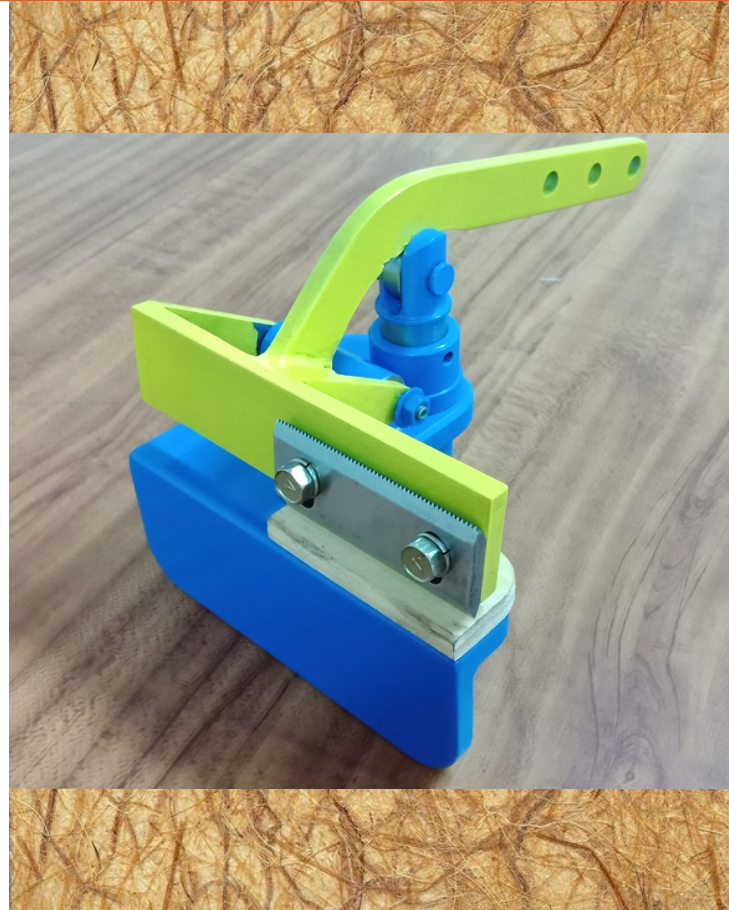


# IMPROVED PORTABLE MANUAL ABACA FIBER STRIPPING MACHINE



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Many Filipino communities use abaca fibers as raw materials to express their creativity and earn a livelihood. The various products below are skillfully made from abaca.



Various handicrafts made from abaca fibers.

Abaca is one of the top commodities and also one of the sources of resilient livelihood in the province of Antique. It is important that the province is able to produce excellent abaca fibers as these receive high demand from both local and international markets. Based on tests conducted, the improved portable manual abaca finer stripping machine shows remarkable potential to produce excellent abaca fiber grades.



The portable manual abaca stripping machine, improved by the DOST-MIRDC(L). The staff from CARE Phils. demonstrates the use of the portable manual abaca stripping machine (R).