



## Characterization of functional properties of starch from the “Malanga

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# | Common names of Malanga worldwide

## *Xanthosoma sagittifolium*

Mafafa, Otoe, Malanga, Cocoñame, Ocumo, Bore, Yautía, Chonque, Macabo, Rascadera, Quequisque and Tania

## *Colocasia esculenta*

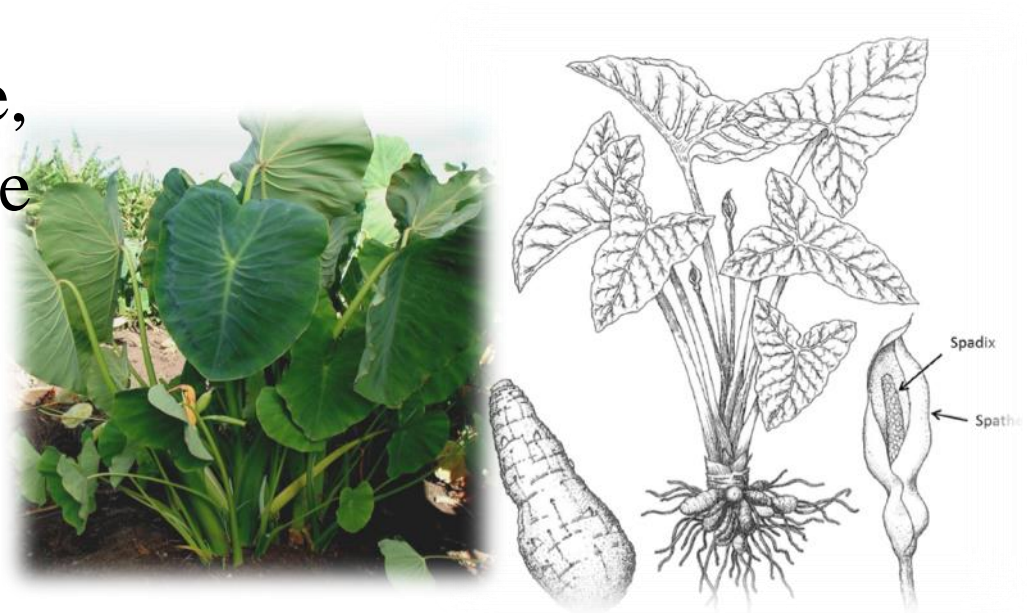
Mexico: Taro

Brazil: Cará

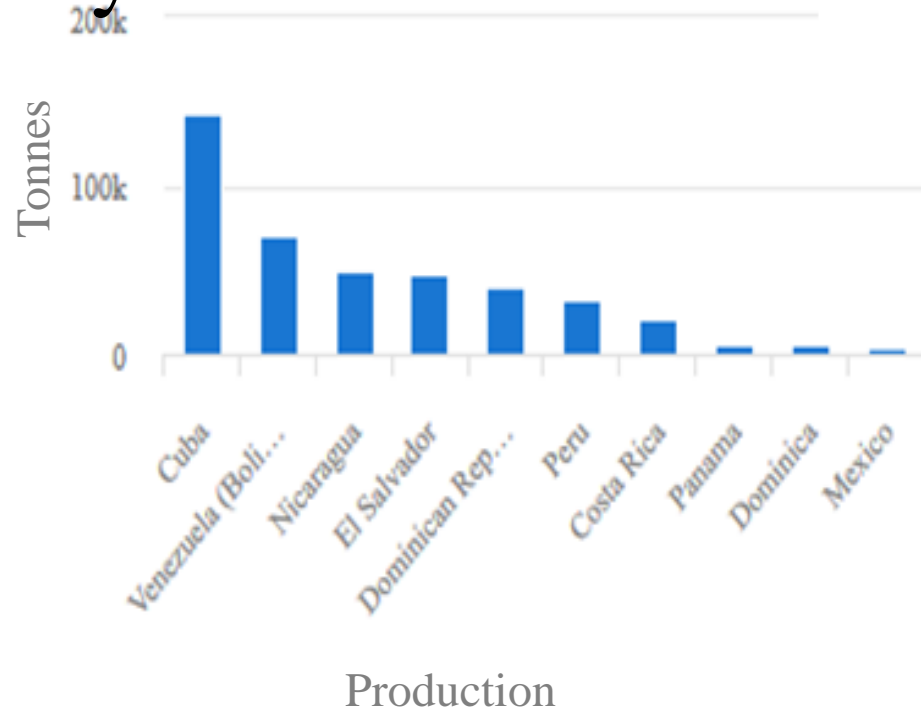
Dominican Republic: Yautía coco

Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Honduras, **Spain and Cuba: Malanga**

