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# **STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE AND UTILIZATION IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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# ***About PHilMech***

Philippine Center for Postharvest Development  
and Mechanization

## ***Mandate***

*Generate, extend and commercialize appropriate and problem-oriented agriculture and fishery postharvest and mechanization technologies.*



# The Development Framework of PHilMech

## TWIN MANDATE

RESEARCH  
AND  
DEVELOPMENT

EXTENSION

### AREAS OF CONCERNS:

EFFICIENT  
DRYING AND  
DEHYDRATION

HANDLING,  
STORAGE AND  
PROCESSING

MYCOTOXIN,  
PESTS AND  
DISEASES  
PREVENTION AND  
CONTROL

AGRICULTURAL  
WASTE AND BY-  
PRODUCT  
UTILIZATION

APPROPRIATE  
MECHANIZATION  
TECHNOLOGIES

IMPROVED  
AND  
APPRO-  
PRIATE  
TECHNO-  
LOGIES AND  
SYSTEMS

TECHNOLOGY  
MANAGEMENT  
AND TRAINING

COACHING AND  
MENTORING

FARM OR  
BUSINESS  
ADVISORY

DATA  
MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION,  
EDUCATION AND  
COMMUNICATION

IMMEDIATE/  
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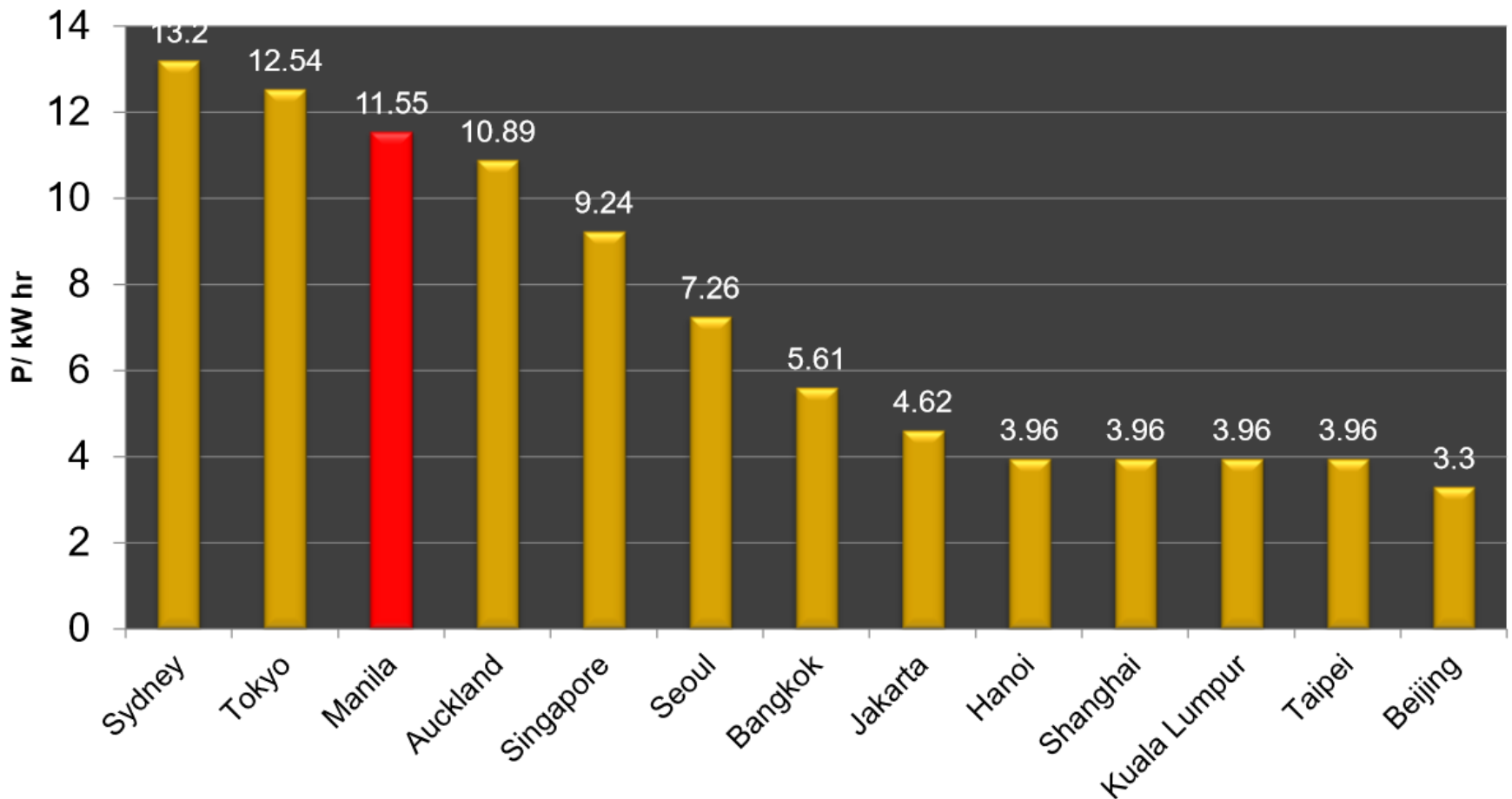
SUCCESSFUL  
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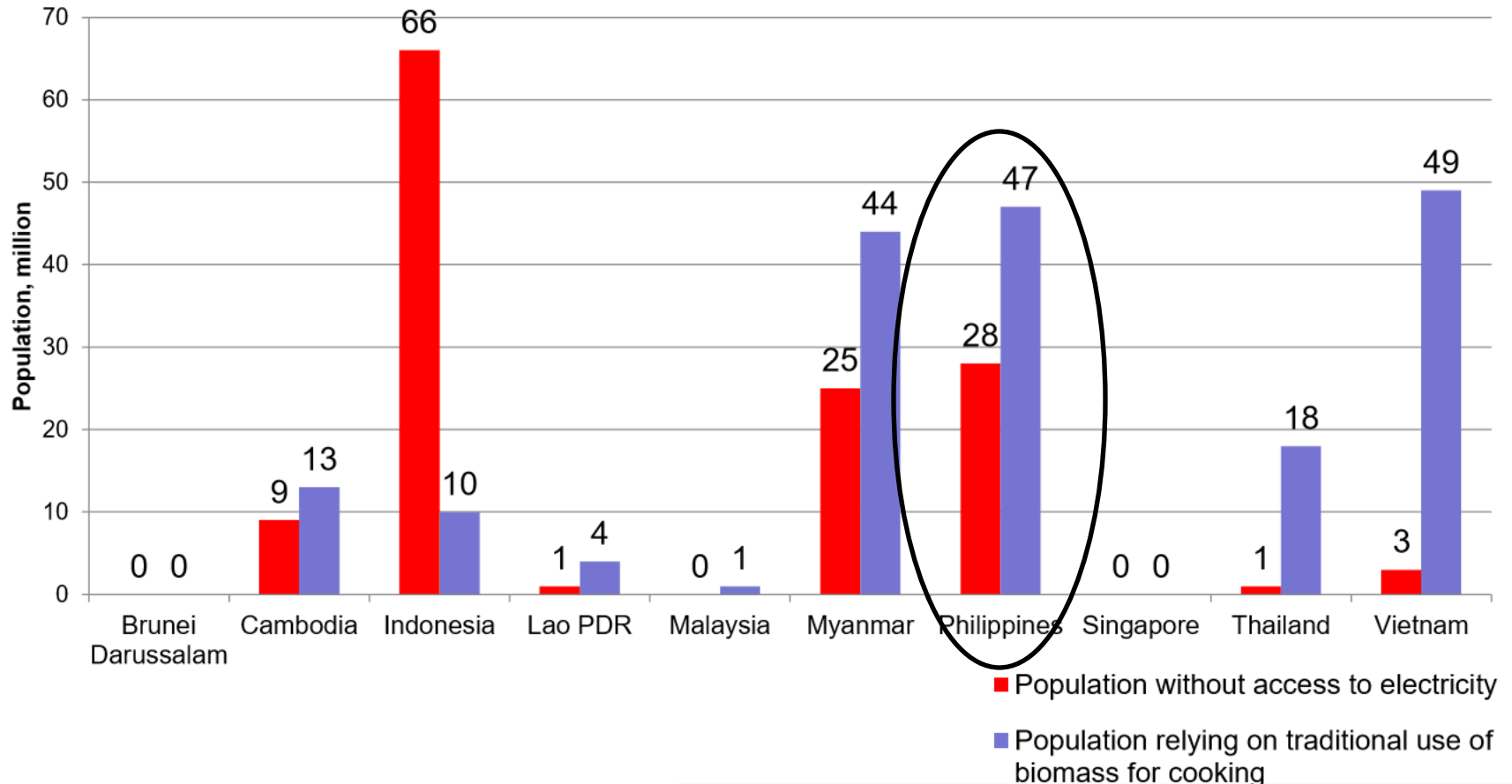
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# International comparison of cost of electricity



