



The Philippine Coconut Industry: **SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP**





THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT INDUSTRY

Overview

PRODUCTION



3.6 M

Hectares in 83 provinces
26% of Agricultural Lands



345 M

Coconut Trees (*bearing*)



14-15 B

nuts annually



2.7 M

registered farmers and
farm workers

PROCESSING



165

Processing
Plants



50%

Capacity utilization
(average of 10 years)



9.035 MMT

Annual Milling Capacity

MARKETING



Major

EXPORT

product



3.2 B

USD of export revenue
Average in the last five (5) years



25 M

Filipinos dependent
on coconuts



THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT INDUSTRY CHALLENGES AND DIRECTION

WHERE WE ARE

(e.g. challenges/gaps)

- 10% of the 340 M trees are senile (annual)
- Low coconut yield at 45 nuts per tree per year
- 50% of the coconut trees or 170 million are nutrient deficient
- 79% of farms are 2.0 ha or fragmented, upland
- Inadequate supply of good quality planting materials.
- Palms frequently damaged by typhoon, other natural calamities, and pests & diseases
- aging coconut farmer population
- 90% of the coconut farmers live below the poverty line

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO

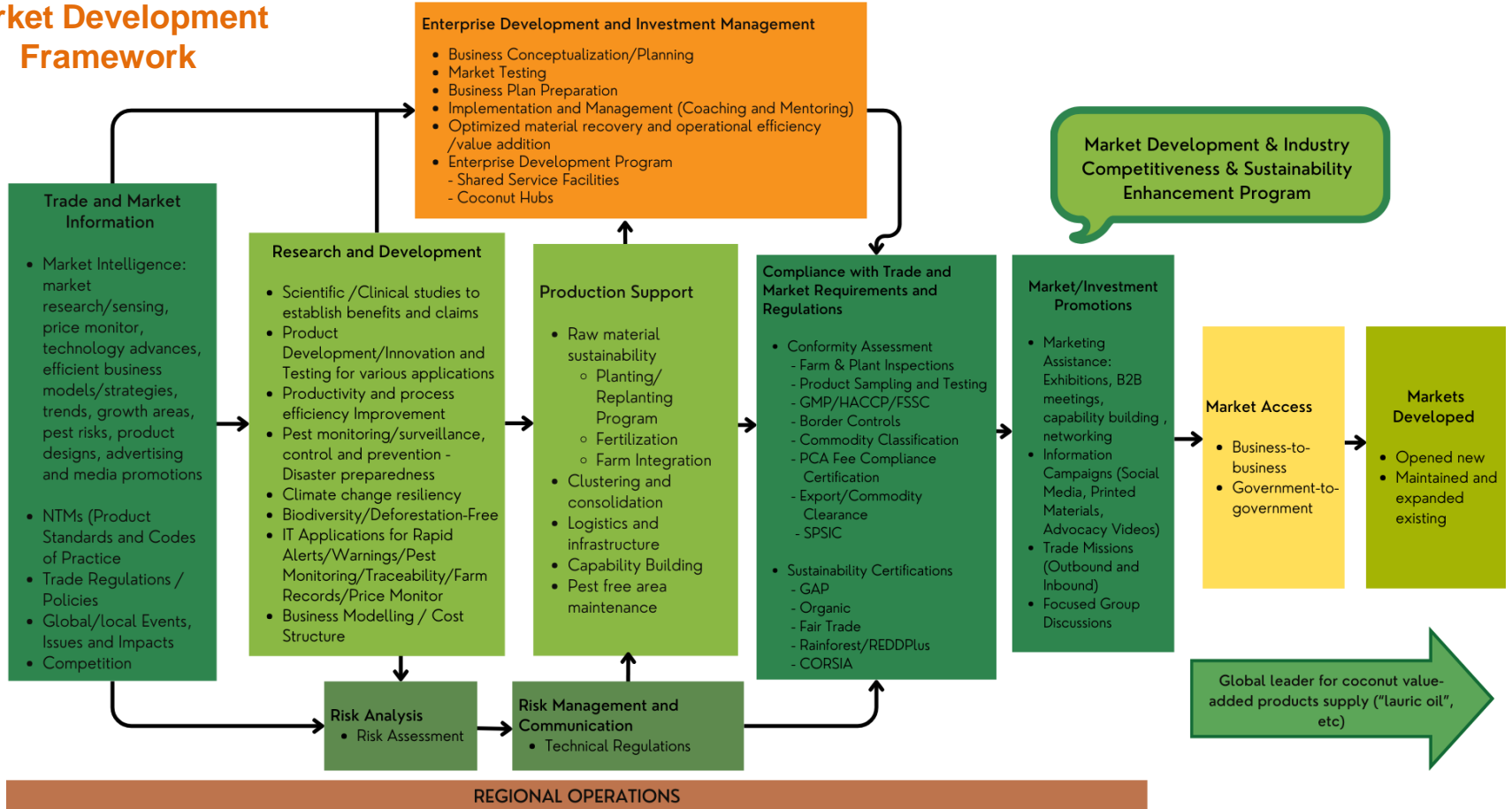
Towards a sustainable and resilient coconut industry

