

Ethnobotany of food plants used by Minangkabau Community in Lima Puluh Kota District, West Sumatra, Indonesia

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Abstract. Agesti ARA, Ariyanti NS, Chikmawati T, Purwanto Y. 2023. *Ethnobotany of food plants used by Minangkabau Community in Lima Puluh Kota District, West Sumatra, Indonesia. Biodiversitas* 24: 2756-2767. The Minangkabau tribe is well known for its culture and cuisine, but documents on their knowledge and wisdom in the utilization of food plants are still limited. This study aims to inventory plant species used for food by Minangkabau community, assess their importance and economic value, and analyze the important landscapes where the food plants are obtained. This study was conducted in six villages representing different level of modernization in Lima Puluh Kota District, West Sumatra which is one of the centers of origin of Minangkabau ancestral. Data were collected through open, semi-structured and structured interviews with key informants and respondents. The Pebble Distribution Method (PDM) is used for scoring activities. Data were analyzed to show the use values (UVs), local user's value index (LUVI), index of cultural significance (ICS), and economic value of the food plants. The interviewed informants mentioned 154 plant species from 51 families were used for food. *Cocos nucifera* L. has the most various uses as food (highest UVs) and is the most important cultivated plant for the Minangkabau culture (ICS) in all the six villages. The most important food plant species based on a community perspective (highest LUVI) is *Oryza sativa* L. The wild plants having the highest LUVI and ICS differed among the villages. Plants with high economic value include *O. sativa*, *Durio zibethinus* Murray and *Citrus aurantium* L. The landscapes considered important are paddy fields and fields because they provide staple food. Information from this study can support food diversification to achieve food security based on the local knowledge on the diversity of food plant species and potential landraces in Minangkabau community.

Keywords: Ethnobiology, ICS, local wisdom, local knowledge, plant diversity

INTRODUCTION

Minangkabau is an indigenous ethnic group in West Sumatra, Indonesia. Minangkabau is generally known for its rich natural resources, beautiful natural scenery, and unique cultural traditions. Minangkabau culture is closely related to nature which is reflected in the philosophy of *alam takambang jadi guru*, which means that nature is the way of life for the Minangkabau people. This close relationship with nature forms a unique local knowledge and wisdom, including in the utilization of food plants. Food plants are plants that have one or more parts (tubers, bulbs, stems, leaves, shoots, flowers, fruits, seeds) being consumed in raw or processed as cereals, vegetables, edible fats and oils, spices and flavorings, etc that can be used as human food (FAO 1991). Plants utilized by people are those cultivated (i.e., plants that are intentionally planted by humans) and wild plants (i.e., plants that grow naturally without human intervention). The utilization of food plants by Minangkabau people is influenced by many factors including sociocultural, ecological, environmental, natural resources and subsistence needs (Blancas et al. 2013; Nunes et al. 2018).

Minangkabau culture has been spreading and developing

on the mainland (*darek*) and the coastal (*pasisia*) areas within West Sumatra region, as well as outside West Sumatra (*rantau*) (Toeah 1985). One Minangkabau community in the mainland resides in Lima Puluh Kota District, which is one of the centers origins of the Minangkabau ancestors and culture. The culture in this district has been developing since the early AD as evidenced by the existence of menhir megalithic sites in this region (TPTMSB 1984).

One form of well-known culture developed by the Minangkabau people, or often just called Minang, is culinary culture. Each district in West Sumatra where Minang people live has their own culinary characteristics (Nurainas et al. 2022). Nonetheless, one culinary delight of Minangkabau is very popular worldwide named 'rendang', which is a dish of beef or other meat cooked slowly in coconut milk mixed with various spices until fairly dry. Rendang for the Minang people has a philosophy of patience, wisdom, and persistence, furthermore it becomes an honored food called *kepalo samba* (head of the dishes) (Nurmufida et al. 2017). Minang's cuisine generally uses more ingredients from animals and less portion of vegetables (Mardatillah 2020; Nurainas et al. 2022). However, the Minang people in Lima Puluh Kota District

use more vegetables which are cooked into *rendang daun* (leaf rendang). The diversity of vegetables in this *rendang daun* dish has not been documented in scientific reports.

Rendang daun is the food specialty of the Minang people in the district of Lima Puluh Kota. The knowledge and culture in using plant materials as the ingredients for making rendang may be related to the region's biological resources and environmental conditions. Lima Puluh Kota District has a varied topography from lowlands to hills (110-2,261 meters above sea level) (BPS 2018). The people in this region have many traditional cultivars (landraces) of food plants that adaptive to local environment which can be used as genetic resources for the development of superior cultivars. Beside the cultivated plants, some of the food plants used by the Minang people in Lima Puluh Kota are wild plants collected from agricultural land, garden, agroforest and forest.

The existence and sustainability of plant foods, especially the wild ones, needs attention because wild plant species may be threatened with extinction due to the rapid rate of deforestation in West Sumatra (Singh and Yan 2021). Therefore, it is urgent to document and study the local knowledge and wisdom of the Minangkabau community in Lima Puluh Kota District, especially in utilizing plants for food sources. This study aims to (i) inventory and identify species of food plants used by the Minangkabau community in Lima Puluh Kota District; (ii) assess the importance and economic value of the food plants, (iii) analyze the important landscape types where the food plants are obtained. We expected this study might provide information on local knowledge and wisdom in utilizing food plants to support diversification and food security.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

This research was conducted from August 2021 to July 2022 in Lima Puluh Kota District (0° 4' 24.24" N, 100° 31' 46.56" E). Data and samples were collected in six villages (Figure 1), which were selected and categorized based on the biophysical conditions and socio-cultural characteristics (e.g. facilities and infrastructure), namely traditional villages (i.e. Maek, Andiang and Galugua), moderately traditional villages (i.e. Koto Alam and Koto Tinggi), and modern villages (i.e. Guguak VIII Koto).

Data collection procedures

Data were collected through open-ended, semi-structured and structured interviews with key informants and respondents selected using a purposive sampling approach (Neuman 2014). Key informants are indigenous peoples in Lima Puluh Kota District who are very knowledgeable about Minangkabau history and culture, have an essential role in the management and utilization of food plants, such as the headman (*wali nagari*), community leaders (*penghulu*, *niniak mamak*) and traditional cooks in the village. Respondents were selected based on three criteria: indigenous peoples, having knowledge and utilizing plants as food in daily life, and male or female over 20 years old. In total, we interviewed 10 key informants and 138 respondents representing 20% of people who met the criteria selected through FGD (Focus Group Discussion) (Mills and Gay 2015).

