



## The Future for Wild Harvests in Scotland Seminar on Non Timber Forest Products

10th & 11th May 2006  
Beauly, by Inverness

The Wild Harvests Project aims to broaden our understanding of motivations for gathering non timber forest products, by researching two case study areas - the Black Isle and the Tweed Valley. This event will launch a report on the study, which will form the basis of the issues to be addressed in the seminar. For more details about NTFPs and their use in Scotland, please visit [www.forestharvest.org.uk](http://www.forestharvest.org.uk)

The Wild Harvests Seminar will bring together land managers, collectors, buyers, processors, researchers, funders and policy-makers, to develop a picture of the whole sector, and discuss what can be done to help the industry develop.

Questions to be addressed include:

- As commercial exploitation increases, how can it be encouraged without having a negative impact on household/small-scale users?
- How can the public good provided by NTFP use be supported?
- The Land Reform Act has made a significant change to access for commercial harvesting. How can this be formalised?
- How can sustainable use be encouraged - through guidelines, forestry standards etc.
- How can cultivation improve yields of NTFP species?

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### Wednesday 10th May 2006

#### Site Visits

##### Reelig Glen Wood, Forestry Commission part managed with Kirkhill and Buncrew Community Trust.

A guided walk around this interesting woodland with discussions on the current and potential use of NTFPs. Demonstrations of locally made products including dyes.

##### Highland Natural Products, Beauly

Douglas Hardie will introduce us to the HNP range of extractive products and will give a demonstration of their processing technology. The visit will also explore the cultivation techniques which HNP are using to improve yields of their target species.

### Thursday 11th May 2006

#### Seminar

##### Speakers

##### Marla Emery, US Forest Service

Introduction to the day including scene setting, background on recognition of the importance of NTFPs, and the issues that are raised by that recognition. This presentation will introduce Wild Harvests, profile harvesters, and report on policy recommendations to lead into more detailed discussion of the topics.

##### John Firn, Confederation of Forest Industries

Both state forests and private woodlands provide resources for both domestic and commercial harvesting. How can the public good provided be supported by the state (in terms of subsidy, legislation etc)?

##### Paul Hibberd, Forestry Commission Ranger, New Forest

This presentation will discuss the issues around mushroom harvesting in the New Forest. How did problems arise? How does the licensing system work? How well does the system work?

##### Alison Dyke, Independent Consultant

What implications does legislation, including the Land Reform Act have for NTFP gathering?

##### Miles Irving, Forager

From a harvester's perspective - how should guidelines work? How could licensing work? How will that affect recreational harvesters? What are the priority areas?

#### Workshops

The afternoon will be spent in workshops in which participants will have the opportunity to discuss the future needs of the industry. Outputs from the workshops will inform funders and relevant agencies.

## Provisional Programme

| <b>Wednesday 10th May 2006 - Site Visits, Inverness Area</b> |  |  |
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| <b>TIME</b>  | <b>ITEM</b>  | <b>GUIDE</b>   |
| 1.30   | Meet at Reelig Glen Wood, Kirkhill   |  |
|  | Reelig Glen Wood   | Les Bates  |
|  | Demonstration of processing facility and exploration of cultivation techniques                                       | Douglas Hardie, Highland Natural Products                |
| 5.30   | Return to Beaul Centre for tea/coffee and informal discussion  |  |
| <b>Thursday 11th May 2006 - Seminar, Phipps Hall, Beauly</b> |  |  |
| <b>TIME</b>  | <b>ITEM</b>  | <b>SPEAKER</b>   |
| 9.30   | Registration with tea and coffee   |  |
| 10.00  | Introduction to the Wild Harvests study, profile of the harvesters interviewed, and report on policy recommendations | Marla Emery , US Forest Service                          |
| 10.30  | A landowner and manager's perspective on how the public good provided by NTFP harvesting can be supported            | John Firn, Confederation of Forest Industries            |
| 11.00  | The licensing scheme for harvesting wild mushrooms in the New Forest   | Paul Hibberd, Forestry Commission Ranger, New Forest     |
| 11.30  | Tea and coffee break   |  |
| 12.00  | Implications for harvesting of the Land Reform Act and other legislation in Scotland                                 | Alison Dyke, Independent Consultant                      |
| 12.30  | Assuring access for harvesting and sustainable harvesting practice   | Miles Irving, Forager                                    |
| 1.00   | Lunch  |  |
| 2.00   | Introduction to workshops  | Facilitated by Richard Price, Forestry Training Services |
| 2.15   | Workshops  |  |
| 3.15   | Tea and coffee break   |  |
| 3.30   | Workshops (repeat of topics)   |  |
| 4.30   | Plenary  | Chair  |
| 5.00   | Close  |  |

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### Please book EARLY!

We are expecting a lot of interest in the seminar and unfortunately some people may be disappointed. In order to attract a representative group numbers will be limited, so please send us your booking, along with attendance fee of £15 per person, by Wednesday 15th March 2006.

Full details, including accommodation lists, will be sent to you in the second half of March.

You can book your place at the Wild Harvests Seminar 2006 by completing this form and sending it with your booking fee to: **Wild Harvests Seminar 2006, Scottish Forest Industries Cluster, ConFor, 5 Dublin Street Lane South, Edinburgh EH1 3PX; T: 0131 524 8099; F: 0131 538 7222.** Alternatively, please email your details to: **[liz.hughson@confor.org.uk](mailto:liz.hughson@confor.org.uk)**

Number of places: 10th May \_\_\_\_\_ 11th May \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title(s)/Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like a Trade Stand? (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have any special requirements (dietary, access, etc):

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Payment: I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ (£15 per person) made payable to ConFor.

Please indicate your choice of workshops (numbered 1-3). We will try to allocate you to your first choices, but please indicate an alternative

Increasing commercial exploitation without damaging small scale use. \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting the public good \_\_\_\_\_

Formalizing access for commercial harvesting \_\_\_\_\_

Encouraging sustainable use \_\_\_\_\_

Application for free attendance: A limited number of free places is available for the low-waged, with priority being given to harvesters. Please indicate whether you wish a free place and why you think you may be eligible:

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