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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Timber and Timber Stores Sectional Committee had been approved by the Civil Engineering Division Council.

Despite the fact that cane resources reflect the national heritage in India, till recently they remained as one of the neglected non-wood forest products. However, over the past one and a half decades, a wealth of information has been generated on resource management and utilization due to the concerted efforts of the State Forest Departments and research institutions. Remarkable institutional support and contributions to conservation and sustainable development and utilization of cane resources, that merit wide recognition, are from the Karnataka Forest Department and Kerala Forest Research Institute. Rattan is a versatile material as it competes with other materials such as wood, plastics and metals. Because of its unique aesthetic beauty, high strength to weight ratio, durability, ease in workability, pliability, biodegradability and natural renewability, it is recognized as the most valuable traditional material of small-scale furniture and handicraft industries which provide livelihood to the poor and village communities in the country.

For the purpose of this standard, three Indian zones have been recognized in view of natural occurrence of rattans in three distinct regions. They include: (a) North, East and North-eastern states, (b) Western Ghats (Southern India), and (c) Andaman and Nicobar islands.

The local names of rattans vary not only according to linguistic regions, which are far too numerous themselves, but even within one linguistic region there are dialectal variations, resulting in difficulty in standardization due to considerable variation even in the pronunciation. In the preparation of this standard, the usage adopted by Kerala Forest Research institute has been followed and the classification is alphabetically arranged according to the botanical names revised particularly in the light of publications of the Kerala Forest Research Institute, Karnataka Forest Department and the Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata. Vernacular names are given for easy reference by the regional communities/traders.

Indian Standard

CLASSIFICATION OF INDIAN CANES AND THEIR ZONAL DISTRIBUTION

1 SCOPE

This standard details the zonal distribution (natural occurrence) of common Indian rattans, classified according to their various uses and gives information of the diameter and strength classes as well as the average basic specific gravity (on green volume to oven dry weight basis).

This standard provides a proforma for general classification and nomenclature of commercial rattan species in a country, with information about the source of supply/distribution, properties and potential end-uses. The important rattan genera are Calamus, Ceratolobos, Daemonorops, Korthalsia, Myrilalepis, Plectocomia and Plectocomiopsis.

2 REFERENCE

The standard listed below contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitutes provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreement based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard given below:

IS No.

Title

707:1976

Glossary of terms applicable to timber technology and utilization (second revision)

3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

When a country has distinctly different agroclimatic zones with restricted occurrence of species, zonal distribution will be included in the national classification system.

4 TERMINOLOGY

For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in IS 707 and the following shall apply.

- **4.1 Bleached Rattan** Cane which has been lightened in colour by bleaching agents to improve surface brightness.
- **4.2** Cane A general term of convenience for any piece or stem of round rattan.
- **4.3 Defect** An abnormality or irregularity in cane which lowers its technical quality or commercial value by decreasing strength or adversely affecting

its appearance and use.

4.4 Flat/Oval Core — Flat or oval shaped material, width ranging from 2 to 10 mm, obtained from inner part (core) of the cane by peeling and splitting. This is normally used for weaving and binding (see Fig. 1).

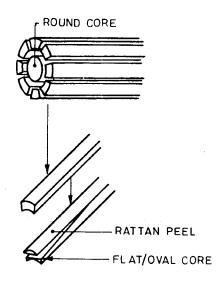


FIG. 1 THE RESULTANT RATTAN DERIVATIVES

- 4.5 Fumigated Rattan Cane which has been exposed to sulphur fumes for improvement of surface appearance.
- **4.6 Internode** The region between nodes of a stem (see Fig. 2).

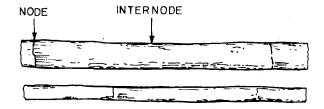


Fig. 2 Cane Showing Nodes and Internodes

- **4.7 Lustrous Cane** Cane in which the surface is bright and exhibits sheen or glossiness.
- **4.8 Mature Cane** Rattan stem which has attained full structural development, and does not show any deformation or fracture during drying and bending.
- 4.9 Node The thickened part of the stem at which leaves are attached in juvenile phase of growth.

