen UR is looking for;
- Screen & discuss opportunities for rambutan supply chain development & product market innovations and to explore opportunities for cooperation with Indonesian Research institutes and ICHORD involvement.
- Make arrangements for follow up experimental and applied research activities

The mission team consist of Dr. Jeroen Knol (Wageningen UR, AFSG), Iskandar Zulkarnain (Horticultural Partner Ship Program (HPSP) and Indonesian Netherlands Association (INA)) and Marcel Stallen (Fresh Studio Innovations). The mission was conducted in week 47, 2008 (17 – 21 November 2008).

1.3. This report

Only major conclusions and key observations are reported in this mission report. Action points are summarized, especially who should take which action and when. Most important the tentative proposals for supply chain R&D projects rambutan are presented.

Consultants would like to thank staff of the Agricultural Department (Dinas Pertanian) Subang, Staff of the Directorate General Horticultural Production (fruits), Staff of ICHORD and Research Institutes as well as farmers and traders for their cooperation and willingness to discuss opportunities for research cooperation.

Huissen, Wageningen, Jakarta,

November 2008

2. Summaries and action points per meeting

2.1. Meeting with DG Horticulture

Organization & Persons met	DG Horticulture – ir. Winny Dian Wibawa (director) and ir. Samsuardi (staff)
Date	Monday afternoon, November 17, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion & Key observations	 DG Horticulture agrees with the priories set for rambutan and they are willing to support the project through cooperation at local Kabupaten level. We discussed the contents of the ACIAR program on rambutan in which DG Horticulture cooperates and the irrelevance of rambutan strengthening and variety testing at Nusantara islands. The major centres for rambutan production are West Java and Sumatra. It was stressed that the variety effect on MAP results and shelf life could be considerable. There is a difference in market appreciation and quality between 'Lebak' and 'Binjai'. The seasonality of rambutan is rather extreme and prices vary from 8000 IRP in the low season till 1000 IRP in the peak season of rambutan supply DG Horticulture supports a systematic screening of PMC's for rambutan
Action points	DG Horticulture will inform staff of Dinas Pertanian Kabupaten Subang to assist us when we wish to visit market places and farmers' fields.

2.2. Meeting with ICHORD, IVEGRI, ITFRI & IRICSF

Organization & Persons met	ICHORD – dr. Yusdar Hilman (director), Ibu Sri Sulihanti and Bpk Sutrisno (staff), IVEGRI – Bpk Ahsol Hasyim (director), dr. Nikardi Gunadi (HORTIN II coordinator), ITFRI (Indonesian Tropical Fruit Research Institute) – ir. Nurhadi (director), IRICSF (Indonesian Research Institute for Citrus and Subtropical Fruits) – Director.
Date	Monday afternoon, November 17, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion & Key observations	 We were informed by Bpk Yusdar Hilman that IAARD has a new director, Mr. Gatot and that he should be informed about the progress in the HORTIN II projects and the program as a whole. IAARD is responsible for HORTIN II. Marcel Stallen explained about the mission on fruits that was executed in July 2008 on the request of the Agricultural Counsellor of the Dutch Embassy, Mr Hans van der Zijden, Bpk Dimyati and Arij Everaarts (Dutch HORTIN II coordinator). The purpose of this visit (today and the rest of the week) is to discuss ideas about research and development on rambutan – based on the quick scan of fruit supply chains last July. But also to identify a suitable counterpart research institute for fruit and a coordinator for the fruit program. Although Rambutan and Avocado (but also strawberry) are not IAARD research priorities this should not be a major problem. ICHORD and the institutes itself could still facilitate Wageningen UR on fruit research and make some funds and staff available for an early start in 2008 / 2009. However Wageningen UR (AFSG) should, together with their Indonesian counterpart (institute and researcher) first prepare sound project proposals including activities, equipment, (travel) budget and staff

