



Global NTFP Partnership – Overview, current activities and plans

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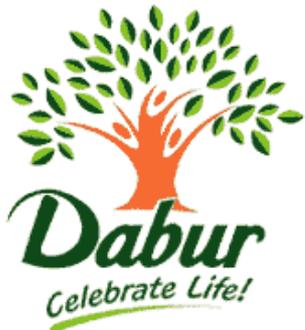




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Founding Partners





Founding Partners:

International organizations:

International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), Initiating Partner

Commonwealth of Learning (COL)

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

International Centre for Under-utilized Crops (ICUC)

International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)

NARS:

Ecuador

India

Mozambique

NGOs:

Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation (BAIF), India

Centre for Indian Bamboo Resource and Technology (CIBART), India

InHand Abra Foundation, Philippines

Private sector:

Zernike GmbH, Germany

Dabur India Limited, India





New Partners in 2006/2007:

- Asian Centre for Underutilized Crops (ACUC), Sri Lanka
- Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources (ANSAB), Nepal
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Forest Products Service (Non-Wood Forest Products), advisory
- Fundación Chile
- Multipurpose Tree Species Research Network, Sri Lanka
- Arab Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Development (ANSAD)





Stakeholder constituencies:

- Private Sector [3]
- NGOs [7]
- NARS [4]
- IARCs [4]
- Intergovernmental Organization/ICB [2]
- UN Specialized Agency [1]





Strategy development:

A proposal had been developed in 2005 and presented to the GFAR Programme Committee in December 2005.

Following the wishes of several of the partners and taking the original proposal as the starting point, a collaborative strategy development exercise has been carried out in 2006, using a discussion group and a Wiki-based website approach.

Vision and mission have been clarified and the goals and strategies cover a wide range of activities including, governance and network building, awareness programmes, action research, capacity building, information and knowledge management, market and policy issues, as well as conservation and management.





Strategy development, cont'd:

Vision

To promote collaborative efforts, synergies and economies of scale for addressing strategic NTFPs research and development issues of global relevance for contributing to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Mission

Develop, provide, and promote best practices, relevant information sharing, sound technologies, ethical trade & enterprise activities, sound conservation and development solutions, and pro-poor policies and institutional framework to benefit people and the environment.

Contribute to sustainable forest management through social and environmentally friendly economic solutions to the use of NTFPs to benefit NTFP-dependent rural communities around the world.





Strategy development, cont'd:

Goal 1. Strengthened profiles of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and stakeholders

Strategy 1.1 Developing a global institutional system that leads and coordinates among a broad range of NTFP stakeholders

Strategy 1.2 Building a partner network based on actors who are or could be well-positioned to undertake and promote NTFP research and development

Strategy 1.3 Coordinating a range of multi-stakeholder activities around action research partnership sites, designed to create the basis for regional sectoral cohesion and multiplier effects

Strategy 1.4 Designing and launching awareness programmes aimed primarily at policymakers, producers, market players and users

Strategy 1.5 Scaling up of successful practices and innovations





Strategy development, cont'd:

Goal 2. Enhanced capacities of partners and producers

Strategy 2.1 Enhancing technical and market knowledge and skills through facilitating regional and global training initiatives

Strategy 2.2 Developing and/or facilitating the use of systems and tools to improve access to information, knowledge and technology

Strategy 2.3 Facilitating the establishment of rural financing systems providing micro-credits to rural producers and entrepreneurs

Strategy 2.4 Facilitating the establishment of producer associations, rural enterprises and other means to empower producers and collectors and to increase incomes along value chains

Strategy 2.5 Developing and disseminating successful partnership models





Strategy development, cont'd:

Goal 3. Improved NTFP frameworks: markets, policies, and livelihood opportunities

Strategy 3.1 Improving producers' access to market information

Strategy 3.2 Identifying policy issues in both NTFP marketing and management, both within and across regions as well as locally

Strategy 3.3 Developing and disseminating policy recommendations





Strategy development, cont'd:

