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Medicinal and Edible Uses of Non-Timber Forest Resources

Message from the Guest Editors

Forests represent sources of abundant living organisms; they are providers of ecosystem services, especially food services, because people may acquire food and medicines by collecting flora, fauna and funga from forests. Thus, for many populations, they constitute a source of subsistence. Various scientific reports have demonstrated the nutritional and therapeutic properties of several fungi and plants, and the chemistry of these natural products, such as those responsible for such properties, has been documented. Forests also represent a valuable source of genetic resources that must be used responsibly by present and future generations. Scientific advances have allowed the use of agroecological and biotechnological techniques to conserve, maintain, or propagate natural forest resources. However, the loss of traditional knowledge, climate change, and anthropological activities are threats to the natural wealth of forests and the natural services they provide. This Special Issue of *Forests* highlights potential topics related to non-timber forest resources.

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