

Name Sarawak Tapioca
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Main characteristics/features

Tapioca (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz) is also known as cassava and belongs to the Euphorbiaceae family. In Sarawak, tapioca is intercropped with paddy fields by local farmers. They plant the tapioca variety known as 'Beraya' cassava. This variety got its name from Kampung Beraya in Miri district. Beraya tapioca produces higher yields than other varieties. The plant has a single stem with no terminal branching, its height is 1.5 to 2.5 m 4 months after planting. The mature stem is brown with silver patches.

Geographical area

Local farmers in Miri district, specifically around Beraya village have planted this variety in their gardens for their own consumption over the years. In 2011, a large-scale plantation was established by the agricultural department to supply tubers for cottage-scale production. As production developed the government and investors have shown interest and another large-scale plantation has been set up.

Production/processing

Planting material should be taken from a mature stem portion (4 to 8 months old). Stem cuttings 30 cm long are planted at an angle of 40-45 degrees. They are half buried with their buds facing upwards. Tapioca requires 450-1 000 kg/ha of 12:17:2 compound fertiliser. Weed control is done using pre-emergent herbicides. Harvesting takes place at 4 to 10 months after planting and can yield 15 to 20 metric tonnes per hectare.

Link between product and territory

The tapioca variety is known as 'Beraya' cassava. Local farmers call this variety 3 Bulan (3 months). It is planted below 1000 masl and the optimal growing temperature is between 25 to 29 C with an annual rainfall of 1 000 to 1 500 mm.

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