

Tropical Rainforest Resources

Read the information sheets in turn to find out about some rainforest raw materials and their products.

- Choose which of the raw materials on the red tray matches the description and image of its finished product on the card. Put it and its name tag on the question mark.
- When you are finished your adult can check your answers.
- Make sure you put the raw materials back on the red tray for the next group.



Clothing made from this natural fibre feels silky, light and soft. It is fast drying, anti-bacterial, absorbent and allows the body to breathe. The plant the fibre comes from is fast growing and doesn't require pesticides, so this product is also sustainable.







These nuts have to be collected from the wild as the trees only grow in undisturbed forests. Harvesting them helps native people live sustainably in the forest.





Products







An incredibly versatile product used to make boots, hoses, tubes, tyres, seals, flooring and playground surfaces. The liquid sap from which these are made is collected by making a diagonal cut on the bark of the tree.







This tree grows in the understory of the rainforest. Each pod contains 20-60 seeds. The drink made from the seeds has been popular for over 2000 years and has also been used as currency by native peoples.

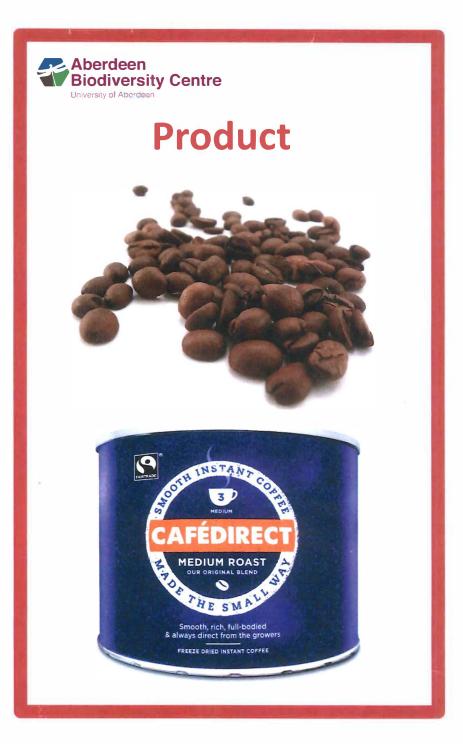






These seeds are often called beans although they are not. They are found in pairs within fruits called cherries or berries. When they are roasted they change colour.







Soft toys have traditionally been stuffed with a fluffy fibre called Kapok. These natural fibres are found in the seed pods of a tall "emergent" rainforest tree. The silky fibres help the tree disperse its small seeds.