	 requirements. We discussed about Rambutan research and development activities and concluded that both processing and modified atmosphere packaging could be interesting options to develop new markets, but those variety aspects should be taken into account. Balitbu has experience in Rambutan research and has a nice variety collection. It was suggested to cooperate with Balitbu on modified atmosphere packaging and with the Institute for Post Harvest Research in Bogor on processing. Jeroen will explore these opportunities in the coming week and will also discuss Indonesian counterpart staff and facilities required. We agreed that from a logistical and efficiency point of view (but also to create impact in the market) it is good to focus on Subang as a major production centre and the IAARD institute on post harvest research in Bogor for the experimental work. However we will try to involve Balitbu staff in the R&D work whenever possible. Both institutes are part of IAARD. It was emphasised that we should develop our proposal soon in order to discuss it during the bilateral meeting on agricultural cooperation between the Netherlands and Indonesia in Bandung next week. Ibu Sri Sulihanti also asked us about the end of the HORTIN program in 2009, whether it will be extended and whether she should prepare for a new MoU. ICHORD continually wants to be informed about all aspects and projects of HORTIN II (fruit and vegetables). It is well understood that direct lines of communication are required with Nikardi Gunadi as the HORTIN II coordinator for vegetables R&D and with a yet to be appointed fruit coordinator. Nevertheless all reports and crucial information should also be copied to Bpk Yusdar and Ibu Sulihanti (ICHORD).
Action points	 HORTIN II program leader (the Netherlands, Arij Everaarts) will contact director ICHORD on above mentioned issues and on how to include the R&D work on rambutan in the on going ICHRORD program 2008 / 2009 Jeroen Knol (HORTIN II fruit researcher) will discuss the expertise and equipment needed for the envisaged experiments with Bpk Nurhadi (director Balitbu), director Post Harvest Research Institute Bogor and the Centre for tropical Fruit Studies institute, IPB Bogor. Researchers should submit their joint research proposals with ICHORD as soon as possible (via the HORTIN II coordinator) A coordinator for the co innovation program fruit (at research institute level) is desirable Marcel Stallen or Arij Everaarts will disseminate copies of the HORTIN II mission report on rambutan and avocado via Ibu Sri Sulihanti (Mission report 16) Marcel Stallen and Jeroen Knol will brief the Agricultural Counsellor of the Royal Dutch Embassy about progress in the HORTIN II fruit program, for inclusion in the bilateral meeting in week 48. The HORTIN II program leader will officially request ICHORD to avail research capacity at the institutes that are identified for cooperation by the mission.

2.3. Visit of Kramat Jati wholesale market, Jakarta

Organization &	Kramat Jati wholesale market, Jakarta Various traders and staff and management of wholesale market
Persons met	
Date	Tuesday morning, November 18, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion	There is a strict division in between retail and wholesale fruits and vegetables

& Key observations	 (separate buildings) There is a complete absence of quality and safety guidelines and the management is not responsible for developing standards and enforcing them. There is no central registration of rambutan prices and quantities traded through Kramat Jati (rambutan is considered as a minor crop) The variety 'Çiplat' is appreciated by the Jakarta population
Action points	

2.4. Direktorat Sarana Produksi

Organization & Persons met	Direktorat Jenderal Tanaman Pangan, Direktorat Sarana Produksi - Bpk Budi Satriyo. (previously Bpk Budi worked with the department of processing and he was deployed as a researcher on post harvest issues before)
Date	Tuesday morning, November 18, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion & Key observations	 We discussed opportunities for vacuum frying of fruits in general. This method is successfully used for pineapple and jackfruit. To date no experiments with rambutan have been conducted. The high water content of rambutan might cause problems in case of vacuum frying Equipment for vacuum frying was not used for over a year but in general the appliances appear to be OK The equipment is rather cumbersome to operate but at a pilot scale (limited capacity in one run only) the method produced good results for jackfruit and pine apple according to Bpk Budi Satriyo The method of vacuum frying is characterised by a relatively low efficiency. We discussed opportunities to extract the relatively high contents of (healthy) anti oxidants from the skin of rambutan. A systematic comparison of processing opportunities will be conducted by researchers. Investments costs for equipment should indeed be taken into account to assess the feasibility and cost price of a particular method.
Action points	

