

## 4.1 PALM OF LIFE

The fronds are woven into a wide variety of utilitarian and decorative objects ...

partition walls



mats



and more mats



and hats

for every occasion



and some decorative coconut fish from Thailand.



while Sao Tome e Principe give us these utilitarian objects ...

mats

brooms

fish traps

lamp shades

baskets





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The use of the coconut palm is limited by one's imagination and skills.

Coconut Wood Bowl



Coconut Frond Basket, Coconut Stand with Coconut



Coconut Fibre Rose



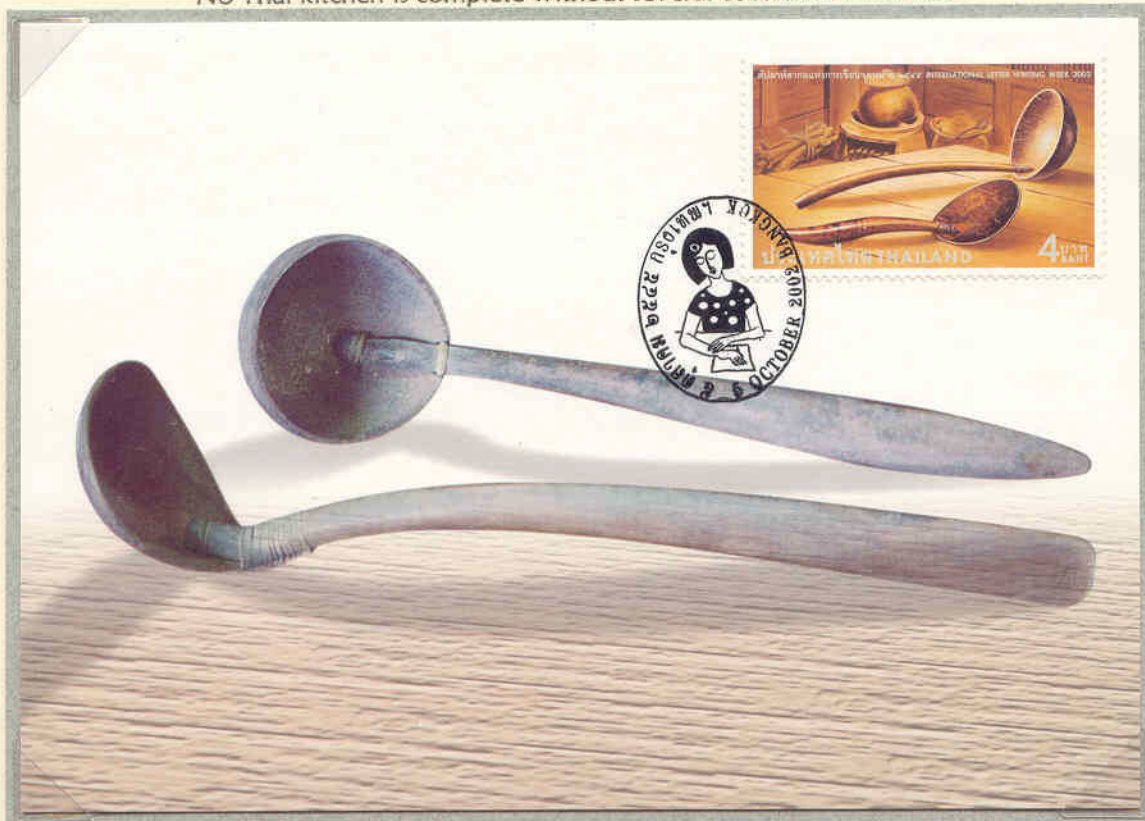
Reef Sandals and Box



Grass-hopper and Bird



No Thai kitchen is complete without several coconut shell ladles.



Post card issued by Thailand Post; price 2 baht; postage is extra!



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Coconuts and fish are an integral part of local diets.

Here the coconuts are harvested and packaged for trade with a local fisherman ...