Source: Energy market authority, Singapore, 2013

# Access to modern energy sources in ASEAN, 2011

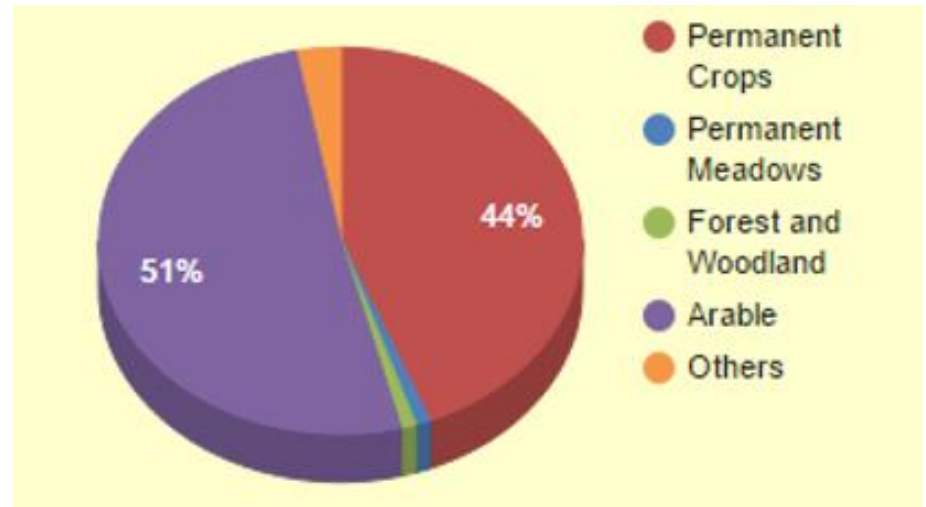
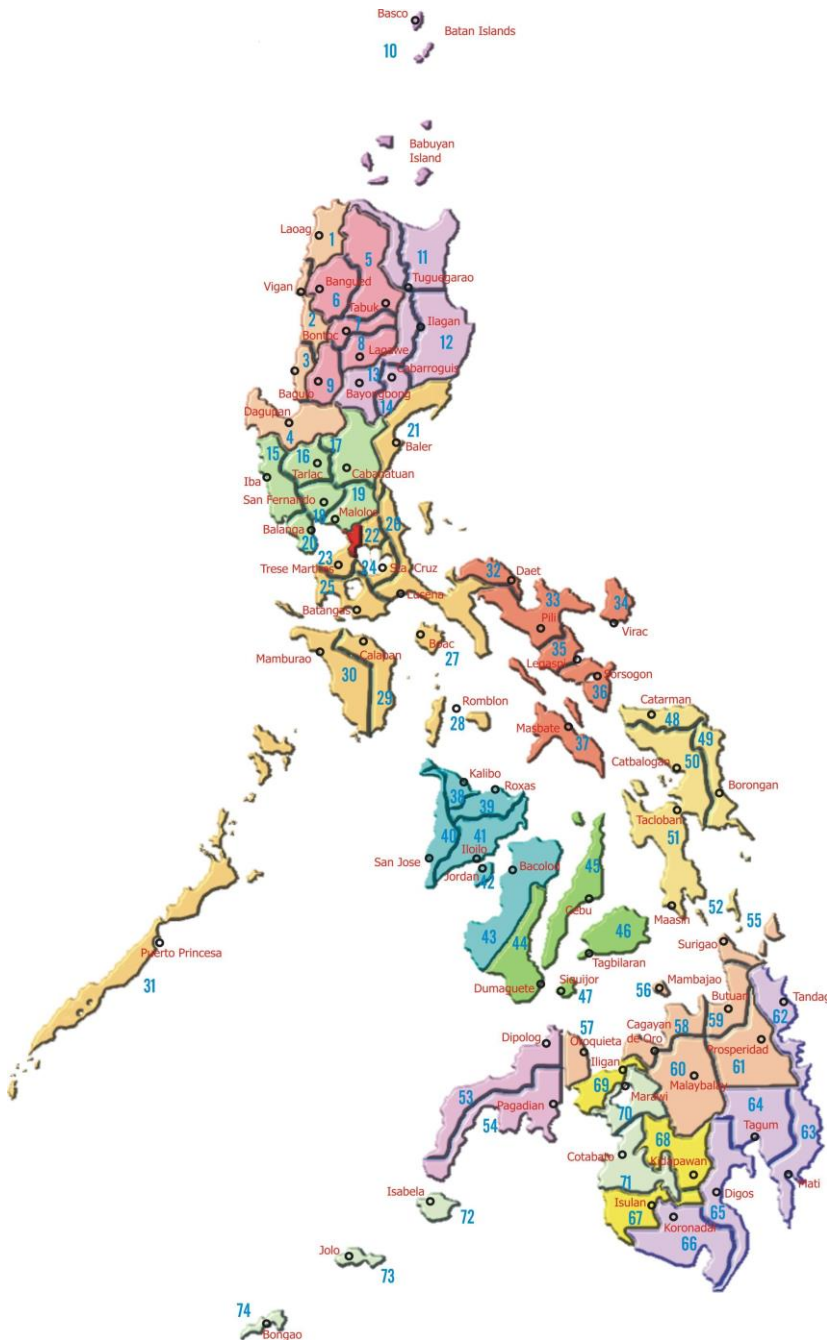


