



COLLECTGION OF NON-CULTIVATED MATERIALS OF PLANT ORIGIN/ FOREST PRODUCTS

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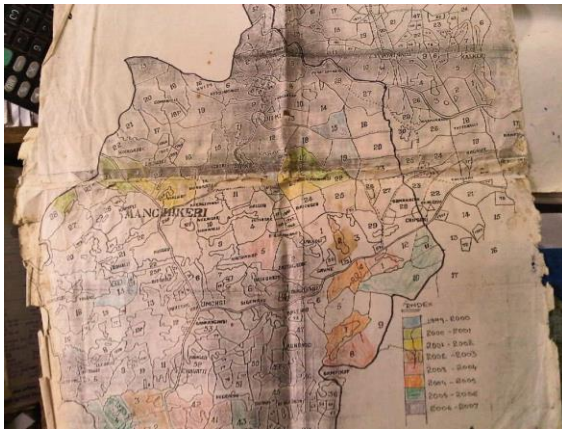


3.1.13. Collection of non-cultivated material of plant origin / forest produces.

- i. **Wild plants and their parts collected from natural forests can be certified organic if the collection areas haven't been treated with unauthorized substances.**
- ii. **If cultivation occurs in forest areas, organic farming procedures must be followed.**

Collection within sustainable level in authorized area.

Monograph on Nutritional Assessment of Tribals in Western Ghat Region



Map of the designated area authorized by Forest Dept.

iii. The organic gathering of minor forest products must adhere to applicable State/UT regulations and should not surpass sustainable yield limits to safeguard the local ecosystem.

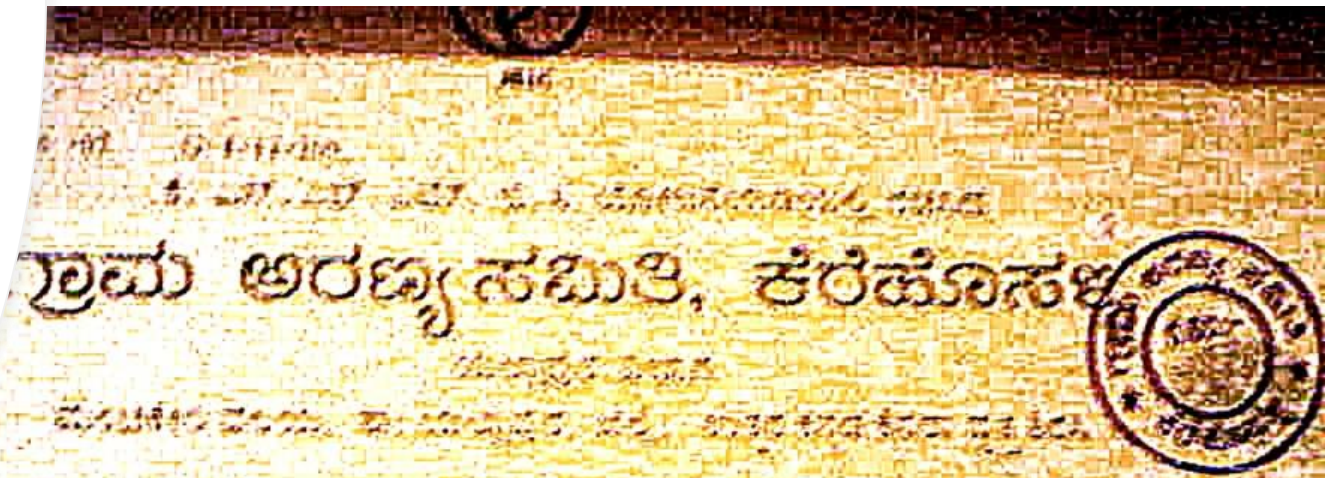
- *(Create a monograph detailing the plant species collected, including sustainable harvest levels)*

iv. Collection methods should promote the preservation of natural habitats, ensuring the sustainability of ecosystems, and must be restricted to specifically designated collection areas.

- *(The map of designated collection area must be authorized by the Forest Dept.)*

Training Tribals on sustainable collection procedures. Permit issued by forest Dept.

- v. **Wild-harvested products can be certified organic only if they come from a stable, sustainable environment where harvesting doesn't exceed the ecosystem's capacity or endanger species.** *(Photo on top shows tribal forest produce collectors being trained on sustainable collection methods.)*
- vi. **Certification also requires collection from a designated and mapped area authorized by the relevant forest or state department and subject to inspection.**
- vii. **Collectors must have the necessary permits for collection and transportation.** *(Photo shows a copy of the permit issued by forest department to the tribals to carry minor produce outside the range)*



Verification of requirements by the CB.

viii. The Certification Body shall verify the permission letter of the forest department for the product and yield permitted for collection. Further, an approved map of the forest department, clearly depicting the collection area should be available with the Operator and verified by the Certification Body, before certifying for wild collection.

ix The collection area shall be at an appropriate distance from conventional farming so as to rule out pollution and contamination. (*The CB in their policy will fix up the distance from cultivating areas, potentially polluting roads and other areas to the collection area. That must be followed by the operator.*)

x. The producer managing the harvesting or gathering of the products shall be clearly identified and be familiar with the collecting area in question

SOME FOREST PRODUCE EXAMPLES

- **Soap Nut: Organic detergent.**
- **Bay Leaf: For culinary use.**
- **Garcinia gambojia: For Health (Slimming)**
- **Annota: Used in medicinal field.**



The End

