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1.1 AGENCY'S BACKGROUND

The Malaysian Cocoa Board (MCB) is a federal statutory research and development agency under the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities. It was established under the Act of Parliament 343 (incorporated) in 1988 and has been in operation since 1989. The main objective is to develop the cocoa industry in Malaysia to be well integrated and competitive in the global market. Emphasis is given to increasing productivity and efficiency in cocoa bean production and increasing downstream activities.

Malaysian Cocoa Board office of technology transfer units, technology region is a unit under the MCB technology transfer and is responsible for implementing all upstream activities such as cocoa development, technology transfer, and research and development.

Cocoa Board office Ranau Unit was established in July 1, 2002 to have a staff of 7 people and now has a staff of 16 people. Programs that started from 1999 to now implemented and supervised by the MCB TOT Ranau is as follows:

1. Malaysian Cocoa Rehabilitation Program
2. Economic Stimulus
3. Cocoa Crop Rehabilitation Program and Grafting Adults
4. Cluster Development Consolidation Program and Cocoa Farmers
5. Based Entrepreneur Development Program
6. Capacity Development Program

MCB TOT Ranau Unit is divided into 5 zones, namely Karanaan' s zone, Paginatan's zone, Kundasang's zone, Kota Belud's zone and Tambunan's zone which overseen by a 9 Research Assistant with an area of 2294 hectares and the number of farmers in 2070 (116 groups which supervised by MCB Ranau Branch.

1.1 VISION

The world renowned, reputable and leading institution for sustainable development of the cocoa industry

1.2 MISSION

The mission of the Board is to ensure an integrated and competitive growth of the cocoa industry through innovative development.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

- 1) Increase production of dried cocoa beans Country.
- 2) Increasing farmers' income sources.
- 3) Increase cocoa cultivation area.
- 4) Strengthen and expand the Malaysian cocoa market and penetrate new markets.
- 5) Determine that the cocoa development in harmony with the environment.
- 6) Maximize the use of idle land.

1.4 FUNCTION

- 1) To conduct and promote research on production, processing, storage and consumption,
- 2) To conduct and coordinate activities and policies on research,
- 3) To improve quality,
- 4) To regulate marketing activities,
- 5) To collect and disseminate information and
- 6) To supervise and coordinate cocoa related activities which covers processing, storage, regulatory and marketing.