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Connel, J. J. 1990. Control of fish quality. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. London: Fishing News Books.

### **Chapter in Book**

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### **Proceedings/Seminars/Conferences**

Jinap, S. and Yusof, S. 1994. Development of juice from cocoa pulp. In Jinap, S., Bong, C. L., Tan, K. L. and Wan Rahimah, W. I. (Eds). Proceeding of the Malaysian International Conference, p. 351. Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Cocoa Board.

### **Internet**

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). July 2006. Food Safety Information: Microwave Ovens and Food Safety. Retrieved on August 24, 2014 from FSIS Website:

[www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Microwave\\_Ovens\\_and\\_Food\\_Safety.pdf](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Microwave_Ovens_and_Food_Safety.pdf)

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### **Report**

Lontoc, A. V. 1981. Existing food analytical methods and problems in the Philippines. Report of the ASEAN Workshop on Analytical Techniques. Singapore: ASEAN Subcommittee on Protein.

### **Thesis**

Yusep, I. 1997. The effect of fermentation and soaking times on pyrazines and acidity and concentration of Thai Forastero cocoa beans. Bangkok, Thailand: Kasertsart University, MSc thesis.

### **Patent**

Bell, A. G. 1876. U.S Patent No. 174, 465. Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

## Standards

Standards Australia. 1994. The storage and handling of corrosive substances (AS 3780—1994). Retrieved from <http://www.saiglobal.com>

## Miscellaneous

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