Goal 4. Improved NTFP management systems

Strategy 4.1 Developing models for the scientific inventory of NTFPs and encourage species-specific research for in-situ and ex-situ conservation interventions

Strategy 4.2 Encouraging and facilitating action research on scientific extraction and prevention of destructive harvesting and on cultivation

Strategy 4.3 Collecting and disseminating information and knowledge about improved NTFP management systems





Strategy development, cont'd:

M & E

Logframe(s) with outputs and related indicators will be developed and will provide the basis for M&E. Consideration will be given to two different applications of indicators, i.e., performance and impact. Besides technical indicators, it will be helpful to have partnership indicators.

Impact assessment

The NTFP Partnership will adopt an impact pathway planning and analysis approach. The assumption is that projects and programs will better achieve and communicate impact if they describe their impact pathways and then monitor and evaluate progress along them. Quantitative and qualitative indicators will be determined at the project planning stage. Baseline information will be collected at the project inception stage



SWOT analysis (interviews)

Summary of Strengths

- variety of organizations involved worldwide
- variety of experiences and knowledge
- collaboration in sharing of information
- raising awareness of and interest in NTFPs

Summary of Weaknesses

- not all partners communicate and contribute equally
- lack of funding from a central donor
- goals and objectives too unfocused, too many target NTFPs [*a concern which in the meantime has been addressed by carrying out a partnership survey in order to better define key competencies, complementarities/synergies and priorities*].





SWOT analysis, cont'd:

Summary of Opportunities

- Awareness: side events at international events
- Concept notes for prospective donors

Summary of Threats

- Lack of funding and support from donor agencies
- Potentially too assertive lead agency [*this concern has been addressed by carrying out a collaborative strategy development exercise as well as surveying the partnership to better define key competencies, needs and future direction*].





Partnership survey (email and online):

Main objectives:

Identification of

- key competencies,
- complementarities and synergies,
- and priorities.



Partnership survey, cont'd:

Questions:

1. Your organization's name and details of contact person(s)
2. Which NTFPs and NTFP products are you currently or have you been working on? Where (locations, agro-ecological zones, farming systems)? Can you advise in which other regions/locations these NTFPs/products could be relevant?
3. Can you briefly describe the interventions you have taken or are currently carrying out, the issues/problems addressed by these interventions, and possibly outcomes?
4. What would you say are your organization's key competencies in the field of NTFPs? (Obviously, this largely depends on available staff competencies).
5. How would the Partnership add value to your work, i.e., how do you think your current work could benefit from other partners' expertise and what exactly would you expect from partners?
6. What do you consider to be priority species, products, issues and needs for future interventions in the field of NTFPs? Which of the issues and needs would particularly benefit from a partnership approach?
7. Are there institutions/organizations/companies currently not members of or associated with the Partnership that you would specifically wish to involve?





Partnership survey, cont'd:

Results:

Key competencies of partners: capacity building; enterprise development; commercial manufacturing and marketing; forest certification

Priorities and hence likely areas for collaboration: identification of priority species in a local context; identification of NTFPs with global applications; understanding livelihood systems and policy and socio-economic contexts for resource use and conservation; utilization patterns; product and technology innovation; market development





Core function: Information and knowledge sharing

Wiki-based Website with sections on:

- Partners
- Events
- Opportunities
- Resources/Readings
- Selected NTFPs
- Cross-cutting themes: Policy, Enterprise Development, Marketing, Certification, etc.

Quarterly Newsletter



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The Global Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) Partnership aims to link global, regional, and national organizations currently engaged in research and development activities concerning the systematic conservation and management of NTFPs in four regions: Africa, East and Southeast Asia, Latin America, and South Asia. Leveraging a regionally-focused global network, the NTFP Partnership will raise the profile of NTFPs and enhance capacities, relevance and effectiveness of partners, producers and all other stakeholders. With currently 20 members (see [Partners](#)) from different stakeholder constituencies (Private Sector, NGOs, NARS, IARCs, Intergovernmental Organizations, Commodity Bodies, UN Specialized Agencies) and in all regions of the developing world as well as in Europe, the Partnership is in a position to mobilize formidable knowledge and technical resources. Through local investments in marketing, management, and policy research relevant to NTFP production, the Partnership will aim to create a virtuous cycle where success breeds greater interest, and greater interest breeds further success.

