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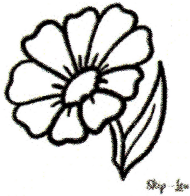
Basic rules for sustainable collection of Non-Wood Forrest Products (NWFP)



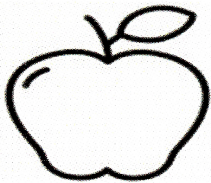
ROOTS - Collection should take place in the dormant period of the plant, when they have accumulated substances that will serve to start the vegetation. Harvesting takes place in autumn and winter (not in frost or when the ground is covered with snow). **In case of collection of roots or tubers, 80% of all plants in the collection area should be left.**



LEAVES – Collection should take place immediately after flowering or at the time when the plant is ready to bloom. **In the case of leaf collection, 30% of the plant leaves should be left on the plant.**



FLOWERS – Collection should be done as soon as they have bloomed or before they bloom completely. The collection is preferably done in the morning, in dry weather, when the dew has disappeared. **In the case of flower collection, 30% of the flowers of each plant and 20% of all plants should not be affected**



FRUITS – Collection should be done when they are as ripe as possible. **When fruits are harvested, 20% should be left for renewal.**

Collection of the parts of the plant, such as leaves, fruits, flowers, seeds, etc. care must be taken not to damage the plant from which these plant parts are obtained.

For collection use hand tools and other such as bags, packages, baskets cleaned with tools and methods according to the requirements of the organic standard (water, brooms and cloths but without use of chemicals).

After harvesting, the plant or parts of the plant should be stored in a warehouse / place without moisture, dirt or dust and protected from the entry of insects, rodents, birds and other animals. They should never be left in open places or near animal huts.