2.5. Meeting Pt Masindo Mitra Mandiri

Organization & Persons met	PT Masindo Mitra Mandiri - Bpk Salim Ali (marketing manager)
Date	Tuesday afternoon, November 18, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion & key observations	 Mr Salim Ali explained their fresh export operations and packaging in detail. Mostly within two days after an order has been received and placed with the Subang collector the product will arrive at the end destinations with the client Recently – for the first time ever – a MRL violation with rambutan was observed in the EU. Masindo farmers have been warned not to apply pesticide and to respect the Pre Harvest Intervals. In general it is not understood how this MRL violation could happen. Masindo prefers not to pre cool its produce because it is often impossible to maintain

rambutan cool all the way to the EU or the Middle East, Condensation problem in
case of temperature fluctuations could become an even bigger problem than sub optimal storage at ambient temperature. Therefore Masindo prefers to ship at
ambient temperature rather than to try to maintain a cold chain.
 Masindo staff clean the rambutan in Jakarta under controlled conditions (not yet HACCP) and the make the product free of ants ('smut') by means of compressed air. We screened a number of potential importers in the Netherlands. The packaging process of Masindo and the type of materials and boxes used were explained by Mr Salim. Two PVC wrapped and fully closed trays are put in one box
 for export. About 20 to 25 fruits are packed on one tray (total about 1 – 1, 5 kg per tray depending on the variety.
 A pre condition for cooperation on any type of experiment is that we should not upset or alter the packaging process.
 We discussed the varieties in relationship to particular markets and concluded that: 'Lebak' variety is superior for export purposes because of its appearance and thick red coloured hairs (robustness)
'Binjai' is a more fragile variety with thin hairs and the skin resembles a sponge. Thicker skin but the flesh is sweet.
Details of the Masindo fresh export supply chain are depicted below:
Mr Salim will discuss our request for cooperation on MAP packaging experiment with the general manager of Masindo.
2. Pre conditions are; no interference with the current packaging operations (these are leading), same type of boxes should be used and the speed of packaging should be the same
3. We will be allowed to inspect his packaging and export process in detail ion
beforehand. An appointment will be made for this purpose 4. We send Masindo the names and websites of the importers that could be involved in
4. We send Masindo the names and websites of the importers that could be involved in these MAP experiment. The quality and remaining shelf life in the Netherlands will be evaluated by AFSG (Jeroen Knol and staff). In Jakarta Masindo will be assisted by staff of the institute for post harvest research in Bogor.

	Day 2	Day 1			
17 hrs onwards	nrs 8 hrs	17 – 23 hrs	8 hrs		
Arrival at clients	ng, grading 1st shipment by SQ	Arrival of rambutan	Order to Subang		
	ng, grading 1st shipment by SQ or other airlines	Arrival of rambutan in JKK	Order to Subang collector		

2.6. Meeting Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies, IPB Bogor

Organization & Persons met	Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies, IPB Bogor – dr. Sobir (director), dr. Rahmad Suhartanto and dr. Darda Efendi (both staff of IPB)				
Date	Wednesday morning, November 19, 2008				
Discussion & Key observations	 The Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies is an independent entity within IPB Bogor. The Centre is not linked to the IAARD structure and is rather flexible. For research purposes the Centre can directly cooperate with farmers, processors and other parties and they are not bound to do this via the MoA network. For post harvest research and development work the Centre often cooperate with and use facilities of BB Pascapanen in Bogor. 				