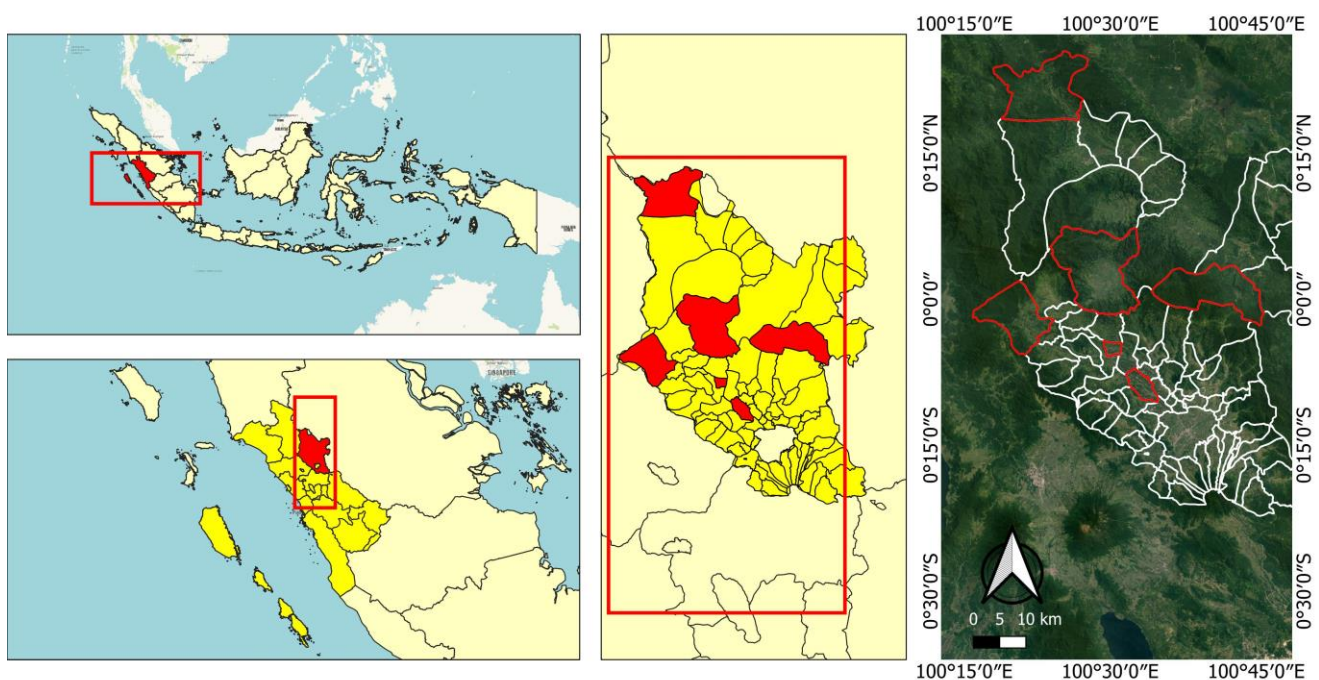


Figure 1. Map of the study sites at six villages in Lima Puluh Kota District, West Sumatra Province, Indonesia

The data collected in the interviews included the diversity of food plant species, harvesting locations, parts utilized, processing methods, frequency of utilization, market price, and other uses. Data scoring on the importance values of a food plant species based on people's preferences and perceptions was obtained using the Pebble Distribution Method (PDM) referring to Sheil et al. (2004).

Plant specimen were collected in the field based on information from the interviews. The plant specimen was prepared into herbarium based on standard methods (Das 2020) and identified at the Botany Laboratory of Universitas Riau by using references (Holtum 1950; Backer and Van den Brink 1968; Van Balgooy 1997). The scientific names were verified by referring to the Global online sites Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) (<https://www.gbif.org/>) and Plant of the World (<https://powo.science.kew.org/>).

Data analysis

Valuation of the local importance of each cited plant species was conducted using various ethnobotanical indexes, namely the Use Value (UV) Index, Local User's Value Index (LUVI), and Index of Cultural significance (ICS). In addition, we carried out an economic valuation of the species that contribute to household income and an analysis of perceptions regarding the essential landscape to obtain food plants.

Use Values (UVs)

The use value represents the diversity of uses of a plant species and was analyzed using the following formula (Zenderland et al. 2019):

$$UV = \Sigma U / N$$

Where:

U : the total uses of a plant species mentioned by informants

N : the total number of informants interviewed for a plant species

Local User's Value Index (LUVI)

This index value indicates the importance value of a plant species from the perspective and preferences of local people. It is analyzed using the formula referred to Sheil et al. (2004) with modification as follow:

$$LUVI = G_{ij} = \Sigma_{\text{category}} = jG_{ij} = RW_j \times R_{wij}$$

Where:

i : a species,

j : a type of use

G_{ij} : an individual value

RW_j : the relative score given to the use of a plant as a food ingredient compared to other kinds of service

R_{wij} : the relative score for a food plant species i compared to other food plant species. This weighting was obtained through PDM

Index of Cultural Significance (ICS)

The Index of Cultural Significance shows the importance value of each food plant species based on the quality value, intensity value, and exclusivity value. This index is analyzed using the formula Turner (1988) referred to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (q \times i \times e) n_i.$$

Where:

q : the quality value which is the total use of a plant species

i : the intensity value which is the intensity of utilization of a plant species

e : the exclusivity value which is the level of exclusivity or preference for a plant species

Economic Value (EV)

The economic value was directly valued based on the local market price (Munawaroh et al. 2011). The economic value of a food plants species is the total monetary value (in Indonesian Rupiah/IDR) obtained from commodity yield per tree or per hectare per year per household.

The importance of landscape

This value was analyzed based on the scores obtained from respondents through PDM following the procedure of Sheil et al. (2004). The value of landscape importance is the total score given to a type of landscape divided by the total number of respondents. The representation of this value was analyzed using Chord diagram in the R programming language with EthnobotanyR and Circlize Packages (Gu et al. 2014; Whitney 2022).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Taxonomic diversity of food plants

The Minangkabau community in the six villages studied uses 154 species of food plants belonging to 109 genera and 51 families (Table 1). The most common plant family used is Fabaceae (13 species), followed by Zingiberaceae (11 species), Solanaceae (10 species), Myrtaceae (8 species) and Poaceae (8 species), and 46 other families (1-7 species). Some food plants have been cultivated (95 species), and the others are wild (59 species).

