

harvesting residues presented great volumetric expansion. For the tension resistance by diametric compression, the lowest value was observed for coffee husk. The results found show the great potential of energetic utilizing of the briquettes made with coffee husk.

Keywords: briquettes; energetic density; volumetric variation; higher heating value.

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Optimization of Galactoglucomannans and Acidic Arabinans Recovery in Softwood

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The pulp and paper industry is currently in a transition situation and needs to produce additional products which can increase both the mill profitability and the overall mill energy efficiency in order to convert mills into biorefineries. Autohydrolysis of softwood chips, used as raw material in a paper mill, was studied to simulate one of the aspects of industrial hydrolytic steps of a thermomechanical pulping process. Based on industrial process steam conditions, the operations were performed at laboratory scale. Both compositions of pulps and hydrolysates were determined as a function of the residence time and the severity of the treatment. It was found that the amount of glucans and Klason lignin in solid residues showed moderate cellulose and lignin degradation caused by hydrothermal treatment and that acidic arabinogalactans were largely affected and depolymerized, even at low severity ($\log(R0) < 2$). The percentage of residual arabinans in the pulp after hydrolysis seemed to be a good indicator of the severity of the treatment and can provide an effective guide for an industrial process optimization. A hydrolytic step performed at a severity of $\log(R0) = 1.8$ resulted in the extraction of 100% of the water-soluble acidic arabinogalactans. These polysaccharides are released and accumulated into process waters. They constitute the main part of the "anionic trash" released in mechanical pulping, which can form complexes with various cationic polymers used by the paper industry.

Keywords: Autohydrolysis; hemicellulose; thermomechanical pulping

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Seed Oil and Defatted Cake Proximate Composition of Non Timber Product *Annona squamosa* (Annonaceae) Grown in Benin

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Annona squamosa L. is a small tree which grows wild in many places in the tropical regions and locally called "xwingle" in Benin. Its produces edible fruits, typically globular or heart-shaped which are highly appreciated and the seeds are much neglected. Recently, our works have started to be greatly concerned about identifying new oil sources from a large number of oil bearing seeds grown in Benin.

We report here on the chemical composition of seed oil (ASSO) and defatted cake (ASDC) of *A. squamosa*. Fatty acid composition, chemical properties of oil, unsaponifiable fraction, amino acids, lignocellulose and carbohydrates were analyzed by standard analytical procedures. Our objective is to update and to widen available data in order to check and confirm the interest of the seeds as a readily available by-product resulting of the consumption of the fruit pulp for human food.

The extracted lipids (33.7%) were examined for fatty acid composition by gas chromatography. Linoleic (25.4%) and oleic (47.4%) acids were the predominant unsaturated fatty acids, while palmitic acid (12.6%) and stearic acid (11.6%) were the major saturated acids. The iodine value of 92g/100g indicates that the seed oil is a non-drying type. The unsaponifiable fraction (1.0wt-%) whose composition was not investigated previously especially for the sterol fraction, the major sterol is β -sitosterol (68.7wt-%) and tocopherols (143ppm) show α - and γ -tocopherol as major components (26.5 and 73.5wt-%). The defatted cake is rich in proteins (25.5g/100 g), potassium, and fibers (Van Soest; NDL 60.1%, ADF 34.7% and ADL 7.4%).

This work is part of a study aiming at adding value to underused forest biomass. Next step will deal with anti-termite properties of *A. squamosa* cake.

Keywords: Non timber product, *Annona squamosa*, seed oil, defatted cake, chemical composition, Benin.

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Experimental TGA device for the determination of cellulose pyrolysis behaviour at elevated pressure

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Forestry lignocellulosic biomass is a major renewable energy source in the world. Carbon generated by Nature through photosynthesis process, could potentially be considered as a neutral energy carrier in term of the greenhouse gas emissions, if it is produced in assured through sustainable plantations use. Cellulose is the main component of biomass (50% in weight on a dry basis in average) and its conversion into high density energy carrier like charcoal, gives relatively low charcoal yield (< 15%).

The development of more efficient conversion technologies in terms of yield of charcoal is of primary importance for both developing countries than for industrialized countries. In the first case, the firewood and charcoal are the main sources of energy to the people. In the second case, the development of sustainable energy sources



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