

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments, Bangladesh

1. Capacity building				
<i>a) Technical assistance provided by experts to Bangladesh</i>				
Expert	Dates	Purpose		
R.R.A. Peries	July 1994	Assess R & D capability, assist national programme identify common problems, opportunities and projects for network collaboration		
Gerardo Santos	December 1998	Resource person for Farmers' Participatory Research on Coconut Diversity Training Workshop in Dhaka, Bangladesh		
Vo Van Long	May - June 2000	Assist in the installation of equipment for feasibility studies		
Nguyen Thi Le Thuy	10 – 14 Apr 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based Candy		
Rajamanthri Gunatilaka	8 – 19 Oct 2004	Training course for the Production of Coconut Shell Handicrafts in Bangladesh		
Malini Ranatunge and P.K. Ruwan Indika	8 - 10 November 2004	Training course for the Production of Coconut Virgin Oil and Bakery Products in Bangladesh		
<i>b) Training courses conducted in Bangladesh</i>				
Schedule	Course/Training Activities	Venue/Host	No. Trainees/ Countries	Funding Agency
8-10 December 1998	Farmer participatory Research on Coconut Diversity (In-Country)	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Bangladesh	8/1	IFAD
12 – 14 April 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based Candy	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Bangladesh	18/1	ADB
8 – 19 Oct 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute,	12/1	ADB

	Coconut Shell-based Handicrafts	Bangladesh		
8 -10 Nov 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based Bakery Products and Coconut Virgin Oil	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Bangladesh	12/1	ADB
<i>c) Local researchers trained</i>				
Name	Dates, Country	Training Course		
Md Shafiqul Islam	17 – 28 Jun 1996, Sri Lanka	Regional STANTECH Course for South Asia		
Manomohan Biswas	Ditto	Ditto		
Md. Abdus Shukur	16 – 20 Mar 1998, Philippines	Farmer Participatory Research on Coconut Diversity (Asia)		
Md. Amjad Hossain	8 – 10 Dec 1998, Bangladesh	Farmer Participatory Research on Coconut Diversity (In-Country)		
Md. Nazirul Islam	Ditto	Ditto		
Md. Nazrul islam	Ditto	Ditto		
Ferdouse Islam Ive	Ditto	Ditto		
Munshi Rashid Ahmed	Ditto	Ditto		
Md. Sayedur Rahman	Ditto	Ditto		
Md. Zashim Uddin	Ditto	Ditto		
Md. Azizur Rahman Ripon	Ditto	Ditto		
Md Nazirul	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Technical Writing/Seminar Presentation and Proposal		

Islam	1999, Philippines	Writing Course
Md Nazirul Islam	6 – 10 Sep 1999, Philippines	Coconut Data Analysis Training Course
Safiul Alam Bhuiyan	9 – 14 Oct 2000, Philippines	Hands-On Embryo Culture Training Course
Md Syaraf Uddin	October 2000 – October 2001, Philippines	MSc PGR scholarship
Md Syaraf Uddin	2 – 7 Apr 2001, Philippines	Coconut STANTECH Training Course
Md Nazrul Islam	October 2002 – October 2004, Philippines	PhD PGR scholarship
18 persons trained	12 – 14 April 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based Candy
12 persons trained	8 – 19 Oct 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based Coconut Shell-based Handicrafts
12 persons trained	8 -10 Nov 2004	Training Course on Producing Coconut-based Bakery Products and Coconut Virgin Oil

2. BIOVERSITY-COGENT projects in Bangladesh

Project Title	Host Institute	Budget/ Funding Agency (US\$)	Budget/ National Funding (US\$)
a) Collecting, characterization and conservation of coconut germplasm in Bangladesh	Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI)	13,000/ADB	6,500
b) Promotion and conservation of coconut varieties for young tender nuts	Ditto	19,900/IFAD	10,000
c) Supply of Computer, Printer, Softwares and Peripherals	Ditto	3,200/ADB	-
d) Returning information on coconut diversity to farmers and	Ditto	1,000/IFAD	500

communities			
e) Study on the deployment of coconut diversity	Ditto	1,000/IFAD	500
f) Establishing a framework and selecting project sites for nationwide deployment of coconut-based poverty reduction interventions in coconut growing communities using COGENT's 3-pronged strategy in Bangladesh	Ditto	1,500/DFID	750
g) Feasibility studies on the production and marketing of products from coconut husks	Banchte Shekha	2,000/IFAD	1,000
h) Adoption of COGENT Upgraded Coconut Embryo Culture Protocol in BARI	BARI	1,500/DFID	750
i) Developing Sustainable Coconut Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Bangladesh (Year 1)	Ditto	14,580/ADB	6,170
j) Farmer Participatory Characterization of Coconut Varieties in 3 Poverty Reduction Project Sites in Bangladesh	Ditto	1,000/DFID	500
k) Developing Sustainable Coconut Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Bangladesh (Year 2)	Ditto	20,000/ADB	6,550
l) Developing Sustainable Coconut Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Bangladesh (Year 3)	Ditto	2,866/ADB	3,550
m) Case study and documentation of achievements and resource enhancement of Bandabila Coconut Community: "Best coconut community within country (Bangladesh)"	Bandabila Coconut Community (BCC)	1,000/DFID	-
n) Documentation of best coconut	Mr Md Mizanur	500/DFID	-

community achievements and success stories (Bandabila Coconut Community)	Rahman, Community Coordinator Bandabila Coconut Community		
o) Documentation of success story for the production of high value coconut-based products (Bangladesh)	Mrs Zohora Begum	250/DFID	-
p) Documentation of success story: Intercropping (Bangladesh)	Ms Sakina Begum	250/DFID	-
q) Documentation of success story: Livestock production (Bangladesh)	Ms Anowara Begum Jamira Coconut Community	250/DFID	-
Total		83,796	36,770

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