Galugua Village people utilize more plants species (104) than the other villages. In addition, they also use more wild plants. Galugua Village is the most isolated traditional village. The village is 119 km from the nearest town (i.e., Sarilamak) and can only be accessed by road transportation during the dry season. On the contrary, the people in Guguak VIII Koto, a modern village, use only 81 species, of which 18 species are wild plants. This village is only 14 km from Sarilamak and has a good access to the town with a paved highway. Consequently, the people in the village have a modern lifestyle in which they can easily find animal-based and fast food.

People in traditional villages use 34 species of plants that were not mentioned by informants from other village categories (Figure 2), 10 species of which are the main ingredients of 'rendang daun' which are made only in the traditional villages. In contrast, 15 species are only used by people in the moderately traditional villages. Among these plants are vegetables which are generally grown in highland areas, which is in accordance with the topography of the villages Koto Tinggi (altitude 837 meter asl). For example, *Lactuca sativa* L. is vegetable usually planted in highland areas with cool temperature and high humidity (Lenni et al. 2020). Two plant species (*Cassia fistula* L. and *Dracaena angustifolia* (Medik.) Roxb.) are found in yards and utilized only in the modern village (Guguak VIII Koto). *D. angustifolia* is well-known among people in Indonesia and other countries in Asia and Southeast Asia as a natural food coloring and traditional medicine (Putri et al. 2016; Indrasti et al. 2018; Yi et al. 2020). *C. fistula* is used for herbal medicine by people in Asian countries such as Indonesia and India, but information on the use of its flowers as a vegetable is rarely reported (Singh et al. 2013; Khan and Singh 2017; Jannah et al. 2017).

Usability categories

Source of carbohydrates

Minangkabau people in the studied area utilize nine species of plants as sources of carbohydrates (Table 1). Rice (*Oryza sativa*) is the primary source of carbohydrates. A total of 12 local cultivars (landraces) of rice are cultivated, namely *bawan*, *sokan*, *sijunjuang*, *anak daro*, *rosna*, *banang pulau*, *keritiang*, *kuniang kuriak*, *kuniang solok*, *kuriak kusuik*, *linduang daun* and *padi ladang*. When cooked, the grains of those landraces produce *pera* rice (fluffy rice), meaning the grains are easily separated without sticking to each other or becoming mushy. *Pera* rice has high amylose content (Anhar et al. 2016). The Minangkabau people in Lima Puluh Kota recognize their landraces rice based on taste, texture, and grain shape. They prefer to cultivate their own landraces rather than modern cultivars because they think local rice has a better taste, texture, and more adaptive to the environmental conditions in their village.

Other sources of carbohydrates are grains (*Z. mays*, *Sorghum bicolor*), tubers (*M. esculenta*, *S. tuberosum*, *I. batatas*, *C. esculenta*, *X. sagittifolium*), and fruits (*C. moschata*). The tubers could be processed in various ways including compote, boiled or fried. *I. batatas* tubers are usually cooked into a compote and served during the rice harvest season as an expression of gratitude from the owners of the paddy fields to the workers who harvest the rice. The tubers of *C. esculenta* and *X. sagittifolium* are processed by frying them into typical Minangkabau chips called *sanjai taleh balado*. *C. esculenta* tubers have a high starch content of 70-80% (Temesgen and Ratta 2015), but contain compounds that cause itching. Minangkabau people know to remove itching-causing compounds by

soaking the tubers in the river overnight, then soaking them in salt water and lime. *C. esculenta* tubers have alkaloids, glycosides, flavonoids, terpenoids, saponins, and phenols which have the potential as medicines, antioxidants, and anti-inflammatories (Krishnapriya and Suganthi 2017). This plant is also used to treat hypertension by other ethnic groups in Indonesia (Supiandi et al. 2019).

Source of protein

Three species of plants are utilized as a source of protein, i.e. *V. radiata*, *A. hypogaea*, and *C. argentea*. Usually, these species are processed by boiling, roasting, frying, or compote. *V. radiata* grains are usually cooked into porridge and is served as a daily snack or food for open fasting during Ramadan. *C. argentea* is a wild plant that grows naturally in the forest and the people in Andiang (traditional village) consume the seeds by boiling and roasting them. *C. argentea* seeds are also fried by people who live near forests in Riau (Syamsuardi et al. 2022).

Sources of fats and oils

Minangkabau people utilize coconut (*C. nucifera*) as a source of fats and oils. Coconut milk contains saturated fat and is an important ingredient in cooking *gulai*, *pongek* and *rendang*. These cuisines use different kinds of coconut. *Gulai* and *pongek* use young coconut, so it's not greasy. Meanwhile, *rendang* requires ripe coconut with a dark brown shell so that the coconut milk produces more oil and quickly turns blackish brown. Saturated fat in coconut is generally lauric acid which has potential as an antiviral, antibacterial, and antiprotozoal (Suyitno 2003; Nitbani et al. 2022). Coconut milk also has antioxidant activity (Alyaqoubi et al. 2015) and can reduce Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) (Ekanayaka et al. 2013).

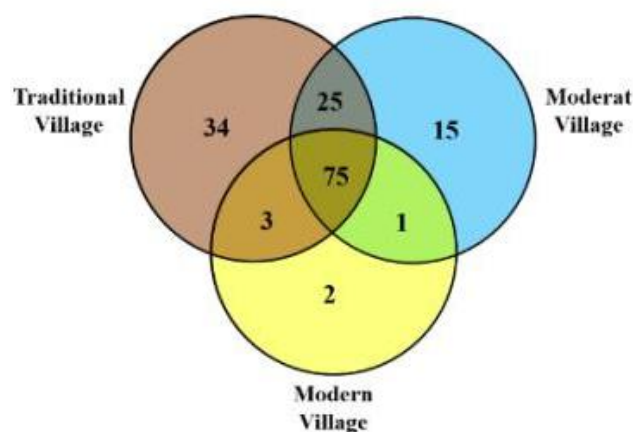


Figure 2. A diagram representing the number of food plants species used in tree village categories (traditional, moderate, modern village) in Lima Puluh Kota District, West Sumatra Province, Indonesia

Table 1. List of taxa names, category, part used, and cultivated status of food plants used by Minangkabau people in Lima Puluh Kota District, West Sumatra Province, Indonesia

