

COIR FIBRE PROJECTS

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- Techno-economic manual
 - Fibre extraction
 - retting
 - green decortication
 - enzyme retting
 - Drying
 - Bleaching
 - Dyeing
 - Softening
 - Printing





- Building and packaging materials
 - CFC / FAO-IGG
 - PCA and FIDA, Philippines
- Bleaching and dyeing
 - Dutch Min. Econ. Affairs
 - TRIADE bv
 - Coir Board India and CCRI
- Geotextile applications
 HORMAN bv
- Horticultural applications
 - ENKEV, Biomundo



- Coir based building and packaging materials
 - whole husk processing
 - fibre opening
 - milling
 - steam explosion
 - extrusion
 - hot pressing
 - materials testing
 - techno-economic evaluation



- Coir bleaching and dyeing
 - chlorine free bleaching recipes
 - hydrogen peroxide
 - environmental safe dyeing processes
 - brilliant colour shades
 - light & wash fastness
 - cheap
 - effluent recovery systems



- Coir geotextile applications
 - ecologically safe
 - enhanced durability
 - good results in field trials
 - large applicability
 - serious interest by users
 - commercialisation stage



- Coir horticultural applications
 - plant pots and substrate mats
 - new durable and ecologically safe binders
 - fully biodegradable
 - pith growing medium
 - mineral (salt) content
 - microbial contamination





• Retting of coconut husks in backwaters of Kerala, India





• Coir yarn dyeing in a modern dyehouse





• Sun drying of dyed coir yarn





• Stencilling of coir mats





• Woven Coir carpets of various patterns





• Stencilled coir mats of various design.





• Coir yarn dyeing in a modern dyehouse





• Traditional coir dyeing in wood heated tubs.



Processing of Coir



• Hand spinning of coir yarn





• Cold peroxide bleaching of coir





• Effluent treatment in a modern dyehouse





• Coir husks at decortication plant





• Prototype coir dryer

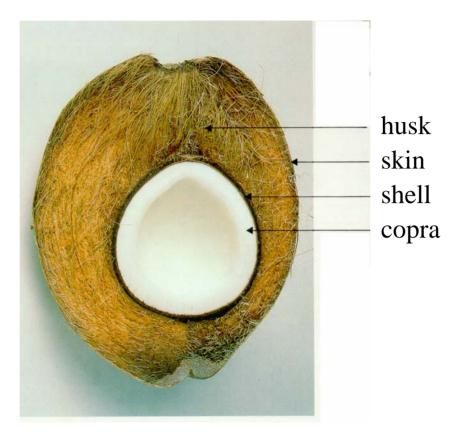




• Hot bleaching coir yarn



Coir fibre



• Cross section of coconut



- Drying technology
 - cheap and effective
 - 2 tons / hr
 - reducing moisture content from 50% to 15%
- Hot air drying
 - fluid bed
 - spouted, pneumatic or vrbrated bed drying
- Energy generation

