

Sustainable Seaweed Value Chains

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Progress by innovation

...And a powerful ally to address the SDGs

A thriving and sustainable seaweed industry could result in...





that brings prosperity



Indonesian Seaweed Production Trends



Official stats 9.2 m tons ~ 45% global output

Industry estimate 4-5 million tons

Processed seaweed Indonesia



Last updated 2022

- Carrageenan (SRC,RC); mainly for export
- Agar-agar: mainly for local market
- Average seaweed processing plant work under its installed capacity (<60%)
- Carrageenan and agar has become a commodity market
- Strong competition from China, Philippines and from other hydrocolloids (plants)





Seaweed (Euchema cottoni) value chain at Sumenep, East Java (estimated price)

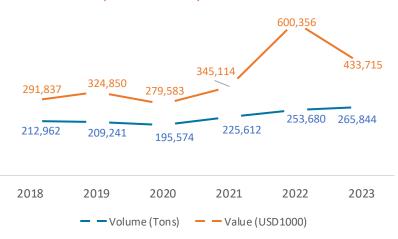


- Seaweed supply chain is fragmented mainly carried out by small holders
- Long supply chains with limited connection/linkages with processors, less control on quality
- Limited value addition and low margin driven by volume and price
- Income margin is lower for all VCOs (Exporters 5%, Trader 5%, Collector 3% and Farmer 10%)
- Normal margins for trade in goods is 15 20%



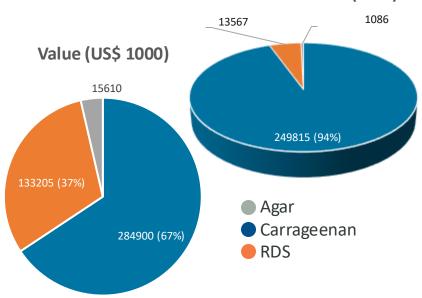
Indonesian Seaweed Export Trends

Export trend by volume and value



Export composition by products

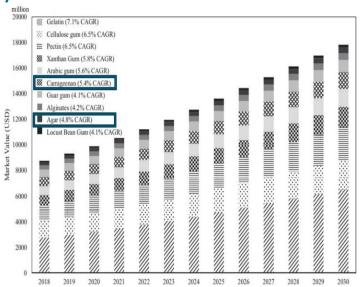




- Export growing, but value dropped in 2023 due to weakening price (post covid, competition from other sources)
- 94% of export quantity in RDS (fit and not fit for human)
- Export of agar (and dried gracilaria) is small, mainly for local market



Hydrocolloids Market Trends





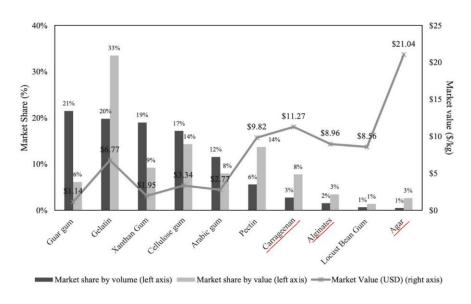


Figure major hydrocolloids by market share & market value Source: The Global Carrageenan Industry, Grand view research 2023b

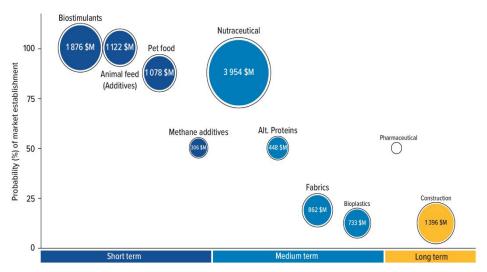
- Hydrocolloids market is expected to grow in moderate rate globally
- Hydrocolloids from seaweed (agar and carrageenan) are expensive compared with other sources





New Market Opportunities

Predicted seaweed market size by 2030 (\$ millions)



Future market size

Estimation available

No estimation

Source: The World Bank: Global Seaweed, New and Emerging Market, 2023

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Markets and added value of seaweed products
                                              > 1,000 $/kg
           pharmaceuticals, bioactives
                                          500 to 1,000 $/kg
     fine chemicals, ingredients, human food
                                            20 to 200 $/kg
     agrichemicals, biopolymers, animal feed
                                               1 to 20 $/kg
    biomaterials, biocomposites, bioadhesives
    biofuels, biodiesels, biogases, bioalcohols
                                                < 1 $/kg
                  Volume
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Source: Thierry Chopin and Alber G Tacon-Importance of Seaweed, 2023



Indonesian Seaweed Industry: Three pathways to development

Mainstream species and existing industry

Mainstream species and new industries

New species and new products/new industries





UNIDO Support to Seaweed Sector in Indonesia (2014-2023)





Final product

Hydrocolloids



Market



Seaweed supply chain e-traceability



Tropical Seaweed
Innovation Network



New standards on farming & processing



Engaging farmers in standard setting process



Introduction of Seaweed in academic curriculum



Introducing Seaweed in extension services



Institutionalizing VC Roundtables



Since 2023 Focus on New Species and New Applications









• **Piloting Ulva farming:** food, feed, cosmetics

6 private partners (IDR 1.2 billion investment for production facilities)

Conservation of wild Ulva

Livelihood



Progress by innovation









Theory of Change

Global Enablers

Partnerships for knowledge and technology exchange

Development and harmonization of standards

Technical Assistance

Public and private investments

Key conditions for transformative change

Access to (blue-) finance & credit Evidence-Technology, based and skills and good coordinated Standards. practices policies regulation and conformity assessment Extension Science, services and supplier Research and development Development services Market development & promotion

Key transformations

Increasing demand for friendly seaweed-based products among down-stream industries, end users and consumers

Conducive governance and enabling environment fostering an innovative and sustainable seaweed sector

Diversified and innovative supply of seaweed & seaweed value-added products that meet the market requirements

Goal

Competitive, Equitable Sustainable Seaweed Sector





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