Family	Scientific name	Local name	Category	Part used	Cultivated status
Fabaceae	<i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.	Kacang tanah	Protein	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Archidendron jiringa</i> (Jack) I.C.Nielsen	Jariang	Vegetables	Seed	Wild
	<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.) Huth	Kacang kayu	Vegetables	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Canavalia ensiformis</i> (L.) DC.	Kacang parang	Vegetables	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Cassia fistula</i> L.	Simanih kuning	Vegetables	Flower	Cultivated
	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam.) de Wit	Patai cino	Vegetables	Seed	Wild
	<i>Parkia speciosa</i> Hassk.	Patai	Vegetables	Seed	Wild
	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	Buncis	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> L.	Kacang 7 halai	Vegetables, beverages	Leaf, seed	Cultivated
	<i>Psophocarpus tetragonolobus</i> (L.) DC.	Kacang belimbing	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
Zingiberaceae	<i>Senna siamea</i> (Lam.) H.S.Irwin & Barneby	Juar	Vegetables	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Vigna radiata</i> (L.) R.Wilczek	Kacang padi	Protein	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Vigna unguiculata</i> (L.) Walp.	Kacang panjang	Vegetables	Leaf, fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Alpinia galanga</i> (L.) Willd.	Lingkuhe	Spices	Rhizome	Cultivated
	<i>Alpinia submutica</i> K.Schum.	Lome-lome	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Curcuma longa</i> L.	Kunyik	Spices	Leaf, rhizome	Cultivated
	<i>Etlingera elatior</i> (Jack) R.M.Sm.	Kincuang	Spices	Flower, fruits	Wild
	<i>Hornstedtia elongate</i> (Teijsm. & Binn.) K.Schum.	Si lolo	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Hornstedtia reticulata</i> (K.Schum.) K.Schum.	Ongkonang	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Hornstedtia scyphifera</i> var. <i>fusiformis</i> Holttum	Sijangkang	Spices	Flower	Wild
Solanaceae	<i>Kaempferia galanga</i> L.	Kencur	Spices	Rhizome	Cultivated
	<i>Plagiostachys sumatrensis</i> Ridl.	Cikolu	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Wurfbainia compacta</i> (Sol. ex Maton) Škorničk. & A.D.Poulsen	Darma munggu	Spices	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Zingiber officinale</i> Roscoe	Sapadeh	Spices	Rhizome	Cultivated
	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	Lado	Spices	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i> L.	Lado kutu	Spices	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Solanum betaceum</i> Cav.	Taruang belanda	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Solanum ferox</i> Mill. ex Dunal	Taruang asam	Spices	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	Tomat	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	Taruang	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
Myrtaceae	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L.	Lumai	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
	<i>Solanum torvum</i> Sw.	Rimbang	Vegetables	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Kantang	Vegetables, carbohydrates	Tuber	Cultivated
	<i>Physalis angulate</i> L.	Lotuik"	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.	Jambu Biji	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Syzygium aromaticum</i> (L.) Merr. & L.M.Perry	Cengkeh	Spices	Flower	Cultivated
	<i>Syzygium aqueum</i> (Burm.f.) Alston	Jambu aia	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Syzygium cumini</i> (L.) Skeels	Duwet	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Syzygium malaccense</i> (L.) Merr. & L.M.Perry	Jambak	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Syzygium polyanthum</i> (Wight) Walp.	Salam	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
Poaceae	<i>Syzygium zeylanicum</i> (L.) DC.	Golam	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i> Schrad. ex J.C.Wendl.	Rabuang	Vegetables	Shoots	Wild
	<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> (DC.) Stapf	Sarai	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Dendrocalamus asper</i> (Schult. & Schult.f.) Backer	Botuang	Vegetables	Shoots	Wild
	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	Padi	Carbohydrates	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> L.	Tabu	Beverages	Stem	Cultivated
	<i>Saccharum edule</i> Hassk.	Tabu tolua	Vegetables	Flower	Cultivated
	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench	Gandum	Carbohydrates	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Zea mays</i> L.	Jaguang	Carbohydrates	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Antidesma montanum</i> Blume	Bonai	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
Phyllanthaceae	<i>Aporosa octandra</i> var. <i>malesiana</i> Schot	Palangai	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
	<i>Baccaurea deflexa</i> Müll.Arg.	Tungau	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Baccaurea macrocarpa</i> (Miq.) Müll.Arg.	Tampui	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Baccaurea motleyana</i> (Müll.Arg.) Müll.Arg.	Rambai	Fruits, spices	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Baccaurea polyneura</i> Hook.f.	Sijontiak	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Baccaurea racemosa</i> (Reinw.) Müll.Arg.	Kapunduang	Fruits, spices	Fruits	Wild