	 The Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies has its own experimental garden in Tangerang with a number of good rambutan varieties. We exchanged presentations of their and our experimental work on fruits. The Centre strongly recommended including consumers' research and consumers expectations of tropical fruits in our set up. IPB is interested to cooperate in the field of consumers' research. IPB also work on MA / CA storage methods for fruits and they underline our research priorities for rambutan We discussed the opportunities for processing of rambutan but also the severe restrictions.
Action points	 Dr. Darda Efendi is our contact person and he is willing to cooperate and first of all to comment on and contribute to our research proposal and protocols. Arrangements for operational budgets need to be made to kick start activities on rambutan in 2008 and 2009. The availability of research capacity is yet to be discussed internally and depends also on the type of activities. For consumers' research we should contact Ibu Yaya

2.7. Meeting ICAPRD

Organization & Persons met	ICAPRD (Indonesian Centre for Agricultural Postharvest Research and Development) – dr. Wisnu Broto (director), dr. Sri Yuliani (international cooperation and relations), dr. Setyadjit and staff Wednesday afternoon, November 19, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion & Key observations	 ICAPRD is a recently established new IAARD institute. The institute seems well equipped to cooperate with Wageningen UR AFSG in the HORTIN II program. Rambutan is not included in their list of priority crops and topics (yet) The production of fruit juices and puree is a major topic within the R&D program and a pilot demonstration unit is operational in Losari near Cirebon. Currently the institute has some cooperation with ACIAR and FAO and cooperation with Wageningen UR-AFSG is welcome. It was mentioned that a project was submitted by ICAPRD on post harvest research within the partite country program (Netherlands, Indonesia and Malaysia) on market access some time ago. Unfortunately this project was not granted. The project request for MAP rambutan is considered as an emergency project and manpower can be arranged on special request of the director IAARD and ICHORD. However funds for materials, travel, facilities and chemicals need to be made available by third parties. Before jumping into a decision on possible cooperation and budgets all parties wish to know what is exactly required and therefore we better first discuss the contents of the activities and the project itself.
Action Points	 Dr Sri Yuliani is nominated as the counterpart of Jeroen Knol Jeroen will submit his preliminary ideas on MAP rambutan research and Sri Yuliani will add her ideas as soon as possible to be able to present this as a joint experiment. In case of actual cooperation a formal request of IAARD and ICHORD is required to facilitate the HORTIN program with research capacity (manpower)

2.8. Meeting Puresso, Promindo Utama cv & SS Fresh Fruit Company

Organization &	Processing factory Puresso, Promindo Utama cv H. Sholeh RH Kurdi						
persons met	SS Fresh Fruit Company, Sahril Sidik						
Date	Thursday morning, November 20, 2008, Jakarta						
Discussion & key observations	 We discussed processing opportunities Rambutan Obviously the efficiency could be a major bottle neck. We learned that in case of mangosteen the process efficiency is as low as 16 % Bpk Sholeh has made pulp and juice out of mango, soursop, guava, strawberry and carrot Another problem when processing rambutan is the seed and the hull of the seed which sometimes is difficult to separate from the flesh. In 2007 the company exported 500 kg puree to Japan. The capacity of the machine in case of mango is 400 kg per hr and one labourer can clean only 140 kg mango per day. His puree has no additives and should be stored at -2oC to -4oC. AT ambient temperature the keep ability of the puree is very limited Bpk Sholeh will produce whenever there is a request from the market in whatsoever quantity, including rambutan which he has never tried so far. The company works closely with researchers of the Institute for post habits research in Bogor Waste material of the processing factory is used a compost 						
Action Points	When there is a request from a market party to produce juice or puree we can request for his cooperation.						
	2. Processing at a pilot scale can be organized at his location.						

2.9. Dinas Pertanian Subang & Selected farmers' fields

Organization & persons met	Dinas Pertanian Subang and selected farmers' fields and market places rambutan Kabupaten Subang
Date	Thursday afternoon, November 20, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion &	The program and activities of the Dinas Pertanian and their involvement with fruit production was explained to us.
key observations	 We discussed varieties, diseases, harvest system, flower induction buy irrigation and the influence of the season on flowering and harvest time. Biannual bearing can be a problem with rambutan The trading system and prices was discussed with various traders, farmers and staff of Dinas Pertanian.
	 After picking bunches of fruit there is still some selection of fruits to be done to get uniform ripe bunches of fruit. About 30 % is removed because the fruits are immature.
	 Smut (ants) are a major problem in rambutan We discussed the in transparency of the marketing system Bunches of fruits are about 1,5 kg and consist of 20 – 30 fruits

