

State of Bamboo-based Industry Operators in Selected Towns of Rinconada District, Camarines Sur, Philippines

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ABSTRACT Bamboo craft trade is a thriving industry in Rinconada District of Camarines Sur, Philippines for more than 30 years. It provides livelihood to local entrepreneurs and employment to residents. This descriptive-survey research looked into the profile of the operators of the local bamboo craft industry, identified issues relative to bamboo supply and provided recommendations based on the findings. Mostly of the bamboo growers are male, in their middle age, married with 4-6 children and 27.45 percent have finished elementary education. Majority (94%) have less than a hectare of plantation that produces 100-500 bamboo poles. For the bamboo craft processors, majority have been in the business for more than 10 years and are into sole proprietorship. Their bamboo craft products are utilitarian in nature. The quality of bamboo raw materials is a very serious issue for them as it affects the quality of the finished bamboo products.