Canary Islands and Costa Rica: Yam

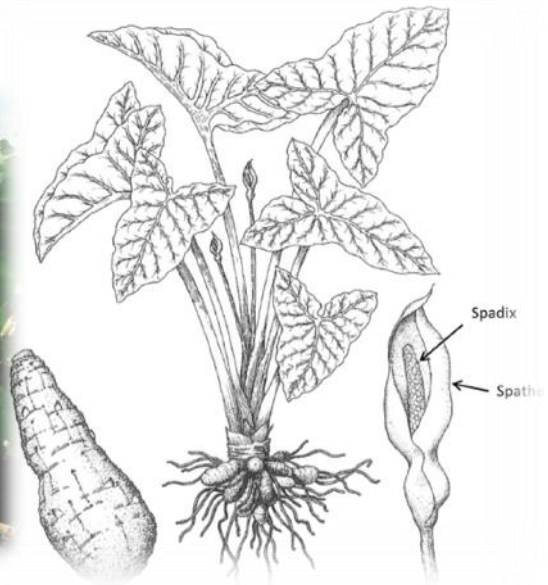


# Why the research in malanga?



- Rich in starch
- Small granules
- Highly digestible

Cormels (human consumption)  
Corms (guarantee further farming)



Darko *et al.*, 2014



# State of the art. Search engines: Web of science, Google scholar and Scopus

The screenshot shows the Web of Science interface with the search term 'xanthosoma'. It displays 349 results. The left sidebar includes filters for 'Refinar resultados' and 'Filtrar resultados por:'. The main results list shows four entries, with the first three having abstracts available. The fourth entry, 'Characteristics of Xanthosoma sagittifolium roots during cooking...', is highlighted. The interface includes navigation links like 'Mis herramientas', 'Historial de búsqueda', and 'Lista de registros marcados'.

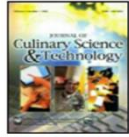
Rhizome as an alternative for non-conventional flours or starch to be used in different baked goods

349 articles: flour and products  
59 articles: starch

The screenshot shows Google Académico search results for 'xanthosoma', displaying approximately 13,400 results in 0.05 seconds. The left sidebar offers filters for 'Cualquier momento', 'Ordenar por relevancia', 'Cualquier idioma', and 'Crear alerta'. The main results list includes a suggestion to search in Spanish, a detailed entry on 'Composition, physicochemical properties and retrogradation characteristics of native, oxidised, acetylated and acid-thinned new cocoyam (Xanthosoma sagittifolium)', and an entry on 'Raphides with barbs and grooves in Xanthosoma sagittifolium (Araceae)'. Each entry includes citation information and links to related articles.

13.400 results: flour and products (0.05s)  
3.000 results: starch (0.21s)

# Different researches about baked goods



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Flour Composite (wheat and malanga)  
baked goods

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**Cocoyam (corms and cormels)—An underexploited food and feed resource**

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Review (Darko *et al.*, 2014)  
❖ reduce postharvest losses  
❖ food security problems

**Physicochemical properties of food grade acetylated cocoyam (*Xanthosoma sagittifolium*) starches**

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It is not specified (corms and corms)  
(Tijani *et al.*, 2016)

# | Aim

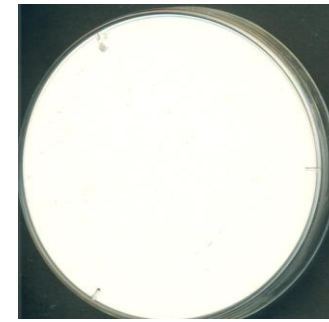
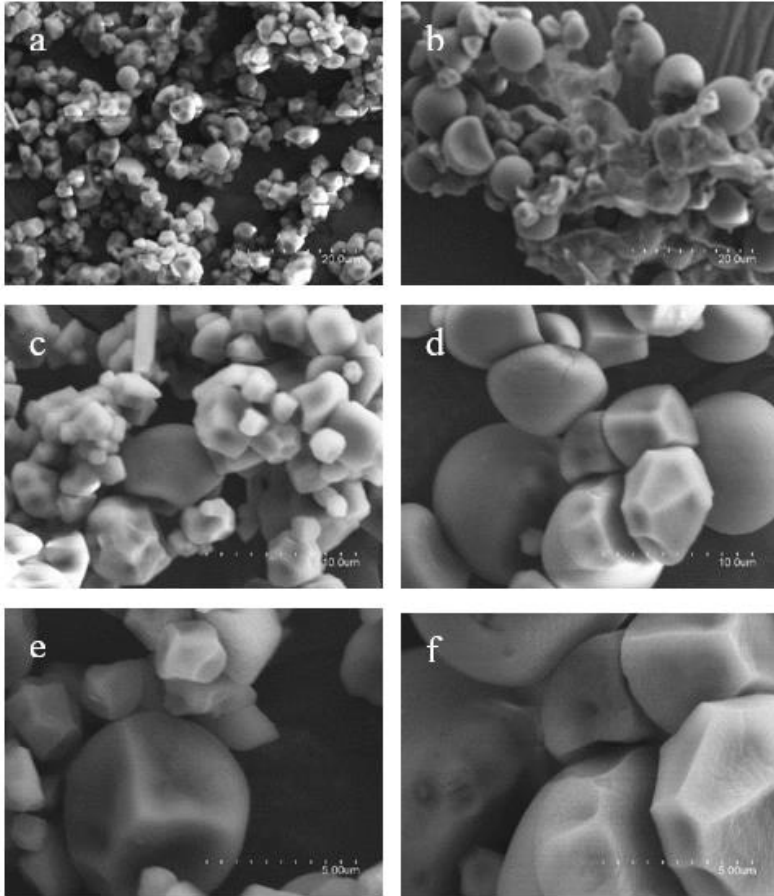
To evaluate the potential of corms as a source of starch and the comparison of the functional properties of the starches from the corms and cormels of the same species.



