

Non-Timber Forest Produce of North East India

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ABSTRACT This paper analyses the status of diversity, conservation and management, collection and harvest, processing, pricing and marketing of non-timber forest produce (NTFP) of north east India. The study reveals that the region is extremely rich in NTFPs, rural people are heavily dependent on the NTFPs for their subsistence, livelihood; the management practices are traditional, the collection and harvest methods are not sustainable, processing and value addition faculties are generally nonexistent and a large share of benefits accrue to the traders and middle-men who are mostly outsiders. The study suggests that immediate financial, managerial and technological interventions are required for ensuring sustainability of the NTFPs of the region.