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THE UTILIZATION OF CASHEW APPLES IN VIETNAM
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## Overview of Vietnam cashew production

- Vietnam is one of $2 n d$ world biggest countries for area and production of cashews after India
- Production of cashew nuts in 2010 reached 291.5 million tons.
- This is the 4 th consecutive year Vietnam cashew industry maintains the top export
 position of the world.

Cashew kernel export quantity and turnover, 05 years, 2006-2010



Weight of cashew apple: 8-10 times that of nut.

Compositions of Viet Nam cashew apple

| Compositions (\%) | Red cashew | Yellow cashew |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Moisture | 85.92 | 86.38 |
| Pectin | 0.86 | 0.98 |
| Reduced sugar | 7.74 | 7.26 |
| Protein | 0.88 | 0.52 |
| Fat | 0.30 | 0.27 |
| Cellulose | 3.56 | 3.34 |
| Tannin | 0.42 | 0.48 |
| Minerals | 0.44 | 0.5 |

(Source: Pham, V.N., 1991)

Micronutrients of fruits (per 100g)

| Fruits | $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{1}}(\mathbf{1 0 - 6} \mathbf{g})$ | $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{2}}(\mathbf{1 0 - 4} \mathbf{g})$ | $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{m g})$ | $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{m g})$ | $\mathbf{C a}(\mathbf{m g})$ | $\mathbf{F e}(\mathbf{m g})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yellow C.A. |  | $\mathbf{9 8 , 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 9 , 6}$ | 11 | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Red C.A. |  | $\mathbf{1 2 8 , 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 6}$ | 11 | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Pineapple | 80 | 20 | 24 | 11 | 16 | 0,3 |
| Avocado | 120 | 150 | 16 | 38 | 10 | 0,6 |
| Banana | 90 | 60 | 10 | 28 | 8 | 0,6 |
| Lemon | 40 | Trace | 45 | 10 | 14 | 0,1 |
| Pomelo | 40 | 20 | 40 | - | - | - |
| Mandarine | 70 | 30 | 31 | 23 | 33 | 0,4 |
| Orange | 80 | 30,9 | $49 .$. | 23 | 33 | 0,4 |

(Source: Pham, D.T., 2003)

Cashew apple utilization...

| Input | Output | Description and Uses |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Apple | Prunes | Cashew prunes, produced by boiling the cashew apple in <br> molasses, is very similar to dehydrated prunes or dates. |
|  | Juice | The cashew fruit is pulped by grating or pounding and the <br> juice is pressed out and strained. Cashew Juice has five <br> times more citric acid than orange juice and is thus a <br> good source of preservation acid medium when mixed <br> with other fruit juices or vegetables |
|  | Wine | The juice of the cashew apple can be processed into wine <br> using the conventional method of producing fruit wines. <br> The alcoholic content averages 18\%. |
|  | Pulp | The fibrous pulp obtained after extracting juice from the <br> cashew apple can be used as animal feed or dried and <br> processed into diet fibre biscuits |
| (Source: USAID, 2002) |  |  |

## Cashew apple teas



## Cashew apple utilization...

## - Vietnam:

- The apples are usually used as fresh fruits.
- A small amount is used for making wine.
- Products from researches (not yet commercialized):



## Cashew apple wine



Cashew apple utilization...
$>$ Enhance the value of abundan cashew apple.
> Reduce environmental pollution.
> Increase the income for farmers.
> Create jobs for workers.
> Diversify food products.


## Cold chain for fruits in Vietnam?

## Pomelo case

Cashew apple vinegar


Miniresearch "Added-value for Cashew Industry by Producing a Reduced-Fat Cashew Apple Chips"


Cashew apple chips (Photo: Max Reynes)



## Any cold chain for cashew apple?

- Freezing prior to frying has an important impact on the fat content and other qualities of the chips after frying. The chips have a lower fat content and better organoleptic qualities.
(Knok et al., 1995)



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