- 4.10 Oil-Cured Rattan Cane which has been cured in hot oil media in green condition to impart desired surface colour/appearance and prevent biological degradation.
- 4.11 Rattan A collective term for the climbing members of a large group or Lepidocaryoid palms (sub family: Calamoideae).
- 4.12 Rattan Derivatives Products or parts of cane resulting from rattan conversion (splitting/ peeling).
- 4.13 Rattan Peel Flat or semi-circular material. the width ranging from 2 to 10 mm obtained from the peripheral portion of the cane including the skin; normally used for weaving and binding.
- 4.14 Rattan Pole Round rattan of convenient length.
- 4.15 Round Core Round material, consisting of central part (core) of rattan stem with diameters ranging from 2 to 10 mm, obtained by peeling and splitting; normally used for weaving and binding.
- 4.16 Round Rods See scraped poles.
- 4.17 Scraped Poles Poles from which rattan skin has been removed either by scraping or by a round-rod making machine.
- 4.18 Seasoned Rattan Cane whose moisture content has been reduced to the specified minimum under more or less controlled process of drying.
- 4.19 Treated Rattan Cane which has been treated with chemicals to prevent biological degradation.
- 4.20 Unsplit Rattan Round cane, scraped or unscraped, but without being subjected to peeling or splitting.

5 USES

The uses are classified under the following categories:

- a) Furniture frames;
- b) Furniture seats/backs;
- c) Walking sticks, umbrella handles, sports goods, etc;
- d) Handicraft and novelty items; and
- e) Baskets.

6 ZONES

a) North, East and North-eastern states,

- b) Western Ghats (Southern India), and
- c) Andaman and Nicobar islands.

7 METHOD OF CLASSIFICATION

Following criteria have been adopted in this model for evaluating the quality of the rattan:

7.1 Diameter Class

Based on the diameter in the small end, following standard diameter classes are followed:

- a) Large diameter rattan: Unsplit cane measuring from 18 mm to 40 mm (or above).
- b) Small diameter rattan: Unsplit cane measuring below 18 mm.

7.2 Strength Class

Based on the strength values obtained in mechanical testing, unsplit rattans are classified as follows:

Class I (Strong to very strong)

: Static bending-modulus of rupture (MOR) and/

or tensile strengthultimate tensile stress (UTS) above 70 N/mm²

Class II (Moderately: MOR or UTS 45-70

strong)

 N/mm^2

Class III (Weak) : MOR or UTS below

45 N/mm²

7.3 End-Use Class

Following five categories of end-uses are recognized for assessing utilization potential of a particular grade.

- a) Furniture frames;
- b) Furniture seat/backs;
- Walking stricks, umbrella handles, sports goods, etc;
- Handicrafts/novelty items; and
- e) Baskets.

7.4 Classification

The listing of species suitable for each category of end-use given in 4 will include botanical name, standard trade name, distribution (source), diameter class, specific gravity and strength classes. The classification of Indian species is given in Table 1.

 Table 1 Classification of Indian Rattans According to Their Properties and End Uses

 (Clause 7.4)

