

Welcome to Koponio's Garden

My Garden Inspiration

My childhood memory of my mum's garden back in Koponio – a suburb in Detusoko village, Town of Ende in Flores Island of Indonesia. I have dedicated areas in the back yard to grow some fruit trees and vegetables.

Historical aspects and how the garden was developed

When we moved in, in 2001, we were surrounded with golden cane and Carpentaria palms. Over 10 years we removed all of the palms. We started planting fruit plants like banana, cassava and lime trees from my parent's garden and some flowers like crotons and heliconias.

How I maintain my garden

I use only blood and bone fertilizer when the plants are first planted. Once the plants are establish I avoid using fertiliser but rely very much on mulch from the garden itself. As I trim or prune my plants I put it back into the garden.

What I enjoy most about my garden

Seeing the bees, dragonflies, butterflies, green frogs and birds in my garden is what makes me happy. Often times I see many baby green frogs and this makes me very proud, as I know that my garden can provide liveable environment for them to reproduce. I also like surprises like finding birds' nest. I love the aroma of flowering plants such as jasmine, gardenia and happy plants when they are in bloom, it's just breath taking.

I am able to harvest my own food such as; bananas, passionfruit, pineapple, cassava roots and leaves, pawpaw flowers and leaves. Also enjoy growing and using fresh herbs such as sweet lemon basil, ginger, lemon grass, galangal and turmeric. I use these all year round to make my chicken curry, babi kecap (sweet soy sauce pork) and roasted fish curry.

Edible Plants

You will find the following edible plants in my garden

Plant name	
Banana tress – Cavendish and lady finger	Sweet potato
Mangoes	Edible Ginger
Cocoa	Pomelo
Rambutan	Lemongrass
Red Dragon fruit	Lime
Jack Fruit	Pineapple
Cassava	Duku
Belimbi	Sour Sop
Avacado	Longan
Strawberry or Cherry Guava	Mullberry
Passionfruit	Vanilla vine

Hope you have a good time during your visit.

Thank You

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