

Non-Timber Forest Products

INTRODUCTION

- Non-wood forest products consist of goods of biological origin other than wood, derived from forests, other wooded land and trees outside forests.

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Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) or Non-wood forest products (NWFPs) are any product or service other than timber that is produced in forests.

- Several million households world-wide depend heavily on NWFP for subsistence and/or income.
- Some 80 percent of the population of the developing world use NWFP for health and nutritional needs.

- Women from poor households are generally those who rely more on NWFP for household use and income.
- At a local level, NWFP also provide raw materials for large scale industrial processing.
- FAO estimates that globally, NWFPs generated US\$88 billion (₹7.2 Lakh crore) in 2011.
- 76 million tonnes of food from the forest were consumed on average in 2011.
- 1 billion people are thought to depend on wild foods.
- 80 percent of the population of developing countries rely on traditional medicines, mostly plant drugs, for primary health care.

- At present, at least 150 NWFP are significant in terms of international trade, including;
 1. Natural gums and resins, gums-resins and oleoresins
 2. Natural cork
 3. Wild edible products
 4. Parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, and grasses, mosses and lichens, suitable for ornamental purposes.
- The NTFPs in particular includes;
- include fruits and nuts, vegetables, fish and game, medicinal plants, resins, essences and a range of barks and fibres such as bamboo, rattans, and a host of other palms and grasses.

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2. Vegetables
3. Fish
4. Game
5. Medicinal plants
6. Resins
7. Barks
8. Fibres such as bamboo and rattans
9. Palms and grasses