Source: World Energy Outlook, September 2013



One of the important concerns for a sustainable community is its capability to generate affordable, dependable and renewable energy sources

# Distribution of agricultural area by type of utilization



Area: 30 Million Ha (13 M ha agricultural lands)

Population: 102,250,000 (2016)

Population density: 343 per square kilometer

Approximately 32% of the country's total land area are agricultural land, of which 51% and 44 % are arable and permanent croplands, respectively.

# Major Sources of Biomass in the Philippines

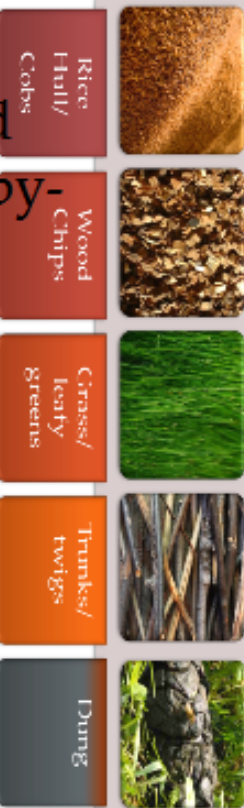
FUEL SOURCE:

**BIO MASS**



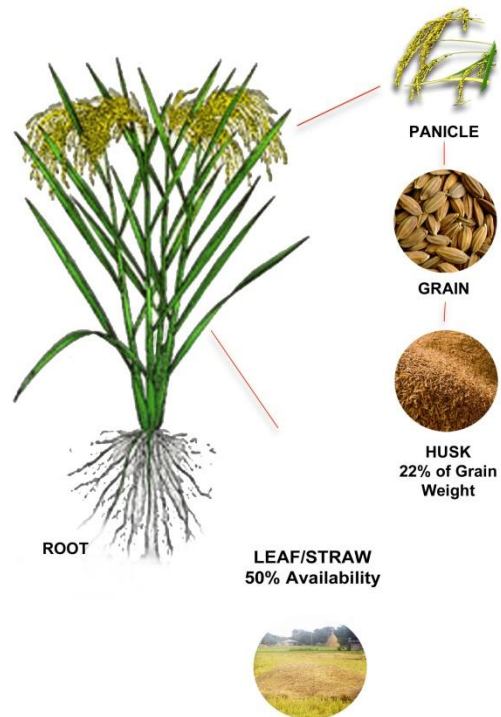
## Legal Definition: RA 9513 (Sec. 4b)

- Non-fossilized biodegradable organic materials
- Originating from naturally occurring or cultured plants, animals & microorganisms include agri/by-products, residues
- rice hull/straw, corn cob/stalk,
- sugarcane bagasse, trash,
- coconut husk/shell, frond
- animal manure: poultry, piggery, etc.
- **Biodegradable Industrial Wastes/MSW**
- energy crops: napier grass, sweet sorghum, bamboo

