

positive and negative environmental impacts associated with

## rayon, viscose and acetate

Manmade (regenerated) fibers such as rayon, viscose and acetate are derived from wood pulp.

+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• renewable (purified wood pulp) resource</li><li>• reusable and biodegradable</li></ul>
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no local sources available</li><li>• wood grown intensively in inappropriate areas can cause soil degradation and erosion</li><li>• can generate highly-polluting air and water emissions</li><li>• can use catalytic agents containing cobalt or manganese</li><li>• processing causes strong, unpleasant odour</li></ul>