

Nepal's conservation policy options for commercial medicinal plant harvesting: stakeholder views

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Appendix

Data collected and generic questionnaire (some questions were omitted when administering the questionnaire to certain groups, e.g. question 1.9 was only put to collectors)

1. Personal data

- 1.1 Occupation
- 1.2 Years in that occupation
- 1.3 Previous occupations
- 1.4 Age
- 1.5 Sex
- 1.6 Home District
- 1.7 Organization
- 1.9 Years of collection experience
- 1.10 Primary income earning activity

2. Medicinal plant resources and benefits

- 2.1 Is collection of medicinal plants important to the national economy of Nepal / collectors livelihoods?
- 2.2 What are the benefits of medicinal plants?
- 2.3 Are medicinal plant resources being degraded?
- 2.4 What can be done to maintain medicinal plant resources?

3. Collection and management of medicinal plants

- 3.1 How would you describe the medicinal plant collectors?
- 3.2 Whose responsibility is it to maintain medicinal plant resources?
- 3.3 Is medicinal plant collection open to all or only to some people?
- 3.4 Could collection areas/ alpine meadows be handed over to communities for management of medicinal plants under the Community Forestry legislation?
- 3.5 Are NGOs involved in management of medicinal plants in this district/area/in general? What is their role?

4. Legal regulation of collection

- 4.1 Do you think that a ban on collection of species is a good way to maintain the resource?
- 4.2 What do you think the purpose of allocating collection permits is?
- 4.3 Does it work?
- 4.4 What do you think the purpose of collecting royalty is?
- 4.5 Can you influence how the district forest office staff manages rules relating to medicinal plants?
- 4.6 Can you influence whether collectors follow the official rules?
- 4.7 Do you think banned species are collected?
- 4.8 Can you do anything to change the rules and regulations/do you have any influence on the formation of rules?
- 4.9 Who are involved in the formation of policies and rules relating to medicinal plants?

5. Biodiversity and jaributi resource

- 5.1 How would you define biodiversity?
- 5.2 Are medicinal plant species important to Nepal's biodiversity?
- 5.3 Is it possible to collect medicinal plants and conserve biodiversity at the same time?

- 5.4 If a choice must be made between collection of medicinal plants for income generation by rural collectors and conservation of biodiversity in a case where collection is certain to degrade the resource, it is vital to collectors' livelihoods, and strict government control is possible, which of the two would you choose?
- 5.5 Do you think Nepalese medicinal plant resources is a matter of concern for international conventions such as the Convention on Biological Diversity?

6. Trade

- 6.1 From where do you buy medicinal plants?
- 6.2 Where do you sell them?
- 6.3 Do you buy/sell the same amount/products as formerly?