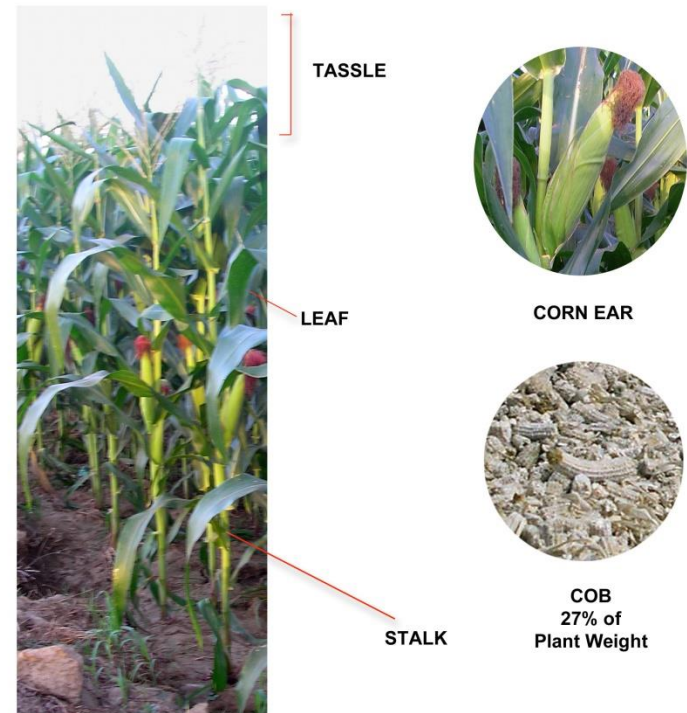


# Major Sources of Biomass in the Philippines

## Rice



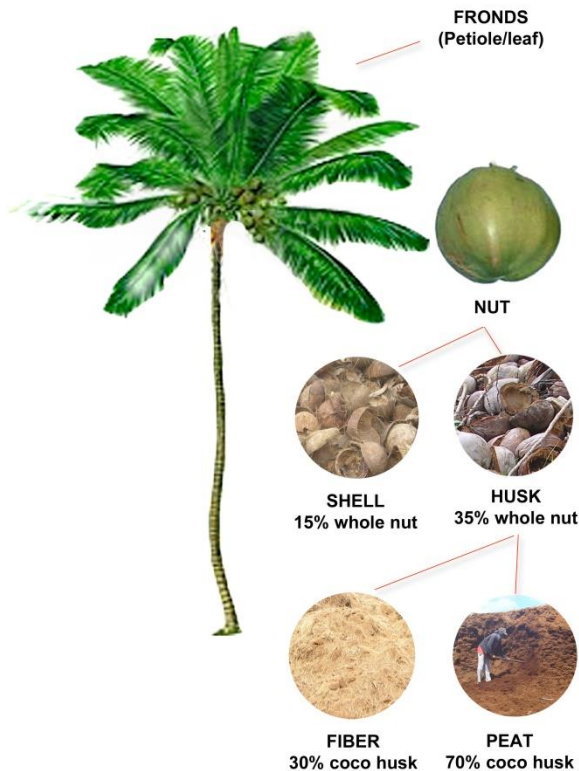
## Corn



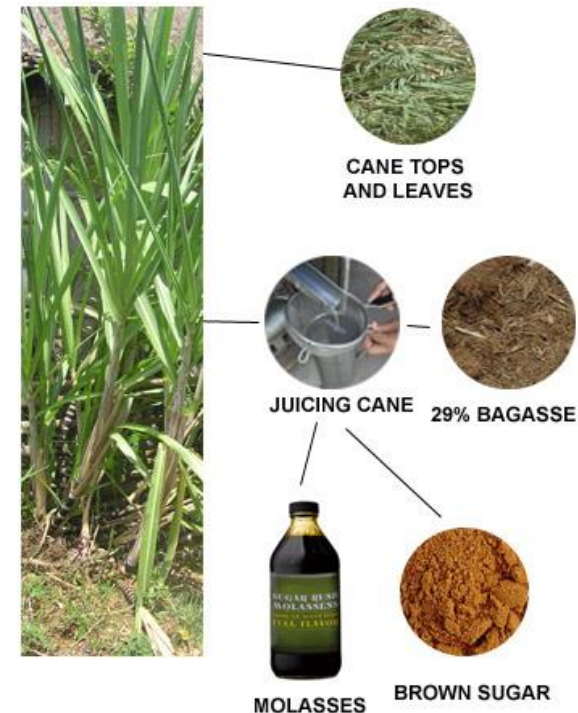
Biomass Parts of a Rice and corn Plant (Regalado, MJ.C & Tadeo, B.D, 2013; *Full Advantage Phils*)

# Major Sources of Biomass in the Philippines

## Coconut



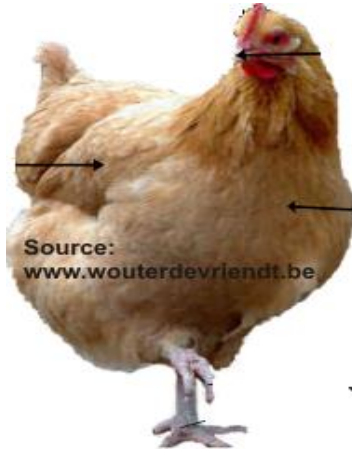
## Sugarcane



Main Biomass Parts of a Coconut Tree (Regalado, MJ.C & Tadeo, B.D, 2013; *Full Advantage Phils*)