	The average harvest is about 200 – 300 kg rambutan per tree
Action Points	We can request for cooperation of Dinas, farmers and traders at any time

2.10. Royal Dutch Embassy Jakarta

Organization &	Office of the Agricultural Counsellor, Royal Dutch Embassy Jakarta, Mr. Hans vd Zijden
persons met	
Date	Friday Morning, November 21, 2008, Jakarta
Discussion & key observations	Briefing on progress and the follow up on rambutan (and avocado) in the coming period
Action Points	

2.11. Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

Organization & persons met	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) Mr. Julien de Meyer
Date	Friday November 21 (cancelled)
Discussion & key observations	Cooperation on rambutan (later)
Action Points	

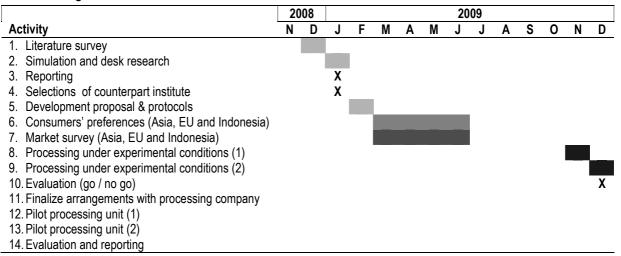
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3.1. Processing for new Product Market Combinations rambutan

3.1.1 Introduction

In this activity, processing technologies will be investigated to extend shelf life, and their suitability for application on rambutans. Literature information, expert knowledge and the discussions with stakeholders in Indonesia should result in a first selection of technologies. The following technologies will be evaluated: curing, drying, canning, addition of chemical additives, low temperatures, irradiation, fermentation, pasteurization, preservation with sugar, jellying, wax formulation and edible coatings, high pressure processing, hot water treatment, processing using ultrasound and vacuum frying. Focus was on peeled and stoned rambutan. Options for juice processing and preservation can be studied in next year.

3.1.2 Planning



3.2. Modified Atmosphere Packaging for prolonged shelf life and better quality

3.2.1 Introduction

In order to contribute to the development of tropical fruit sector in Indonesia, new packaging concepts should be investigated to increase shelf life of these fruit. The extension of the shelf life will assure easier and longer distribution radius. The economical fall-out can have significant effects on the Indonesian fruit chain. The present study is processed to determine the potential opportunities of using modified atmosphere packaging for Rambutan fruits. The literature reports that modified atmosphere packaging has a positive effect on the quality of the rambutan fruit and an extension of the shelf life was observed. In order to determine if this packaging method is practical at small scale farmer in Indonesia, the present set-up was established.

Cooperation's with the farmer/cooperative and local research institutes are indispensable in order to determine the limits and further expectations of this technique on the export market and local market.

3.2.2 Objective

Several bags with micro-perforations were prepared in the Netherlands. Fresh rambutans are packed in these bags and stored in refrigerated room 12°C. A shelf life of 21 days is aimed for cold storage treatment.

3.2.3 Set-up

Bags are made with Polyethylene material of $40\mu m$ thickness with Antifog layer with different micro-perforations hand made with a needle of $100\mu m$ of diameter. Ones the rambutan placed inside the bag, this one should be closed hermetically thanks to a hot seal (use seal bar: temperature sealing: $130^{\circ}C$, Time sealing 1 second, temperature cooling: $110^{\circ}C$). If no sealing bar is available at the packaging platform, bags should be manually closed in the most hermetic way is possible (the opening should be tightly folded on itself 5 times and fixed with tape). For both closing procedure, it is important to close at the level of the mark present of the bag. The dimensions of the active bag are 25 by 25 cm (10 cm extra at the opening will permit to close hermetically the bag by folding). Each bag is pre-labelled with appropriate code. Follow these codes to dispatch the bags according to the appropriate treatments. Evaluate the bag following the protocol set-up requirement.