Botanical Name	Vernacular/Trade Name	Distribution	Diameter Class	Average Basic Specific Gravity	Strengtl Class
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
a) Furniture Frames (in U	nsplit/Split Forms)				
Calamus acanthospathus Grit	ff. Gouri beth (Hin)	a	Large		_
C.andamanicus Kurz.	Moth beth (Hin)	С	Large	0.446	II
C.dransfieldii Renuka		b	Large	0.443	
C.gamblei Becc.	Hasiru beth (Kan) Pachachural (Mal), Ponchural (Tam)	b	Large	0.599	I
C.hookerianus Becc.	Vallichural (Mal) Kakkachural, Vanthal (Mal); Nagathali (Tam)	b	Large	0.444	II
C.inerinis T. Anders	_	a	Large		
C.karnatakensis Renuka and Lakshmana		b	Large	0.459	11
C:khasianus Becc.	_	a	Large	_	~
C.longisetus Griff.	_	c	Large	0.468	l
C.nagbettai Fer.et Dey	Nagabetha (Kan)	b	Large	0.410	I
C.thwaitesii Becc.	Handi betha (Kan); Pannichural, Thadiyanchural (Mal) Perappanakku (Tam)	b	Large	0.498	II
Dacmonorops jenkinsiana (Griff.) Mart.	Golak beth, Cheka beth, Dudhia beth, Dangri beth, Golla beth (Hin)	a	Large	0.400	I
D.kurziana Becc.		c	Large	0.468	I
o) Chair Seats/backs (in U	nsplit Form/Peelings)				
C.brandissi Becc.	Vanthal (Tam)	b	Small	0.499	_
C.guruba Buch. Ham.	Jati beth (Hin)	a	Small		
C.lakshumanac Renuka	Halu beth (Kan)	b	Small	0.462	_
C.latifolius Roxb.	Pekhri beth (Hin)	a	Small		_
C.leptospadix Griff.	Dangri beth. Rab beth Mugri beth, Rani beth (Hin)	а	Small	0.469	· II
C.pseudorivalis Becc.	Safed beth (Hin)	c	Small	0.581	I
C.pseudotenuis Becc.	Perumperambu (Tam)	b	Small	0.463	11
C.rotang Linn.	_	ь	Small	0.466	II
C.stoloniferus Renuka	Jeddu betha (Kan)	·b	Small	0.455	
C.tenuis Roxb.	Pani beth (Hin)	a	Small	<u></u>	
C.travancoricus Bedd.	_	ь	Small	0.486	П
C.viminalis Willd.var. Fasciculatus (Griff.)	Hasali beth Kiring beth (Hin)	a, c	Small	0.474	П
C.vattayila Renuka	Vattayila, Ottaman (Mal)	ь	Small	0.533	_

Table 1 (Continued)

Botanical Name	Vernacular/Trade Name	Distribution	Diameter Class	Average Basic Specific Gravity	Strength Class
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
c) Walking Sticks, Umbrell	a Handles, Sports Goods,	etc			
C.dransfieldii Renuka		b	Large	0.433	. <u>-</u>
C.gamblei Becc.	Hasiru beth (Kan); Pachachural, Ponchural (Tam)	b	Large	0.599	1
C.hookerianus Becc.	Vallichural, Kakkachural, Vanthal (Mal); Nagathali (Tam)	ь	Large	0.444	П
C.karnatakensis Renuka and Lakshmana	_	ь	Large	0.459	II
C.latifolius	Pekhri beth (Hin)	a	_	_	
C.longisetus Griff		c	Large	0.468	I
C.nagbettai Fer.et Dey	Nagabetha (Kan)	b	Large	0.410	I
C.pseudorivalis Becc.	Safed beth (Hin)	c	Small	0.581	1
C.pseudotenuis Becc.	Perumperambu (Tam)	b	Small	0.463	II
C.unifarius Wendl.		c	Small	0.397	11
Korthalsia laciniosa Griff.	Lal beth (Hin)	c	Small	0.461	П
K.rogersii Becc.		c	Small	0.448	II
C.stoloniferus Renuka	Jeddu betha (kan)	b	Small	0.455	
C.thwaitesii Becc.	Handi betha (Kan); Pannichural, Thadiyanchural, Anachural, Vandichural (Mal); Thadiperambu, Perappanakku (Tam)	ь	Large	0.498	ll
C.tenuis Roxb.	Paru beth (Hin)	a	Small	_	_
C.vattayila Renuka	Vattayila, Otytaman (Mal)	a	Small	0.533	_
C.viminalis	Hosali beth (Hin)	a and b	Small	0.474	H
d) Handicraft/Novelty Items	(in Unsplit/Flat and Ova	l Core/Peelings)		
C.brandisii Becc.	Vanthal (Tam)	b	Small	0.499	
C.dransfieldii Renuka	-	b	Large	0.443	.—
C.gamblei Becc.	Hasiru betha (Kan); Pachachural, Ponchural (Tam)	b	Large	0.599	1
C.gracilis Roxb.		a	Small	0.549	
C.hookerianus Becc.	Vallichural, Kakkachural, Vanthal (Mal); Nagathali (Tam)	ь	Small	0.444	11
C.karnatakensis					
Renuka & Lakshmana	-	b	Large	0.459	11
C.lakshmanae Renuka	Halu betha (Kan)		Small	0.462	
C.longisetus Griff.		c	Large	0.468	I
C.nagbettai Fer.et Dey	Nagabetha (Kan)	b	Large	0.410	I