Cucurbitaceae	<i>Benincasa hispida</i> (Thunb.) Cogn.	Kundua	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum. & Nakai	Malikai	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Cucurbita moschata</i> Duchesne	Labu	Vegetables, carbohydrates	Fruits, leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	Timun	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
Anacardiaceae	<i>Luffa acutangula</i> (L.) Roxb.	Pitulo	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Momordica charantia</i> L.	Kambe	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Sicyos edulis</i> Jacq.	Labu siam	Vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Mangifera foetida</i> Lour.	Macang	Fruits, spices	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	Mangga	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Mangifera laurina</i> Blume	Polam	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Mangifera odorata</i> Griff.	Kuini	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Mangifera sumatrana</i> Miq.	Pauh	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Spondias dulcis</i> Parkinson	Kedondong	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Aleurites moluccanus</i> (L.) Willd.	Dama	Spices	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Breynia androgyna</i> (L.) Chakrab. & N.P.Balakr.	Katuk	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i> (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg.	Gatah	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
Rubiaceae	<i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz	Pucuk ubi	Vegetables, carbohydrates	Leaf, tuber	Cultivated
	<i>Plukenetia corniculata</i> Sm.	Pino-pino	Vegetables	Leaf, fruits	Wild
	<i>Coffea canephora</i> Pierre ex A.Froehner	Kopi	Beverages	Seed, leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Hamelia patens</i> Jacq.	Pudiang	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
Clusiaceae	<i>Morinda citrifolia</i> L.	Mengkudu	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Spermacoce alata</i> Aubl.	Asam jati	Vegetables, spices	Leaf	Wild
	<i>Uncaria gambir</i> (W.Hunter) Roxb.	Gambia	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Garcinia atroviridis</i> Griff. ex T.Anderson	Asam galugua	Spices	Fruits	Wild
Malvaceae	<i>Garcinia mangostana</i> L.	Manggis	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Garcinia parvifolia</i> (Miq.) Miq.	Kacuburo	Fruits, spices	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Garcinia</i> sp.	Asam upi	Spices	Leaf	Wild
	<i>Durio zibethinus</i> L.	Durian	Fruits, vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
Rutaceae	<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i> L.	Asam kandih	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i> L.	Sibaru	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
	<i>Theobroma cacao</i> L.	Coklat	Fruits, vegetables	Fruits, leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Citrus aurantiifolia</i> (Christm.) Swingle	Limau kapeh	Spices	Fruits, leaf	Cultivated
Sapindaceae	<i>Citrus aurantium</i> L.	Jeruk	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Citrus hystrix</i> DC.	Limau puruik	Spices	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Citrus limon</i> (L.) Osbeck	Jeruk lemon	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Nephelium lappaceum</i> L.	Rambutan	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
Amaryllidaceae	<i>Nephelium maingayi</i> Hiern	Idan	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Nephelium ramboutan-ake</i> (Labill.) Leenh.	Pulasan	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Pometia pinnata</i> J.R.Forst. & G.Forst.	Matoa	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Allium cepa</i> L.	Bawang merah	Spices	Tuber	Cultivated
Areaceae	<i>Allium chinense</i> G.Don	Bawang ladang	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	Bawang putih	Spices	Tuber	Cultivated
	<i>Allium tuberosum</i> Rottler ex Spreng.	Kuca	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Arenga pinnata</i> (Wurmb) Merr.	Anau	Fruits, beverages	Fruits, flower	Wild
Moraceae	<i>Cocos nucifera</i> L.	Karambia	Fruits, beverages, fats and oils, spices, vegetables	Fruits, shoots	Cultivated
	<i>Salacca zalacca</i> (Gaertn.) Voss	Salak	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Artocarpus elasticus</i> Reinw. ex Blume	Torok	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> Lam.	Campodak	Fruits, vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
Meliaceae	<i>Artocarpus integer</i> (Thunb.) Merr.	Camodak Hutan	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
	<i>Lansium domesticum</i> Corrêa	Lansek	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Lansium domesticum</i> var. <i>duku</i> Corrêa	Drondan	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Toona sureni</i> (Blume) Merr.	Surian	Vegetables, spices	Leaf	Wild
Araceae	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i> (L.) Schott	Taleh	Carbohydrates	Tuber	Wild
	<i>Leucocasia gigantea</i> (Blume) Schott	Kemumu	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
	<i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i> (L.) Schott	Taleh hitam	Carbohydrates	Tuber	Wild
	<i>Apium graveolens</i> L.	Seledri	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
Asteraceae	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill.	Adas manih	Spices	Seed	Cultivated
	<i>Bidens Pilosa</i> L.	Ambuang-ambuang	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
	<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.	Selada	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Cissus hastata</i> Miq.	Asam iang	Vegetables, spices	Leaf	Wild
Vitaceae	<i>Leea indica</i> (Burm.f.) Merr.	Mali-mali	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild

Annonaceae	<i>Annona muricata</i> L.	Durian belando	Fruits, vegetables	Fruits	Cultivated
	<i>Annona squamosa</i> L.	Sarikayo	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
Convolvulaceae	<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i> Forssk.	Kangkuan	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i> (L.) Lam.	Ubi jalar	Carbohydrates	Tuber	Cultivated
Lauraceae	<i>Cinnamomum burmanni</i> (Nees & T.Nees) Blume	Kulit manih	Spices	Stem bark	Cultivated
	<i>Persea americana</i> Mill.	Pokat	Fruits, vegetables	Fruits, leaf	Cultivated
Brassicaceae	<i>Brassica rapa</i> L.	Sawi	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Rorippa indica</i> (L.) Hiern	Lobak Ladang	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
Melastomataceae	<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> L.	Sikaduduak	Vegetables, spices, fruits	Leaf, fruits	Wild
	<i>Miconia crenata</i> (Vahl) Michelang.	Sikaduduak rimbo	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
Lamiaceae	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> L.	Kemangi	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i> L.	Ruku-ruku	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
Amaranthaceae	<i>Amaranthus tricolor</i> L.	Bayam merah	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
	<i>Amaranthus viridis</i> L.	Bayam	Vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated
Oxalidaceae	<i>Averrhoa bilimbi</i> L.	Asam belimbing	Vegetables, spices	Leaf, fruits	Cultivated
Caricaceae	<i>Carica papaya</i> L.	Botiak	Vegetables, fruits	Leaf, flower, fruits	Cultivated
Cactaceae	<i>Selenicereus monacanthus</i> (Lem.) D.R.Hunt	Nago	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
Menispermaceae	<i>Cyclea barbata</i> Miers	Cincau	Beverages	Leaf	Wild
Pentaphragmaceae	<i>Eurya acuminata</i> DC.	Jirak	Leaf	Leaf	Wild
Boraginaceae	<i>Ehretia acuminata</i> R.Br.	Boncah-boncah	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
Pontederiaceae	<i>Pontederia vaginalis</i> Burm.f.	Kalayau	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora foetida</i> L.	Markisa Hutan	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
Gnetaceae	<i>Gnetum gnemon</i> L.	Melinjo	Vegetables	Seed, leaf	Cultivated
Piperaceae	<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.	Merica	Spices	Fruits	Cultivated
Bromeliaceae	<i>Ananas comosus</i> (L.) Merr.	Naneh	Vegetables, fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
Athyriaceae	<i>Diplazium esculentum</i> (Retz.) Sw.	Paku aia	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
Pandanaceae	<i>Pandanus amaryllifolius</i> Roxb. ex Lindl.	Pandan	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
Mackinlayaceae	<i>Centella asiatica</i> (L.) Urb.	Pigago	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
Musaceae	<i>Musa paradisiaca</i> L.	Pisang	Fruits, vegetables	Fruits, flower	Cultivated
Rosaceae	<i>Rubus alceifolius</i> Poir.	Rabai-rabai	Fruits	Fruits	Wild
Sapotaceae	<i>Manilkara zapota</i> (L.) P.Royen	Saos	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
Muntingiaceae	<i>Muntingia calabura</i> L.	Seri	Fruits	Fruits	Cultivated
Fagaceae	<i>Castanopsis argentea</i> (Blume) A.DC.	Sikasiah	Proteins	Seed	Wild
Opiliaceae	<i>Champereia manillana</i> (Blume) Merr.	Siminyak	Vegetables	Leaf	Wild
Asparagaceae	<i>Dracaena angustifolia</i> (Medik.) Roxb.	Suji	Spices	Leaf	Cultivated
Araliaceae	<i>Polyscias scutellaria</i> (Burm.f.) Fosberg	Tapak leman	Spices, vegetables	Leaf	Cultivated

