**Main characteristics/features**

Piyutu tapiocarolls are a product of Suluk culture in the district of Sandakan. Piyutu is made of grated tapioca and prepared according to a traditional method, only taking a short time to make and may be served with other dishes. It has a sweet aroma and does not taste very sharp. If stored properly, it may keep for two weeks. Piyutu has become the daily food staple replacing rice among the Suluk community for a very long time.

**Production/processing**

Piyutu has a yellowish colour and a soft texture, which is slightly thick. The main ingredient is tapioca. The process of making piyutu is quick but it requires patience and close attention to detail in order to obtain a well-made final product. Grated tapioca is mixed with a little grated coconut and cooked in a special pot. To ensure that the piyutu is cooked evenly, it will be turned over in the pot. When it is cooked, it is placed on a piece of cloth so that it is easier to roll. Finally, a little grated coconut is sprinkled on the piyutu for additional taste.

**Geographical area**

Piyutus are made by the Suluk community in the district of Sandakan, Sabah, around Kampung Bahagia and Kampung Mautas, as well as around the town of Sandakan itself.

**Link between product and territory**

According to history, the majority of the Suluk community used to live on the sea. Therefore, they needed sufficient food that would also last long. Piyutu became their food of choice for this reason. Eventually, piyutu became popular among the entire Suluk community. Nowadays, it is served with other dishes and is very popular, especially during festive seasons and at events such as weddings and other large gatherings. The product has been part of the Suluk culinary heritage since olden times.

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