... who has probably just caught them while fishing under some near-by coconut palms.



This timeless scene is repeated half a world away on the coast of German colonial Togo on this printed-to-private-order postal card.



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(COPY)

The coconut also grew well for the later French colonial rulers.





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A steady diet of coconut is boring and is hardly a well-balanced diet.  
A coconut palm shades some local fishermen on Anguilla.



A local fisherman on Fiji was not so fortunate!



The coconut is best combined with locally grown and caught foods.  
(Cigarettes or drugs do not improve the flavor.)



Two recipes for you.

**FÁFÁ AU POULET**

1 Poulet - 1 Botte de Fáfá  
(Jeune Feuille de Taro)

4 Tomates - Ail - Oignons - 2 Citrons

Sel - 1 litre de Lait de Coco

**PO'E**

4 kg de Fruits Murs (Papaye ou Banane ou autres) - Amidon de Manioc

300 g de Sucre en Poudre

1 litre de Lait de Coco - 2 Bâtons de Vanille

Bon  
appetit!



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Both natives and tourists enjoy the coconut.

Local residents might prefer some mildy intoxicating palm toddy ...

...while tourists might enjoy a tropical banquet with a variety of coconut based dishes poolside under the coconut palms ...



Both would enjoy a refreshing drink of coconut milk ...

AEROGRAM TIDAK BOLEH MENGANDUNGI SEBARANG LAMPIRAN. JIKA ADA, IANYA AKAN DIKENAKAN BAYARAN TAMBAHAN ATAU DIHANTAR DENGAN MEL BIASA.  
AN AEROGRAM SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE. IF IT DOES, IT WILL BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY SURFACE MAIL.



... and a tasty satay with a coconut milk based peanut sauce.  
(.75 reduction of reverse)



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Tourists might prefer to sosh down a pina colada (rum and coconut milk) with dinner...



American tourists will have to wait for a change in political attitudes before they can dine under the coconut palms at Restaurante "Las Americas" in Varadero, Cuba.



Prepaid un-denominated international air rate postal card issued in 2000.

... but for local peoples, the coconut remains the *tree of life*.





## 4.2 PALM OF COMMERCE

The coconut is of major economic importance to the economies of many countries and islands. Large plantations were established throughout the tropics including ...

