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## IJSG in Brief

The International Jute Study Group (IJSG) is an intergovernmental body set up under the aegis of UNCTAD to function as the International Commodity Body (ICB) for Jute, Kenaf and other Allied Fibres.

The IJSG formally entered into force on and from 27 April 2002 with the completion of the process of Definitive Acceptance/Acceptance by Governments of Bangladesh, India, Switzerland and the European Community representing its 27 member countries and hence the present number of member countries of the IJSG is 30.

The objectives of the Group are to provide an effective framework for international cooperation, consultation and policy development; to promote the expansion of international trade in jute and kenaf; to provide a forum for the active participation of the private sector in the development of the jute and kenaf sector; to address the issues of poverty alleviation, employment and development of human resources, particularly women in these sectors and to create and increase awareness of the beneficial effects of the use of jute and kenaf as environmentally friendly, renewable and biodegradable natural fibres.

## International Year of Natural Fibres (IYNF) – 2009

At the joint meeting of the Thirty-third Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Hard Fibres and the Thirty-fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres held on 17 December 2004 in Rome, Italy a suggestion was made to observe an International Year for Natural Fibres in order to raise the profile of the natural fibres in the world market. FAO keeps celebrating International Year for various commodities and issues e.g. International Year for Rice was observed in 2004 and International Year of Mountains in 2002.

In a FAO Conference held in November 2005 a resolution calling for 2009 to be declared the International Year of Natural Fibres was sent to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for its endorsement. The UN General Assembly has endorsed the resolution and declared 2009 as the International Year of Natural Fibres on 20 December 2006.



*Jute Field*



*Raw Jute*



*Jute Yarn*

The objectives of IYNF are

- To raise awareness and stimulate demand for natural fibres;
- To promote the efficiency and sustainability of the natural fibres industries;
- To encourage appropriate policy responses from governments to the problems faced by natural fibre industries;
- To foster an effective and enduring international partnership among the various natural fibres industries.

## Natural Fibres

Natural Fibres are Healthy, Sustainable and Renewable, Innovative and Modern, Biodegradable and Eco-friendly.

Natural fibres are cellulosic, protein and animal. Natural fibres include cotton, jute, kenaf, roselle, flax, ramie, hemp, sisal, henequen, wool, silk, abaca, coir, curaua, etc. About 30 million tonnes of natural fibres are produced annually in the world, of which cotton is dominant with 20 million tonnes, jute and wool each having around 2 to 3 million tonnes followed by a number of others.

## Jute, Kenaf & Roselle

Jute (*Corchorus capsularis* & *Corchorus olitorius*), Kenaf (*Hibiscus cannabinus*) and Roselle (*H. sabdariffa* var (*Altissima*)) are vegetable bast fibres next to cotton in importance. In the trade there are usually two names of jute, White and Tossa. *Corchorus capsularis* is called White Jute and *Corchorus olitorius* is called Tossa Jute. In India & Bangladesh Roselle is usually called Mesta. Jute fibres are finer and stronger than Mesta and are, therefore, better in quality. Depending on demand, price and climate, the annual production of jute and allied fibres in the world hovers around 3 million tonnes.



*Floor Covering*



*Jute Handicrafts*



*Jute Bag*

The fibre finds its use in the producing as well as in the consuming countries in the agricultural, industrial, commercial and domestic fields. Sacking and Hessians (Burlap) constitute the bulk of the manufactured products. Sacking is commonly used as packaging material for various agricultural commodities viz., rice, wheat, vegetables, corn, coffee beans etc. Sacking and Hessian Cloth are also used as packing materials in the cement and fertilizer manufacturing industries. Fine Hessian is used as carpet backing and often made into big bags for packaging other fibres viz. cotton and wool.

- Jute occupies the second place in economic importance only to cotton
- Millions of households in some countries depend on jute for cash earnings
- India, Bangladesh, Nepal, China and Myanmar account for 95% of global output of jute.
- Conventional jute and kenaf products are facing severe competition from synthetics.
- Diversification of jute/kenaf is essential for its survival.
- Jute/kenaf has potential in Technical applications
- Jute and kenaf employs millions of people and contributes to a greener planet.

## Strengths of Jute and kenaf

- High strength and modulus
- Low extensibility
- High abrasion resistance
- Good thermal stability
- Insulation against sound
- Anti-static property
- Surface morphology
- Biodegradability etc.



*Cushion Cover*



*Jute Geotextile*



*Automotive Parts*

# International Conference on Prospects of Jute and Kenaf as Natural Fibres:

The Secretariat of the International Jute Study Group (IJSG), Dhaka, Bangladesh is organizing a 2-day International Conference on "Prospects of Jute & Kenaf as Natural Fibres" in connection with the observance of the International Year of Natural Fibres (IYNF)-2009 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka on 08-09 February 2009 in consonance with UNGA declaration of 2009 as the International Year of Natural Fibres.

