Produced by Forest Gatherers

Forest Produce is also referred to as Minor Forest Produce (MFP) or Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP). The key Forest Produce are:

- Lac
- Tamarind
- Mahua Flower
- Tendu Leaves
- Sal
- Chironji
- Mango
- Mahua Fruits
- Silk Cocoons
- Bamboo
- Kullu Gum
- Resin

Eight states account for 11.8% of India’s recorded forest:

- Jharkhand
- Bihar
- Chhattisgarh
- Madhya Pradesh
- Odisha
- Maharashtra
- Andhra Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh

In the 1860s, the British restricted communities’ right to MFP.

1890s: Forest Policy recognizes the importance of MFP to communities but has no legally binding provisions.

1905: Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act gives ownership of MFP to communities.

2008: Forest Rights Act comes into force in 2006, giving communities rights to conserve and manage all MFP (defined as everything that is not timber and timber products).


August 2013: Ministry of Tribal Affairs announces Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce.

NTFP contributes 20% to 40% of annual income of forest dwellers.

NTFP is estimated to have a dependent population of 100 million.

Every year, Forest Produce is estimated to create 10 million workdays across the country.

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