

**THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITE FROM *MACARANGGA HOSEII* –
POLYPROPYLENE WITH MAPP**

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ABSTRACT

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The research for thermoplastic composite from *Macaranga hoseii* been done. The test for bending, tensile and thickness swelling and water absorption been done for make sure *Macaranga hoseii* is more comfortable in making thermoplastic composite. The making of thermoplastic composite from *Macaranga hoseii* is followed from 5%, 10%, and 15% of wood dust from *Macaranga hoseii*. The result showed that 10% of wood dusts of *Macaranga hoseii* are most suitable. This because from bending test showed that 10% of wood dust is very strength compare to 5% and 15%. Using more polypropylene (PP) can give chance to the fiber bound each other with PP. The thickness swelling (T/S) and water absorption showed that the water absorb into 5% lower than 10% and 15%. Otherwise, using MAPP as a coupling agent may increase the strength of the thermoplastic. Generally, using 10% of *Macaranga hoseii* is the most suitable quantity for mix with PP to make the thermoplastic composite.