

REVIEW

Resource Assessment of Non-Wood Forest Products, Experience and Biometric Principles, by Jennifer LG. Wong, Kirsti Thornber and Nell Baker, published by FAO, Rome, 109 pages with many figures and Tables. Price US\$ 18.

Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs) occupy a very important position as far as benefits from forest areas are concerned. In developing countries a large chunk of population still depends on these NWFPs for meeting their day-to-day needs. However, no accurate information is available on the availability and potential of these resources in most of the areas. The multitude and variety of NWFPs and the multiplicity of interests and disciplines makes it a difficult task.

This publication gives a detailed description of the range and approaches so far used and developed for resource inventory, their biometric accuracy, selection of appropriate biometric methods as also useful information on the design and selection of appropriate methods of resource quantification in different situations and for different products. It also reviews the potential contribution of non-quantitative approaches to biometric assessment. The relevance and application of biometrics in designing inventory, planning needs for data analysis and presentation have also been explained in detail. The case studies presented from different regions of the globe have made this publication more interesting and useful to the researchers, foresters, field botanists, and natural resources managers who are dealing with sustainable forest management.

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