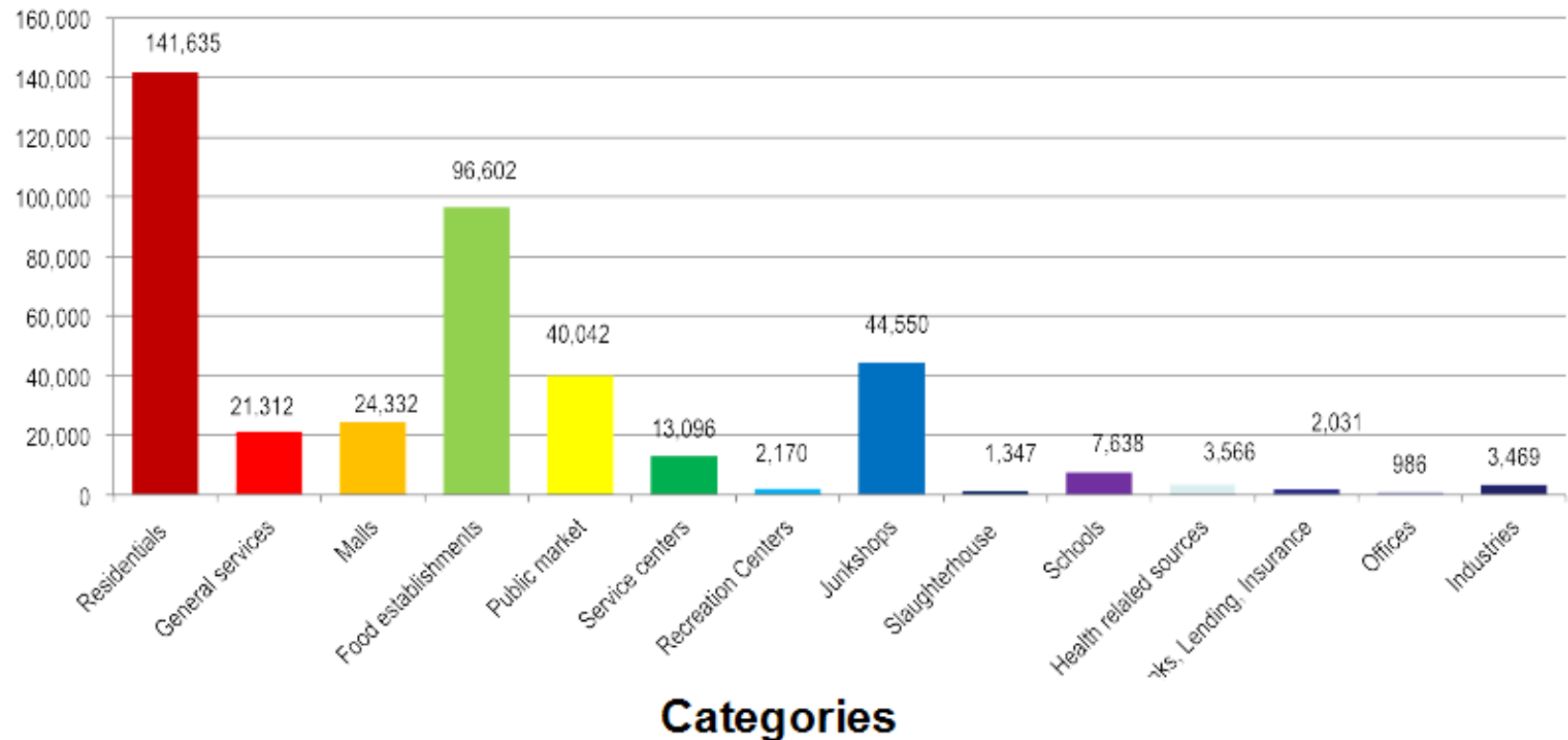
# ***Major Sources of Biomass in the Philippines***

## ***Manures from Poultry and piggery farm***



# City Waste Generation by SOURCES, tpd

Waste generations



Source: Baguio City SWM Plan, 2015

# Theoretical and technical residue volume of major crops in the Philippines, 2016 (Adapted from Tadeo, B.D. 2015)

Crop/Animal	Production <sup>(1)</sup>	Agricultural Residues	RPR <sup>(2)</sup> , %	Theoretical tons	Recovery ability <sup>(5)</sup> , %	Technical tons
<b>1. Rice</b>	17,627,245	Rice husk	22.5	3,966,130	95	<b>3,767,824</b>
		Rice straw	100.0	17,627,245	50	<b>8,813,623</b>
<b>2. Corn</b>	7,218,816	Corn cob	27.0	1,949,080	95	<b>1,851,626</b>
		Corn stalk	400.0	28,875,264	50	<b>14,437,632</b>
<b>3. Coconut</b>	13,825,080	Coco husk	33.3	4,603,752	90	<b>4,143,376</b>
		Coco shell	15.0	2,073,762	95	<b>1,970,074</b>
		Coco frond	197.7	27,332,183	50	<b>13,666,092</b>
<b>4. Sugarcane</b>	22,370,546	Bagasse	29.0	6,487,458	95	<b>6,163,085</b>
		Cane trash	10.0	2,237,055	50	<b>1,118,527</b>
<b>5. Poultry (birds)</b>	183,429,000	Chicken manure	4.5 <sup>(3)</sup>	61,907,288	75	<b>46,430,466</b>
<b>6. Hog (head)</b>	22,316,600	Pig manure	2.0 <sup>(4)</sup>	669,498,000	70	<b>468,648,600</b>