- Increase supply of coconut planting materials
- Increase in coconut production
- Increase in income of coconut farmers
- Cover coconut lands with intercropping and other diversified forms for farm income
- Improve the quality of copra thru the provision of improved copra dryers at the village level
- Coconut Products are compliant with standards of quality and safety

HOW DO WE GET THERE

- Massive coconut planting
- Coconut fertilization using AGSF
- Establishment of Seed Farm and/or Seed Garden to ensure sustainability of supply of good quality planting materials
- Promote intercropping of high-value crops i.e., abaca, banana, and pineapple aside from coffee and cacao
- Intensify product promotions to sustain and develop domestic and international markets for coconut products and by-products
- Distribution of Improved Copra Dryers for Copra Quality Improvement

Market Development Framework



INITIATIVES TO SUSTAIN THE COCONUT INDUSTRY

Farming Sector

Professionalizing the Coconut Production for higher productivity in Complementation with the planting and fertilization program

- Development of Competency Standards for coconut production with Training Regulation in collaboration with TESDA
- Capability building of farmers with clustering and consolidation to achieve economies of scale and higher operational efficiencies
- Optimization of raw materials recovery and utilization / value-adding for cost-efficiency – more products & alternative markets

Food Safety and Traceability

- Implementation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)
- Coconut Farmers' Registry with Farm Codes
- Use of Appropriate Commodity Classification
- Registration of businesses engaged in coconut

Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures: pest monitoring and surveillance and maintenance of pest free areas (PFAs)

Processing Sector

- Development of Competency Standards for coconut processing in collaboration with TESDA (include copra for quality improvement)

Registration of all coconut-based business entities for traceability and monitoring; Strengthening of the PCA Inspectorate; Strengthening of the PCA laboratory (ISO certification & provision of testing equipment)

In coordination with other food safety regulatory agencies, conduct of trainings & information campaigns on food safety systems: Good Manufacturing Practices, HACCP Plan Preparation, Good Warehousing Practices, Proper packaging and labelling.

Support to organic certification through the Participatory Guarantee System and educating farmers-suppliers on GAP and organic agriculture

Initiating ISO and CODEX Standard for VCO to include authenticity identification, e.g., sterols, IV, spectrophotometric measurement (absorbance)

Trading/Distribution

Market Intelligence in collaboration with the DTI: **on the pipeline:** cross-country study in Vietnam, Indonesia, and Thailand

Product quality monitoring: setting up of testing facilities for MOSH/MOAH, PAH, aflatoxins; self-heating tests

Trade Issues: Coordination with stakeholders and agri/commercial attaches - provide inputs on policy development, e.g., Trans-fatty acids; SFAs, allergens

Advocacy/Promotions: Expansion of domestic utilization of coconut; Philippine branding (Coconut Philippines); Maintaining market presence through exhibition

Control of Compliance with technical standards: phytosanitary/plant inspections and product quality monitoring & testing

Continuous Research & Development : Product development, coconut varietal improvement

Standards Development (End Product & Codes of Practices): Development of Phil. National Standards in collaboration with DTI, FDA, and BAFS

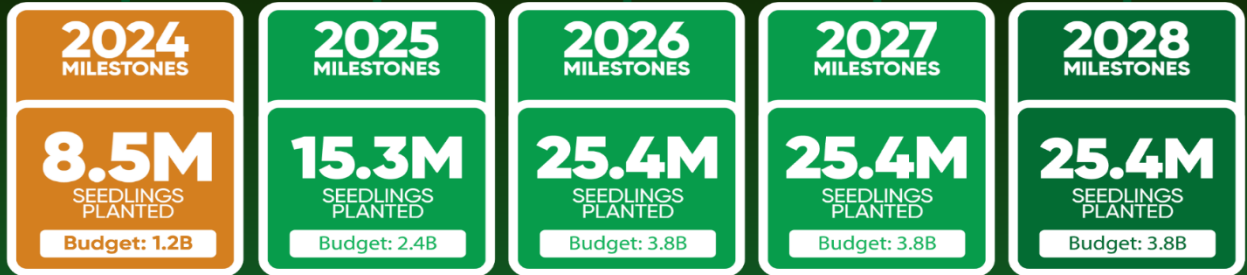
Conformity Assessment: Establishment of food safety units in the regions and inspectorate for GAP and risk-based plant inspections and carry out a sustainability certification program