- 15 rambutan fruits are packed per bag. The average bag's weigh is 550 gram.
- Before packing, fruit are pre-cooled at 15C for 2 hours.

Treatments

- Reference: rambutan stored in standard packaging: punnet of tray of 550g stored directly at air atmosphere [Ref]
- PE bag without perforation [No perf]
- PE bag with 5 micro-perforation [5 perf]
- PE bag with 10 micro-perforations [10 perf]
- PE bag with 30 micro-perforations [30 perf]

2 storage temperatures will be tested during all the experiment

- Room temperature (around 25-30°C) to mimic the local market conditions [R temp]
- Cold storage temperature (12°C) to optimize the MAP [C temp]

The total amount of bags/punnet needed for this test is 5x2x2x3 (treatments x duplicate x temperature x evaluation) = 60 bags. A total of 900 rambutan fruits (or 31.5 kg) are needed to process this experiment.

3.2.4 Evaluation

Sensorial evaluations are processed on day 8, 14 and 21 ([Day8], [Day14] and [Day21]). At each evaluation, 2 bags per treatment are evaluated. (Bags are numbered from 1 to 6)

- 1. All the bags are weighed after packing and before each evaluation moment (for the bag evaluated) to determine the water loss.
- 2. Before each evaluation, the gas concentration (oxygen and carbon dioxide) inside the bags is determined (if equipment available).
- 3. Digital photo of bags before opening and after opening are taken. These photos will be used to visualize the quality "decays" of the rambutans during their shelf life.
- 4. Additionally to the photos, a sensorial evaluation is required. Colour of the rambutan spintern extremities, colour of the rambutan in general, rot development, texture and taste of the rambutan are evaluated. The score sheet and evaluation protocol is used. Following the criteria and marks used for the sensorial evaluation:

Colour of rambutan spintern:

0= 75 -40% of spintern is green (fresh light green)

1= 10-39 % of spintern is green (darker green)

2= <9% of spintern is green, red is the main colour

3= spintern has dark red colour (auburn)

4= spintern is completely brown

Colour of rambutan in general: fruit surface browning:

0= none browning, rambutan colour red

1= 1-20% of total surface is brown

2= 21-50%

3= 51-80%

4= 81-100%

Rot evaluation:

Number of fruit with rot development /total of fruit per package (15)

Texture evaluation (open the fruit before evaluating the texture):

1 =soft and water

2= soft

3= crisp

4= very crisp

Off-flavour evaluation (of the eatable part of rambutan fruit):

1= no off-flavour

2= mild off-flavour

3= moderately off-flavour

4= strong off-flavour

5= extremely strong off-flavour

3.2.5 Protocol

Day 0:

- Harvest the rambutan at maturity stage
- Process the rambutan according to standard procedure: cleaning, chemical treatment, sorting...
- Pre-cool the rambutan at 15C for 2 hours
- Pack the rambutan carefully in the Polyethylene bags:
 - 15 rambutans per bag
 - Close the bag hermetically or by hot seal or by folding technique
- Weigh each bag individually. Record the weigh. The initial weigh will permit to determine the water loss
 of rambutan
- Place all the bags marked with [C temp] in the cooling room with a temperature of 12C. The bags marked with [R temp] are placed at room temperature (25C). The storage rooms (at 12C and room temperature) are dark.

Day 8:

- Take 2 bags of each treatment (marked with [Day 8])
- Measure the gas concentration
- Weigh the bag and record the weigh
- Open the bag and take photo (of each bag)
- Evaluate the rambutan according the score sheet parameters:
 - Start with number of rambutan rot
 - Colour of spintern (one mark per bag)
 - Colour of rambutan
 - Texture of rambutan
 - Off-flavour

Day 14:

- Take 2 bags of each treatment (marked with [Day 14])
- Measure the gas concentration
- Weigh the bag and record the weigh
- Open the bag and take photo (of each bag)
- Evaluate the rambutan according the score sheet parameters:
 - Start with number of rambutan rot
 - Colour of spintern (one mark per bag)
 - Colour of rambutan
 - Texture of rambutan
 - Off-flavour