Sources: (1) FAOSTAT, 2016: rice, corn, coconut, sugarcane production are in tons while poultry in number of birds weighing 1.5 kg each, and hog in number of heads weighing 100 kg each; (2) Department of Agriculture (DA), PhilRice, Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), Philippine Sugar Millers Association (PSMA); (3) 4.5% daily chicken manure production effectively for 5 days per harvest; (4) 2.0% daily pig manure production effectively for 15 days per harvest; (5) Philippine Association of Renewable Energy Centers (PAREC), Full Advantage Phils International, Inc. (FA)

# Technical Power Potential, 2016 (Adapted from Tadeo, B.D. 2015)

Agricultural Residues	Technical Volume, tons	Electrical Generation <sup>(1)</sup> kWh/kg	Power Potential <sup>(2)</sup> MWe
Rice husk	3,767,824	0.627	308
Rice straw	8,813,623	0.774	888
Corn cob	1,851,626	0.932	225
Corn stalk	14,437,632	0.872	1,639
Coco husk	4,143,376	1.398	754
Coco shell	1,970,074	1.758	451
Coco frond	13,666,092	1.139	2,027
Bagasse	6,163,085	0.316	254
Cane trash	1,118,527	0.545	79
Chicken manure	46,430,466	0.240	1,451
Pig manure	468,648,600	0.030	1,831
<b>Total</b>			<b>9,906</b>

Sources: (1) Averages from different sources (energy generation rate is dependent on the biomass heating value and moisture content, and electric efficiency of certain technologies) as mentioned in the following studies: Energy Efficiency and Power Generation in the Philippine Agro-Industries by Full Advantage Co. Ltd. for the International Finance Corporation; Biomass Resource Assessment in the Philippines by Philippine Association of Renewable Energy Centers (PAREC) for GEF=UNDP-DOE-CBRED Project. (2) Based on a 320-day annual operation. (3) Full Advantage Phils International, Inc.

# **Existing bio-energy conversion technologies being applied in the Philippines**

1. Direct combustion
2. Biomass carbonization and densification
3. Gasification
4. Biogas

# 1. Direct combustion

Direct Combustion - This makes use of agricultural residues such as rice-hull from the mill, cogeneration using coconut shell, bagasse in sugar mills, kiln-drying of lumber, tobacco-curing, bakeries and other industries for the generation of electrical and heat energy.



## ■ Biomass Furnace

- Simple and compact design
- Fully automatic operation
- Clear air output
- With excellent temperature control system
- With ash scrubber unit
- 2 in 1 machine (heater and carbonizer)

# Biomass-fed mechanical dryer

- ✓ Low operating cost and maintenance
- ✓ Dries paddy from dripping wet to 14% in 12 hrs at 40-45oC
- ✓ Driven by a 12.5 hp diesel engine



# Biomass-fed mechanical dryer

Two-stage drying system for cocopeat

- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> stage: Belt press
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> stage: rotary drum dryer



# Biomass-fed mechanical dryer

Drying system for granulated cassava and animal feeds

- ✓ 6 layers of conveyor belts
- ✓ Fitted with PHilMech Biomass furnace



# Rice Hull-Fire Power Plant (Privately owned-Operational)



Operational Biomass Power Plants under the project of Full Advantage Philippines

# Rice Hull-Fired Power Plant (Privately owned-Operational)

## Renewable Energy Project Development and Implementation



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2014



iPower (12 MWe)  
Phase 1  
San Jose City, NE

2015



IBEC (20 MWe)  
Isabela)

2016



BBEC (5 MWe)  
Pili Camarines Sur

2016



GIFT (12 MWe)  
Nueva Ecija

2017



iPower (12 MWe)  
Phase 2  
San Jose City, NE

## 2. Biomass Carbonization and Densification



### 3. Gasification

This is the process biomass fuel goes through to obtain fuel gas which can either be burned in a boiler or used for generating mechanical power using a diesel engine.



Philrice gasification stove

# 4. Biogas

Biogas –is a kind of gas that is produced during the anaerobic processing of organic matter such as manure, plant matter, or even municipal waste materials.

*Existing Bio-energy Conversion Technologies  
Uses - Cooking - Brooding and mantle lamp -  
Commercial oven - Generator - Waster pump -  
Rice cooker*



Scalable polyethylene drum digester (Bureau of Animal Industry)

# Some barriers on Biomass Utilization/ Adoption

- Practice of open field burning of agricultural waste/ biomass is the cheapest and practical option prior to land preparation.
- Non-availability of efficient collection system of biomass after harvesting
- Limited initial capital expenditure for modern bio-energy technologies
- Lack of institutional set-up that could facilitate and promote biomass production for energy.