The initiative is expected to build an international framework for creating global awareness about usefulness and beneficial attributes of natural fibres like jute and kenaf along with positive impact on the society of the producing countries and providing economic security to a large number of people of those countries. It will help develop the jute sector that employs millions of people and provide socio-economic development opportunities.

It is anticipated that it will raise the profile of natural fibres, increase consumer awareness and strengthen demand for natural fibre products. Moreover, promotion of the use of natural fibres will enhance the environment.

This event will be a unique forum for jute and Kenaf related stakeholders to come together to discuss the international perspective and all other aspects of Agriculture and industry as well as to chart the way for long term sustainability, development and growth.

The Conference will be conducted in English. A number of papers on issues like jute agriculture, various aspects of kenaf, price of raw jute, diversification of jute products, application of jute geo-textiles, market promotion of jute products etc. will be presented in the Conference. It is expected that the Conference will be attended by policy makers, academics, representatives from R&D institutions, trade bodies and will provide a forum for interaction and exchange of ideas. There will also be an Exhibition of various jute products at the Conference Venue.



Footwear



Jute Nursery Pot



Paper from Jute

# International Conference on Prospects of Jute & Kenaf as Natural Fibres

08-09 February 2009 (Sunday & Monday)

Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre - Windy Town  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

## Tentative Programme

### 08 February 2009 (Sunday)

09:00 -10:00 am : Registration

#### *Inaugural Session* : Chairman:

10:00 -10:10 am : Welcome address by the Secretary General, IJSG

10:10 -10:15 am : Address by the Delegation of the European Union

10:15 -10:20 am : Address by the High Commissioner of India in Bangladesh

10:20 -10:30 am : Address by the Secretary, MOTJ, Government of Bangladesh (GoB)

10:30 -10:40 am : Address by the Guest of Honour (Amb. Ali Mchumo,  
Managing Director, CFC, Amsterdam)

10:40 -11:00 am : Address by the Chief Guest (Minister In-charge of MOTJ, GoB)

11:00 -11:10 am : Remarks by the Chairman

11:10 -11:30 am : Tea / Coffee

#### *Business Session I* : Jute - a Future Fibre

**Chairman:** Mr. K.R. Hasan, Chairman, Private Sector Consultative Board, IJSG

11:30 -12:00 pm : Global Jute Situation: Mr. Kamran T Rahman, Managing Director,  
Pubali Jute Mills Ltd., Dhaka

12:00 -12:30 pm : Prospects of Global Marketing of Jute & Jute Products:  
Mr. Dominic Pulera, Director, the Corex Group, UAE

12:30 -01:00 pm : Recent trend in the marketing of traditional jute products:  
Mr. Kajaria, Lagan Machinery, India

01:00 -02:00 pm : Lunch

**Business Session II : Jute and Kenaf – Significant Applications**

**Chairman:** Dr. A B M Abdullah, Executive Director, JDPC, Dhaka

- 02:00 -02:30 pm : Various Aspects of Kenaf: Prof. Jalal Uddin Harun, INTROP, Malaysia
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- 02:30 -03:00 pm : Diversification of Jute Products: Mr. Atri Bhattacharya, Secretary, JMDC, Kolkata
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- 03:00 -03:30 pm : Kenaf and Jute research and development: Status and prospects in China: Prof. Su Jianguang, Head of Kenaf & Jute Germplasm Division, IBFC, China
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- 03:30 -03:45 pm : Tea
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- 03:45 -04:15 pm : Evaluating the technical and non-technical potential of using jute and kenaf fibres/textiles as geotextiles and agrotextiles: Prof. R. J. Rickson, Cranfield University, UK
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- 04:15 -04:45 pm : Futuristic Approach for Technology and Product Development for Jute: Mr. Subimal Palit, Jute Textile Consultant, INDICON, India

**09 February 2009 (Monday)**

**Business Session III : Jute – Yield and Quality**

**Chairman:** Dr. Md. Firoze Shah Sikder, Director General, BJRI, Dhaka

- 10:00 -10:30 am : Opportunities and constraints in adopting technologies/methods/processes for increasing jute production: Dr. M.A. Sobhan, Jute Expert, Dhaka
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- 10:30 -11:00 am : Factors in jute fibre quality improvement: Dr. H.S. Sen, Ex-Director, CRIJAF, Kolkata
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- 11:00 -11:15 am : Tea

**Business Session IV : Jute price - its Impact**

**Chairman:** Mr. Sudripta Roy, Secretary General, IJSG

- 11:15 -11:45 am : Economics of jute cultivation in Bangladesh  
Dr. Uttam Deb, CPD
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- 11:45 -12:15 pm : Raw jute price stabilization mechanism in India:  
Mr. A. K. Khastagir, Project Manager, NCJD, India
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- 12:15 -12:30 pm : Vote of thanks by IJSG
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- 12:30 -01:00 pm : Concluding remarks by the Secretary General, IJSG
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- 01:00 -02:00 pm : Lunch

**Register online or at the Conference Centre**

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**Natural Environmental Protection**



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