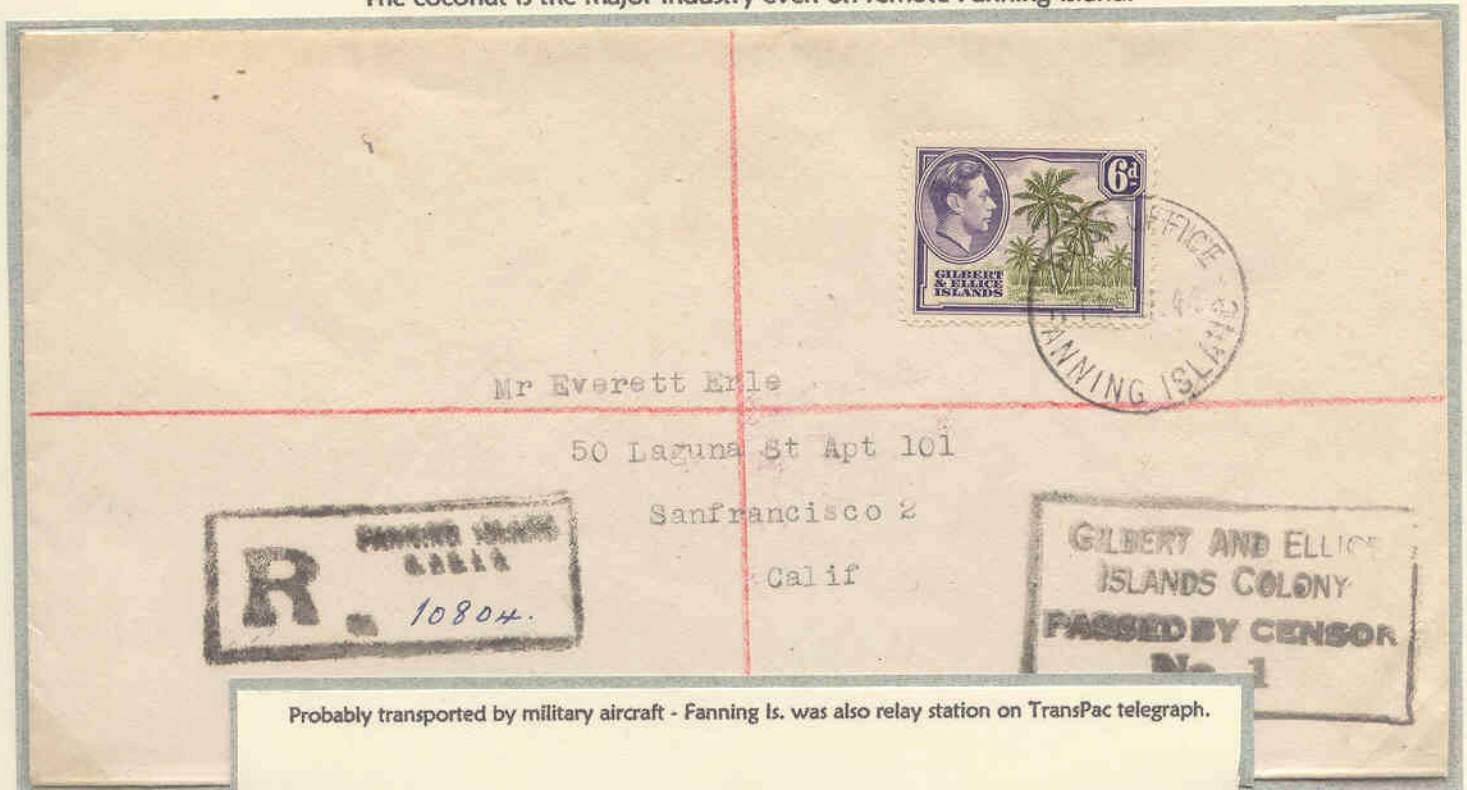
Cocanot Plantations, Ltd on Christmas Island, the world's largest.



Dominica Coconut Products, Ltd simply urges everyone to GROW MORE COCONUTS.



The coconut is the major industry even on remote Fanning Island.





