

1. Title: Study on market dynamics relating to Non-Timber Forest produce in Tamil Nadu (IFGTB/RP-19/2002-2006).

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3. Project Associates: NA

4. Start and completion date: 2002-2006.

5. Objectives:

1. To study the demand and supply, price fluctuation and market dynamics of NTFP.
2. To study the involvement of local people and the contribution of NTFP to the local people.
3. To evolve a strategy for increase the production and supply from inside the forest area through JFM activities.
4. To evolve a strategy to bridge the demand and supply from outside the forest area especially from agroforestry condition.

6. Funding Agency: ICFRE

7. Total budget outlay: Rs. 2.25 lakhs.

8. Summary:

The research project was carried out in the 18 LAMPS and in important NTFP grown places of Tamil Nadu. The 18 LAMPS were distributed in seven districts of Tamil Nadu. Information on various aspects with special reference to collection, quantity, marketing structure, middleman role etc. was gathered from 18 LAMPS for the past 12 years. The present study gives an overall view about the total production, production of important NTFPs, price fluctuation, demand and supply and market dynamics of NTFP in Tamil Nadu. From this study, in Tamil Nadu, the overall production of important NTFP is highly vary from year to year and only less than 50% of major NTFP production compared total NTFP production. In the case of price fluctuation, it was noticed that 737% to 400% increase in the major NTFP production from the year 1990 to 2005 and revealed that, there is a great demand for the NTFP s by the industries. This study throws a light on the gap between the demand and supply and the market dynamics of NTFPs. From this study, it was noticed that, still the supply is not enough to meet out the demand of NTFP and the gap is nearly 55%. LAMPS involvement in NTFP collection and related activities showed that the involvement of SHG/VFC in NTFP collection there is an increase in the total production due to active involvement as well as additional family income of Rs. 5000-6800 per year. The involvement of LAMPS in NTFP collection and related activities is clearly stated that decreasing trend was observed.