Vegetables

Minangkabau people utilize 66 species as vegetables (Table 1), of which 24 species are the main ingredients of *rendang daun*, namely *A. octandra* var. *malesiana*, *T. sureni*, *E. acuminata*, *A. bilimbi*, *L. indica*, *S. siamea*, *E. acuminata*, *D. esculentum*, *P. lunatus*, *M. hirta*, *S. alata*, *M. malabathricum*, *C. hastata*, *P. scutellaria*, *H. patens*, *P. americana*, *T. cacao*, *B. androgyna*, *M. esculenta*, *V. unguiculata*, *G. gnemon*, *C. manillana*, *H. sabdariffa*, and *O. tenuiflorum*. Two species, *A. octandra* var. *malesiana* and *L. indica*, are the most widely known and preferred plants for *rendang daun* because they produce leaves with good flavor and crunchy texture. The use of *L. indica* as a vegetable has not been reported. However, this plant has long been known by people in Asian countries such as India, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal and India as traditional medicine (Kekuda et al. 2018).

Rendang daun is the cultural wisdom of the Minangkabau people in Lima Puluh Kota District in utilizing natural biodiversity. *Rendang daun* is usually served in daily dishes and traditional and religious cultural events. This custom has been practiced for a long time. People through their experience choose plants that can be used as *rendang daun*. Based on the interview with the

informants, previously they knew about 40 species of plants as ingredients for *rendang daun*. However, currently they only utilize 24 species. This *rendang daun* dish is only found in the traditional villages (i.e. Maek, Andiang and Galugua). This knowledge is vulnerable to being eroded by modernization and globalization, and it is feared that in the future *rendang daun* dishes will no longer be served. Therefore, it is important to document and promote awareness of plant ingredients and cooking *rendang daun* so that this cuisine will be widely known, just like beef *rendang*. *Rendang daun* is believed to last longer than beef *rendang* and is suitable for vegetarians.

The characteristics of the preferred plant species for *rendang daun* are plants with red leaf tips, sour leaves, or hairy leaves. People consider plants with these criteria since they taste good when cooked into *rendang*. In addition, the sour taste in plants is due to phenol compounds which are antibacterial and antioxidants (Beya et al. 2021), so it might make 'rendang daun' last longer. The seasoning for *rendang daun* is different from beef *rendang*. The *rendang daun* does not use cinnamon, pepper and star anise. *Rendang daun* is cooked in coconut milk and seasoned with leaves and rhizomes of tumeric (*C. longa*), chili pepper (*C. annuum*), clove (*S. polyanthum*),

leaves of *C. aurantiifolia*, rhizomes of ginger (*Z. officinale*), and *A. galanga*, and red onion (*A. cepa*).

Other vegetables often used by the Lima Puluh Kota people are *M. esculenta* leaves, *A. heterophyllus* young fruits, *D. esculentum* leaves, and *C. gigantea* stalks. These vegetables are cooked in stir fry, *gulai*, and *pongek*. *Gulai* and *pongek* are foods processed using coconut milk. *Gulai* is not the same as curry, but has many similarities; while *pongek* is a *gulai* that is cooked until it dries up (not gravy).

Source of fruits

A total of 55 plants species are used as sources of fruits (Table 1), e.g., *D. zibethinus*, *H. reticulata*, *B. racemosa*, *B. macrocarpa*, *B. motleyana*, *B. deflexa*, *M. sumatrana*, *P. sumatrensis*, and others. The fruits of *B. macrocarpa*, *B. deflexa* and *B. motleyana* have antimicrobial and anticancer activity due to the content of alkaloid and terpenoid compounds (Sofiyanti et al. 2022). These fruits are generally sweet or sour when consumed fresh or raw. The fruit that people like more is *B. polyneura* called *sijontiak* (finger snapping) because the fruit will break when snapped with fingers.

Source of spices

A total of 41 species of food plants are utilized as spices. The common species used are *C. annuum*, *C. nucifera*, *C. longa*, *Z. officinale*, *E. elatior*, and *H. scyphifera* var. *fusiformis*. These spices are always available in the kitchen which is related to Minangkabau culinary specialties which are spicy and rich in taste. Chili pepper (*C. annuum*) is an important spice for the Minangkabau people, regardless of the type of food cooked (Nurainas et al. 2022). *C. nucifera* is utilized by the community as vinegar made from coconut water. The flowers of *H. scyphifera* var. *fusiformis* is usually used as a spice for *gulai* and *pongek* so that it has a distinctive aroma and taste. Flowers of *H. scyphifera* var. *fusiformis* is a healthy food ingredient because it is reported to have several antioxidant compounds (Hashim et al. 2018).

Sources of beverages

Six plant species are used for beverages (Table 1), namely *C. nucifera*, *S. officinarum*, *P. lunatus*, *A. pinnata*, *C. barbata*, and *C. robusta*. People use both seeds and leaves of *C. robusta* to make a coffee drink. The leaves are dried by smoking them on a wood stove and the drink is made of the *C. robusta* leaves called *kopi kawa*. This drink is prepared by boiling dried leaves; then the boiled water is served in a special cup made from coconut shells and placed on a placemat made from bamboo.

Parts plants used

The Minangkabau people use food plants primarily obtained from fruits (79 species), followed by leaves (54 species), seeds (15 species), flowers (8 species), tubers (7 species), rhizomes (4 species), shoots (4 species), stems (1 species) and barks (1 species). Other ethnic groups in Indonesia use the same parts of food plants (Amboupe et al. 2019; Pawera et al. 2020; Silalahi et al. 2021). The fruits of various plants have various uses. Some edible fruits can

be consumed fresh. Some other fruits, such as the young fruits of *M. paradisiaca* and *D. zibethinus*, are cooked into side dishes; other fruits are used as spice. The leaves of various plant species can be used for vegetables, spices, and beverages. Leaf vegetables are often cooked into *gulai*, *pongek*, and *rendang*. The leaves used for spices include *temulawak* while leaves that can be made into drinks include *P. lunatus*. The use of leaves has several advantages since they are abundant, and available throughout the year.

