

Coconuts from Cargill boost sustainable farming in Indonesia

20,000 high quality seedlings are finding their way to 200 smallholder coconut farmers in North Sulawesi, Indonesia, thanks to a continued initiative run by Cargill and Winrock International.

Coconut farming is the lifeblood for a large number of North Sulawesi's residents. Thanks to the seedlings, which are more drought and disease resistant, the region's coconut plantations will be protected in the future. Farmers will also receive training in integrated pest management and improved harvesting.

“Cargill is committed to helping smallholders in the North Sulawesi region improve their livelihoods and the economic opportunities of coconut farming,” said Cargill's plant manager in Amurang, Lindung Samosir.

The first seedlings were handed over in a ceremony on 23 February 2013. Significant success was already seen in 2011 when Cargill donated 10,000 seedlings, helping farmers increase both their production and incomes.

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