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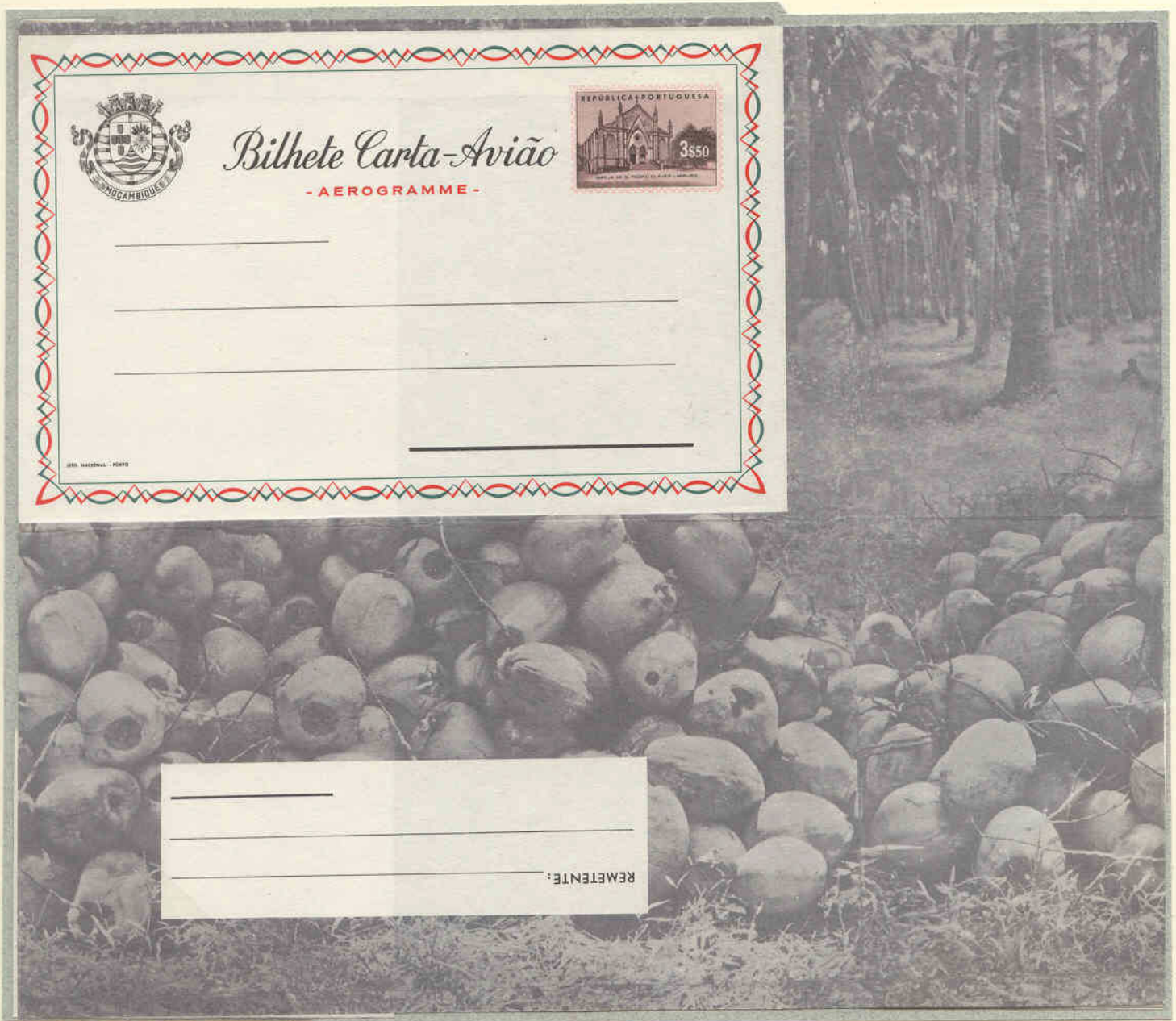
Copra - the husked and dried meat of the nut - is the major raw product.

### 4.2.1 COPRA PRODUCTION

Begins with harvesting and collecting the nuts ...



... and accumulating them for local transport.





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The mature nuts are then inspected and selected ...