Day 21:

- Take 2 bags of each treatment (marked with [Day 21])
- Measure the gas concentration
- Weigh the bag and record the weigh
- Open the bag and take photo (of each bag)
- Evaluate the rambutan according the score sheet parameters:
 - Start with number of rambutan rot
 - Colour of spintern (one mark per bag)

- Colour of rambutan
- Texture of rambutan
- Off-flavour

Day 22 or later

 send all the results (score sheet and digital photo) to A&F in the Netherlands for analyze of the results and conclusions

3.2.6 Planning

Table 4 Indonesian & Dutch researchers propose the following activities in 2008/09:

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Activity	N	D	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D
Literature survey														
2. Reporting		Χ												
Selections of counterpart institute	X													
Development proposal & protocols	X													
5. Experimental screening of PE films for rambutan 1														
6. Experimental screening of PE films for rambutan 2														
7. Evaluation and selection of material for export			X											
8. Finalize arrangements with exporter & importer			Χ											
9. Supply chain test 1														
10. Supply chain test 2														
11. Evaluation and reporting						X								

Annex I. Itinerary and persons met

Travel and visit itinerary HORTIN FRUIT mission						
Date and time	Meeting / visit					
Monday November 18						
9.00	Arrival Jeroen Jakarta					
13.00	Meeting with Directorate Fruit Crops. Ir Winny Dian Wibawa					
16.00	Meeting ICHORD (dr .Yusdar Hilman) and staff					
Tuesday November 19						
08.00	Visit to wholesale market Kramat Jati & local trader Rambutan					
11.00	Mr Budi Satriyo, Department of Agriculture, Pasar Minggu on processing of Rambutan					
13.00	PT Masindo Mitra Mandiri (exporter) Bpk Salim					
Wednesday November 19						
09.00	Visit and discussion with Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies, Bogor (Dr Sobir and staff, director)					
14.00	Visit and discussion with staff BB Post Harvest Research, Bogor					
22.00	overnight Cirebon					
Thursday November 20						
09.00	Mango processing factory, Losari					
13.00	Production Area Subang with DG Fruit staff					
16.00	Return to Jakarta					
Friday November 21						
9.00	Briefing at Embassy (Agric Counsellor, Hans vd Zijden)					
11.00	(Cancelled) Meeting with AUSAID / ACIAR program on fruits, Jakarta.					
16.00	Jeroen Return to Amsterdam					
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Annex II. Project Description: Product diversification & quality improvement Rambutan

Horticultural Research Co-operation between Indonesia and The Netherlands - HORTIN-II

1. Project title : Product diversification and quality improvement Rambutan

2. Project leaders : Jeroen Knol, AFSG, Wageningen UR (Netherlands)

Sri Yuliani, Indonesian Centre for Agricultural Post Harvest Research and

Development, Bogor

Centre for Tropical Fruit Studies, Bogor

3. Executing agencies : AFSG, ICAPRD

4. Abstract :

5. Participating organisations and companies 1:

- PT Masindo Mitra Mandiri
- PT Agrosari Sentraprima, Medan
- Directorate General (DG) Horticultural Fruit Crops, Jakarta
- HPSP (Horticultural Partnership Support Program)
- AUSAID / ACIAR program on fruits, Jakarta.
- Fresh Studio Innovations Asia

6. Objectives:

Long-term objectives:

To contribute to the development of the fruit sector in Indonesia and generate employment and income for fruit producers by optimising the supply chain for fruit products.

Short-term objectives:

- To evaluate possible processing routes for preservation of rambutan for the development of alternative product market combinations and to create new and off season markets for processed rambutan
- To develop Modified Atmosphere packaging methods for improved quality of rambutan at export markets

7. Project description:

In this project, the following activities will be conducted: 2008

- Literature survey on possibilities for extension of harvesting season of Rambutan by special measures during the growing period and possibly by measures during the harvest period.
- Joint project planning with stakeholders; creating commitment with local private parties and public partners (Fresh Studio Innovations Asia, A&F) by visiting them in Indonesia early November.
- Literature survey and lessons learnt from the Thai rambutan sector with regard to processing and post harvest / quality improvements (A&F, Fresh Studio Innovations Asia)
- Selection of potential interesting processing routes based on literature survey above and background knowledge A&F (A&F)
- Inventory of traditional processing of rambutan in Indonesia both on industrial scale and in households (Indonesian partners).