The work of the Partnership will be guided by vision, mission and goals as follows:

Vision: To promote collaborative efforts, synergies and economies of scale for addressing strategic NTFPs research and development issues of global relevance for contributing to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Mission: Develop, provide, and promote best practices, relevant information sharing, sound technologies, ethical trade & enterprise activities, sound conservation and development solutions, and pro-poor policies and institutional framework to benefit people and environment. Contribute to sustainable forest management through social and environmentally friendly economic solutions to the use of NTFPs to benefit NTFP-dependent rural communities around the world.

Goals:

1. Strengthened profiles of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and stakeholders
2. Enhanced capacities of partners and producers
3. Improved NTFP frameworks: markets, policies, and livelihood opportunities
4. Improved NTFP management systems



Milestones

GFAR GPP approval and grant:

At the 2006 GFAR Programme and Steering Committee meeting in Washington, the initiative was approved as a GFAR Global Partnership Programme (GPP).

Recently, an LoA has been signed between FAO/GFAR and INBAR covering the establishment of structures for interim governance and coordination, and strategic fundraising activities for the Global Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) Partnership. This will specifically include the establishment of a Coordination Unit in New Delhi and a planning meeting of the partners, as well as proposal development and donor liaison.

Main components of the governance structure include a small Steering Committee, a Coordination Unit in New Delhi, NTFP-specific Groups and Cross-Cutting Thematic Groups to backstop the initial activities, Regional Focal Points to liaise with fora and regional stakeholders, and finally Action Research Partnership Sites as the basis for the Partnership's field-based activities.





Milestones, cont'd

IFAD small TAG:

“Assessing and Developing Replicable Methodologies and Approaches for Sustainable Charcoal Production for Livelihood Development, Rural Energy Security & Environmental Protection “.

- NTFP partners: CIBART, In-Hand Abra Foundation, ICRAF, FAO, and several INBAR project partners in Ghana, Tanzania, Mozambique

- Main elements: Data collection and analysis; Develop a basket of charcoal technologies; International Conference on “Charcoal and Communities in Africa” in Maputo; Development of project concepts and proposals; Training. Most activities have been carried out; the charcoal conference is planned for early 2008.





Milestones, cont'd

IFAD Initiative for Mainstreaming Innovation (IMI):

Gender and market/commodity chain study; stocktaking of grants and loans; wildlife and related topics, marketing and institutional mechanisms. The objective is a comprehensive report covering IFAD areas of investments, with a view to identifying future areas for investments. This is important in the context of IFAD's role as a major sponsor to the initiative.





Milestones, cont'd

Full-time Coordinator:

Financial support towards the position of a full-time coordinator, based in New Delhi, has been secured from the Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM/GTZ), Germany). This brings with it close cooperation with GTZ in India.





Milestones, cont'd:

Awareness raising, capacity and network building:

- Workshop on Charcoal and Communities in Africa, early 2008, Maputo, Mozambique (IFAD, INBAR, IIAM, GTZ, ICRAF)
- Training Workshop on selected NTFPs in China (MOST), with a focus on priority and high-potential NTFPs and cross-cutting issues, e.g., equitable supply chains and marketing
- Co-organizing with ITTO and the State Forestry Administration (SFA) of China an “International Conference to Promote Development of Non-Timber Forest Products and Services”, Beijing (ITTO, FAO, SFA, INBAR)





Fundraising (2008):

IFAD large grant

DFID

GTZ

USAID

etc.





Milestones, cont'd:

International NTFP centre in Dehradun/Uttarakhand:

The State government of Uttarakhand has agreed to establish an international NTFP centre. In close cooperation with the NTFP Partnership, this add substantial resources to the research capacities in the sector.





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