Ease of Doing Business: Streamlining of processes, i.e., Tradenet onboarding /online registration/ cashless transaction (online payments)

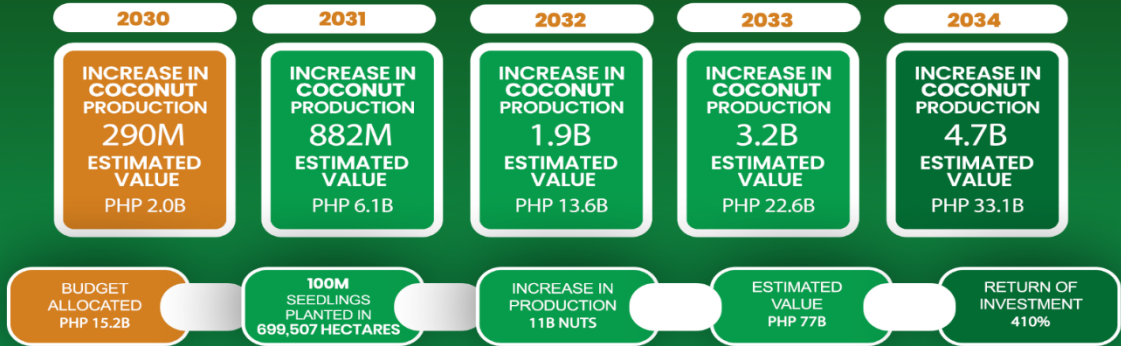
Philippine Coconut Branding: Showcasing of champion commodities/products and best practices, e.g., fair trade, corporate social responsibility among others in all possible platforms. Industry recognition through the Coconut Industry Sustainability (COINS) Awards, use of COCONUT Philippines in promotional campaigns



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COCONUT SUSTAINABILITY MILESTONES 2024-2028
100M Seedlings to be Planted



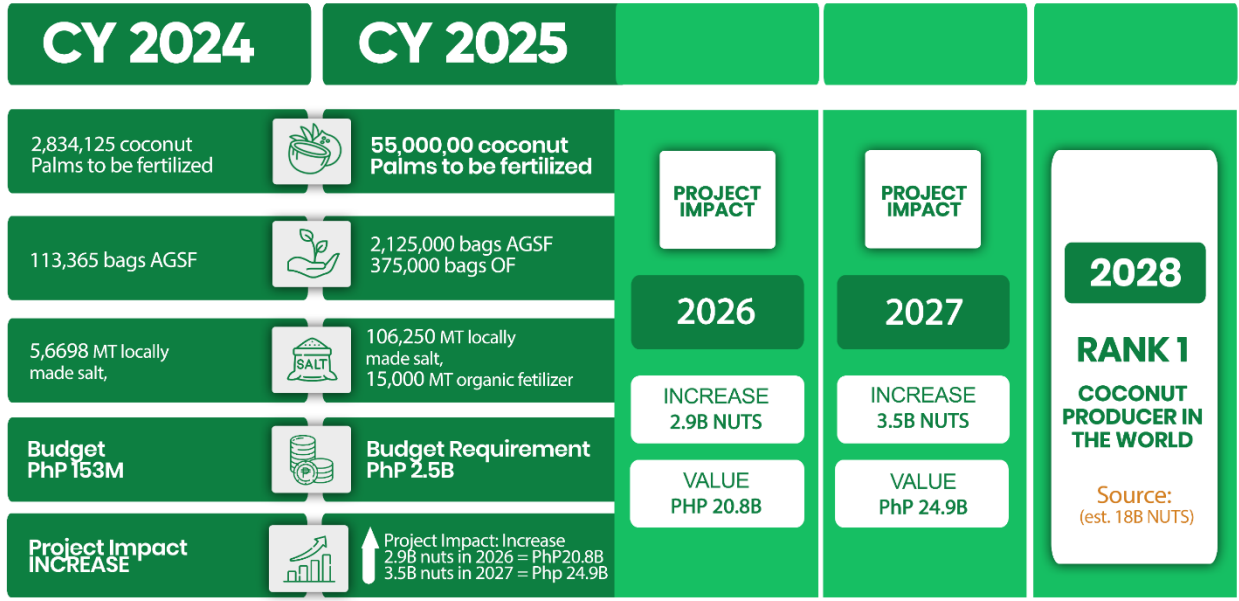
PROJECT IMPACT



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COCONUT FERTILIZATION PROGRAM



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A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT COCONUT INDUSTRY WITH EMPOWERED AND PROSPEROUS COCONUT FARMERS





Thank You

Psalm 104:14

*14 He makes grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth:*