

## Tapioca is trendy again! But what exactly is it?

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Lab intro event  
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- ✓ Tapioca's raw material is starch extracted from a tropical tuberous root crop, cassava native to South America.
- ✓ Cassava is consumed as a processed food, but it is also used to make biofuel. Easy to grow in poor soil, cassava is a crop that will help solve food and energy problems.

RIKEN CSRS's Plant Genomic Network Research Team, led by Dr. Motoaki Seki, works with research institutes within and outside Japan to create useful cassava plants that are resistant to environmental stresses and improve biomass quantitatively and qualitatively.



A cassava field in Vietnam

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