Seeds as a food source contain complex micronutrients and macronutrients such as proteins, carbohydrates, fats, and various minerals (Cervera-Mata et al. 2021). Therefore, seeds are often used as a source of carbohydrates, protein, vegetables, spices and drinks. Plant tubers are generally used as a source of carbohydrates, but people do not use them as a staple food source. Flowers used as vegetables include *C. fistula*, *S. edule*, *C. papaya*. Flowers can also be used as a spice, for example *E. elatior* and *H. scyphifera* var. *fusiformis*. Rhizomes, such as galangal, turmeric, and ginger, are generally used as spices and contain essential oils (Sotiboldieva and Mahkamov 2020; Muderawan et al. 2022). The Minangkabau people also use the shoots of several plant species as vegetables, including bamboo shoots which are rich in nutrients. Bamboo shoots contain protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, fiber, minerals and fats (Nongdam and Tikendra 2014). Minangkabau people usually use the stem of *S. officinarum* as a drink and the bark of cinnamon as spices. The use of *C. burmannii* bark as spices is commonly found in other ethnic groups in Indonesia (Susandarini et al. 2021; Jupri et al. 2022).

Local importance values

Use value index

The Use Value (UV) could indicate the plants considered the most useful to a particular group of people (Albuquerque et al. 2006). UV was determined based on the variety of uses of a species by each person and the number of people who use it. We found that the UV of the food source species varied from 0.36 to 3.40. The most important species with the highest UV in all villages are the same. The first important is *C. nucifera* (UV 2.18-3.40) and the second important is *M. paradisiaca* (UV 1.91-2.72). These two plant species are also considered the most important in tribal communities in other regions of Indonesia (Purnomo et al. 2019). Unsurprisingly, *C. nucifera* has the highest UV because Minangkabau cuisine is famous for always using coconut milk. *C. nucifera* is categorized as a source of vegetables, fruit, fats, oils, beverages; and it is used by almost the entire community.

Local user's value index

Local User's Value Index (LUVI) is the relative importance of a species determined from the score given by the respondent for its use as a food source (compared to other use categories, such as medicinal plants, traditional and religious plants, etc.) and the score for the cultivated status (wild versus cultivated). Respondents were asked to distribute 100 pebbles to the ten plant species they selected in each category of cultivation status. We found 26-37 cultivated plant species and 16-28 wild species selected as

an important species in six villages. Respondents in all six villages rated *O. sativa* as the first important species of cultivated plant (LUVI 4.02-4.58%) and *C. nucifera* as the second important species (LUVI 1.59-2.74%). Interestingly, the most important wild plant species are different for each village. *A. jiringa* is considered the most important in the villages of Maek, Galugua and Koto Alam (LUVI 1.24-1.05%), possibly because of its usefulness and economic value. The most important species in other villages are *B. racemosa* (LUVI 0.70%) in Andiang Village, *H. scyphifera* var. *fusiformis* (LUVI = 1.22%) in Koto Tinggi Village, and *Parkia speciosa* (LUVI = 0.87%) in Guguak VIII Koto Village. Those plants are important ingredients or spices for cooking various side dishes.

Index cultural significance

Index Cultural Significance (IC) is a value that indicates the utilization of a plant species based on quality value (usefulness), intensity and exclusivity of utilization by the community. Based on the ICS assessment of cultivated plants, *C. nucifera* has scored higher than *O. sativa* in all villages (ICS = 103-148). This species has more than one utilization category as a food plant, such as fruits, vegetables, fats, oils, spices and beverages. In addition, its leaves are used for food wrapping; its stem is used for house or bridge construction; the fronds and shell for firewood; its fruit for medicine; and coconut pulp for natural pesticide mixtures and floor polish. The intensity and preference of utilization *O. sativa* and *C. nucifera* did not differ, but *C. nucifera* has the highest value due to the higher utilization score. *O. sativa* has the second highest ICS score (ICS = 83-98). This species has other uses, such as its straw for cattle or buffalo feed and organic fertilizer; its bran for fish feed and natural pesticide mixture; and its rice for medicinal and cosmetic ingredients.

The species of wild food plants with the highest ICS value differ in each village. *D. asper* is the wild food plant with the highest ICS value (ICS=32) in Maek Village. This species has other uses as building materials and crafts. *Arenga pinnata*, apart from being used as a source of

fruit, drinks, and sugar also has other uses as building materials, firewood, and palm fiber, so it has the highest ICS value (ICS = 46) in Andiang Village. *A. pinnata* also has the highest ICS value (ICS=48) in Koto Alam Village that has other uses as medicine and building materials. For the people of Galugua Village, *M. foetida* has the highest ICS value (ICS=30) because its stems are used as building materials by the community with moderate utilization intensity. *E. elatior* has the highest ICS value (ICS=57) in Koto Tinggi Village because besides being used as a spice, it is also used as a cough medicine, fever, and high blood pressure. *B. racemosa* has the highest ICS value (ICS=24) in Guguak VIII Koto Village because the community uses its stems as building materials.

Economic value

A total of 15 plant species has economic value as a main or additional source of income (Table 2). Rice (*O. sativa*) has the highest economic value in the Maek, Andiang, Galugua, and Guguak VIII Koto villages. The selling price of local rice is relatively high and the people in these villages have relatively large paddy fields with extent of 2,500-5,000 m² per household. Rice production in Andiang Village is higher than in other villages.

Durian (*D. zibethinus*) has a higher economic value than rice for people in Koto Alam Village. They cultivate durian in yards, gardens, and fields. Local durian cultivars from the village, *durian kunyik* and *durian tembago* are well known for their delicious taste. The selling price of these durians ranges from IDR 5,000 to IDR 10,000 per fruit.

The people's economy in Koto Tinggi, a village in the hills (837 masl), is supported by the cultivation of the oranges (*C. aurantium*) local cultivar Jesigo, which has been released as a superior national variety. The cultivar Jesigo (*jeruk siam gunung omeh*) has a sweet fruity taste and is cultivated in the highlands. The selling price of these oranges is an average of IDR 8,000/kg. This orange has been marketed outside the province of West Sumatra.