¹ This is a gross list of partners and contact persons per potential partner have been identified. Depending on the opportunities for and the mode of cooperation a selection of partners will be made.

- First feasibility study to evaluate potential processing options and modified atmosphere treatment (A&F, with input of Indonesian partners...): for some interesting processing routes, including modified atmosphere packaging, small scale evaluation studies will be done for a first feasibility study of which processing options are interesting.
- Reporting of project results (A&F): for each processing option, including modified atmosphere treatment a short information sheet will be made, explaining the method, the potential impact for rambutan processing, the results of the first feasibility study, the main advantages and disadvantages of the processing option, related to potential application in Indonesia.
- Feed back on short information sheets: local bottlenecks and potential problems by introduction and implementation in Indonesia (Indonesian partners).

2009

- Selection of most interesting improvements in processing and optimisation of supply chain
- Experiments in Indonesia and the Netherlands for practical implementation on processing and MA packaging (Initially under controlled, experimental conditions and under practical conditions in collaboration with project partners (pilot) at a later stage)
- Joint workshop for implementation of results.

7. Project methodology:

- Joint project planning with stakeholders; creating commitment with local private parties and public partners
- Literature survey and lessons learnt from the Thai rambutan sector with regard to processing and post harvest / quality improvements and elongation harvesting season
- Applied experimental research and co innovation activities under supply chain conditions
- Demonstrations and pilot with companies including economic analysis
- Strengthening of producers / farmers associations

8. Expected outputs and impacts:

	Output	Impact
2008	 Results (report) of workshop and discussions with potential project partners Literature survey about processing and Modified Atmosphere opportunities rambutan Literature survey about possibilities of extension of harvesting season of rambutan Results of exploratory experiments under controlled conditions on processing Rambutan in Netherlands and Indonesia. Report describing processing options, including main advantages and disadvantages and potential applications 	Overview of potential processing opportunities Insight in potential processing Project reporting
2009	 To be defined based on outcome of 2008 experiments Experiments in collaboration with research & private partners in Indonesia and The Netherlands aiming at practical implementation of processing and MA packaging Joint workshop 	 First step towards implementation of optimising supply chain Knowledge transfer

9. Training and technology transfer/knowledge exchange:

Year	Subject	Participant Organisation	Location	Organisation involved
2008	Rambutan processing and packaging: Leaflets for knowledge transfer	• A&F	The Netherlands	• A&F
2009	Rambutan processing and packaging: workshop	• A&F	Indonesia	A&F Indonesian partners

10. Work plan 2008 and 2009:

Time	Activity	Deliverables
2008	 Joint problem identification and project planning with stakeholders; (Fresh Studio Innovations Asia, A&F) Literature survey and lessons learnt from the Thai rambutan sector with regard to processing and post harvest / quality improvements (Fresh Studio Innovations Asia, A&F) Inventory of traditional processing of rambutan in Indonesia both on industrial scale and in households (Indonesian partners). Selection of potential interesting processing routes based on literature survey above and background knowledge A&F (All) First feasibility study to evaluate potential processing options and modified atmosphere treatment (A&F, with input of Reporting of project results (A&F) Feed back on short information sheets: local bottlenecks and potential problems by introduction and implementation in Indonesia (Indonesian partners). 	 Short literature review Short overview Leaflets
2009	 To be defined based on results 2008 Selection of most interesting improvements in processing and optimisation of supply chain Experiments in Indonesia and The Netherlands for practical implementation on processing and MA packaging. Joint workshop for implementation of results 	ReportReportWorkshop
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Annex III. Presentations Wageningen UR, AFSG and Fresh Studio Innovations

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