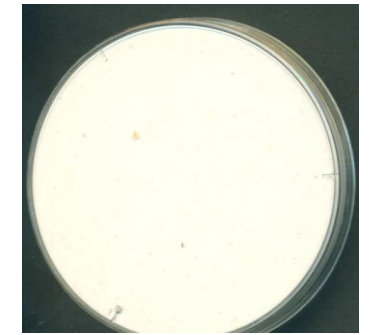
Corms and cormels  
MX-2007

- Starch isolation
- Physical properties:
- Color
  - Microstructure (SEM)
  - Thermal properties (DSC)
  - Pasting behavior (RVA)
- Chemical properties
- amylose content

# Morphology of the malanga starch



*Xanthosoma*  
corms



*Xanthosoma*  
cormels

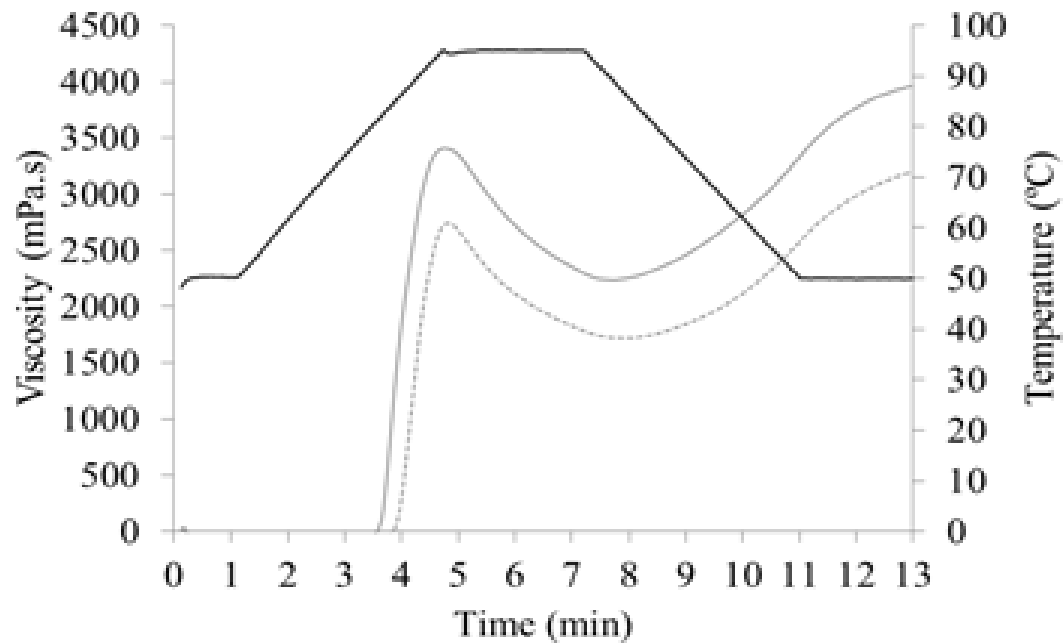
- ❖ Polygonal, irregular shapes
- ❖ Granules diameters ranged from 1 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$
- ❖ Main differences: cormels' starch appeared as big aggregates where small granules were glued to each other

Amylase leached out and they acted as gluing material Dura and Rosell (2014)

Corms (a) and cormels (b) malanga granules at lower (2 000x) magnifications, c and d at medium (5 000x) and e and f at higher (10 000x) magnifications, respectively.



# Pasting forming and DSC



	To (°C)	Tp (°C)	Tc (°C)	ΔH (J/g)
X. cormels	74 ±0.25b	79±0.35b	87±0.48	18.82±1.37
X. corms	72±0.28a	76±0.35a	86±0.04	16.80±0.19
P-value	0.0109	0.0122	0.0748	0.1759

----- Xanthosoma spp. corms  
 — Xanthosoma spp. cormels

Thermal transition at lower temperatures

Setback and breakdown  
 (higher amylose contents cormels:  
 27.65 %)

# |Conclusions

Physicochemical properties of corm and cormels starches from the same species, were significantly different which open the possibility to exploit both starches depending on their physicochemical properties.

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