Table 2. Economic value per household per year (IDR) of food plants at the six villages in Lima Puluh Kota District, West Sumatra Province, Indonesia

Species	Maek	Andiang	Galugua	Koto Alam	Koto Tinggi	Guguak VIII Koto
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	14.400.000*	27.375.000*	7.500.000*	6.250.000	10.000.000	17.250.000*
<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	8.640.000	720.000	3.960.000	1.800.000	1.800.000	11.880.000
<i>Musa paradisiaca</i>	576.000	336.000	336.000	384.000	1.800.000	912.000
<i>Vigna unguiculata</i>	2.712.000	336.000	2.500.000	625.000	1.680.000	3.125.000
<i>Archidendron jiringa</i>	8.000.000	6.000.000	4.000.000	6.000.000	1.200.000	2.000.000
<i>Parkia speciosa</i>	1.800.000	1.800.000	3.600.000	5.400.000	1.800.000	1.800.000
<i>Durio zibethinus</i>	5.000.000	8.750.000	4.500.000	17.500.000*	5.000.000	10.500.000
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	288.000	1.344.000	192.000	240.000	-	2.400.000
<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	-	2.000.000	2.880.000	3.110.000	5.760.000	4.810.000
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	13.400.000	5.600.000	-	4.020.000	-	10.020.000
<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	3.750.000	-	3.000.000	-	-	2.400.000
<i>Citrus aurantium</i>	-	8.440.000	-	-	46.990.000*	-
<i>Baccaurea racemosa</i>	-	120.000	-	-	-	-
<i>Baccaurea polyneura</i>	-	160.000	-	-	-	120.000
<i>Hornstedtia scyphifera</i> var. <i>fusiformis</i>	-	-	-	-	192.000	-

Note: *The highest economic value in each village

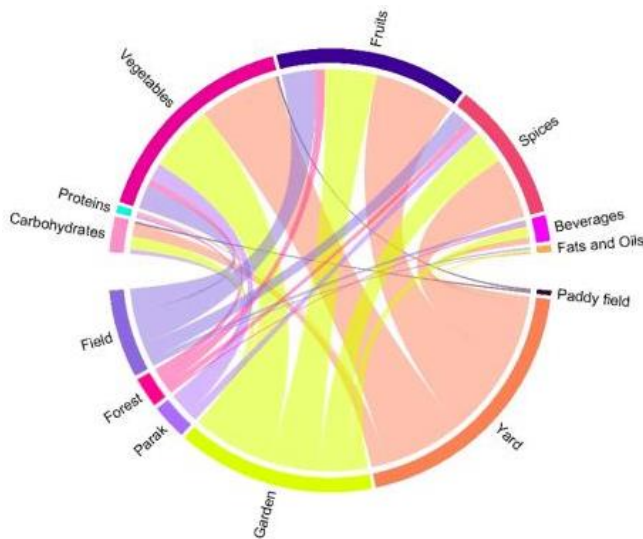


Figure 3. Landscapes as sources of particular categories of food plants, the thicker line stream represent more species of food plant are found in that landscape

The importance of landscapes

The food plants are gathered from various landscapes (Figure 3), namely *laman* (yard), *kobun* (garden), *parak* (dried paddy field in the dry season planted with secondary crops), *ladang* (field), *sawah* (paddy field), and *rimbo* (forest). Some plant species could be found in several landscapes, such as *D. zibethinus* and *C. nucifera* which are often planted in yard, garden, and field. Other plants are found in a specific landscape, such as *S. siamea*, *C. argentea* and *H. patens* which are only found in forest. The highest diversity of food plants is found in the yard (92 species). This indicates the yard is important in providing food. Utilization of the yard with a variety of food crops is one of the sustainable agricultural practices to improve food security and build local food systems (Galhena et al. 2013). The yards might provide species used as sources of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vegetables, fruits, spices, and beverages (Figure 3). In contrast, the paddy field is the most homogeneous landscape. It is used for growing semi-aquatic crops, especially rice; but people can also get vegetables from the leaves of *P. vaginalis* which often grows as a weed in the paddy fields.

Based on people's perceptions, the importance of landscapes ranges from 1.88 to 27.60 (Figure 4). Paddy fields are the most important landscape in all villages except Galugua. The people in Galugua Village attach great importance to fields, instead of the paddy fields. The Galugua people use the fields to grow dry land rice (*padi ladang*). It appears that people place a high value on landscapes with function to grow rice which is the staple food and important source of income (Table 2).

The second most important landscape is the yard. This is understandable because people can get fruits, vegetables, spices and other things from plants in their yards. In addition, some plants in the yard also have economic value, such as *M. paradisiaca* and *C. nucifera*. The gardens are the third most important landscape in Maek, Galugua and

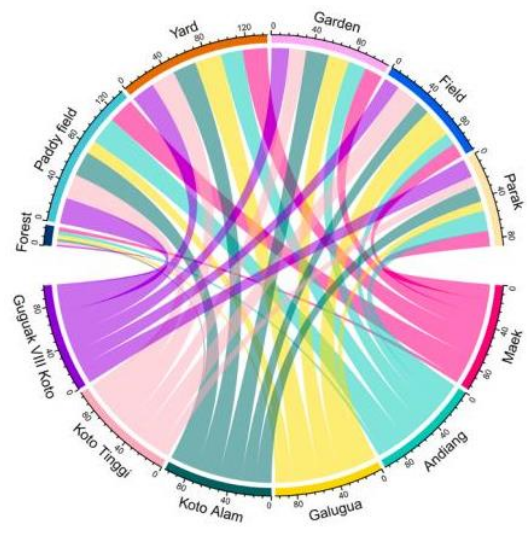


Figure 4. The importance of particular landscapes was scored by respondents through the pebble distribution method in six villages. Notes: the scale indicates the importance value

Koto Alam. They generally have large gardens to plant with annual and perennial crops with high economic value, such as *D. zibethinus*. The people of Koto Tinggi value their fields as the third most important landscape where they cultivate oranges (*C. aurantium*) which play a large part in their income (Table 2). Meanwhile, *parak* is the third most important landscape for the people of Andiang and Guguak VIII Koto. *Parak* is often planted with fast-harvesting crops, such as *C. annuum*, *C. frutescens*, and *V. unguiculata*, to increase their income.

In conclusions, Minangkabau people in Lima Puluh Kota District utilize 154 plant species belonging to 51 families as the sources of carbohydrates, proteins, fats and oils, fruits, vegetables, spices and drinks. However, the use of 24 plant species for *rendang daun* was reported only from traditional villages. Accordingly, it is important to preserve the knowledge and tradition of *rendang daun*. People value cultivated plants more than wild plants. The most important food plant based on the perception and culture of the Minangkabau people in Lima Puluh Kota District is *O. sativa* which serves as a staple food source and the main source of income for most people. Apart from that, *C. nucifera* is an irreplaceable ingredient in various dishes. Among the economically valuable species, *O. sativa*, *D. zibethinus*, and *C. aurantium* are the cultivated plants that contribute the most to household income. The landscape with the highest diversity of food plants is the yard, but based on community perceptions, the landscape considered the most important is the landscape that provides staple food (rice), namely paddy fields and fields. The findings of this study provide basic information for the preservation and development of local culinary delights such as *rendang daun* and the diversity of local food plant species. Further research is needed to support this goal, for example the nutritional value of local food sources and genetic resources of local cultivars, such as rice and durian, which are valuable in developing superior cultivars.

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