

Polillo Island, Philippines

KALIPAY COCONUT FARM

Partner since 2019

Botanical sourced from this farm: Coconut oil



FARM LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

The Kalipay Coconut Farm is located in the lush, tropical landscape of the Philippines. Kalipay is Young Living's main source of coconut oil, and the partnership reinforces our efforts to empower others through giving back. Kalipay supports communities by donating a portion of its profits every year to help fight generational poverty through education, leadership, and technology scholarship programs. The Kalipay Coconut Farm also uses green chemistry a new discipline that focuses on the efficient use of resources and eliminating waste during the production process.

BOTANICAL BACKGROUND

The coconut, *Cocos nucifera*, is one of the most versatile plants found on the Philippine archipelago. The Philippines is recognised as one of the world's largest coconut producers. Filipinos began trading small quantities of coconuts to Chinese, Malay, and Spanish traders in the 19th century. In 1898, traders began to export coconut oil and copra to Europe as raw ingredients for high-demand products like soap and margarine.

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HARVESTING

Harvesters cut down coconuts by hand, then transport the crop out of the jungle by pony or carabao, a domesticated water buffalo. After transport, the coconut is shucked and cut in half, and the coconut meat is scooped out of its shell. The meat is dried and becomes copra, which is bagged and transported to an oil mill where it is crushed to produce coconut oil. The leftover copra meal becomes sustainable, plant-based animal feed.



HOW THE FARM GOT ITS START

The Kalipay Coconut Farm has been family owned and operated since 1963. The family devotes itself as much to the community as to its coconuts, sponsoring the children of local coconut farmers, so they receive training in electromechanical technology in an ongoing effort to break the cycle of poverty. Young Living began partnering with the Kalipay Coconut Farm in 2019 because their standards and love for the community reflect our values for product, planet and people. Now members can enjoy our many products that require coconut oil, knowing that the oil is sustainably sourced and supports local efforts to break the cycle of poverty in the Philippines.



DID YOU KNOW?



Because coconut palms are often found on ocean shorelines and in brackish soil, adding sea salt to the soil around coconut trees helps them produce twice the number of nuts.



The coconut industry is so significant in the Philippines that between 25–30 percent of Filipinos are directly or indirectly impacted by it.



There are about 3.5 million hectares of coconut plants in the Philippines—that's enough to cover New York City 45 times!



LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY



Optimizing resources and minimizing waste. The green chemistry used by this partner is a new discipline that designs products and processes to optimise resources while reducing waste. Green chemistry helps preserve our fragile environment.

Empowering a new generation. Each year, the Kalipay Coconut Farm donates a portion of its net income to support the projects of the Lao Foundation, a non-profit that helps empower less-fortunate people in the Philippines through education, livelihood training and cultural values. The farm has also sponsored students—a total of 84 so far—who want to improve their futures by receiving technology training. Most recently, The Lao Foundation in cooperation with the Tzu Chi Foundation, has contributed to several relief efforts for communities affected by both the Rolly and Ulysses Typhoons.

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