Coconut Oil Philippines & Indonesia

Sustainability Impact at Source



Going Beyond Organic

Creating resilient, equitable, and environmentally-secure food systems

Driving sustainable and market driven development at source

Measurable social and environmental impact for farmers, workers, and communities worldwide

Contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

About the project

Coconut oil is a popular ingredient in the food and cosmetic industry. To meet the demand and to guarantee a continuous supply of organic coconut oil, Tradin Organic established two successful sourcing projects in the Philippines and in Indonesia.

In 2005, Tradin Organic, together with their local partners, started sourcing organic coconut oil predominately from smallholder farmers located close to Davao city in the Philippines and on the Indonesia islands of Flores and Maluku. These farmers maintain their farms organically since generations, cultivating coconut trees intercropped with a variety of other crops. Enabled by Tradin Organic's certification program our farmer-suppliers benefit from an attractive organic premium that significantly increases their farm income.





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2128 hectares of organic certified coconut farms in the Philippines

↑ **1440** hectares since 2009

30 - fold increase of coconut oil production since 2009

592 smallholder farmers in the Philippines



83% under the age of 35

2898 smallholder farmers in Indonesia

1554 farmers since 2006

80 - fold increase of coconut oil production since 2005

3456 Hectares of organic certified coconut farms in Indonesia

2486 hectares since 2006

Full Traceability and High Quality: From Farm to Factory to Customer

Our integrated supply chain offers full transparency and traceability to guarantee the production of high-quality crude and refined coconut oil. At every step of the supply chain, we know exactly where our coconut oil comes from, and which farmers and employees were involved in its production. Regular on-farm trainings and visits by our locally stationed field staff ensures organic integrity at farm level. At our experienced third-party processor, the oil is extracted from the dried copra to obtain crude coconut oil or further refine it into high quality ingredient for the food and personal care industry. The organic coconut farmers husk the coconuts to collect the copra. Then, the copra is placed in the sun to dry.

At the processing facility, the coconut oil is pressed from the copra. To obtain RBD oil, the coconut oil is further refined, bleached, and deodorized

Social and Environmental Impact

Improvement of Organic Practices

- Tradin Organic's locally stationed internal control officers regularly visit the farmers to advice on organic farming practices
- Before a farmer is accepted into our certification program, our field staff carefully checks whether the farmer complies with the organic standards.



Certification

- Our organic coconut oil complies with international organic regulations and is also KRAV certified.
- The certifications guarantee that organic coconut oil is produced with minimal impact on the environment, that biodiversity is protected, and fair working conditions at the farms and in the processing facility are ensured.



Farm Development

- Our copra is not sourced from largescale coconut palm monocultures but from thousands of smallholder farmers
- The plantations are biodiverse areas, where coconut trees are thriving next to banana, mango, and other trees.
- Our suppliers' farms have been traditionally managed with organic practices.
- Through regular trainings and organic certification, farmers can further improve their production and benefit from an attractive organic premium.



