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| **Abstract / Content summary** | The galip nut (Canarium indicum) is an indigenous nut commonly found in the lowlands of New Guinea (including Papua New Guinea and Jayapura), Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. The tree grows well at elevations ranging from 100 to 700 meters above sea level. In PNG, this nut tree has strong cultural ties and uses among the coastal people, especially on Nissan and Buka Islands in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB), East New Britain (ENB), West New Britain (WNB), Madang and the Sepik Provinces. Over a decade, NARI together with ACIAR and other funding partners have been doing research and invested money to develop the nut into a commercial crop. Most of the propagated ecotypes known as elite varieties were sourced from Nissan and Buka Island, Arawe in WNB and Karkar Island in Madang Province. The elite ecotypes with superior commercial traits were propagated from seeds and were distributed to farmers in the Gazelle and Kokopo Districts and in New Ireland Province. It is now in its nascent stage which can be developed into an viable nut industry. However, the ‘elite varieties’ are threatened by a wood boring weevil insect called (Ectatorhinus magicus) or commonly referred to as Galip Weevil. [Introduction] |
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