Philippine enabling laws on the  
utilization of agricultural waste for  
sustainable development

## Important Philippine enabling laws enhancing the utilization of agricultural waste and sustainable development

Republic Act (RA)	Description	Purpose
RA 6969	Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- regulates, restricts or prohibits the importation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, use and disposal of chemical substances and mixtures that present unreasonable risk and/or injury to health or the environment</li></ul>
RA 8749	Clean Air Act of 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the country.</li><li>- Prohibits incineration of municipal, biomedical and hazardous waste, except in cases of traditional small-scale method of community/neighborhood sanitation “siga”, traditional, agricultural, cultural, health, and food preparation and crematoria.</li></ul>

## Important Philippine enabling laws enhancing the utilization of agricultural waste and sustainable development

Republic Act (RA)	Description	Purpose
RA 9003	Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- mandates Local Government Units to divert at least 25 percent of their solid waste into recycling and composting, and away from disposal sites.</li></ul>
RA 9275	Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Directs the DENR to safeguard our water resources and implement a wastewater charge system in all management areas through the collection of wastewater charges/fees.</li></ul>
RA 9367	Biofuels Act of 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mandates the blending of minimum 10% (E10) motor fuel grade (anhydrous), eventually locally-sourced bioethanol and 2% biodiesel and other biofuels made from biomass and primarily used for motive, thermal and power generation.</li></ul>

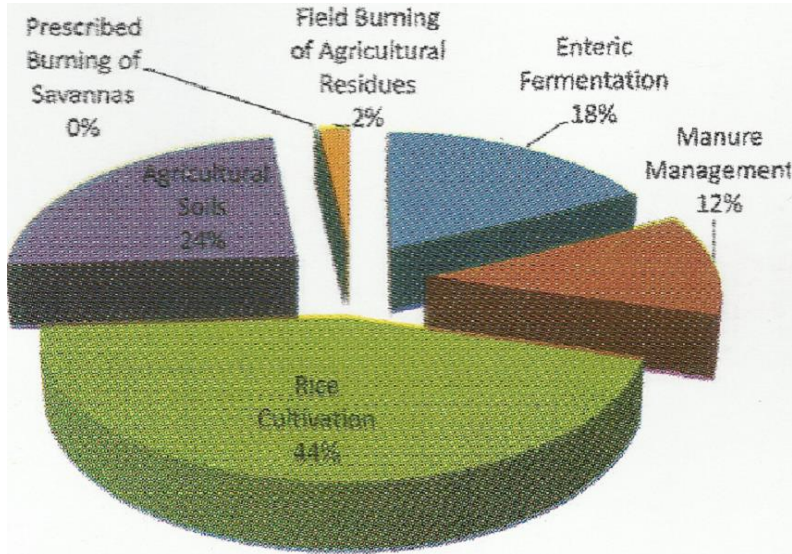
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Republic Act (RA)	Description	Purpose
RA 9513	Renewable Energy Act of 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Establishes the framework for the accelerated development and advancement of renewable energy (RE) resources (biomass, solar, wind, run-off river hydro), and the development of a strategic program to increase its utilization.</li></ul>
RA 9729	Climate Change Act of 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Systematically integrates the concept of climate change in various phases of policy formulation, development plans, poverty reduction strategies and other development tools and techniques by all agencies and instrumentalities of the government.</li></ul>

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Republic Act (RA)	Description	Purpose
RA 10068	Organic Agriculture Act of 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Promotes, propagates, develops further, and implements the practice of organic agriculture that will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil and increase farm productivity;</li><li>- Reduce pollution and destruction of the environment; prevent the depletion of natural resources;</li><li>- Protect the health of farmers, consumers and the general public.</li></ul>

# Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation



The 2000 greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, the Philippine agricultural sector emitted more than 37,000 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent, which is a 12% increase in the 1994 inventory.

## GHG mitigation and adaptation measures:

- Use of agricultural wastes for renewable energy generation (RA 9513)
- Organic fertilizer production (RA 10068)
- Eliminate open field burning (RA 8749, RA 9003)
- Less water in irrigated rice

# Final Remarks

- Energy from biomass constitutes an important part of the total energy supply in the country.
- Biomass energy is an ideal option to replace expensive energy supply during peak hours
- Agricultural waste/ Biomass is widely distributed and available in the country
- Agricultural waste/ biomass has the most positive community impact in the avoidance burning agricultural waste
- Power from the agricultural waste/ biomass has significant potential across the entire country.
- Biogas technology was included in the animal waste resource management program
- The government and the private sector must join hand and hand to utilize the untapped energy from biomass.

Mabuhay !

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