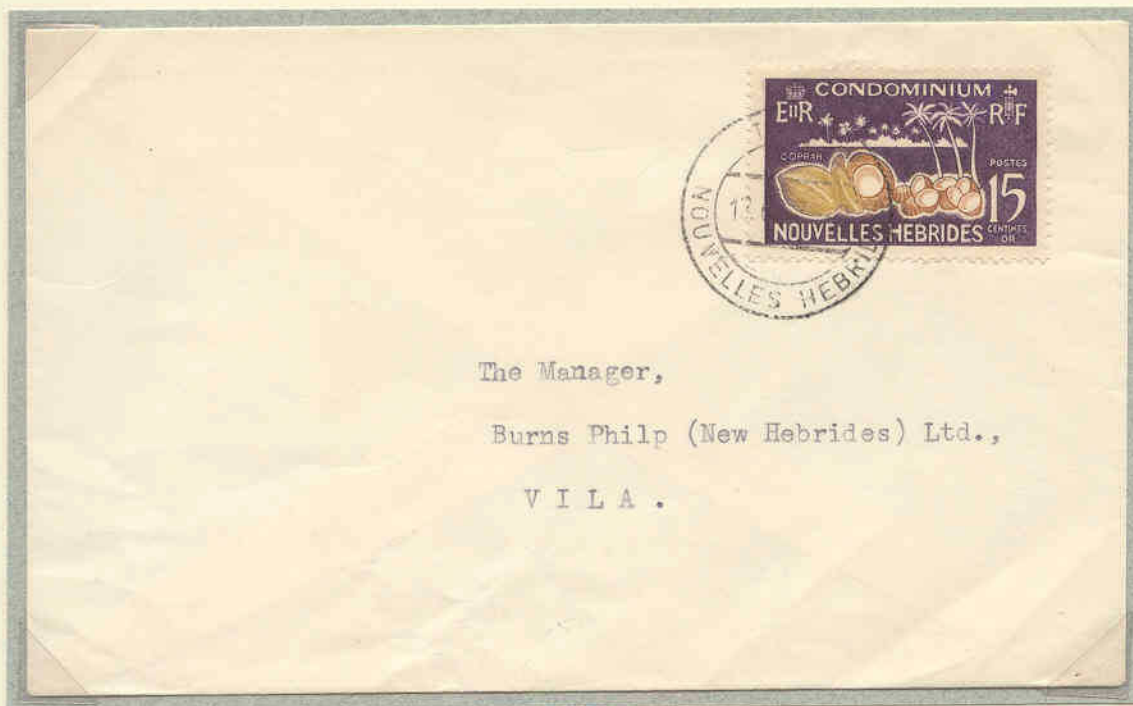
... for husking ...



... a labor intensive operation that is the same around the world.



Coconuts before and after husking.



Husk on



Husk off



## 4.2.1 COPRA PRODUCTION

The husked nuts are then shelled - another labor intensive operation.



The husked and shelled white meat is then dried ...



Unusual use of RELIEF No.1 cancel at Aitape, PAPUA-N.G. 31 AU 54

... either in the sun or in special drying sheds.





## 4.2.1 COPRA PRODUCTION

The entire production process is neatly summarized in this strip.



Although most copra is exported, some is retained for local oil production by hand or

small machine.



Major trading companies in a variety of countries specialize in copra and coconut oils.





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The bagged copra is loaded and shipped for consolidation or processing in larger ports ...



... like Nukualofa, Tonga where a large freighter is being loaded.



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(COPY)

The copra is on its way to world markets.  
unless our ship full of coconut products sinks ...



(Front Only)

... as happened in 1907 to the S.S. JEBBA whose cargo consisted primarily of ebony and palm oil.



4.2.2 PALM PRODUCTS

Some coconut palm products you might not recognize include ...

PALMIN and PALMONA oils, butter, and margarine from H.S. Glink & Co.A.G. ...



... who used the HSG perforated initial stamps.

NUTRO OIL from Australia



KUNEROL - a favorite with Austrian housewives in 1907.  
"Feinstes Pflanzenfett aus Kokonussen"





4.2.2 PALM PRODUCTS

PALMOLIVE SOAP with its coconut palm oil and olive oil is known to housewives throughout the world ...



... and philatelists know of the coconut palm grove



with olive branch watermark.



This printed-to-private-order postal card was good for one free bar of PALMOLIVE soap.

**PALMOLIVE**  
**TOILETTEN-SEIFE**  
**GRATIS**



Sie erhalten in unserem Geschäft, bei Beachtung der auf der Rückseite angegebenen Bedingungen, innerhalb von 30 Tagen nach Datum des Poststempels gegen Übergabe dieser Karte ein Stück PALMOLIVE - Seife

**GRATIS**

Drucksache




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and  
← Hindi



4.2.2 PALM PRODUCTS

Two brands of soap which you may not be acquainted with ...  
 SUNLIGHT SOAP from New Zealand



Backprints



Imperial Soap

Special Cancel

In 1840, Price's Candle Co. began using coconut derived stearine;  
 the candles were 'snuff free', i.e. one no longer had to trim the wicks.



PTPO Envelope with Perfin PCL (Price Candle Ltd)

... and a few candy and confectionary products.



Gordon & Belva Limited

