

BatStateU EDUCAF 3 offers training on propagation, plantation management, and post-harvest processing of *kapeng barako*



Batangas State University (BatStateU) through its EDUCAF 3 program recently conducted training on propagation, plantation management, and post-harvest processing of *kapeng barako*. The training was held on March 8-10, 2022 at the SMART Demo Farm in Pueblo Subdivision, Rosario, Batangas.

The training was attended by 36 farmers from Batangas and other interested individuals. The participants learned about the different methods of propagating *kapeng barako* seedlings, managing *kapeng barako* plantations, and processing *kapeng barako* beans.

The training also included a demonstration of propagation and post-harvest processing techniques at the SMART Demo Farm. The SMART Demo Farm is a project of the EDUCAF 3 program that aims to develop an optimized method for propagating *kapeng barako* seedlings.

The training was part of the BARAKO project, which is a DA-BAR-funded project that aims to revitalize and accelerate the production of *kapeng barako* in Batangas. The BARAKO project is also developing new technologies for *kapeng barako* production, including a remote sensing and smart farming system for monitoring environmental conditions and a precision agriculture system for optimizing crop management.

The training on propagation, plantation management, and post-harvest processing of *kapeng barako* is an important step towards the revitalization of the *kapeng barako* industry in Batangas. The training will help farmers to improve their production practices and produce high-quality *kapeng barako* beans.

