

The Potential of Biodegradable Compostable Eco-Straw from *Lepironia Articulata* sp. (Purun/Kercut)

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ABSTRACT

Plastic drinking straws are widely used to drink water and have shown to be a useful tool in restaurants. Excessive usage, on the other hand, generates a large amount of plastic garbage that is hazardous to the environment can harmful the endangered species. According to the findings, subjective norms and perceived behavioural control all have a significant influence on their receptive purpose toward biodegradable drinking straws. The goals of this study were to look into the degradable duration of biodegradable straw, analyse the density of *Escherichia coli* in biodegradable straw as an indicator of potentially harmful bacteria, and estimate the cost and benefit analysis of producing biodegradable straw from *Lepironia Articulata* sp. The methods such as tensile testing, flexural testing, Young's modulus testing, and organoleptic testing will be covered in this technique. E.coli test for straw hygiene utilizing water and waste-water treatment guidelines. In terms of straw structure that can be dissolved in less than 6 months, hygiene test that thinks there is no E.coli in this straw, and public and consumer approval of straw purun Finally, *Lepironia Articulata* Sp. (purun/kercut) has the potential to become a biodegradable compostable eco-straw and a plastic straw alternative. The respondents chose biodegradable straws because they can lessen the hazard of ocean waste, reduce microplastics at sea and on land, and are non-toxic. From tensile test, flexural test and young's modulus test can conclude that the rate of reduction of fiber strength from straw purun increases in the presence of NaOH as a decomposition reagent. Biodegradable straw from *Lepironia Articulata* sp. In accordance with the toward sustainable development goal.

KEYWORDS

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