

NWPF European non-wood forest products (NWFPs) network

COST Action FP1203

WG2 – Tree products



Working Group 2: Tree products (WG2)



This group will work on the Action planned research Tasks 1 to 4 focusing on NWFPs from trees (e.g. bark, nuts, resin, etc.). WG2 will select which NWFPs of this type will be the focus of the work to be carried out, taking into account their importance in the European context. Focus should be given to potential new uses of existing tree NWFPs as well as new processes of production/extraction and new products.

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Deliverables

- a review of the state of the art and identification of knowledge gaps of European NWFPs from trees which shall be either a book chapter, a report or published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal
- Such publication shall highlight major findings on their ecology, modelling, management, economics, marketing and policies
- Focus will be given to existing European innovative case studies



Achievements in WP2 meeting

1. Selected a Vice-leader: Jiri Kadlec, Czech Republic
2. Working plan (till end of December):
 - Brief “country reports” (deadline: Sept 30), containing a list of the non-wood tree-products relevant in the country
 - Characterization of each product by a series of “indicators”
 - Selection of a minimal list of products that will be object of in-depth study within the tasks
3. STSM focused on the preparation of a report covering these points (September+October)



Achievements in WP2 meeting

1. Future working plan (possible themes)
 - Production systems (including method of extraction)
 - Use and value addition of the products (including innovation)
 - Impact on the ecosystem
 - Standardization (quality, certification)



Indicators to characterize each product

1. Economic importance at the regional/national level
2. Economic importance for the landowner
3. Production (quantity)
4. Social relevance (employment, etc)
5. Cultural relevance
6. Other relevant issues (e.g. level of domestication, identification of relevant innovative case studies)
7. Relevant literature



Additional characterization of the products

- List of potential innovative tree-products
- Ranking according to the judgement of the responsible for the report
- Important to indicate data sources and their reliability used to evaluate the indicators



Further topics for discussion in plenary

- **Definition of non-wood tree product (e.g. forestry product vs agro-forestry/horticulture product)**
- Details for data bases must be first discussed in the plenary
- Importance of innovative case studies (either successful or not)
- Training schools – we see them more at the task course level



List of products (to be completed)

- Chestnuts
- Berries (from the tree)
- Kernel (stone pine nuts)
- Cherries
- Walnuts
- Pine nuts
- Acorns
- Tanins
- Syrop
- Certified forest reproductive material
- Medicinal products
- Fodder
- Roots
- Semi-flowering parasites
- Tree ornamental material
- Tree flowers
- Cork
- Bark
- Gums
- Resin
- Oils (extractives)
- Valoria
- Liquens



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