

***DENDROCALAMUS ASPER* (BULUH BETONG) AS RAW
MATERIAL TO MANUFACTURE WOOD PLASTIC
COMPOSITE (WPC)**

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ABSTRACT

Bamboo has been recognized as the second importance non- timber forest product by Malaysian Government. It can be a good substitute for timber in producing high value added products. For this reason, this study used *Dendrocalamus asper* as raw material to manufacture wood plastic composite. This study focused on the effect of particle size and the effect of Maleic Anhydride Grafted Polypropylene (MAPP) additive on physical and mechanical properties of wood plastic composite filled with 10 percent of *Dendrocalamus asper* sawdust. Three different particle size was been used which were 150 μm , 180 μm and 425 μm in size. Particle size showed a significant influenced on physical and mechanical properties of the wood plastic composite board while the addition of 3 percent MAPP enhanced the physical properties and almost overall mechanical properties of wood plastic composite