Table 1 (Concluded)

Botanical Name	Vernacular/Trade Name	Distribution	Diameter Class	Average Basic Specific Gravity	Strength Class
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
C.pseudotenuis Becc.	Perumperambu (Tam)	b	Small	0.463	II
C.rotang Linn.	_	b	Small	0.466	П
Korthalsia laciniosa Mart.	Lal beth (Hin)	c	Small	0.461	11
K.rogersii Becc.	Materia de	c	Small	0.448	П
C.stoloniferus Renuka	Jeddu betha (Kan)	b	Small	0.455	
C.thwaitesii Becc.	Handi betha (Kan); Pannichural (Mal), Thadiperambu (Tam)	ь	Large	0.498	11
C.travancoricus Bedd.		b	Small	0.486	П
C.vattayila Renuka	Vattayila, Ottaman (Mal)	b	Small	0.533	
e) Baskets (in Unsplit Forr	n/Flat and Oval Core/Peeli	ings)			
C.brandisii Becc.	Vanthal (Tam)	b	Small	0.499	
C.erectus Roxb.	_	a	Large	0.360	III
C.floribundus Mart.					
Var.depauperatus Becc.	Moksoma kyein (Kan)	a	Small	0.337	
C. gracilis Roxb.	_	a	Small	0.549	
C.hookerianus Becc.	Vallichural, Kakkachural, Vanthal (Mal); Nagathali (Tam)		Large	0.444	П
C.karnatakensis Renuka and Lakshmana		ъ	Large	0.459	11
C.kingianus Becc.		a	Small	0.313	
C.lacciferus					
Lakshmana & Renuka	Neeru betha (Kan)	b	Large	0.356	Ш
C.lakshmanae Renuka	Halu betha (Kan)	b	Small	0.462	
C.leptospadix Griff.	Dhangri beth, Rabi beth Mugri beth, Rani beth (Hin)	a	Small	0.469	П
C.metzianus Schlecht	Odiyanchural (Mal)	ь	Small	0.252	Ш
C:palustris Griff.		ь	Small	0.399	111
C.pseudotenuis Becc.	Perumperambu (Tam)	b	Small	0.463	Щ
C.stoloniferus Renuka	Jeddu betha (Kan)	b	Small	0.455	
C.unifarius Wendl.		c	Small	0.397	II
C.vattayila Renuka	Vattayila (Mal)	ь	Small	0.533	
Daemonorops jenkinsiana (Griff.) Mar	Golak beth, Cheka beth Dudhia beth, Dangri beth. Golla beth (Hin)	a	Large	0.400	Ĭ
Plectocomia himalayana Griff.	Tehri beth, Runul beth, Rano beth (Hin)	a	Large	0.415	11
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- 1 Hin Hindi; Kan Kannada; Mal Malayalam, Tam Tamil.
- 2 a North, East and North-eastern states.
 - $b-Western\ Ghats$ (Southern India).
 - c Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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