**Name**: Inavol Rungus Kudat (Kudat Rungus Inavol Weaving)

**Country**: Malaysia

**Date of registration**: 14/09/2015

**Main characteristics/features**

*Inavol* means 'weaving' in the language of the Rungus community in Kudat, Sabah. The art of weaving is part of their heritage and the quality of every *Inavol* item will be judged based on the neatness and compactness of each thread, as well as the choice of motif in the weaving. The pattern and motif in the weaving are inspired by the Rungus’ cultural myths, daily lives and nature.

**Geographical area**

*Inavol* items are produced by the women of the Rungus community who live around the district of Kudat, particularly in the sub-districts of Mutanggong, Kampung Radtak, Kampung Mompilis, Kampung Pinavantai and Kampung Pinodsuon.

**Production/processing**

*Inavol* weavers generally examine every aspect of their woven products. These products are classified into 4 categories: Banat, Tondu, Badu, Tapi and Sandai. The art of Mangavol (weaving) begins with totok, or wrapping thread around the *tiaang* (beam). The *Inavol* weaver requires patience and a high level of creativity in making the selection and connection between the coloured threads, arrangement of the implements and order of the colours, as well as the pattern, so that the final product will be attractive, unique and of high quality.

**Link between product and territory**

*Inavol* weaving has not only become a part of the traditional dress but also a heritage symbol of the Rungus community. Nowadays, *Inavol* products, in addition to being worn at Rungus traditional events, have also become unique, attractive souvenirs for non-Rungus society. In the past, weaving utilised *gapas* (cotton) thread or *salunda* threads from a type of fruiting plant that grows abundantly in Matunggong, Kudat. Nowadays, thread may be obtained in the district of Kudat.

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**Competent authority**

Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO)

**GI rights holder/GI association**

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